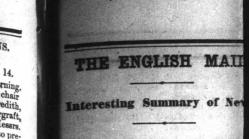
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AN IMPORTANT LIBEL DECISION.

AN IMPORTANT LIBEL DECISION. Lord Coleridge and Mr. Justice Lo have given judgment in the case of the actions brought against the Daily N Standard, and Morning Advertiser ne papers, to recover damages for an alle libel, contained in a report of an appl tion made to Mr. Woolrych, the po-magistrate, against the plaintiff, an er-neer. The application was made by the persons who had been employed under plaintiff in connection with some Irish is way works, and they asked for pro-against him upon the ground that he not paid to them all that was due. magistrate held that he had no jurisdiction and the source of the magistrate held that he had no jurisdict At the trial of the case, Lord Chief Jus At the trial of the case, Lord Onler Jus Cockburn held that, the proceeding wh was reported having taken place in open court of justice, the publication not the less privileged because the appl tion was dismissed on the grounds stat and the jury found a verdict for the indication. fendants. The question now was whe a rule should be made absolute for a a rule should be made absolute for a trial. Lord Coleridge held that the pu cation of the proceedings before the ma trate was privileged, the report being a one and published without malice; a therefore that

therefore, that no action would lie. rules were therefore discharged. SHOCKING HOMICIDE AT ROCHDALE. A shocking homicide is reported Rochdale. Thomas Tweedie, a mech who has recently been out of work, bu need a living as a pianoforte player at neen's Hotel, Blackwater street, retu ome under the influence of drink. A days before one of his younger sons enlisted, and he now charged his

Thomas, aged nineteen, with having suaded his brother to enlist. The son nied the charge. The father repl "Thou told him that thou would enlist he did." The son said, "Yes, I did." father then caught hold of his son, father then caught hold of his son, said, "Can you best me?" The son plied, "I do not want to do anything of sort." Mrs. Tweedie here made mot to her son to leave the room, fearin quarrel, but before he was able to do so father drew his pocket-knife and stal his son under the heart. The unfortu young man ran out of the house in neighbour's, but fell down and die about fifteen minutes. The father r his escape, but the neighbours ran him, and he was arrested. He is on

years of age, and respectably conne THE IRISH M.P'S.

THE IRISH M.P's. The Irish Parliamentary party, to number of 29, held a meeting at V inster for the purpose of considering ourse of action they should adopt wit gard to the supplementary vote. The ing was adjourned from Tuesday, and onvened by "urgent summons." McCarthy Downing presided. After discussion, the following resolution adopted :--- "That, having fully consi the question presented to the Hom Commons by the Government demand a vote of credit and confidence, the amendment proposed from the issue thus raised as on which the Irish national representation dependent as it is of Ministerial an Ministerial parties and combins about decline by vote or otherwise to tify itself on either side. Further, about due negocide events alter the d should unexpected events after the c ter or aspect of the issue before Parlia the Parliamentary Committee are requ to convene a special meeting of the to consider whether the course ated should be altered such further decision, the shall be in full iorce." THE RELEASED PRISONER MACCAN THE RELEASED PRISONER MACCAR As the jury in their verdict re-their belief that harsher prison trea-than necessary had been used, seve the Irish home-rule members have in in the matter, and the result is that ernment inquiry is to be instituted the charges brought against the officials. The inquiry will be strict vate, but will be held under the pres-of Sir James Ingham, chief magistr the metropolis. The necessary from the Home Office have been re-and the inquiry would, it was expected and the inquiry would, it was expect mence on February 4th. THE QUEEN AND THE PARLIAMENT THE QUEEN AND THE PARLIAMENT DEBATES. May/air says that pending the ment of the question of official rep in Parliament, the principle has been duced on a small scale, Lord Barr Vice-Chamberlain of the Queen's hold, has undertaken to supply he jesty with summary reports of deb conversations on the Eastern Q which mer take place in the H conversations on the Eastern Q which may take place in the F Commons. The noble lord entered his duty on the first night of the when he despatched a telegram to (with the heads of the Marquis of I ton's speech, and of the few remark by Mr. Gladstone. THE BRADLAUGH AND BESANT AP The arguments in this case has ommenced in the Court of Appea The arguments in this case has commenced in the Court of Appea Mead (who, with the Solicitor-Gene Mr. Straight, appeared for the Crow ing cited a number of American an authorities in support of the conter the prosecution. that it was not ne to set out the actual words charg being indecent and obscene, the So General concluded his address. Mi lanck may them heard in reply, a General concluded his address. Mi laugh was then heard in reply, a tended that it had not been shown Crown that the rule of law with ra-to a charge of libel—that the lib plained of should appear on the either in so many words or in sub-had been over-ruled by modern decisions. In one case (approved in Ellenborough) though the libellow had been set out in English, yo-have been set out in English, yo-have been set out in the original was fatal, and the conviction was ingly quashed. At the conclusion Beasant's reply, Lord Justice B said the Court would take time to their judgment. The Court was greatest interest was manifested in ceedings. TROOPS FROM INDIA. TROOPS FROM INDIA. TROOPS FROM INDIA. The Echo says that the people so glibly about England drawin from India in the event of war w sia are clearly but vaguely inform strength of those armies, of the id cies of the natives composing them other little difficulties mixed up w a proposal. The British troops for garrison of the Indian Peninsula a in 1877 to about 62,000 men of all the netive armies of the three Pre in 1877 to about 62,000 men of an the native armies of the three Pre-to some 125,000 Sepoy officers a making a total in round numbers 000. The British troops are distr 000. The British troops are distr the three Presidencies in the proportions: --Bengal, 40,000; 11,000 ; Bombay, 11,000. It safely declared that even five the these could not be withdrawn prudence. It must also be taken count that the high-caste Hindoo native armies have a rooted obj serving beyond the Kala Panee, Water, and, no matter what new enlistment may have been ent since the mutiny, these prejudic the Bengal Sepoys are not to be With the Madras and Bombay Se do not exist in the same force. With the Madras and Bombay Se do not exist in the same force. must not be forgotten that we he foolishly allowed Scindiah, the Maharajah, Holkar, and the create armies of their own, which he used against ourselves.

THE MARTINI-HENRI RIFL It has been recently a charge of powder for the car Martini-Henri had been re *Volunteer Gazette* has authori this is not the case.

