



DAVITT'S LETTER.

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[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE POST AND THE WITNESS.]

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thirds of the population of every civilized country works in order that the remaining thirds may live luxurious and idle lives. What class would benefit more than women if the wages of labor were not taxed, as they now are, by a system of wars, ruinous policies, and interested selfishness?

The extension of the franchise to the women of Ireland, would, of course, be a redoubt to the Nationalists. Their votes, both in municipal and parliamentary elections would mostly fall to the popularists, while the clerical and retaining influence which women exercise upon society would not fail to communicate itself to the field of politics.

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FRENCH-CANADIAN MASONS.

HIS LORDSHIP MGR. FABRE ON THE SUBJECT—HIS MANDAMENT READ IN THE NOTRE DAME CHURCH YESTERDAY.

Since the publication of the last encyclical letter of His Holiness the Pope on Freemasonry, the French press of the Province has been discussing the situation as to the number of Catholic Masons to be found in Canada, and especially in the Province of Quebec among French-Canadians, the question having been taken up from the publication of an article in the *Journal de Rouen* depicting the terrible spread of the craft in America, and more particularly in Canada.

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GREAT BRITAIN AND EGYPT.

THE TERM OF OCCUPATION FIXED AT THREE YEARS—FRANCE'S DEMANDS ACCRUED TO LATEST NEWS FROM GORDON THE MAHDI'S TRIBES IN REBELLION.

London, May 26.—Italy supports France in her demands for international control over Egypt. The Egyptian conference will open with power to decide all questions in regard to the control in Egypt, the reform of the present administration and the terms of English occupation. The *Post* adds that the Egyptian Chamber of Deputies suspended yesterday the session of the court, a proceeding which has elicited much comment on an unfavorable nature and regarded as a protest against the fact that the original is a titled personage. The prime minister probably will not give a sentence of imprisonment, the same as Mr. Parker has done. This at least is the general impression, though why a distinguished official should receive identical punishment with a young squire whose career is a blank on British soil, is not to be explained.

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A MAD WOMAN'S ACT.

St. Louis, May 25.—Mrs. Alexander Edmund, early this morning forced open the door of her husband's room, and with it out the throats of her three-months child, George, and a four-year old daughter, Corbie. She also drew the weapon across the throat of her daughter Emma, six years old, but the cries of the child woke the father who cured her. Mrs. Edmund then cut her own throat, but she lies in a critical condition. Emma will recover, but the young one is dead. Mrs. Edmund has been in an insane asylum.

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LATEST NEWS BY CABLE

SOCIAL, POLITICAL, MILITARY AND PEC- CO. AL GOSSIP.

The Titled Esquimaux—His sentence pronounced—Corruption of the Congress—The Egyptian Campaign—English victories—Mahdi's Defeat—Culture of the "Maid"—Mission—Lord Randolph Churchill and the Parmentiers—Mrs. Fry for Justice in Ireland.

London, May 24.—The principal social topic of the week has been the case of Lord St. Leonards, charged with criminal assault upon a young woman domestic. The case was given to the jury yesterday after the adjournment of counsel and a verdict was quickly returned that accused was guilty as indicted. The verdict was generally as expected. The evidence of the young woman was not only favorable to herself though damning to her defendant. It was elicited that previous to her coming had been procured by her parents for a young woman, but she was not only a favorite of herself though damning to her defendant. It was elicited that previous to her coming had been procured by her parents for a young woman, but she was not only a favorite of herself though damning to her defendant.

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A FATAL BLUNDER.

FOUR MEN KILLED AND MANY INJURED ON THE WEST SHORE R.R.

Savannah, N.Y., May 25.—Two trains on the West Shore Road were in collision here last night. No. 54 due at 9:33 was met an extra No. 51, here. The train from the west, supposing the West bound train was on the side track, came down at the rate of 50 miles an hour, striking the West bound train and demolishing one coach and part of another. The killed were A. H. Waterbury, Joseph Boyce, Michael Dudley, of Rochester, and the injured, Matt Butler, of Rochester, the broken John O'Grady, Harry Sheehan, of Rochester, S. W. Pitts, of Lyons, W. Adams, Nicholas Engler, and George Roberts, of Rochester, seriously hurt. The train that was run into left Syracuse at 8:20 p.m., and the train that collided with it was the second section of the express that left Buffalo at 4:20 p.m. The West bound train had orders to proceed to Savannah, and there take side track for the express to pass. The recovery of John O'Grady, his injuries being internal, is doubtful. Two coaches, so badly damaged as to be useless, were hurled by the officials.

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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

THE TORONTO "MILL" BUILDING GUTTED.

Toronto, Ont., May 24.—Shortly after nine o'clock this morning smoke was seen issuing from the basement of the *Mail* building near the elevator. At first it was thought to be only a small affair, but before anything could be done the flames shot rapidly up the elevator and the front exit from the building was completely cut off. A general alarm was sounded and the whole brigade, including the steamers, was soon on the spot. The telephone company's office is in the top floor, directly above the place where the fire originated. Seven families who were at work when the fire broke out, finding the proper exit cut off took to the roof, and one more daring than the rest jumped to the next building, a distance of fifteen feet. The others remained trundling on the roof until a ladder was procured, by which they descended to the roof of the next building. The fire rapidly ascended the elevator, and at an hour after it was discovered that the tower and the front wing of the building was in flames. Up to the present time (10:30) the pressure is all right, and instructions have been given to the fire brigade to pay special attention to this part. From present appearances, the front wing, in which is the business office of the *Mail*, the telephone office, the office of the American Consul, and several other private offices, will go. It is not yet known how the fire originated.

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IRISH AFFAIRS.

THE SLIGO CONSPIRACY—SOME STARTLING REVELATIONS—CONFIDENCE IN MR. PARNELL.

Sligo, May 24.—An inquiry to-day into the Tubbercurry conspiracy, Delaney, an invincible informer, deposed that Tuam, the alleged "No. 1," was present at the Phoenix Park murders, and that Brennan, ex-Secretary of the Land League, was a member of the Fenian directory. Delaney said he was one member of the party who went to shoot Detective Sheridan under their leader's orders. In his evidence the members of the Fenian organization were encouraged to commit crimes. The next witness Moore testified that since he was last examined he had been taken to Birmingham, where he identified Daly as being one of those present at the meeting in Tubbercurry, when the witness was made a Fenian centre in 1878.

New York, May 25.—St. Patrick's Alliance of America held a special national convention here this afternoon when delegates were present from many States. Matters connected with the increasing benefit fund to be paid at the death of members were discussed. A resolution passed expressing confidence in Parnell and approval of his course.

EXECUTION OF A MURDERESS.

London, May 27.—Mrs. Loffley, who poisoned her husband, was hanged at Lincoln yesterday. She struggled desperately with hangman Bins and uttered frightful yells. It is said Bins knocked her down and choked her in the pinning room.

THE CUBAN CRISIS.

ANXIETY AND UNCERTAINTY ON THE ISLAND.

Havana, May 24.—Anxiety and uncertainty continue to reign supreme in this island. Agreos is still at large in the forests east of the Zapata swamps. Various rumors in connection with the party, officially reported to have been engaged and cut with two more of the band, was more or less repeated, carrying the same with him. His companions were executed. There were grave rumors regarding the nature of King Alfonso's sickness. We intend to present a petition to know that he is afflicted with an incurable disease. A well known citizen, some time ago a late born at night, was executed by two men before he got to the Government office. He claims that they bound, kicked and robbed him, and then deliberated on the best way to kill him. Further proceedings were interrupted by a fire alarm, the policemen releasing him and warning him not to tell what happened. Reported the occurrence and the policemen were tried. It was thought that they would be shot, but they were only were condemned to hard punishment, their story being that they found the citizen sending a balance on arrested him but released him when he gave them his valuables in recompense. The court also made a case against the citizen for bribery of a public force. The matter is exciting feeling.

The House of Lords committee will recommend the passage of the Merchant Ship Canal bill, providing five million pounds is subscribed in advance.