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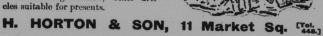
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REVOLTING TRIAL FINISHED.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The revolting day. A verdict of guilty was found against Jackson and Mrs. Jackson, who were sentenced respectively to fifteen years and seven years penal servitude. with astonishment but in silence. The nale prisoner immediately turned, left the prisoners dock and made his way towards the door leading from the courtroom, and the female prisoner, smiling to the last, bowed to the Judge courtroom, and the female prisoner, smiling to the last, bowed to the Judge and court and followed her companion.

Jackson then commenced his speech to the jury, He said it was monstrous that such an infamous charge should be laid at their door, especially considering that his companion had deyoted her life to Christian reform. However," he added, "I believe that absolute justice can be obtained from an English judge and jury, which is more than I can say for America."

The female prisoner, in turn, addressed the jury. Drawing her classic robes around her ample form and raising herself to her full height, she held the court spell-bound for over an hour. Mrs. Jackson never seemed to be at a loss for words. She carefully dissected all the evidence and wound up with a powerful peroration to the effect that she did not desire any halting, ambiguous verdict, but an unequivocal expression of justice.

Mrs. Jackson then sat down panting and breathless.

Justice Bingham summed up very strongly against the prisoners, saying it was difficult to conceive of more revolting and abominable conduct. He would not be doing his duty unless he prevented the male prisoner from practising such filthy acts under the cloak of religion for some years to come.

The jury was absent less than five minutes. A deathlike silence followed the pronouncement of the words guilty," and the judge quickly passed sentence.

A THIRD EXPLOSION

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PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 21.—For the third time within 72 hours Pittsburg steel workers have been killed or maimed by terrific explosions. Following on the heels of the awful disasters at the Soho furnace of Jones and Laughlin of Thursday and at the steel works yesterday, the city was shocked this morning by the report of another explosion at Singer Namick's west end plant of the Crucible Steel Co. of America, in which seven men were scalded, one badly cut and twenty or thirty others slightly burned. At 6.55 o'clock two of a battery of five bollers used to operate the sheet mill exploded with terrific force, scalding water played havoc among the workmen, who had just started for the day, while pleces of the bollers caused great destruction to the mill property. Of the seven men scalded, two, it is said will die. The cause of the explosion is attributed to frozen pipes which supplied the two boilers of the five with water. This froze some time early this morning. The men were at work in the sheet mill when the boilers let go.

CIVIL WAR MAY COME.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—At a recent meeting of the members of the Presbyterian church, it was decided to indorse and work for the proposed amendment to the constitution that polgamy may be made impossible in the U. S. Mrs. W. P. White, who for some years has been doing misisonary and educational work among the mormons, told how her school house had been attacked and wrecked by a mob. She beland that the Mormon church had political control of seven western states. Mrs. White also said that under their marvelous system of colonizing doubiful states, the Mormons before long would control thirteen states, and it would then be impossible to kill polgamy without civil war.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Patrick A. McHugh, member of parliament for the
north division of Leitrhn, and editor
of the Silgo Champion, who visited the
United States recently with John Redmond and Thomas O'Donnell, also
members of parliament, has been calebrating his return to Silgo by rather
curious remarks about America.
Speaking at a public meeting he declared that the lesson he had learned
from his tour was simply that the Irish
should stay at home. This, he added,
is the advice of one who had seen the
dark as well as the bright side of life
in the great American cities.

POLICE COURT.

Today's business at the police court was the largest for some months, elev-en arrests having been made yester-day and four report cases being pought up.

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Joseph Higgins was arrested for being drunk and profane on Main street yesterday afternoon. He admitted the drunkenness and guessed that he had "sweared" "You guess you did what?" "Swored!" "You guess you did what?" "Swored!" "You should not guess." Well, I know I sweared, I guess." He was fined six dollars or twenty days.

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Timothy Burke could not deny that he had siphoned several glasses of ale into his system, and quite agreed with the officer's statement that he was very much under the "inflooence." He was also charged with violently resisting the police, but could not see how he had been able to kick when he was so very drunk. Officer Scott admitted that none of the kicks had gone home, but that they had been very close. Burke was fined eight dollars or two months for resisting.

Edith Walker, a pretty colored girl, was found trying to gain admittance to No. 2 Engine house last night, under the impression that she was at the police station. She stated today that she had only come from Montreal a few weeks ago and last night, her mother refused to let her in the house. As the night was cold she tried to find the police station, in the hope of gaining shelter for the night. She found it and will have a roof over her head and temptation removed from her path until the end of February.

James Campbell had nothing to say beyond that he was guilty of being drunk on North street. He was advised to rest for ten days in order to resuperate. Another drunk, who said he felt very sick, was remanded until the doctor examined him.

Four men belonging to the str. Mantinea were locked up last night. Two were handed over to the police for absenting themselves from the vessel. The other two were locked up for drunkenness. The men were placed on the vessel by the police at an early hour this morning.

Murdoch McLean was given in charge by Bernard Theodore for being drunk and disorderly in the immigration building at Sand Point last night. He was brought up this morning and as Theodore did not wish to press the charge, but only wanted such conduct stopped, the boy was let go with a warning.

John Taylor and Hollingworth Turner and his subsequent appearance in the police court. Taylor admitted having struck the other, but said it was done under provocation. The quarrel from the evidence given appeared to be the result of an argument as to w

each claiming that distinction for the other one. Turner was at first anxious to press the charge as his store teeth had been beddy damaged, but after giving the matter due consideration he thought it best to give Dr. J. D. Maher a job, and, provided that Taylor would pay for the repairs, was willing to let the matter drop. Taylor agreed. Two young boys from the north end, George Parlee and Samuel White, were reported for annoying Chung Whong and breaking windows in his place. Parlee admitted that he threw a stick and White was aware that he had made faces at the Chinaman. The latter would not be satisfied with payment for the damage done, but through

r. P. Regan, his representative, de-mended that the boys be fined and ar been doing missionary and educational work among the mormons, told how her school house had been attacked and wrecked by a mob. She "schared that the Mormon church had political control of seven western states. Mrs. White also said that under their marvelous system of colonizing doubtful states, the Mormons before long would control thirteen states, and it would then be impossible to kill polgamy without civil war.

BLACKS FOR SYDNEY.

CHATTANOGGA, Tenn., Dec. 20.—J. H. Means, general manager of the Dominion Coal & Iron Co., has left on his return to Nova Scotla with three carloads of Tennessee and Alabama negroes, who will go to work in the furnaces at here. Mr. Means encountered some opposition to the deportation of the negroes, but finally got them. He took the wives and daughters of the men along with them. Mr. Means has already a number of negro hands at Sydney, where the furnaces are located, and it appears that their work has been saifactory.

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LONDON, Dec. 21.—The King and Queen, surrounded by many members of the royal family, will spend Christmas at Sandringham, where a shooting party will gather Monday. London had a saferable with the court's partiles are gathering at the sreat homes in the United Kingdom. The South African way and the court's partiles are gathering at the sreat homes in the United Kingdom. The South African way and the court's partiles are gathering at the sreat homes in the United Kingdom. The South African way and the court's partiles are gathering at the sreat homes in the United Kingdom. The South African way and the court's partiles are gathering at the sreat homes in the United Kingdom. The South African way and the court's partiles are gathering at the sreat homes in the United Kingdom. The South African way and the court's partiles are gathering at the sreat homes in the United Kingdom. The South Michael Courtenes and been daily liquor he had handled was some that had been taken out of the side of the standard of the standard of the end put to the annoyance. A penalty of twenty dollars was imposed, which

RUSH FOR HOME.

NEW YORK. Dec. 21.-There was great rush of arrivals of trans-Atlantic assenger steamships in port this The fast French steamer norning. Lasavoie beat the fleet by arriving about midnight last night, she was fol lowed closely by the Campania of the Cunard line and later by the Furst Bismark from the Mediterranean, and the Philadelphia, the American line steam-Philadelphia, the American line steam-er from Southampton and Cherbourg. All had fair weather and made excel-lent time. The French liner and the Cunarder had a close race from Nan-tucket to the lightship. The latter had a surprising fast run for this time of the year. She made the run from Queenstown in five days, 15 hours and 35 minutes.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—It is rumored that negotiations in regard to the Alaska boundary are about to be resumed. Canada is this time taking the initiat-

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OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 21.—John J. Valentine, president of Wells Fargo Company, died this morning. He has been ill for some time and his death has been expected for several days.

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 21.—Options on a number of the gushers have been secured by an English syndicate. The trade is to close Jan. 1.

BUFFALO, Dec. 21.—William J. Wischerath, a bookkeeper employed in the Central railway clearing house, was found sitting on a door step early this morning, so badly frozen that he died without regaining consciousness.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Gen. O'Grady-Haley recommended that the Morrist tubes be discarded in gallery shooting.

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ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 21.—Finance Minister Fielding of the dominion government, telegraphed to Marconi this morning from Ottawa, offering him in behalf of the Canadian cabinet, every facility for erecting wireless telegraph stations on the Nova Scotian seaboard, making him most encouraging propositions, assuring him that there is no obstacle in the way of his earrying out his experiments in Canadian territory, and inviting him to Ottawa, to discuss the matter. In consequence of this flattering proposal, Marconi will leave St. John's for Ottawa tonight. He will meet at Montreal the capitalists who, through Governor Boyle, have offered him financial support in his ventures.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Eastern states and northern New York—Fair and continued cold tonight; Sunday, fair, with slowly rising temperature*in west portion; light to fresh north winds, becoming variable.

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MAGNIFICENT CURIOS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Herbert Squires, secretary of the U.S. legation at Pekin, arrived today. He has attracted attention as the possessor of the finest collection of Chinese curios outside of China, valued, it is said, at \$200,000. Most of the collection* consists of rare old porcelains, which were bought, it is understood, chiefly from missionaries who had seen service in the far interior.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec 21.—A pasenger train on the Erie railway was derailed at the tunnel in Jersey City this morning and a number of persons were injured, one fatally. Five have been taken to St. Francis hospital. They are the engineer and fireman of the derailed train and three men who are said to be carpenters.

A MODERN SOLOMON

On Thursday night while the immi-grants from the Grath Castle were at grants from the Grath Castle were at Sand Point a dispute arose between two of the gentler but fierer sex in regard to the possession of a straw mattress. Each of the women had taken hold of one end of the mattress and the struggle took on the appearance of a tug-of-war. Barnard Theodore, who is regarded as a great delty by the immigrants, chanced to pass by and stopped to watch the fun. Being unable to decide which of the women was the rightful owner of the mattress, Theodore quickly ripped it across the middle with a knife, leaving each woman holding one ha'f of the disputed property.

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The judgement was not accepted in a peaceful manner and the women, grabbing each other's hair, continued the tug-of-war until separated by admiring friends.

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The failure of the I. C. R. to handle freight promptly has greatly inconvenienced market dealers, and there is loud complaint. Kane & McGrath had a carload of western beef and some poultry for the Christmas market coming in over the C. P. R. It had got as far as Farnham before the late disasterous washout on that line. To avoid delay the C. P. R. rushed it back to Ste. Rosalle and handed it over to the I. C. R. with instructions to hurry, it through. Not only has it not arrived, but even its whereabouts could not be learned at noon today. Had the C. P. R. kept it themselves it would have come in on their own line and been delivered this morning. The "People's Rallway" 'is being roundly denounced.

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