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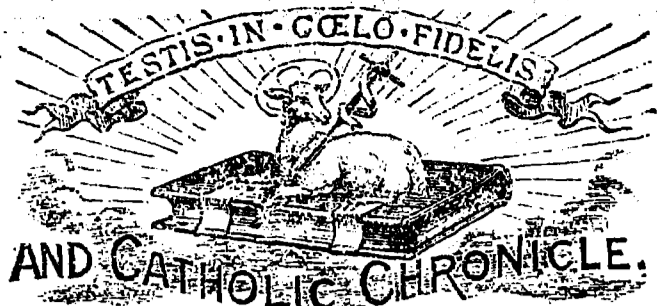
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NEW YEAR'S DAY.

ITS OBSERVANCE PAST AND PRESENT.

From Heathenism to Christianity—
Pagan Jubilations Succeeded by
the Church's Solemnities.

Among all civilized nations New Year's Day begins the year. Few know how much they are indebted to Pope Gregory XIII for fixing the calendar so as to know its date of events. In ancient times there was no fixed era from which to date the years. Some people counted from their birth; monarchs from their coronation; the Romans from the foundation of Rome; the Greeks from their Olympic games; the Babylonians, from the reign of Nebonassar; the Mohammedans from the flight of Mohammed; the Persians, from the reign of Yazdegerd; and the Armenians, from the Council of Nicaea. The Hindus have three eras to count from, the Chinese date from the beginning of the reign of their Emperors, the Jews count from the creation, the Russians, in Church matters, using the Septuagint version of the Bible, dated from the creation, but in civil affairs they date from the birth of Christ, like the other civilized nations of the world. We can understand from these different ways of counting time, the difficulty of fixing the dates of ancient times and the wisdom of the Church in adopting the method of counting from the birth of Christ. The Romans dedicated the first of January to the god Janus, offering sacrifices to him on twelve altars, and they took the events of that day as signs of the coming year. They met each other with kindly greeting and sent presents to their friends. From that comes our "Happy New Year" and the custom of sending presents to our friends. From the time of the Apostles the Church celebrated New Year's Day, in memory of Our Lord's circumcision, eight days after his birth, as given in the Gospel. They condemned the idolatrous rites of the pagans on that day, for not only the Romans, but the Druids and the Saxons sent gifts and carried out their superstitious ceremonies. The presents of the people and of the nobles became sources of revenue to the kings in ancient times, and to the aristocracy in feudal days. The creation would be the natural time to date from, but with the exception of the Hebrews, all other nations go back till they are lost in fable. In the sacred writings of the Hebrews there are two periods, one of the Jews, stating that the creation took place 4,004 years before Christ, the

OTHER OF THE SEPTUAGINT, putting his birth 5,508 years from the creation. The Church, knowing that dates and exact times have nothing to do with salvation and faith, and wishing to honor the two great versions of the Bible, uses the Septuagint manner of counting the years from creation in the martyrology and the Hebrew in all other computations.

The pagans used to celebrate the day by sacrificing to the god Janus and to the goddess Strenia and spent their time in feasting, debauchery and badness. To warn the Christians, St. Augustin preached a sermon against these pagan rites. The Council of Tours condemned them, opening with the words, "Our fathers commanded the Litanies to be said on the Kalends of January, the bells to be tolled at the eighth hour, and the Mass of the Circumcision of Our Lord to be properly celebrated." As far as we are able to go back we cannot find when this feast was commenced to be celebrated. All histories prove that it came from the Apostles. Formerly they said two masses on New Year's day, one in remembrance of the circumcision, and the other in honor of the Blessed Virgin, but after the thirteenth century the latter mass fell into disuse. The Catholic Church has no prayers relating to the beginning of the civil year, as the ecclesiastical year begins on the first Sunday of Advent, but we ask the people to thank God for his graces showered down on us during the last twelve months, and we ask them to beseech the Lord to continue his blessings for the coming year. To give all an example, the Pope goes to the Church of the Gesù, there to sing the "Te Deo, O God, we praise," to the Lord, and finishes with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The same sentiments are found carried out in the ancient Gothic Church of Spain.

The Mass for New Year's is entitled "At St. Mary's across the Tiber," for there in that Church, the oldest and most venerable of the temples built in Rome to the honor of the Virgin, the New Year's Mass is said. It was built on the celebrated spot, where, according to the legend, a well of oil flowed from the ground in the night the Lord was born, bursting forth and flowing even to the Tiber. The early Christians saw in it a figure of the Christ that is the Anointed, for that is the meaning of Christ in the ancient Hebrew. That Church was built in the third century and consecrated by Pope Calistus. To-day it is known by the name of the Fountain of Oil.

One Way of Keeping New Year's Day.

There is in Paris what is called a Little Seminary, an institution like most of our classical colleges. The rules of the house are based on the purest spirit of piety and virtue. The boys who distinguish themselves in their classes are rewarded in a way that may seem surprising to our readers. They are allowed to visit

and help the poor. They do the work that is of the Ascendant Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

But the most beautiful custom here is observed on New Year's night. The day itself, which in France is kept as a family feast, is passed by the boys in their own families. In the evening they return to college full of the joys of the day, with the affectionate greetings of father and mother and friends lingering in the ears and of course loaded with good things. Night prayers are said soon after their entry, and the signal given for retiring. Out they file from the study hall; but when they reach the door, they find two large dishes set out on small tables and each one, as he passes, puts on these whatever his generosity inspires him to give of the good things he has brought with him from home. Cakes and candies, toys and trinkets and money soon fill the dishes, and these go to the poor.

A beautiful custom truly, and a Christian one.

ST. JOSEPH.

A Story of His Intercession Told by an African Missionary.

Father O'Hare of Ashbourne, England, recently told the following thrilling story at a church festival:

"During several of the twelve years I spent in Africa I had under my pastoral care the sole charge of a district as large as England. Periodically I made a visitation of my scattered flock. On one of these vast excursions I lost my way, and found myself wandering without the slightest idea of the locality. I could see no one. It was a season of drought. No rain had fallen, and my horses were scarcely able to drag along my cart for want of water. At length I came to a Boer farm in this, some unknown valley. The whole country was scorched. There was, however, a water dam near the house, and this was all drought. Approaching the Dutch farmer I told him my story, and asked if he would allow my horses to drink. Permission was granted. I told the farmer I was a Catholic priest. He was a Protestant.

"Oh, then," said he, "if you go into the outhouse you will find a laborer who is dying—he is a Catholic."

I entered there and found the poor fellow—a client of St. Joseph—near death. When I told him that I was the Catholic priest of the district of "Oudstroom," 150 miles away, he lifted his wasted body and exclaimed in accents of deepest gratitude:

"Ah, St. Joseph, I knew you would send me a priest, so as to give me comfort before I die."

"What has St. Joseph to do with the matter?" I asked him, and here was his story:

"When a boy in dear old Ireland my mother, a good Catholic, taught me to say every day, 'St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may die a happy death.' I have never for one day neglected that prayer. I made my first Communion at 10, and served Mass till I was 15. I enlisted in the army at 21, and came out to the Kaffir war.

"Before leaving Ireland I went in my uniform and bid my poor old mother good-bye, and as she kissed me tenderly, she sobbed. 'Don't forget your prayer to St. Joseph,' I came to the Kaffir war. When I was over and my time was expired I was discharged and stayed by choice at the Cape. There was no priest nearer to me than Cape Town—500 miles away. I hired on this Dutch farm, and here I have worked for years. Lately I heard of your arrival at Oudstroom, 150 miles away, and I set out in debate health in the hope of going to confession and Communion. Arrived at your house weary I was told you were away on the visitation and might not be back for many months. After a week I returned, and here I landed yesterday night dying, and here is the priest to-day sent by St. Joseph."

That night I instructed him and heard his confession. The next morning I said Mass and gave him Holy Communion, and soon after I gave Extreme Unction and the last blessing. He then died, saying with his last breath, 'St. Joseph, pray for me that I may die a happy death.'"

De La Salle Literary Association.

The members of the De La Salle Literary Association are to be congratulated upon their grand success of Tuesday, December 23. It is enacted in the by-laws of the society that a public entertainment shall be held once a year, and on the above mentioned evening the members acquitted themselves in a manner worthy of all praise. Long before 8 p.m. the Queen's Hall was pretty well filled and by that hour nearly every seat in the house was taken. After an overture by Prof. Hardy's orchestra, the following programme was gone through without a hitch:

"Merchant of Venice," Act IV.—*Duke of Venice*, Mr. Oscar Martel; *Antonio* (a merchant of Venice), Mr. Frank J. McKenna; *Bassanio* (his friend), Mr. John J. Foley; *Gratiano*, Mr. Harry J. T. Maguire; *Shylock* (a rich Jew), Mr. John K. Cleary; *Portia*, Mr. Thomas D. Tansey; *Arissano*, Mr. Louis E. Curran; *Salarino*, Mr. S. J. Murdock; *Solario*, Mr. E. D. Carpenter. "The Ghost," Mr. Edward H. Twohey; violin solo, Mr. Oscar Martel; the quarrel of Brutus and Cassius (*Julius Caesar*), Messrs. Thomas D. Tansey and Bernard Evers; "The Old Home Down on the Farm," Glee Club; music, Orchestra.

Next came "The Harvest Storm," with the following cast of characters:—*John Gardner* (an honest farmer), Mr. John T. Twohey; *Dick Dardel* (unscrupulous yeoman), Mr. Edward H. Twohey; *Mr. Lyman* (a detective), Mr. John J. Foley; *Barker* (an assistant to Mr. Lyman), Mr. McCullough and Mr. Henry Irving; *Samuel Loxton* (writing a new diction-

ary), Mr. Louis E. Curran; *Andrew Radford* (absconding clerk), Mr. M. A. Pielan; *Michael* (brother to Andrew), Mr. Harry J. T. Maguire; *Charley Conner* and *Nat Lovel* (two gypsies), Mr. Bernard Evers and Mr. Salvin.

"The Merchant of Venice" was very well acted for second year amateurs, the principal parts being ably sustained by Messrs. O. Martel, F. J. McKenna, John K. Cleary and T. E. Tansey. Mr. E. H. Twohey's recitation, "The Ghost," captivated the audience. Mr. Martel's violin solo was very well rendered, and called for an encore. The "Quarrel of Brutus and Cassius" needs no comment; Messrs. Evans and Tansey were foremost in ably sustaining their reputation. The glee club closed the concert programme with "The Old Home Down on the Farm." The second part of the programme was the most interesting of the evening. Messrs. J. T. Twohey, H. J. Maguire, J. J. Foley and M. Pielan acted their parts after the style of Salvini, whilst Mr. L. E. Curran kept the house in roars of laughter writing *Samuel Loxton's* new dictionary. At the conclusion of the programme Mr. H. J. Maguire thanked the ladies and gentlemen for their presence, remarking that although they did not affect to be professionals, yet he hoped they had scored a point, which they undoubtedly did. The De La Salle Association is in its second year and hopes to find a position in the next Fete Dieu procession.

CATHOLIC CULLINGS.

Confession of love is more excellent than confession of sin.—*B. Henry Suso.*

The Kings of the East came, and wealth, royal wealth we found at the feet of poverty.—*Archbishop Ryan.*

The moment of choosing our destiny is a solemn one, and everything that is solemn is sad.—*Frederick Ozanam.*

Sympathy has in its own right a singular power of soothing the moral sufferings of the forlorn or unfortunate.—*Archbishop Hughes.*

Wouldst thou know what thou art? Thou art that to which the heart turns most frequently.—*Van der Hoeven of Maastricht.*

The arrows of envy and detraction do not pierce the hearts of those to whom they are directed before their piercing that of Jesus Christ.—*St. Vincent de Paul.*

It is the key of obedience that opens the door of Paradise. Jesus Christ has condescended that key to His Vicar, the Pope, Christ on earth, whom all are obliged to obey, even unto death.—*St. Catherine of Siena.*

The soul cannot remain stationary; she must advance or recede. As she advances in virtue, she abandons the imperfections of fear; if she arrives not at love, she is retracing her footsteps.—*B. Henry Suso.*

In this our end in life, to cleanse our hearts that we may behold more and more of the beauty and the splendor of the Divine Presence; that we may see God in all creatures, in all His Providence, in all the events and changes, and calls and chastisements of life.—*Cardinal Manning.*

In life, whether we know it or not, we are always travelling to a sorrow. At the next turn of the road stands an unforeseen death of some one we love, or the breaking up of a circle in which it seems as if our very existence were bound up; or some disgrace which we never reckoned on.—*Father F. W. Faber.*

He who is truly humble can never persuade himself that any one can do him wrong. What a thought! that He Who is our Creator bears with so many injuries from His creatures, and we are wounded by a word! It matters little if we are esteemed or not, whether good or evil is said of us. Honors should be to us a greater affliction than injuries or insults.—*St. Teresa.*

A Cruel Deed.

KINGSTON, December 20.—An inquest was held today at Sharbot Lake, sixty miles north of here, on the body of the Indian child for whose murder Peter Sharbot, an Indian of that place, now lies in Kingston jail. The body was found yesterday as described by its mother, Sharbot's wife, who laid the information against her husband and whose evidence was taken to-day. Cecilia White Duck, as she is called, testified that Sharbot had long wanted her to marry him, but that the child, which was illegitimate, was the obstacle. At last he promised to take care of the child, and they were married on the 20th of last September. They were no sooner married than Sharbot took a violent dislike to the child and took to beating it. On the 24th, in an unprovoked way, he choked the child to death. They he buried the body where it was found, and by terrible threats kept his wife silent till she could bear the strain no longer. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of wilful murder against the heartless savage.

Anti-Anarchy.

VIENNA, December 29.—The Telegraph says the German Government has taken the initiative towards calling a conference to consider the establishment of an international system of protection against anarchist outrages. Among the subjects mentioned for consideration by the conference are extradition for political murders and the limitation of present rights of asylum.

Restitution.

COLOGNE, December 29.—A bill will be submitted to the German Imperial Parliament in 1891 providing for the restitution to the Catholic Church of the entire accumulated capital formed by the priests' stipends, which were confiscated during the anti-Catholic agitation.

NEED OF A ST. FRANCIS.

THE REVIVAL OF OLD QUESTIONS.

History Repeating Itself in Social Problems of the Age—The Militarisms of the Salvation Army.

The same old question that demanded an answer in the twelfth century, and demanded it imperiously, is occupying the attention of England to-day. And the question is, how shall the poor be saved from sinking to the level of brutes? It was answered in the twelfth century by the appearance of St. Francis d'Assisi. In the eighteenth it was answered, Rousseau and Voltaire having paved the way by the fearful out-break of the poor themselves, many of whom had become as brutes.

Another question which is forcing itself on thoughtful people is, how can the people in all countries be made more Christian, more contented, more hopeful to one another? St. Francis, the merchant's son, came out of the little town of Umbria at a time when the hearts even of Christians seemed to tremble before the two Italian vices, Avarice and Revenge. Rome itself had been torn by warring rulers. But St. Francis came; the Holy Father, supremely directed, blessed a mission which, from the human point of view, seemed hopeless. Pope Innocent did not jeer at the poor man who proposed to convert the world through his poverty. And from the moment that the Father of Christendom blessed Francis of Assisi, the world felt more strongly a new force—the force of the evangelical life.

St. Francis was a poet, but he held no theories. The one great commandment of Love was his sole philosophy. It bound him to God, it bound him to man and to nature. He tried successfully to do what Wordsworth and our modern great poets have unsuccessfully tried to do—to bring his people nearer to nature, and to teach them that to love nature was to get nearer to nature's God. The lesson that Coleridge teaches in "The Ancient Mariner" might have been borrowed from a legend of St. Francis:

"He prayeth best who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all."

But St. Francis lived his poem, though he sung stanzas of it in his beloved French, and afterward in the more beloved dialect of the Italian.

COMMON SENSE.

He made himself poorer than the poorest. His brown robe was all he had. To be the poorest of God's creatures, to be beaten about by the winds of heaven, to be like Our Lord and to have no place on which to lay his head—this was his ardent ambition. And this ambition made him the regenerator of the Christian world, threatened on one side by Arabic subtleties and Oriental lusts, and on the other by inordinate love of power and place. Machiavelli was not far wrong when he said that without St. Francis and St. Dominic religion in Europe would have become almost extinct.

Today the world is rushing rapidly toward a condition of things not unlike that which called for St. Francis. The attempt of Gen. Booth in London to rescue the poor from a degradation worse than death has revealed plague-spots deeper than those that the civilization of Middle-Age Italy knew. But who, carefully reading Gen. Booth's book, imagines that his plans will do more than glaze the ulcer with an appearance of health? Mistaken in many ways as the members of the Salvation Army are, and ephemeral as their work must be, yet it has something in it of the spirit of St. Francis. The Salvation people have realized the truth that to understand the poor, one must be among the poor. The only possible advantage that Gen. Booth's plans can have comes from the fact that his missionaries will be of the poor and with the poor.

The spirit of St. Francis alone can bring peace to the world, and these salvationists are groping toward it, but they are very far from possessing it. Political economy has failed, as it always will fail, to solve a problem which only Love can solve. If there is less caste hatred to-day than there was in the time of St. Francis, it is because the classes are more indifferent to one another than they were in the feudal days. Looking around us, only one conclusion can be drawn from experience—namely, that the Church of Christ alone can cope with the social evils of our time; and to do so she needs a St. Francis with the spirit of him of Assisi, and new methods of diffusing it.—*M. F. Egan in Arc Moria.*

SOCIALISM.

A Papal Encyclical to Appear on this Urgent Question of the Hour.

PARIS, December 27.—Advices from Rome state that the Pope has finished the draft of his encyclical upon the social question. His Holiness has been working upon the subject for over a year, and at his request the most competent economists and bishops of different countries have furnished memoranda. The Pope considers the question the greatest of the present time. The encyclical will be the crowning act of the Pope's work in this direction. The date of its publication has not yet been fixed. The Pope will consult with certain cardinals and prelates on the main passages, but the associated press correspondent is enabled to say the encyclical will review and expound the whole question affecting wage workers. The document will comprise three parts.

First, His Holiness will develop the general principles upon which social economy is founded and the dominant idea of distributive justice which should regulate the intercourse of men and the spread of wealth. Distributive and restorative justice is needed to prevent misery and sweating on one side and exorbitant riches and tyranny on the other. The second part comprises the origin and cause of the present condition of the social problem. On this point His Holiness takes a new thesis first developed in his encyclical on socialism. The third part contains the views of the Pope regarding the remedies beyond religious and moral influence to be advocated. His Holiness expresses himself again in favor of the intervention by the state within the limits previously set forth. He condemns capitalism as now organized and advocates a more equitable and just distribution of riches. The encyclical will probably appear before Easter. The Pope is convinced that the Church should lead the present social and democratic movement and will appeal to all conservative forces and to Protestants to aid in securing the safety of society. The Pope's physician says His Holiness may live for some time yet, as he has a robust constitution and is suffering from no infirmity.

C. Y. M. S.

The Monthly Meeting Held Last Sunday Afternoon.

The religious monthly meeting of the Catholic Young Men's society was held on Sunday afternoon in their rooms. The usual New Year's visit to Rev. P. Dowd was endorsed unanimously. Rev. James Callaghan took advantage of the large attendance to formulate his views on Holy Communion in conjunction with Catholic associations, in which after deploring the evil results of profligacy and crime he went on to commend upon the usefulness of religious societies. They were not, he said, intended to increase in the heart of youth its already too great inclination to the pursuit of pleasure, but they pursued merely to supply a moderate recreation as a means of facilitating intellectual and moral improvement. Games of an innocent nature, but offering a proximate occasion to the violation of God's sacred law, ought to be abolished at any cost. Young men's halls were not constructed as decoys to lead away innocence from the practice of virtue, or as mere pretenses, having a coloring of righteousness, but in reality acted as meeting places whence issued almost upon arrival a special knot of dangerous looking personalities who took their leave for refuges of gambling, intoxication or even debauchery. Their rooms were homes of depravation. If Catholic young men were in earnest, they would invite to their assemblies none but associates of sterling character, whose conversations will elevate rather than debase the human mind and heart.

St. Patrick's Choir Concert.

The concert given on Monday night in the Queen's hall by St. Patrick's choir, in aid of St. Patrick's Church, was an immense success, both financially and musically. The hall was crowded with a very appreciative audience. Rev. J. A. McAllen's recitations were listened to with the greatest interest. He was most happy in his selections and was more eloquent than ever. The choir, which numbered over a hundred voices, was accompanied by one of the best orchestras heard at amateur concerts, and rendered the different choruses in a masterly way. The choruses chosen were all pretty and bright. Special mention must be made of an "Ave Maria," the composition of Professor Fowler, which is really a very expressive piece of sacred music. The soloists were few, but were excellent. Miss Leprohon gave a selection from "Carmen" in a very pleasing manner, her clear voice slowing to great advantage. Messrs. Jensen and McCaffrey and Messrs. Hamuli and Casey sang a very fine quartette. Mr. F. W. Foley gave a solo, "The Mighty Deep," and Miss Bissonnette and Mr. J. P. Whelan, jr., played a piano duet. Mr. J. J. Rowan's rendition of the drinking song from "La Traviata" was one of the best of the programme. Mr. Greenwald led the orchestra, and Mr. P. F. McCaffrey acted as conductor. Prof. J. Fowler deserves congratulations for the able manner with which he prepared the programme and conducted the concert.

A Gladstonian Celebration.

LONDON, December 29.—At Hawarden castle the 81st birthday of the Rt. Hon. Ewart Gladstone was celebrated with great rejoicing. Telegrams of congratulations and large numbers of presents arrived during the early part of the day from all parts of Great Britain. They were also received several congratulations from the United States. Nearly the whole of Mr. Gladstone's family was present at the castle and the village was crowded with visitors.

The old Church of Saint Severni, at Paris, was the scene of an interesting ceremony recently, when its organ was blessed by Mgr. Soule, of the Chapter of Saint Denis, in presence of a good number of the Paris clergy. This organ dates from 1358, and was the first instrument of the kind introduced into Paris. After undergoing various changes it has been completely transformed by the present cure of the parish, the Abbe Castelneau. Hence the ceremony of its reconstruction. Singers belonging to the Opera and the Conservatoire took part in the musical portion of the ceremony. The sermon was by the Dominican orator, Pere Olivier.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

THE WEEK PASSES WITHOUT GREAT AGITATION.

The Conference in France (the Question of the Hour—Not Much Prospect of a Compromise—Rumor that the McCarthys may have Parnell Arrested.

DUBLIN, December 27.—Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, in a letter to the Irish people did not immediately place the blame upon Parnell for his offence against morality instead of giving him a handle with which to ruin the party and the country. John Pinkerton, M.P., for Galway, a supporter of Parnell, announces that he will resign his seat if his constituents desire him to do so because of his allegiance to Parnell.

BOLTON, December 26.—Thos. Sexton in an interview to-day said he considered Parnell's insulting reference to his colleagues an insuperable barrier to his resumption of the leadership of the Irish party. He was quite certain that had Parnell consulted the party in regard to Morley's alleged offer of a place every man would have rejected indignantly the idea of sacrificing in any degree the independence of the party by an acceptance of the offer. Regarding the effect of the possible passage of the Land Act, Mr. Sexton said he thought it would render the farmers more independent, energetic and enterprising, but the measure of their success might be the measure of the laborer's discontent. In order to meet the just claims of the latter Mr. Sexton said he looked to the extension of the system of the Act of 1883 to be inaugurated by authorizing the boards of guardians to levy rates to be used in the construction of laborers' cottages. At present the boards have to pay 4 per cent interest and provide a sinking fund on the money advanced by the treasury and cannot let houses with a half acre of walled garden under one pound, or one pound three shillings weekly, as the horses must be fixed according to fixed specifications from Dublin. This and the expense of inspection would increase the price of a house and garden to £120, which the rental is not sufficient to cover. Mr. Sexton hopes to change this system and get smaller houses built under local supervision at such reduced cost as to render the present rents profitable.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The News says Mr. Sexton was supposed to be less decided in his opposition to Mr. Parnell and more inclined towards a compromise than many of his political friends, his frank and clear declaration is important and valuable.

PARIS, December 27.—Messrs. Gill and O'Brien are staying at the house of M. Rudolovitch. They are reading up the newspaper files and posting themselves on the events which have happened since they left America. O'Brien enjoys excellent health. The Temps announces that after the meeting between Parnell and O'Brien a formal conference of the Irish leaders will be held. Among those who will take part in the deliberations will be Messrs. McCarthy, Power, Redmond, O'Kelly, Sexton, Kenny and Arthur O'Connor. The aim of the conference will be a reunion of the two sections of the Irish party, based on the temporary retirement of Mr. Parnell from the leadership. The Debates asserts that Parnell will come here without having made a previous arrangement with O'Brien for a meeting. The paper further says that O'Brien does not expect to discuss the position with Parnell personally.

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A Private Chapel.

The new private chapel in Premier Mericr's residence on St. Denis street will be blessed on New Year's day by Vicar-General Marchal, in the presence of the Premier and his family. The chapel is upon the upper part of the house and is tastefully decorated.

A Sudden Death.

The Church has suffered a great loss by the sudden death of the Rev. Father O'Donohue, of Perth, which occurred last week. The Rev. Father was generally beloved, and his death leaves a great blank in the clerical roll of the diocese of Kingston.

The Gaulois announces that at the next consistory the Pope will create Father Monsabre a cardinal. Father Monsabre belongs to the Dominican Order.

It is stated at Paris that the negotiations in connection with Newfoundland are for the time suspended. Lord Salisbury is said to be considering what to offer as compensation in exchange for the French shore. M. Ribot never treated the suggestion of the St. Pierre council seriously regarding the cession of Burin Peninsula. If the whole of the British Gambia is offered M. Ribot, it is thought, will consent to enter into negotiations.

A gigantic conspiracy to flood the United States with counterfeit silver dollars has been unearthed at Pittsburg, Pa. Nineteen persons are already under arrest, and one thousand one hundred of the spurious coins are in the hands of the police. The money was brought from a central station in New York city to Pittsburg by a gang of Italians employed to pass it.

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PART I.—THE RACE OF LANE.

Chapter VIII (Continued).

Some saw in the dozen and a half hake a new handkerchief. Here, in this score of mackerel, was a new pair of boots for little Jack. Those four fine cod could not do less than obtain the material for a pair of serge trousers for the man of the house.

There was much talk and laughter among the men as they smoked their short clay pipes while the women sorted the fish. But the women had weighty matters on their minds, and spoke little, and resented badinage from the men with a kind of proud displeasure. To their minds it was not a time for levity, but for sorting the fish and maturing the wisest manner of bestowing the proceeds.

A little distance from the group of men and women a curragh lay high and dry, bottom up, on the sand. While the business of sorting the fish was at its height, this curragh began to move without any exterior aid. Looks and exclamations of surprise ran round. Presently a pair of large flat hands appeared, and then a head, followed by a clumsy ragged body, and after a little wriggling and spluttering, a pair of legs came into view, and a man scrambled to his feet.

"Is that you, Tom?" cried several voices at once, as the Fool, rubbing his eyes, confronted the little crowd. "Faith, Tom," said Mrs. Martin, "it's careful you are of your complexion, to make a sunshade of a curragh when you're taking your morning stroll on your all-fours like an elderly crab."

"Whist!" cried Tom angrily; "don't be talking like a foolish woman. Mind your work, and sort the fish." He did not seem disposed to take jests pleasantly. The woman laughed good-humoredly. "Your early rising won't do you much harm if your long fast doesn't spoil your figure."

"I tell you, stop; don't be talking." "I think there must have been a crooked straw in your bed last night," she continued, pointing to the upturned curragh; "you got up so cross." There was a general laugh. "You'll be wanting goose grease for sore lips yet, and won't have the price of it if you waste the skin of your tongue like that."

This time the laugh was against Mrs. Martin, but the success of the Sally did not in the least diminish Tom's bad humor; if anything, it made it worse. "Don't mind them, Tom," cried Edward Martin, in a soothing voice, as he approached the Fool, "Here's a garnet for your breakfast. Go up to Pat Casey's and roast it at the kitchen fire."

"May you never, Edward Martin, want for garnet or grace either here or hereafter. And may—"

He paused suddenly and looked around in wild alarm. A slight reverberation had floated over the water. "What's the matter, Tom?" demanded Martin, observing the Fool's expression. "Did you hear anything?" he asked, growing white.

"Yes; some sound coming from the southward." "A gun?" he enquired piteously. "Yes, it might be a gun. Some one shooting gulls on the downs." "No, no; not the downs—the Bishop's. The dummy bought a gun last night, but I didn't know he had either powder or shot; and he told me when he asked me to go with him, that he hadn't any; and—"

"And what?" cried several. They were all now standing around Tom, listening eagerly. "And if that she-wolf didn't give it to him, who did? and if she didn't put thoughts into his head, she that has a spite against him and his, because they're my friends, no one else did."

"Well, but there's no harm in his firing his gun?" "But the she-wolf has been busy with him already, and there's bad blood between father and son. Will some one come with me? I couldn't look at it if there was any harm, because only for me he'd have no gun."

His listeners had now been thoroughly roused, and, leading a small band of volunteers, Tom set out for the Bishop's at a run.

CHAPTER VII.

FROM KILLARD TO THE BISHOP'S.

Abreast with the Fool strode Edward Martin. The lank, bony young man of 1843 had developed into a broad-shouldered muscular giant of 1854. He measured over six feet, but his great breadth of shoulders and depth of chest made him look no more than the average height. He was reputed to be the strongest man in the parish.

A Clare curragh is a boat of almost the lightest construction, but it will carry twenty people. In build it is clumsy and shapeless-looking. It has neither keel nor keelson: like a Dutch galliot, its stem and stern are round; like the craft they call a prong or prom in the south and west of Ireland, its bow and stern rise out of the water, and when under

way it skims over the waves rather than cuts through them. On the Shannon and other rivers, the prong is chiefly used for shooting rapids. It has a flat bottom and flat bow, and by this bow being raised out of the water there is less danger of the craft swamping when it rushes headlong into the white foam.

The long heavy swells of the Atlantic on this coast are so many rapids to be climbed and shot, and the light tarred canvas curragh, with its round blunt bows and its unresisting keelless bottom, enabling it to be spun swiftly this way or that to meet the eddying sweep, is found to be the safest and most serviceable model. Two men can carry it with ease, but not more than one man in all Killard could by himself lift it and carry it, arms up, and this one man was Edward Martin. All the villagers had seen him do it.

Two years before this morning a bet was made. A number of fishermen subscribed twenty shillings, and laid the money against him. He, the best of fishermen in Killard, put down his pound, raised the curragh in his huge arms, and carried it aloft five hundred yards, amid the cheers of all, of even those who had lost.

When he lowered the curragh, he sat down on it to rest and wipe his flushed, steaming face. Pat Casey, who had arranged the bet and held the money, came to him, and, stretching out his hand, said cordially:

"Well done, Edward Martin! You won fairly, and deserve the money. Take it, for no other man in this parish, or the next one to it, could do the like of that."

Martin did not reach out his hand, but continued to wipe his face and neck. "Take your money, man!" cried Casey, in a tone of exhortation. Casey knew Martin did not like the idea of the bet.

Martin turned to his wife, who stood beside him. She was weeping with joy at the triumph of her husband.

"You would not think," she was saying to her heart, "that he had the strength to raise an arm when he takes our little Mary in his arms; and look at what he has done to-day! But strong as his arms are, his love is stronger, and his goodness as strong as ever was goodness in man. My husband!"

At the crowning thought that he was hers, she gave a sob of gratitude, and sitting down beside him, put her arm on his great shoulder, just as he turned to speak to her.

"Mary," he said, "take the money, you. Take the money from Pat Casey, and I'll tell you what to do with it by-and-by."

When they were walking together, he said: "If I could afford to lose that pound I betted, I can afford to give it away. The men who betted against me have not as much as I, and they cannot as well afford ten shillings as I can my pound. Tell no one, but go to Father Murtagh, and let him know all, and give him the money Pat Casey gave you, and ask him to keep it until (and may it be a long time off!) some poor fellows are lost, and their wives and children are in want; then ask him to do the best with the money, for the poor widows and orphans."

The next Sunday Father Murtagh preached on charity, and said, without mentioning names, that one man present understood what charity was, for he wished better to succor the afflicted than to blazon his name, and he desired to serve his fellows on earth, and keep himself out of their gratitude on earth, which was the proper way to secure their gratitude, and the approval of God, when all meet in heaven.

By some subtle instinct the people suspected who the charitable man was, and looked at him. His wife could not refrain from tears, and this confirmed the suspicions. From that out the presence of Edward Martin always calmed and soothed and elevated the villagers like a prayer.

On the August morning, Tom the Fool and his little group of volunteers set out for the Bishop's Island; the face of Edward Martin, usually grave, wore a sombre look.

"I hope there's nothing wrong at the Island," he said to Tom. The other men followed at a short distance. Martin held a little aloof from the villagers. They looked on him as a superior, and, therefore, the men now kept behind, allowing him and Lane's great friend to lead.

"I hope not, Edward Martin; I hope not. But I have had my doubts some time. Lane is a madman when put out. He's not a fool like me, but mad like a storm, without any sense or reason in his legs or arms, or head."

"I hope nothing has happened; for, Tom, now I'll tell you what you must speak of to no one."

"Not to a soul? Not even my friends on the Bishop's?" "Not them; not them most of all, for its about the boy, and it would put the father in a rage if he knew."

"Anything against the boy? any harm that is comin' to him? That's if the worst harm hasn't—" he paused, did not finish the sentence, but muttered "Ugh!"

"No, nothing that will bring or has brought harm to any one."

"Tell me."

"I'm the boy's godfather."

"Godfather, Edward Martin! What do you mean? Do you take me for a fool? He never was out of his father's sight ashore, and no one was ever on the Island but myself. Who christened him?"

"Father Murtagh in Casey's stable. You may take my word for that. Well, I often thought Tom, that I ought to try and do something for him. You know I promised then, and when I make a promise I mean what I say—"

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"You would! you would!" cried the Fool, bounding and capering around the fisherman. "Hoorah! Hoorah! My friends have another friend at last. Hoorah! And that," snapping his fingers, "for the old she-wolf now. With Tom the Fool and Edward Martin, I'll laugh at all she can do against me or my friends."

They had by this time got more than half-way. The downs stretched away quite flat, with no wall or shrub of any kind to obstruct the view. Martin was by far the tallest of the men. When Tom became quiet once more, a man in the rear called out, "Mr. Martin, you're the tallest; I think I see something on the mainland, near the Bishop's! Do you?"

"Yes, I see a figure lying on the downs."

"Which?" screamed the Fool. "The boy. Let us run."

And they dashed off at the top of their speed.

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pard fled from San Francisco, replying to a question from Gabrielle's counsel, said he had repeatedly hypnotized Mlle. Bombard, who was a remarkably impressionable subject. Eyraud was sentenced to death, the woman to twenty years imprisonment.

AUBREY DE VERE.

Ireland's Poet and His Work. The Pall Mall Gazette, in its series of "Men and Women who were," gives a sketch of Mr. Aubrey de Vere:

"One of the loveliest and most interesting places in Ireland, although it has never been a resort of tourists, is the district called Adare, which lies some twenty miles to the south-west of the city of Limerick. Not far from Adare stands the mansion of Curragh Chase, the home of the Vere Hunts, now De Vere, for about two hundred years. It stands on the slope of a green height, which descends gently to the shore of a small lake. On the farther side are dark woods, while in one place the rocky bank rises abruptly and boldly to the sky, and is crowned with an Irish cross. The owner of the estate is Sir Stephen de Vere, author of the admirable translations from Horace which have lately become familiar to English readers. But Sir Stephen de Vere has long been a resident, and the actual proprietor of Curragh Chase is his younger brother, Aubrey de Vere, the heir to the title and name.

Mr. de Vere was born at Curragh Chase in 1814. Much of his life has been spent in travel, and much in his Irish home. He is conversant with public affairs, and has written several valuable treatises on the Irish question, among which may be mentioned 'English Misrule and Irish Misdemeanors' (1848), and 'The Church Settlement of Ireland' (1849). His idea for Ireland is, however, one against which the devotees of the British Empire, always an advanced High Churchman, he joined the Catholic Church in 1851, a step also taken by his mother and brother. The 'Year of sorrow,' a harrowing social life, while his 'Imistid' is a ballad chronicle of Ireland such as Thomas Davis pointed out as a worthy work for Irish gentlemen to undertake.

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"The little Rose shall be red at last! What made it black but the east wind dry, And the tear of the widow that fell on it last? It shall redder the hills when June is nigh."

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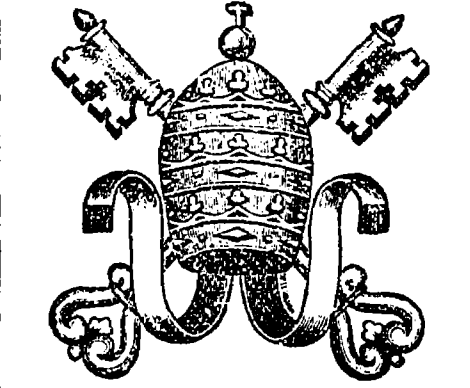
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"Then opened wide the baron's hall
To wassail, tenant, serf and all;
Forer laid his rod of rule aside,
And ceremony doffed his pride."

There is a peculiar charm in contemplating the pleasant ways of those old times, and

amid the customs and superstitions which once clustered round the hallowed season of Christmas. We like to think that then people were more social, joyous and open-hearted than at the present time; that they enjoyed life roughly, but heartily and vigorously, while modern refinement, planning off the little roughnesses of men and subjecting the whole world to one system of rules, has given rise to more dissipation, as it has lessened the solid enjoyment of former times. And then, perchance, laboring under the enchantment which the distance of many years lends to those old Christmas festivities, will vent our feelings in an enthusiastic eulogy of the "good old times."

Two of the most popular observances connected with the Christmas holidays were the hanging up of the mistletoe and the bringing in and placing on the hearth of the ponderous Yule-log. The mistletoe, as is well-known, was regarded in the religion of the Druids with the greatest veneration, and solemn ceremonies were anciently connected with the cutting of the parasite, which was done at the winter solstice. The people went in procession to the forest, the bards leading, chanting a song, then a herald, then three Druids with implements, then the prince of the Druids accompanied by the multitude. Mounting an oak, the chief Druid cut the mistletoe with a golden sickle and presented it to his brethren, who received it very respectfully. It was then cut into sprays and on the first of the new year distributed among the people. On Christmas eve boughs of the plant were hung from the ceiling of the kitchen, and whatever female chanced to stand

BENEATH THE VERDANT ARCH,
were she a girl or a grown lady, the young man present was entitled to implant on her cheek a kiss. This custom probably had its origin in the fact that the pearl white berries of the mistletoe were regarded by the Druids as symbolic of purity and were associated by them with the rights of marriage.

The cutting of the Yule-block was the most joyous of the ceremonies on Christmas eve in feudal times. A massive piece of wood was selected, frequently the rugged root of a tree, and as it was being drawn in from the forest, the wayfarer reverently lifted his hat as it passed. Then with rejoicing merriment, it was brought into the great hall or kitchen. Herriek sings:

"Come, bring with a noise,
My Merric, morrie boys,
The Christmas log to the fire;
While my good dame, she
Bids ye all be true,
And drink to your hearts' desiring."

Each of the family used, in turn, to sit on the log, sing a Yule-song, and drink to a merry Christmas and a happy New Year; after Yule-cakes, with the figure of the Infant Jesus impressed upon them, were distributed. When tired of the sports, the party gathered round the log

and indulged in quieter amusements; some engaged in conversation; some went to cards; while some sang carols. Others would gather round the lord of the mansion, who sat in a large-backed oaken arm-chair near the fire, and heard him recount the traditional tales of the village and stories of ghosts and witches, while the dimly glowing embers shed their spectral light athwart the circle of eager countenances, and "the pattering sleet on the casement beat, and the blast was hoarsely blowing." The half-consumed block, its purpose served on Christmas Eve was

CAREFULLY PRESERVED
till next Christmas, and then the new log was lit with the charred remains of its predecessor:

"Part must be kept wherewith to tend
The Christmas log next year;
And where 'tis safely kept, the fiend
Can do no mischief there."

This custom of preserving the log was regarded as of the highest importance, and the log was therefore carefully stored away in the cellar or other secure place of the house. If kept throughout the year, it was believed to insure the house against fire.

On Christmas morning, our ancestors were wont to be roused from their slumber by the melodious music of the waits and carol-singers. Waits were musicians who used to play by night in the streets. In very old times they were attached to the King's court, and their duty was to sound the watch every night and parade the streets in winter to prevent depredations.

"I hear along our street
Pass the minstrel throng;
Hark! they play so sweet,
On their hautboys, Christmas songs!
Let us by the fire,
Ever higher,
Sing them till the night expire."

One of the objects of these wandering musicians was the gathering of donations, which they distributed among the poor, though always expecting *imprimis* a black jack of ale and a Christmas pie for their personal consumption.

A magnificent dinner served on Christmas day was, of course, the leading feature, the grand central point of the holiday season in the olden time. And the chief dish, as well as the first—the *piece de resistance*—was a savory boar's head, decked with rosemary and holding with its teeth a lemon for its own seasoning, swimming in a sea of steaming gravy, and served on a platter of silver or gold—no baser metal was thought fit to hold the precious burden. The man who bore it in was preceded by pages carrying mustard. The entry of the head

was accompanied with flourish of trumpets and music of merry minstrelsy, while a carol was sung, in the burden of which all joined. We all remember the dear song:

"The boar's head in hand bring I
With garlands and rosemary,
I pray you all sing merrily
Quiescit in convicio.

"The boar's head, I understand,
Is the chief service in this laude;
Loke, wherever it be laude,
Serve it cum cantico."

The flesh of the peacock was likewise a favorite dish for a Christmas dinner. This was the ladies' bird; and it was customary for the prettiest of "the sex" to bring it on a salver to the sound of viols, the rest of the ladies following in stately procession. Salmon, too, were in great demand. Carew says:

"Lastly the salmon, king of fish,
Fills with good cheer the Christmas dish."

Henry III, in his twenty-sixth year, directed the sheriff of Gloucester to cause twenty salmon to be bought for the King, and put into pies against Christmas. Beef, plum-puddings, turkeys, geese, capons and swans all figured in the holiday bill of fare. The well known minced, or Christmas pie, must not be forgotten—than which the pastry cooks' art boasts no greater triumph. It is of considerable antiquity and is referred to by many of the old writers. Its chief ingredients were neat's tongue, chickens, eggs, sugar, currants, lemon and orange peel, with various spices. A superstition still exists, that in as many different houses as one eats mince pie during Christmas, so many happy months will he have in the ensuing year; one has only, therefore, to perform the delectable operation in a different house each day from Christmas Day

TO TWELFTH-TIDE,
and bring down upon his head a dozen months of bliss and prosperity.

Such a prodigality of viands demanded, as may be supposed, liberal portions of liquor for their proper digestion; and many were the bumpers of malvasia, bastard and muscadell that were sent brimming round the festive board. It may be expected that Christmas "broached the mightiest ale," and Christmas ale has, according, been famous from the earliest times.

"Bring us in good ale, bring us in good ale,
For our blissed Lady's sake, bring us in good ale."

is a very old drinking cry. But by far the most important Christmas beverage, the drink *par excellence*, the fit concomitant of the boar's head, was the renowned wassail—a composition of toast and ale, spiced and sweetened, with roasted apples bobbing about the surface. It was mixture which might well cause the lips of a *bon vivant* to smack with gusto; and though the elements which formed it be known to us, the mystery of their skillful composition, like that of the famous sack of Falstaff, or like that of the brilliant colors wherewith the monks of old illuminated their missals, remains a subject for antiquarian research. The wassail-bowl was introduced with great ceremony and when the steward came in he cried out three times: "Wassail, wassail, wassail!" which was answered by a song from the company. In some places it was customary for the bevy of young ladies to carry the bowl from door to door, singing an appropriate song the while, and expecting a small gift in return:

"Good dame, here at your door,
Our wassail we begin;
We are all maidens poor,
We pray now let us in
With our wassail.

"Our wassail we do fill
With apples and with spice;
Then grant us your good will
To taste here once or twice
Of our good wassail."

Another of the interesting features of a Christmas in the olden times was the

varied assortment of games which were so heartily joined in by old and young, most of which have long since passed away. Chief among these merry pastimes was snap dragon. A quantity of raisins was thrown

INTO A LARGE BOWL
and over them were poured spirits of wine, which were then ignited. The children were required to pick the raisins out of the flames and it may be imagined that it required some skillful "snapping" on their part to keep from burning their fingers. Then there was the old game of "hot coekles," a species of blind man's bluff in which the person kneeling down, and being struck behind, was to guess who inflicted the blow.

A diversion which often caused much laughter was "Dun in the Mire." A log of wood was brought to the middle of the room; this was "Dun," or the cart-horse, and a cry was raised that he had stuck in the mire. Two of the company then advanced to draw him out. When unable to do so they called for further help, until finally joined in the game, when Dun was extricated. Not the least enjoyment arose from each person's sly efforts to let the log fall on his neighbor's toes.

Times change (says the poet) as well as people; and the ancient holiday usages have passed away with the stately castles and ample manorial domains around which they clustered. They harmonized with the dim hall, and the great, bare parlor, but are unsuited to the cheerful drawing-room or the cozy boudoir of today. But what though modern refinement has made havoc of those traditional customs, shearing them of their "pomp and circumstance," so that they be scarcely shadows of their former selves? Is not Christmas the same dear, good beneficent season as of old, and is not the spell which it exercises upon us as delightful as ever? Though the symbol of good cheer, the boar's head, be de-throned from its eminence, and have long ceased to crown the festive board; though the link of boon companionship, the wassail cup, "with its toasted healths and wishes," be banished from our tables; though external forms and decorations fade and fall into disuse, let not the spirit of Christmas escape from our hearts; let the laurel, emblematic of peace and good-will, be ever green within us, though it no longer decorate our parlors; and let us still hail the return of the season as the "kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time" that it is; "the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys." A glass of the generous kind and gentle reader, and here's a merry Christmas to you, and many happy returns.—Michael S. Hans, in *Catholic Mirror*.

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BOOK NOTICES.
CATHOLIC CALENDAR, 1891.
Messrs. E. Stern & Co., of Philadelphia, have issued a most interesting calendar for the coming year. Each day's record is complete in itself, and further, contains a suitable quotation from some standard author. It also presents a striking picture of His Holiness.

PATRIOTIC CANADIAN SONGS; Toronto; Rose Publishing Company.
This is a little collection of poems designed to strike patriotic chords in the bosom of Canadians, and it ought to be successful. The selection is excellent and contains White's "Queenston Heights," Hooker's "Empire Loyalists," a selection from Mair's drama, the "Capture of Detroit," Lespeance's "Empire First," and other inspiring lays. The last verse of Mr. Hooker's "Empire Loyalists" is a very fair specimen of a good poem. He sings:—

Stern was the test,
And sorely pressed,
That proved their blood best of the best,
And when for Canada you pray,
In glory kind Heaven
That like a leaven,
The hero blood which then was given
May quicken in her veins away—
That from those worthy sires may spring
In number as the stars,
Strong hearted sons whose glorying,
Shall be the light,
Though recent might
Be strong against her in the fight,
And many be her scars!
So, like the sun, her honored name,
Shall shine to latest years the same.

DONAHOE'S MAGAZINE; January, 1891; Boston.
This always interesting serial is as usual full of good things and should be welcome in every household. Every article in the number will be read with interest. The children's department is peculiarly attractive.

Father Laurent's Funeral.
The funeral of the late Father Laurent, Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Toronto, took place on Tuesday of last week. The attendance of the clergy and laity was very large a considerable number of Protestants proving by their presence the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The Archbishop of Kingston and the Bishop of Peterboro were present and among the clergy present were Bishop O'Mahoney, Dean McCann, Vicar-General Rooney, Dean Cassidy and many others. Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by the Bishop of Peterboro. The deacon was Vicar-General Laurent, of Lindsay, and the sub-deacon, Rev. Father Labreault, of Penetanguishene. Archbishop Walsh, and was attended by Rev. Father Dougherty, S.J., of Guelph and Rev. Dr. Kilroy, of Stratford. Rev. Father Land was master of ceremonies. The panegyric was delivered by the Very Rev. Vicar-General Rooney who spoke in terms of the highest eulogy of the work of the deceased. His Grace the Archbishop also spoke briefly. In the

course of his remarks he said: "We have suffered a great loss, humanly speaking, but in the eyes of faith the death of a good priest is not a loss; it is a gain to him, and most likely also a gain to those he has left behind, for no doubt, the charity of such a soul in glory would be but invested with a still greater interest in the welfare of those he loved." The city corporation of Toronto was officially represented by a deputation headed by the mayor.

FATHER DAMIEN.
A Charming Sketch of the Beloved Martyr of Molokai.

A charming sketch of Father Damien by Bartle Teeling is giving by the American Catholic Quarterly in a recent issue. It fills in the outlines drawn by Charles Warren Stoddard, Edward Clifford, and other writers, Catholic and Protestant, to whom his life and sacrifice were an inspiration; and is especially touching and beautiful for the lifelike untold details of his martyrdom. The future martyr was a hearty out-door sports boy—who would skate for hours in the frost and fog, risking serious accidents in his reckless pranks on the ice. He loved to play with the sheep on the common, to work in the fields or at any sort of manual labor. He grew up large, strong, handsome and courageous. "Big Damien" was his professor at Levein called him, when his unlooked-for vocation to the religious life and the priesthood drew him away from his beloved village life and sports, and the dear family circle at Fremolou.

His robust physique and engaging presence proved to be among his best missionary equipments. He was a fine rider, and an expert swimmer; he could carry a load alone while would have been heavy for three or four men of the healthy aborigines of the Sandwich Islands; he helped the poor lepers build their houses as well as their chapels; he made the coffin and dug the graves. And this brisley and energetic, and as a part of the higher duty to the souls of his afflicted flock. He was "ardent and swift like the wind or the fire," said the natives. He married many converts. Nearly all the non-Catholics asked, when death was at hand, for the strong, brave Catholic priest.

Another trait of Father Damien—his affection for his family brought out touchingly in Mr. Teeling's memoir.

"The saluts have cruel hearts," is an assertion popularly credited, because few stop to think that the poet who first made it was not a connoisseur in saluts. "The man most man, with tenderest human heart," is his best for God.

Such was Father Damien, gladly sacrificing home and country and life itself for a handful of poor lepers; yet yearning from his exile to the beloved mother and kindred, and suffering a keen pang at the poor lepers' bald, thin, watched European matts brought no word from home.

THE IRISH CONTINGENT
In the House of Commons—McCarthy's men and Parnell's described.

In the rank and file of McCarthy's followers there are many men of commanding ability, such as T. D. Sullivan (the author of "God Save Ireland"), John Barry, Dr. Tanner, Col. O'Sorman Mahon (57 years old), Justin H. McCarthy (a son of the chairman), Sir Thomas Henry Gratton Esmonde and J. F. X. O'Brien. The latter, by the way, was tried for "treason" in 1877, convicted and sentenced to death. This sentence was afterwards commuted and Mr. O'Brien spent some years in prison. It must be conceded, however, that some bright and able men do follow the lead of Mr. Parnell. Among these may be mentioned J. J. O'Kelly, the Redmond brothers (William and John), John O'Connor, known as "Ling John," the member for South Tipperary, Edmund Leamy and J. J. Clancy. O'Kelly is 45 years old, and a most remarkable man. Before he was 25 years old he was a soldier in the French army, fighting rebellious Arabs. Then he fought in Mexico with the French forces sent by Napoleon to Maximilian's aid. He was a prisoner in a Mexican prison for 18 months. One night he escaped from his captors and made a thrilling flight in the direction of American territory. By way of New York he went to Spain and took part in the abortive rebellious rising in 1877. He again joined the French army to fight in the Franco-Prussian war. Then he came to New York and became a reporter on the *Herald*. That paper sent him to Cuba in 1877 when that unhappy island was red-hot with rebellion. In attempting to free the rebels he was captured by the forces of the Spaniards, who threatened to shoot him as a spy if he held communication with the insurgents. He accomplished his purpose, however, but was afterwards sent to a concentration camp in Cuba. Then he went for the *Herald* to make the acquaintance of the late Sitting Bull in the Sioux warfare in which the gallant chief lost his life. He served as a correspondent all through that war. O'Kelly returned to Ireland in 1880 and began his Parliamentary career in that year. He is a fair speaker and a hard worker. Both of the Redmonds are brainy and forceful men, and both of ours in no mean abilities. Both have been heard in New York.

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Important Announcement.

In our issue of January 7 we shall make an important announcement, which, we hope, all our young readers will carefully study.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers.

If night editors always avoided slung vulgarly the Empire and Mail would not have both fallen into the error of stating that Parnell's candidate in Kilkenny was "snowed under," meaning that he had been defeated.

L'ELECTEUR has hardly added to its laurels by charging the Government with responsibility for the accident at St. Joseph de Levis. Its signal failure to make political capital out of the lamentable tragedy at Quebec when a frost slide of rock killed several people is not yet forgotten.

United Canada, alluding to the new Commander-in-chief of the militia who, by the way, seems to be winning golden opinions, says of that officer:

Col. Herbert, who came to Canada a few weeks ago to take command of the Dominion Militia, is able, it is claimed, to trace his lineage in direct line, back to a sister of William the Conqueror.

There is naturally a good deal of indignation excited in France by the proposition to erect a statue of Garibaldi. The suggestion has caused much record hunting and it now turns out that instead of deserving a statue that arch-revolutionary adventurer ought to have been shot, so far as his feats during the Franco-Prussian war were concerned.

The Boston Pilot pays a high compliment to the administration of justice in Canada as compared with the United States. Having first referred to the Eyraud trial in France, it says:

Birchall, who decoyed and slew his countryman, near Niagara Falls, Canada, was given a quick but impartial trial, sentenced to death and promptly hanged.

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in the province as evidenced in the distribution of Col. Rhodes' 'Crowns and Palms,' that it has had no time to pay attention to another pressing subject, viz., the squabbles in the ranks of the so-called Liberal party.

Elsewhere in our columns we give an account of a most pleasing, appropriate and happily conceived event. On a former occasion we stated that a movement was on foot to present our eminent fellow-countryman, Mr. J. J. Curran, M.P., Q.C., with a slight mark of public esteem.

Certain ill-informed papers in the United States are indulging in much erroneous criticism of the recent letter of Cardinal Lavigerie, in which he approves of the present Republic existing in France.

Such lovers of the commonwealth Too few there be. Mr. Curran's services are too valuable for the country to lose as yet, and every one interested in retaining the best and ablest men in the public arena will hope that the day may be long delayed on which his retirement from public life will be announced.

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tional question a stake in a local political gamble and treat the subject with becoming dignity and regard to law and there need be no difficulty. On the other hand the matter, being one of an international character, may embroil the United States in an international dispute which they may find unpleasant in its results.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE TRUE WITNESS.]

QUEBEC, Dec. 30.—The Legislature has ceased its labors after a week's winding-up. One of the principal events of the week has been the discussion of the ship Laborers' charter, which has been threatened, but which still exists, a compromise having been arrived at, all future by-laws of the society having to be approved by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council.

The new license bill, amending the fees and costs, was read a third time without amendment.

The slaughter of the innocents went on apace, and a number of orders were struck off the list.

A bill to establish a national breeding stud was passed.

The chief business of the week, however, was the bill to authorize the province to borrow \$10,000,000.

A bill to empower the Lieutenant-Governor to call on railway companies to show how they fulfilled their obligations, and to decide whether they should hold their charters, was protested against as infringing on the rights of the Legislature. Mr. Mercier said circumstances demanded the change. The bill was carried on division, 43 to 22.

A bill to enable the provincial debt to be consolidated was also passed.

On the proposed mining tax a discussion ensued, Mr. Poirer moving an amendment; the motion was, however, carried.

THE HOUSE PROLOGUED. (By Telegram.)

The Lieut.-Governor this afternoon (Tuesday) prorogued the House with the usual salute. He delivered the following speech:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In bringing your legislative labors to a close, I have to congratulate and to thank you. To congratulate you upon the courtesy and dignity which have marked your deliberations; to thank you for the liberality with which you have voted new appropriations for promoting the construction of railways, and for the advancement of agricultural interests in this province.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly: I thank you for the money you have voted for the requirements of the public service and I will see that these moneys are expended with all due economy.

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In taking leave of you I pray for the prosperity of the province, for the happiness of each one of you and for that of your families.

AT REST. Mother Superior St. Bernard Passes Away After a Brief Illness.

One of the oldest nuns in the Dominion passed away at midnight on Saturday in the person of Mother Superior St. Bernard, nee Mignault, superior of the Congregation of Nuns. She entered the order 39 years ago, and has been superior-general several times.

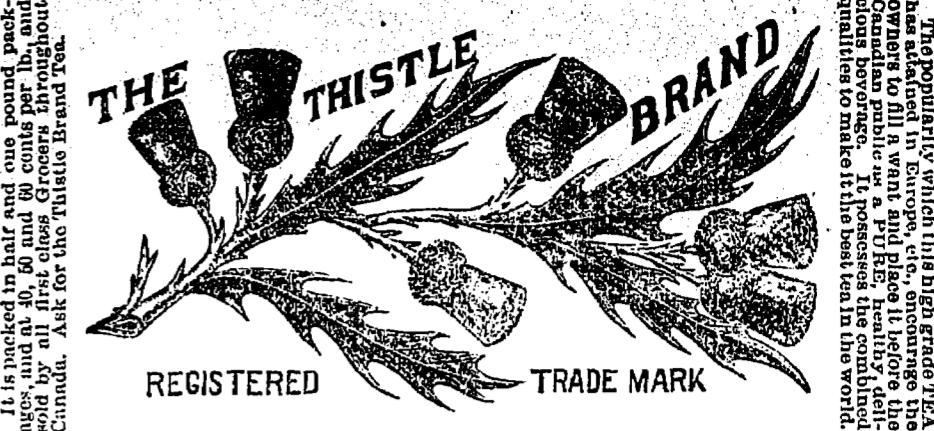
Halifax Express Suffers. QUEBEC, December 29.—The Intercolonial railway authorities are now removing to their homes all the remaining passengers who were injured in the late accident at St. Joseph de Levis, and who are all rapidly recovering.

Behring Sea. New York, Dec. 30.—The Herald says that the President will probably send the Behring Sea correspondence to the Senate tomorrow. It remarks that the United States must now do one of two things—recede from the doctrine of the sovereignty over seal life in Behring Sea or take the consequences of maintaining that position.

Mr. Thomas McGuire, of Allumette Island, died at the residence of his son, Mr. James F. McGuire, of Sheen, on Friday, the 19th December instant. The deceased gentleman was born near the town of Ballygowan, County Tyrone, Ireland, in June 1808. He was married in 1829, and resided for some time in Alexandria, Gleanery; thence he moved to Allumette Island, and was one of the earliest pioneers thereof.

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St. Roch de l'Assomption, and also of the late Mrs. McCabe, of St. Marthe, County Vaudruil, Quebec. His funeral took place on Monday, 22nd inst., to the Roman Catholic cemetery at Chapeau—the burial place of the family.

CONSULS IN TROUBLE.

The Washington Government Exercised Over the Action of their Canadian Representatives.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 28.—Acting on information from the Treasury that irregularities were suspected in the consular authentication of Canadian goods imported into the United States during the past thirteen months, the Secretary of State recently determined on a thorough investigation of the United States consular service in Canada.

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LOST THE OFFICERS.

while steaming to Arunwhi, Stanley said if he had failed to find the steamers he would have treated us all as deserters...

Ward, in describing Jameson's death, says that the drums were sounding to cease the day's work.

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Fervently I pray each morning, That when I'm called to go From the heart-aches, toils and troubles...

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CHILDREN'S FAULTS.

Parents have proudly told me of sickening battles with their children, will pitted against will, till at last the stronger physique gained the mastery...

There are times when it is wiser for the parent to ignore some mood on the child's part. The part of the parent should be in ever seeking the wise opportunity to impress the child with the virtue that is the reverse of some fault it falls into.

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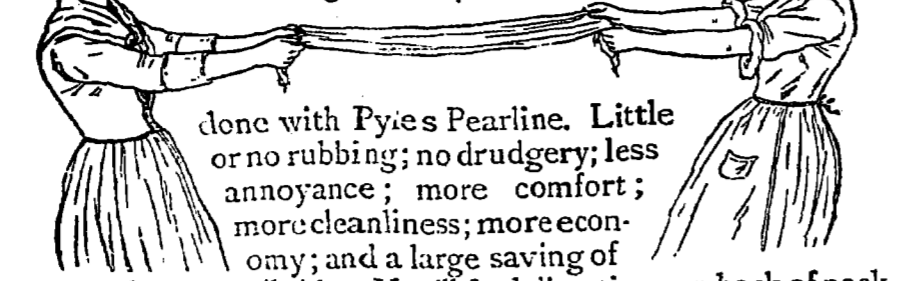
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THE SONG OF TYRCONNELL.

[The following verses refer to the capture by the English government in Ireland, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, of the young chieftain of Tyrconnell (the modern Donegal), Hugh Roe, or Red Hugh, O'Donnell, whose power and influence in the North were feared by the queen's government. This capture was treacherously effected by the captain of a vessel dispatched to Lough Swilly ostensibly to convey presents to the chiefs of the North, who, being lured on board the ship, were confined in the cabin while drinking wine and carried off to Dublin, where Red Hugh, with two of his companions, was imprisoned by the Lords Justices in the Bermingham tower of the castle. Here he remained a close prisoner for several years, during which time the English vainly endeavored to subdue Tyrconnell and Tyrone (Tyrone), until, finally escaping, O'Donnell fled to his native mountains, and the war-spirit spread all through the North summoning the clans to do battle under their loved young leader and the great O'Neill of Tyrone against the treacherous government of the Pale. This war endured, with slight cessations, during the reign of Elizabeth, and with varying fortunes. At one time the English power throughout the entire island was confined to a small extent of country around Dublin, and it seemed as if the authority of the crown of England would disappear before that of O'Neill and O'Donnell.]

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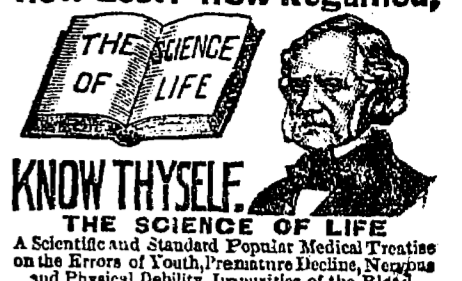
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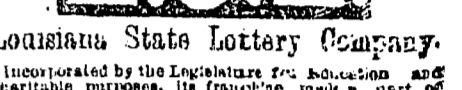
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CATHOLIC NEWS FROM ABROAD.

Three Capuchin monks were landed last week at New York from the steamship La Bourgoigne. They came in the steamer, and were on their way to a monastery of the order in Canada.

A Pontifical Brief shortly to be issued will appoint an annual collection in all the churches of Christendom in aid of the movement to abolish slavery. The money gathered will be sent to the Propaganda, thence to be distributed amongst the different Catholic missions in Africa.

The Pope, on the 23rd ult., received the congratulations of the Cardinals upon the fifty-third anniversary of his first celebration of the Mass. In his reply he said that he deplored the war of sects against the Church, and reaffirmed the rights of the Papacy. The Pope looked well, and appeared to have fully recovered from his recent cold.

Owing to the liberality of the Comtesse de Paris, the cure of Brosse Montcaux, in the Seine et Marne, has been enabled to complete the restoration of an old church consecrated by St. Thomas a Becket in 1167. In its restored form it was re-consecrated a few days ago by the Bishop of Meaux, and the event was the occasion of a grand religious ceremony. The church possesses two old bells, one dating from the thirteenth century.

The Advent sermons of Pere Monsabre are producing a profound in the Church of St. Andrew of the Valley at Rome, whose pulpit was made famous by the eloquent Pere Ventura, who is interred in the building. Within the same sacred edifice the late Pio Nono often preached. The silver-tongued Dominican so far has treated exclusively of subjects taken from Holy Writ, and declares that his greatest consolation will be to receive the Pope's Benediction at the termination of his course of homilies.

The Catholic League of Germany, formed under the auspices of Mgr. the Prince of Loewenstein, has issued its inaugural address from Mayence, the city of St. Boniface. Its efforts are to be directed against Socialism and heresy; and the means to be employed are conferences, pamphlets, sound journalism, the personal influence of each member. The annual subscription has been fixed as law as one mark (a shilling), so that every adult Catholic in the Fatherland can join its ranks. Herr Windhorst, a former Minister of the State, is honorary president.

The Romo correspondent of the Catholic News telegraphs that Bishop Kaiser, of Green Bay Wis., has been appointed Archbishop of Milwaukee to succeed the late Archbishop Heiss; Bishop Scannell, of Condordin, Kan., has been transferred to Omaha to succeed the late Bishop O'Connor; the Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Brennan, of Dribwood, in the Diocese of Erie, Penn., has been chosen Bishop of the new Diocese of Dallas, Texas, and it has been decided that Bishop Burke, who went to Rome about a year ago to petition the Pope to relieve him of the responsibility of the Diocese of Cheyenne, Wyo., which was unable to support a Bishop, is to remain at Cheyenne.

Mgr. Elias Hoyek, the Maronite Archbishop of Area, is in Paris with the object of collecting funds for the re-establishment of the Maronite College at Rome, which after doing good work for two hundred years, was sold by the first Napoleon for 20,000 francs. In pleading his cause with French Catholics, which he does in perfect French, the Archbishop states that Leo XIII has already given the ground for the building of the new college. Mgr. Hoyek's mission is invested with additional interest from the fact that he represents a Catholic people of Lebanon, who have always been in communion with the See of Rome, and for whom successive Sovereign Pontiffs have entertained an especial predilection. It is thought Mgr. Hoyek will visit the United States and Canada.

There is at present in Rome a well organized band of robbers, whose occupation consist in plundering the strangers and natives who inhabit the Eternal City. Generally speaking, their depredations do not cause very much excitement or emotion either on the part of the plundered or the police (a Roman is not very much surprised at being robbed). The sacrilegious robbery at the Church of St. Andrea delle Fratte had, however, the effect of arousing the good people from their apathy. The well known Madonna, whose ex voto and ornaments were torn off by infamous monsters in human form, is one of the most revered in all Rome. It was in this church the Jew Katsibon was converted before the miraculous apparition of our Blessed Lady. As we have already announced, his Eminence the Cardinal-Vicar ordered an expiatory novena to be celebrated. It now appears that some of the responsibility lies with those who are charged with the care of the church. General opinion agrees that the curate interests himself far more in other people's affairs than with the care and order of his church and parish.—Rome Cor. Liverpool Catholic Times.

The clergy of Holland are at present promoting a movement for the erection of a suitable monument to Thomas a Becket at Agentenberg, near Zwoll. It is in the Augustinian Convent at Zwoll, of which his brother was abbot, that this illustrious servant of God lived, and he was a religious in 1406. He entered into priest's orders in

1413, and here he appears to have spent his whole life in seclusion. The project of raising a monument to him in this spot is worthy of praise, but, after all, his greatest and most lasting monument must ever be "The Imitation of Christ." This celebrated book has had, next to the Scripture itself, the largest number of readers of which sacred literature, ancient or modern, can furnish an example. No book, after the Holy Scripture, has been so often reprinted; none translated into so many languages. In French alone sixty distinct versions are enumerated.

On Wednesday, 4th of December, the Reverend Father Francis of Lorcio, Apostolic Preacher, commenced the Advent course of sermons before the Pontifical Court in the private apartments of the Vatican. The Apostolic preacher is always a Capuchin. He belongs to the Pontifical family, and is an especially privileged person. He preaches in the Latin tongue. This custom of preaching in Advent in the Holy Father's presence goes as far back as 1585. His Holiness assists at the sermons in a closed tribune; the Cardinals are seated in a square before the preacher; behind him are the Bishops, Prelates, heads of religious Orders, and other persons holding rank in the Pontifical Court. The sermon once commenced no one can enter; the Cardinals themselves are obliged to remain outside should they happen to arrive somewhat late. The orator is allowed the greatest liberty of speech, and we are informed the Rev. Father Francis preaches before his ecclesiastical audience with the fiery eloquence and candour of the Apostles.

The Holy Father has accorded a plot of ground at Rome for the Maronites to build a college. That nation formerly possessed a hospice for pilgrims in the Eternal City in the Via dei Maroniti, which was sequestered under the despotic sway of the first Napoleon. The Maronite property was redeemed in 1864, when Pio Nono decreed the creation of a Polish seminary, confided to the Fathers of the Resurrection. Over the entrance of the chapel of that seminary is still to be seen a beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin, with an inscription recalling the Maronites; *Veni di Libano, sponsa mea, et conveneris.* The initiative of the reconstruction of the Maronite College is due to Mgr. Doheln, Archbishop of Damascus, who came to Rome with some Bishops of his rite at the period of the Sacred Jubilee of His Holiness. The Propaganda has allocated a subvention to the good work, and the Maronite Bishops and clergy, although poor, and the Maronite convents, which are comparatively rich, have guaranteed their co-operation. In compliance with her traditions of the Catholic establishments of the Lebanon, the direction of the college will be handed over to French ecclesiastics.

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A Denial. LONDON, Dec. 28.—Wm. O'Brien telegraphs from Paris that he never wrote a line in his life for the Irish World. The article quoted in a London paper as showing O'Brien's approval of dynamite methods seems to have been taken from a contribution of his to the New York Herald. Mr. O'Brien repeats his request that the insinuation that he countenanced the dynamite policy by contributing to a paper engaged in propagating that policy be withdrawn. Both Wm. O'Brien and T. P. Gill state that they have not broken the silence observed since their arrival here and that the continued statements to the contrary appearing in the papers are fabrications. The Times declines either to withdraw its utterance in regard to Mr. O'Brien, or to apologize to him. It says, however, that it accepts his assurance that he did not contribute to the Irish World.

The League Funds. DUBLIN, December 27.—The Freeman's Journal announces that the conferences between Wm. O'Brien and Timothy Harrington have resulted in an understanding whereby the funds of the National League, now in the hands of the organization, are to be devoted to the maintenance of tenants evicted for not paying their rents under the plan of campaign inaugurated on the different estates throughout Ireland by the National League. In addition these funds will be used to assist other sufferers who are depending upon the league for support. All disbursements will be made by Messrs. Kenny and Webb, Members of Parliament, the joint treasurers of the league. It is suggested by both Messrs. O'Brien and Harrington that funds being sent to the league from America should be sent to Kenny and Webb.

PARIS, December 28.—Ex-Commoner O'Donnell has notified bankers here that the Supreme Council of the League alone is empowered to dispose of Irish Nationalist funds deposited in Paris.

A Threatening Outlook. HALIFAX, December 26.—Monsieur Howley, prefect apostolic of the west coast of Newfoundland, publishes a sensational letter in the Herald predicting that the condition of affairs over the French shore and Newfoundland fishery questions will inevitably result in war. The people of the French shore are desperate over the postponement of a settlement of their intolerable difficulties and will, he is afraid, take every means in their power to precipitate a crisis. The Monsigneur describes the critical state of affairs, and says that notwithstanding the large naval force maintained by England in those waters to prevent trouble, the occasions for a conflict between French and British fishermen occur daily during the season at scores of places along the coast. In spite of the vigilance of the warships the Newfoundlanders will find means to commit some fatal act which will force England to either fight or abandon Newfoundland. The Monsigneur adds that it is useless for England to say she won't fight over a few cod-fish while she is creating a set of circumstances which must necessarily force her into war or dishonor. The proposition to cede Burn to France cannot be entertained for a moment. Newfoundland might just as well be asked to cut out her heart and give it to France. Dr. Howley declares that the *modus vivendi* has only served to intensify the strained condition of affairs, to inflict enormous losses on Newfoundland fishermen and vastly increase the probabilities of bloodshed between the rival fishermen.

A Vile Act. DUBLIN, December 27.—The Right Rev. John Healy, bishop of Clonfert, was shot at last evening while sitting in the parlor of a parish priest whom he was visiting. The shot was fired through a window directly in line with the Bishop. It missed him and buried itself in a picture on the opposite wall. Colonel Pepoff, Chief of the Russian police, who is now at Paris, accuses the English Government of using underhand measures to hamper the Government of the Czar, of harboring Russian criminals and of fomenting discontent. He charges the Socialist Mendelsohn, now in England, with inciting the murder of General Belverskoff and with paying for the commission of the crime. Pepoff states that Mendelsohn has an annual income of 112,000 francs and that it is freely spent in the cause of Nihilism. Professor Koch says his lymph is not dangerous if properly used.

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The Recent Restrictive Order. WASHINGTON, D.C., December 29.—The Star here says that the order issued on Saturday by the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Rusk, closing all ports except St. Albans, Vt., against the importation of Canadian cattle, has caused a good deal of talk. It is stated on the highest authority that this action was taken after the matter had been discussed in the Cabinet, and is directly attributable to the Secretary of State, Mr. Blaine, who is in favor of making the commercial relations between the Dominion and the United States as obnoxious as possible, with a view to bringing about a settlement of the Behring Sea negotiations. He hopes to be able to force the Dominion Government into making concessions, and in return will induce the Government to relax some of its regulations. The authority under which Secretary Rusk acts is invested in him by the act passed last August providing for the exportation and importation of cattle and making regulations therefor. He has, however, power to make, alter or suspend regulations, and legally can act on his own authority and without consultation with any one, but it is not believed he would have taken such an important step without first having ascertained the views of the President and the rest of the Cabinet. Secretary Rusk said the order was imperative because Canada did not properly inspect cattle for export, and cattle sent from Canada via the United States to England had been seized on arrival, thus creating the impression that it was American and not Canadian cattle which had been exported in an unhealthy condition. England, he added, had recently made some very stringent regulations regarding the importation of cattle, and as a matter of self-protection the United States had to do the same thing. The Secretary was asked whether international politics did not have something to do with the order, but he declined to enter into that phase of the question, and reiterated his former assertion that the order was issued purely as a matter of business to the great cattle growing interests of the country.

COMMERCIAL. Grain. There has been little change in the position of the grain market since our last report. We quote—No. 2 hard Manitoba, \$1.21 1/2; peas, 1.12 1/2; corn, 70c; wheat, 1.10; rye, 85c; clover, 1.10; timothy, 1.10; alfalfa, 1.10; hay, 1.10; straw, 1.10. The flour market was very quiet to-day, in fact there was nothing doing at all and prices are unchanged. Patent spring, \$3.70-\$5.00; Patent winter, \$3.10-\$5.00; Straight roller, \$4.75-\$5.00; Extra, \$4.00-\$5.00; Superior, \$3.00-\$4.00; Fine, \$2.50-\$3.50; City strong bakers, \$3.50-\$5.00; Strong bakers, \$3.50-\$5.00; Superfine bakers, \$1.75-\$2.10; Extra, \$2.00-\$2.10; Fine bags, \$1.50-\$1.60; Oatmeal, standard, per bush, \$2.50-\$3.00; Oatmeal, granulated, \$2.40-\$2.50; Oatmeal, rolled, \$2.40-\$2.50. Butter. The market shows no change and business was quiet. Choice late made creamery, 22c-23c; earlier makes, 20c-22c; Townships Dairy, 18c-20c; Western rolls, 18c-20c; Choice Western, 14c-16c; Medium grades, 10c-12c. Cheese. The cheese market shows little or no change. Stocks are still fairly large in view of the New Year's trade. American cheese continues quiet and the demand is in the lower grades. Premium cream cheese being neglected; holders are very firm, as are the ordinarily expect higher prices. Markets on the other side are advancing and stocks in countries where business is very small. New York quotation is 95c c.t.f., being 4c below corresponding period of last year. Finest white and colored, 5-6 to 6 1/2; fine, 5 1/2 to 5; medium, 5 to 5 1/2; best, 4 1/2 to 5; 9c; Medium grades, 4c-5c; Cable, 5c. Provisions. Prices are practically unchanged. Canadian short cut, per bush, \$15.50-\$15.50; Moss pork, western, per bush, \$18.00-\$18.00; Short cut, western, per bush, \$18.00-\$18.00; Hires, city cured, per bush, 10c-11c; Hires, canvased, per bush, 10c-11c; Lard, Canadian, in pairs, 8c-9c; Bacon, per lb, 10c-11c; Lard, common refined, 8c-9c. Eggs. We quote: Lined 22c-23c, fresh 25c-27c, and held 22c-23c, according to quality. Dressed Hogs. The demand has not been over brisk, but the feeling continues strong, \$5.00-\$5.10 being the range, the outside being paid for choice fresh killed light weights. Leather. The quiet feeling in this market continues and until after the middle of next month no improvement is looked for. Poultry and Game. There was a holiday demand for everything in the poultry line, and many orders had to be refused. Turkeys were all picked up early at prices ranging from 10c-12c, the outside being paid in many instances, for birds of only fair quality. These also sold freely at 10c-12c, but chickens were not in such good demand and prices were if anything a trifle easy at 7c-7 1/2. Ducks sold fairly well at 10c-10 1/2. Partridge were scarce, any offering bringing 50c-60c per brace. Hares sold at 30c-35c, and squirrels at 20c-25c. There is a scarcity looming up. Hay and Straw. Good timothy sells at \$3 to \$3.50 per 100 bundles, and inferior qualities are worth \$2.50-\$3.00. Straw brings \$1.25 per 100 bundles. Fresh hay, No. 1, is quoted at \$3.50 and No. 2, \$2.50-\$3.00. There is no change to note in the feed market since our last report. The demand continues fair and prices are the same. We quote: Month, best quality, \$2.25-\$2.50; 2, \$2.25-\$2.50; inferior, \$1.50-\$2.00; shorts, \$1.50-\$2.00; middlings, \$2.25-\$2.50; bran, \$1.75-\$2.00.

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