

# NEWS AND LIMERICK AND CLARE ADVOCATE SATURDAY

## TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCHES

[FROM THE CENTRAL NEWS].  
Mr Harvey Lewis, M.P. Marylebone, is dangerously ill in Paris. Sir William Gull is in attendance.

Mr E J Reed was, late last night, adopted by the Liberal Committee as candidate for Hull, subject to approval of the meeting of Liberal electors on Monday next.

The insurgents of Carthage, undeterred by their ill-luck at Alicante, are fitting out a squadron to attack and bombard Valencia. The squadron in possession of the Madrid Government will be shortly ready to engage the insurgent ships.

The Pope has been waited on by 300 members of Catholic societies, to whom his Holiness stated that his enemies were endeavouring to induce him to leave Rome, but he would never do so. He encouraged his audience to hope for the future, especially as confusion had already entered into the enemy's camp.

The "Nation" states the requisition for the great national conference on the subject of Home Rule will be ready for general circulation on next Monday. That paper adds that even already the requisition would create a profound impression on public opinion by reason of the array of the signatures appended to it, by Members of Parliament, Deputy Lieutenants, Mayors of Corporations, Magistrates, Jivis Representatives, and dignitaries of the Catholic and Protestant Churches.

The "Irishman" contains an article warmly appealing to the electors to return John Mitchell for some constituency. That Journal is quite prepared to learn that a number of other constituencies are desirous of the honours of being represented by the distinguished Exile, and it is quite competent for a number of constituencies to return the same representative.

Thursday being the anniversary of the Plebiscite at Rome, the Pope received three hundred of the Catholic societies. In his speech, replying to their address, he compared them to the three hundred Gideonites (*vide Judges 7th*), and encouraged them to hope for better times, more especially since confusion had already entered the camp of the enemy. After the reception had concluded his Holiness, speaking with some of the members of the deputation, they said they wished to induce me to leave Rome, when his Holiness said "but I never will."

Yesterday in the Dublin Recorder's Court John O'Farrell, charged with a series of daring burglaries, and who had been examined as a witness against O'Kelly who was charged with the attempted murder of Murphy, the cashier of an Irishman, in October last, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.

The Queen's proclamation, further preroguing Parliament to Tuesday, 16th December, appeared in last night's "Gazette." The

## MELANCHOLY DEATH BY DROWNING AT THE LAX WEIR.

SOME time since John Connors, the celebrated fishing-cot builder of Castleconnell, obtained a decree in the Mayor's Court against a professional angler named John M'Mahon, for a sum of three shillings, being the balance of a larger amount due by the defendant for a cot built for him during the past season. On yesterday morning Connors procured the services of two of the Mayor's officers, Hammond and Purcell, and they proceeded to the mill-slip at Corbally to seize M'Mahon's cot, under the decree. They found the boat there, and having made the seizure, Hammond advised that it should be placed on a car and brought to some place for sale—if the debt was not paid—in the city. Connors objected, and said that he would paddle the boat down to the Abbey slip, from which she could be removed with less expense, and he required the officers to proceed with him in that way. Purcell refused, but Hammond agreed to go, and Connors having procured a paddle—which, it is stated, was a bad one—they started from the shore. As some of our readers may not be acquainted with the locality, it is necessary to state that to go down to the Abbey from the mill-slip by water, the boat must pass through the Lax Weir, and the only passage at low water is the Queen's Gap, an opening of some 40 feet wide, and through which the water rushes with tremendous rapidity. The river is at present some six feet higher than usual, even at low water, being swollen by the recent heavy rains, and the stream through every part of the Weir is enormous. Connors, instead of going right across the current from the slip, until opposite the gap, and then running straight for it, took an oblique course that brought his boat broadside on to the current. Either the paddle was too weak to guide the cot—and most probably it was, as Connors was one of the best paddlemen on the river—or the stream was too powerful for him, as he was a man of at least sixty years of age, but whatever was the cause, he lost command of her, and she was swept with lightning swiftness against one of the cribs to the south of the Gap. Both men were instantly flung out of the frail craft by the concussion, and she was smashed to pieces. Hammond clung desperately to the crib bars, half of his body in the water; and he was fortunately seized by Mr Joseph Robinson and some of his men who happened to be near, and hauled up. Poor Connors was whirled through the crib bars at once, and no more was seen of him until his arms were perceived twice raised above the current some thirty yards below the weir, when he sank out of sight. A boat was instantly launched, but those in it could find no trace of him. It is surmised that Connors must have sustained some injury against the weir when he struck it, as he apparently made little struggle to save himself after he passed through the crib. No trace of the body has yet been found though every search has been made.

## ARRIVAL OF THE HON. GERALD AND LADY LOUISA DILLON AT MOUNTSHANNON.

WITHIN our own remembrances, no mansion and grounds of nobleman or gentleman, in this county or any other in Munster, have been oftener tributary to benevolent and popular pleasures than those at which heralded by acclamation Lady

## CITY PETTY SESSIONS—YESTERDAY

[Before the Right Worshipful J J CLEA in the chair, Aid. O'CALLAGHAN, ROGERS, JOHN McDONNELL, WILLIAM FELIX J MCCARTHY, R.M., and T. BYCE A CURIOUS CASE.

A respectable looking man named Clancy was put forward under the following circumstance. Constable Abercrombie dep on Monday night, while on patrol about 11 o'clock he was called on by Mr Farlow, of Cat who said that there was a man in the house who asked him to get him out of his house. He went there and found Clancy in a state of excitement and threatening to throw him out of the window. He was exceedingly violent.

The defendant said that he had gone to bed on Monday evening, and being very tired he retired to bed. During the night he got a nervous attack, he was subject, and that was the cause of the affair. He sent for the police himself, when they came up he was worse in the fit.

Mayor—Perhaps you were tipsy?  
Head Constable Robinson—Oh no, doctor who attended him last night said stomach affection.

Mr Clancy—I am subject to nervous fits and came here from America to try to get rid of them.

Mayor—What employment are you in?

Mr Clancy—I am in no employment at present, sir. I am going to go back to America in five days.

Mr Phayer—What business are you in America?

Mr Clancy—I am in the liquor business. Mr Farlow deposed that Mr Clancy had been early, and was quite sober. It must have been the defendant got through the night.

Their Worships believed there was a robbery from the railway.

Two lads named Brown and Holohan were with having stolen some irons out of the goods of the Waterford and Limerick Railway application of Head-constable Robinson then remanded for a week, in order to get further evidence.

THE CASE AGAINST CHRISTOPHER KING. He contradicted the Head-constable and said he was not drunk on the occasion.

Mr Ryan said that Mr King had gone directly after the case had concluded on Mr Ryan was under the impression that the watchman appear without a summons.

Christopher King appeared on remand the charge of drunkenness preferred against Head-constable Robinson.

Mr Ryan, solicitor, said that he appeared for King, and the charge against him was a serious one. On last Monday the case was to give Mr King an opportunity of briefs for his defence. Unfortunately had not come into town until that morning watchman whom he wished to have as a witness refused to come without a summons. Under the circumstances he would ask their Worships to stand the case.

Mr McCarthy—He was told that he could be the man summoned on the last day. He had no time, and there was no excuse for remanding Head-constable Robinson—I will show the watchman that he did not leave town immediately. King—I left in the evening. I felt wronged, and that was why I asked to stand the case adjourned.

Mr Ryan—It is a simple charge of drunkenness and perhaps it would be better for your to dispose of it, and not be bringing Mr King again on another day.