

MISCELLANEOUS.

A Semlin telegram says ex-Colonel Valentine Baker has passed down the Danube on his way to Constantinople.

The New York papers publish intelligence announcing that an insurrection has broken out in the northern part of San Domingo. Puerta Plata is said to be surrounded by the rebels.

The French mission chapel at Ning Kow Foo, in the province of Ugan Hosi, China, has been attacked by the populace during the celebration of Mass. The officiating priest and many of the congregation were killed.

Saturday evening's *Official Journal* publishes a decree of Marshal MacMahon, granting full pardon or remission of their sentences to 161 persons undergoing various terms of imprisonment for participation in the outrages committed during the Commune.

From Santo Domingo, via Valparaiso, we have intelligence that the political situation of the Dominion is, as usual, unsettled, hostilities having broken out in several places. Business was paralyzed, and the provinces of the Cibao were declared by the Government to be in a state of siege.

The French Chambers assembled on Saturday afternoon, when a decree of Marshal MacMahon, proroguing them *sine die*, was read—first in the Senate, and subsequently in the Chamber of Deputies. M. Dufaure was congratulated by his colleagues upon his election as senator for life.

The New York papers publish a report from Cuba, asserting that the Cuban insurgents had fired a small fort in the Cienfuegos district, burning the garrison of 14 men who had occupied it.

A Shanghai letter says it seems possible we may be driven to compel the Chinese Government to make reparation for the Yanau outrage. The recent enquiry failed to disclose the instigator. Sir T. Wade is gone to Shanghai having, it is said, something like an ultimatum to lay before the Central Government.

The Ottoman Embassy in London has issued a document denying the report that the Turkish troops set fire to Bulgarian villages with petroleum, and alleging that the Servians had burnt sixty villages containing mixed populations.

The *Times* says the Viceregal financial resolution, suspending all public works in India, in consequence of the state of the revenue, has not been favourably received by the Press or public. The report that Lord Lytton will resign next year gains strength daily, and is now very generally believed.

A great temperance demonstration took place at Hull on Saturday evening. There was an immense procession, and the crowd divided into four meetings. Sir Wilfred Lawson, who was the principal speaker, predicted that in two or three years Ireland would follow the example of Scotland and close public-houses on Sundays, and when Scotland and Ireland got that boon he thought the time will not be long coming for England.

LATEST NEWS.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAMS).

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

Parliament was prorogued to-day by the Lords Commissioners. The Lord Chancellor read

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

"MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,—

"I am happy to be able to release you from your attendance in Parliament. My relations with all foreign Powers are of a friendly character, and I look forward confidently to the maintenance of the good understanding which now prevails.

"The efforts which, in common with the other Powers, I have made to bring about a settlement of all the differences unfortunately existing between the Porte and its Christian subjects in Bosnia and Herzegovina have hitherto been unsuccessful, and the conflict begun in those provinces has been extended to Servia and Montenegro. Should a favourable opportunity present itself I shall be ready, in concert with my allies, to offer my good offices for the purpose of mediation between the contending parties, bearing in mind alike the duties imposed upon me by treaty obligations and those which arise from considerations of humanity and policy.

"A difference has arisen between my Government and that of the United States as to the proper construction of that article of the treaty of 9th August, 1842, which relates to the mutual surrender of prisoners accused of certain offences. The inconveniences to both countries which would follow on a cessation of the practice of extradition are great and obvious, and I entertain the hope that a new arrangement may soon be arrived at by which this matter may be placed on a satisfactory policy.

"I am deeply thankful that my dear son, the Prince of Wales, has returned in good health from his lengthened journey through India. His presence in that part of my dominion has given occasion for the expression of feelings of loyalty and devotion to my throne which I highly value. In pursuance of the power conferred upon me I have, by proclamation, assumed the title of Empress of India. In making this addition to the ancient style of my Crown I have desired to record on an occasion of peculiar interest to me the earnest solicitude which I feel for the happiness of my Indian people.

THE LATE DR. LIVINGSTONE.

A bronze statue of Dr. Livingstone was unveiled at Edinburgh this afternoon by the Lord Provost in presence of a large assembly.

DEATH OF THE EARL OF LONSDALE.

The Earl of Lonsdale died at Whitehaven Castle this morning.

DONEGAL ELECTION.

The Speaker's warrant for a writ for Donegal election arrived in Dublin to-day, and was forwarded to the Sheriff.

MONETARY.

Consols  $\frac{1}{2}$  lower.

All post-office orders, letters of credit, and communications generally, should be addressed to the Proprietor, WILLIAM HOSFORD.

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THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 15, 1876.

LIMERICK CORPORATION.—The weekly meeting of the improvement department of the Corporation was held to-day in the city treasurer's office, Town Hall. Alderman Myles presided, and the other members present were:—Mr. Richard Phillips, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. John Hayes, and Mr. Michael Molony. The business transacted was confined to the passing of cheques for the past week's expenditure, and other minor matters of detail.

We regret exceedingly to have to announce the death of the Rev. John M. Maguire, rector of Kilkeedy, which melancholy event took place this morning, after a brief illness.

A special meeting of the Limerick and Clare Farmers' Club was held this afternoon, Mr. Matthew O'Flaherty president of the Club in the chair, and the other members present being—Messrs. William H. O'Sullivan, M.P., Joseph Gubbins, James Starkie, &c. A resolution expressive of confidence in the Parliamentary action of Mr. Isaac Butt, M.P., was unanimously adopted.

A man named John Hickey, a leather cutter, in the employment of Mr. Michael Griffin, Patrick-street, was accidentally drowned on Sunday night, by falling into the river, close to Harvey's-quay. At the inquest held yesterday before Mr. Matthew H. De Courcy, city coroner, Night Watchman Doherty, whose action in the matter

to the time the chain should be extended across the road and witness had frequently seen passengers cross the chain and go over the bridge previous to its being altogether closed.

Re-examined by Mr. Dundon, witness admitted that the inference to the printed rule relative to the opening of the swivel bridge was that the chain should be extended whenever the bridge was not closed. He did not think that the men in charge of the bridge had any discretion in extending the chain, but if they did not attend to its being placed across the road before the bridge was opened, they would be guilty of neglect of duty. He never knew a single instance in which any person was prosecuted for crossing the chain while the swivel bridge was being opened or closed.

William Fitzgerald stated that he saw the deceased about 11 o'clock on Sunday approaching from the Limerick side, the swivel bridge which was being opened at the time. There was no chain across the bridge at the Clare side, nor did witness see one across at the Limerick side. Witness saw a pony and phaeton drive across the swivel bridge at the Limerick side, where the chain was broken. The deceased fell into the river off the swivel bridge which was opened about eighteen inches or two feet when the accident occurred. It was a few minutes after the accident that witness saw the pony and phaeton break the chain at the Limerick side. There were several passengers on the bridge when Ryan fell into the river.

In answer to a juror, witness said that from the time the man fell into the river until the pony and phaeton passed over, the men in charge of the bridge could easily have fastened the chain.

Nicholas Slattery did not notice any chains across the swivel bridge. They might have been there, but he did not remark them.

Michael Murphy drove a pony and phaeton over the bridge on Sunday about half past eleven o'clock from the Clare side. There was no chain across that side of the bridge. The chain at the Limerick side was so low that the pony stepped over it. The wheels of the phaeton caused the chain to snap.

William Ryan, an official in the employment of the Board of Works, fastened the chain at the Limerick side and called upon the people to come off the bridge.

Some formal evidence having been given, the jury after deliberating for three quarters of an hour found "That the said Michael Ryan came by his death by drowning, at the Wellesley Bridge, in the river Shannon, on the 13th instant. The jury are of opinion that the men employed to care the bridge are guilty of neglect in allowing persons to stand on the bridge while being opened."

THEATRE ROYAL.

Last evening Mr. William Duck's "Our Boys" Company commenced a brief season of five nights at the Theatre Royal under very encouraging circumstances. Despite the almost unprecedentedly high figure registered in the shade by the thermometer, and the consequent sweltry condition