

vant's room, was found to be crying, and simply stated that he had been frightened. On being questioned the little fellow said the fright had been caused by a strange man looking through the bed-room window. He could not describe the man's appearance. A jemmy left by the burglars in Lady Miles's dressing-room, though not required for the safe, which was left unlocked, had been used to force open a jewel casket, from which some of the most valuable jewels were secured.

One theory is that, as the doors of the large hall were left open, one of the burglars might have boldly entered the hall, risking his being taken for a visitor, and thus got into the bed-room and lowered the spoil through the dressing-room window to a companion outside, by means of the rope found in the room, and then made his escape through the hall, as there are no traces of a ladder having been placed against the window.

Lady Miles is the sister of Sir David Hoche, and the widow of "Old Sir Philip" Miles, who for some years represented East Somersetshire in Parliament. The present baronet, who was dining with his mother when the burglary occurred, is only just 19.

WRECK OF A CAPE MAIL STEAMER.

PASSENGERS RESCUED.

Telegrams from Lloyd's agent at Lisbon state that the steamer Nubian, belonging to the Union Steamship Company, for Southampton for Cape Town in entering the harbour on Tuesday night during a fog, grounded nearly on the top of high water on rocks on the south side of the Tagus. She was badly damaged, and as the tide fell the decks forward were covered with water, and the engine-room filled. The ship went aground right forward, and at a part of the shore where the beach shelves suddenly into deep water. Her passengers and mails were landed immediately after the accident. During the night the steamer gradually filled and sank. The topmasts alone are above water, close to the shore. The place of the accident is half a mile above the quarantine station.

AFFAIRS IN WEST AFRICA.

A party of Boers who recently arrived at Mosamedes in the southern portion of Portuguese West Africa, on board a steamer freighted by them at Capetown, have since been engaged in hunting expeditions, and in helping the Portuguese to reduce unruly natives to submission. They are men of a restless and daring character, and are believed to be the pioneers of a very large migratory expedition or "trek," which is coming to Angola overland, from the Transvaal.

It will be interesting to compare the amount of personalty left by the late Lord Tennyson (£57,000) with the amounts left by other poets who have died of late years. Victor Hugo, who lived to the same age as the Poet Laureate, had personal estate in this country to the amount of £92,000. Browning left nearly £17,000; Dr Charles Mackay, £2,630; Eliza Cook, £5,057; Matthew Arnold, £1,041.

Max O'Rell is bringing to a close in Australia what must have been one of his most successful tours, for ever since he has been in that country he has lectured to a succession of large and enthusiastic audiences. Among his Antipodean experiences he now reckons "Melbourne Cup Day," a sight which he describes as one of the racing spectacles of the world. He was astounded at the "galaxy of beautiful women" he met in the enclosure, though he laments that the days when "white silk dresses, trimmed with diamonds," were worn have passed by.

A correspondent writes:—No one who considers the advanced age of the Queen, and the

of Mr. Wm. Scales, who for the last twenty years has been Clerk in charge of Clock Room, Limerick Terminus, and who is now incapacitated from any further work owing to old age and general infirmity.

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BIRTHS.

Gaffney—December 21, at Simla, Glenbrooke, Cork, the wife of Thomas Burke Gaffney of a daughter.

Sweeny—December 18, at Dalifield House, Castle-rea, County Roscommon, the wife of M G Sweeny of a son.

Morgan—December 14, at 14 Clifton place, Brighton, the wife of the Rev J Morgan of a daughter.

Molony—December 13, at the Belvedere Private Hotel, 21 Great Denmark street, Dublin, the wife of H D Molony of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Haig and Ferrar—On the 24th November, at Christ Church, Gorakhpur, India, by the Rev J. Mapletoft Paterson (cousin to the bride), assisted by the Rev H. Stern, Lieutenant Wolsley Haig, Staff Corps, Berar Commission, elder son of the late Major R. W. Haig, R.A., F.R.S., to Beatrice, elder daughter of Michael Lloyd Ferrar, Esq., J.P., I.C.S., Commissioner of the Gorakhpur Division, N.W.P. India.

McDonald and Robertson—December 17, at St Stephen's Church, South Kensington, by the Rev P J Waldo, assisted by the Rev G Bressford, Major Sir Claude Maxwell McDonald, K C M G, High and Light Infantry, to Ethel, widow of P Craigie Robertson, Indian Political Service, and daughter of the late Major W Cairns Armstrong, East Yorkshire Regiment.

DEATHS.

Spillane—December 21st, at 67 George street, Frank, the beloved son of Wm Spillane. Funeral on Friday morning at 9-30 o'clock for Mount St. Laurence.

Wilkinson—December 22nd, at Friarstown House, County Limerick, Henry Purdon Wilkinson, aged 89 years.

Carroll—December 21, Michael Carroll, at his residence, 16 Buchanan street, Liverpool, late cattle salesman of Liverpool and Dublin.

Clancy—December 21, Mary Teresa, the beloved wife of B A Clancy, V S, Brownstown Lodge, Curragh Camp.

Lamb—December 19, at 31 Grosvenor place, Rath-mines, Dublin, Alice, the beloved wife of William Lamb, LL.D.

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