

rich in silk and delicate lace, is said to be the most dressmakers green with envy—emotion.

**PLEASANT FOR THE PASSENGER.**  
A flowing incident happened at a railway station in Russia some months ago, says "Cassel's Journal." A train was just on its journey, when a passenger who had alighted a few minutes before called to the porter on the platform. "Can you tell me," he asked, pointing to a group of soldiers present and a band playing, "the meaning of this?" "No," said the station official, "I may say you are standing in the train in which a carriage has been reserved for the Czar; but (in strict confidence) the party will leave an hour later. Thus he will be the plot hatched by his enemies against the Czar, and all will be well with him." And the porter went off as the passenger settled down to his journey.

**ROBBER'S RICH HAUL.**  
A wayman, noticing that Mrs. John Cornish, of New York, was wearing jewels worth about £5,000, followed her as she left a Fifth Avenue restaurant with her husband. He fired twice with a revolver, wounding Mrs. Cornish, becoming terrified, tossed £1,000 worth of jewels to the robber, begging him not to shoot. The man escaped.

**A SILENT TRIAL.**  
The first silent case known at Marlborough-street Police Court for years was before Mr. Denman yesterday. A woman was placed in the dock charged with being drunk and disorderly. Anticipating that she was deaf and dumb, but that the interpreter would interpret for her. The sister came and stood by the dock, while friends and relations made frantic signs and murmurs from the gallery. After waiting patiently for the verdict, Mr. Denman discovered that the interpreter "was also deaf and dumb." No one being able to interpret by means of the usual dumb "language," Mr. Denman ascertained that the charge was trivial, and waving his hand to dismiss the prisoner. The woman left the court in a kind of fandango, with one hand up and the other waving vigorously.

**STRANGE—BUT TRUE.**  
A Londoner in the Spring last week a labouring man was arrested for assaulting the police on December 4, twelve years ago.—A fox, at its last moments, attracted the attentions of the Warwickshire hunt, dashed upstairs into the bedroom of a lady, and was followed by a hound, which turned the lady into the parlour, where the others of the hunt were. The cottage furniture was overturned in the encounter.—John Williams, a man of eighty-three years, was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour at Kent Assizes for stealing sheep from a field at Beckenham. Mr. Justice Mellor said that the prisoner had spent twelve-four years in prison.—Prior to James Williams being sentenced two to months' hard labour for street ruffianism, it was

a view to organising a Horse, Cattle, and Sheep Show for that district. A show is also being organised at Epping. The County Agricultural Committee have decided to assist both.

Captain L. J. Lispett, Royal Irish Regiment, Fermoy, has been ordered to embark for South Africa about the 18th March in order to take up his appointment as D.A.Q.M.G., Transvaal District.

Mrs. O'Brien returns thanks to the Secretary of the Protestant Orphan Society for £3. Also to the Messrs Cannock & Company for the decorations for the Cusack Concert, held in aid of Barrington's Hospital.

A Queen's Island artizan named Thomas Archibald, was at the Belfast Recorder's Court on Saturday awarded £15 damages in an action brought by him against the Great Northern Railway Company for assault and imprisonment.

The announcement of the resignation of the Very Rev. the Dean of Ossory has been received with much regret. Dean Lyons has felt compelled to adopt this course owing to failing health, resulting from a serious operation.

At Thursday's meeting of the Corporation, the appointment of gardener for the Peoples' Park in room of the late Mr. W. Bourke, will be made. The application of Mr. A. B. Baker, Secretary of the Gas Committee, for a superannuation allowance will also be considered.

The Tipperary divorce case of Hannan v. Hannan, in which Mrs. Hannan sought a decree for separation from her husband, a creamery manager in the Glen of Aherlow, was concluded yesterday the jury were unable to agree, and were discharged.

A motorist named Woodroffe while on his way from Athlone to Dublin on Friday met with a mishap near Lucan. The hand axle of his machine snapped, and he was obliged to fall back on the services of a plough horse to drag it as far as the Lucan Hotel pending repairs.

The death has taken place at his residence, Newenham street, of Miss Corbett, sister of the Most Rev. Dr. Corbett, of Sale, Australia, who received the freedom of Limerick on the occasion of his visit here some years ago. Miss Corbett had been ailing for a considerable time.

Lord Howard de Walden has very kindly given permission to the London General Committee of the Royal Irish Industries Association to hold their annual St. Patrick's Day Sale this year at Seaford House, Belgrave Square, London. The sale will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 17th and 18th.

Two Italian ice cream vendors named Borzsa and Gocei were, at Drogheda on Saturday sent for trial to the assizes on a charge of stabbing two men named Donnelly and Finnegan in the course of a street row. Finnegan was gashed and Donnelly received wounds in his shoulder and a back.

Owing to the death of Mr. Livingstone, of the Connaught Rangers, who died from the result of a fall in the hunting field, the Westmeath Hunt Ball which was to have been held on Friday next, at Knockdin Castle, the residence of Sir Richard Levinge, has been abandoned.

At the quarterly meeting of the North Tipperary Council, the jail premises, containing buildings and six acres of land, with an enclosure, were finally transferred to the Sisters of Mercy, Nenagh, at a nominal rent of £1 a year. The lands outside the wall, containing 1½ acres, are also transferred to the nuns.

Patrick John Carroll, a corporal in the Royal Garrison Artillery at Jersey, who had been home on furlough, at Freigh, Miltown Malbay, County

and stealing 26ft of lead pipe.

The old man who has lived a long time in Northamptonshire for twenty years wild fruit, berries, the heads of potatoes, turnips, and mangolds, has been moved to prison.

The forthcoming publication (says the "Figaro" in a Rome Pontifical document concerning problems expected to arise from the separation of Church and State in France.

The latest additions to the collections of English thoroughbred horses in the Natural History Department of the Museum is the skeleton of a winner of the Derby and St. Leger.

A telegram from Hobart states that a seaman named Lars, survivor of the British barque "The Birnie" which was wrecked near Port Phillip, lived for fourteen weeks on tinned food.

A young woman living in the Rue de la Republique, Paris, fell from a window, turned a complete somersault, crashed through the glass of a terrace, and alighted quite unhurt on a table.

For the first time in its history, the Congress suspended business to honour the memory of a woman, Miss Frances Willard, the great advocate of temperance.

The funeral of the Grand Duke Alexander will take place on the 23rd instant. It will be of a quiet character, as other members of the Imperial family will not attend, but will attend a memorial service at Tsarskoe Selo.

Count Okuma, an ex-Premier of Japan, in an article in the "North American Review" states that on account of his opposition to allowing foreigners to own land in Japan was the victim of a bomb which resulted in his losing a leg.

A magisterial inquiry was opened yesterday in connection with the alleged case, in which Sarah Anne Pearson Black was charged with the murder of a woman, Alice Pearson, at Mulagh, Armagh, on the 27th June last.

The five Clyde shipbuilders on the Clyde list this week sent in tenders, plans for a new Royal yacht for his Majesty King Edward. The yacht will be small, last one built, and it is understood that the engines are to be specified for.

Dr. Harper, the President of the University of Toronto, who has received from the Government nearly fifteen million dollars for the university, is seriously ill with an ailment which it is feared is cancer, and will undergo an operation on Wednesday.

In one of the pockets of Mr. Pakenham, whose body was found on the beach at Folkestone, was a letter which he could not "stand this awful longer, and must end it." The jury returned a verdict of suicide whilst tempora

John Williams, aged eighty-three, was sentenced to eighteen months' hard labour at Kent Assizes for stealing three horses from a field at Beckenham. Mr. Justice Mellor said that the prisoner had spent twelve-four years in prison, and now had to serve on an unexpired term of penal