

oped that the recent Press laws, as also the firm action of the authorities, would have stayed the evil. It would appear that even more stringent measures are needed if the revolutionary fiend is to be kept under. The latest move of the Indian anarchist is the mutilation of the statue of Queen Victoria in the public gardens at Nagpur. To the European mind this may, perhaps, appear a very serious form of offence. In the East, however, where the monuments and tombs of the departed are held by a very large portion of the community in the deepest reverence there is a disquieting feature in the act which cannot be overlooked. Up to the present the offenders have not been apprehended. There is little likelihood of their so being, and if the native finds that such insults can be offered to our rule with impunity there will be many more such instances of native contempt. We are not suggesting that at present there is any real cause for alarm. The Viceroy and his Council are armed with ample power to deal quite effectively with the present state of affairs. If they are deemed insufficient, and more stringent measures are necessary, there is little likelihood of opposition from Downing street.

HOUSE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

And Wrecked.

An incident of an alarming nature occurred at Kilmac, near Cork, on Thursday night, when during a heavy thunder storm the house of a farmer named Denis Murphy was struck by lightning and completely wrecked. Mr Murphy and five other occupants of the house, including his wife and sister, were sitting down to tea, when a lurid flash of lightning illuminated the place. Almost instantly there was a great crash and the western portion of the dwelling collapsed. The inhabitants rushed towards the door, which they found great difficulty in opening owing to the falling debris. Just as the parties got into the roadway the eastern side of the house collapsed, and in a brief space of time the residence became a mass of ruins.

RUMOURED ROYAL ENGAGEMENT.

It is said that Princess Victoria, the unmarried daughter of the King and Queen, has become engaged to the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, and that the formal engagement will be announced at an early date. The Grand Duke, it will be remembered, left Sandringham rather hurriedly for St. Petersburg last week and the reason given is that he was anxious to secure the consent of the Czar.

BAND PROMENADES IN KILKEE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The project of establishing a brass and reed band in connection with the Kilrush Temperance Society, so happily inaugurated by the Rev. P. Scanlan, O.C., will, it is to be hoped, meet with the most cordial approval and support of all parties in West Clare, more especially in Kilkee. The band would be so much appreciated

Dr. Hickey gave evidence on behalf of the prosecution, and said the parties had been noticed several times, but without avail. He said, however, he did not want to press the case, and as a result the defendants were let off with a fine of one penny and costs.

LAMPLESS VEHICLES.

Constable Monaghan, of Doonbeg, had the following parties summoned for having in use unlighted vehicles after lighting up time, and in each case a fine of one shilling and costs was imposed—Patrick Cuninghame, Carrigmore South; Simon Houlahan, Cloonmore; Patrick McCarthy, Mount Rivers; Michael Boland, Doonmore; John Murray (Pat), Doonbeg, and Simon Houlahan, Glaseloun.

Town Court.

Martin Russell and Pat Houlahan, at the suit of Constable Flood, for being drunk on the public street on the 10th and 11th inst. respectively, were fined 1s. and 1s. costs each for seven days.

MR. BIRRELL ON LICENSING BILL.

Suffragettes Interrupt.

Mr. Birrell addressed a meeting at Bristol on Saturday in support of the Licensing Bill. He was interrupted by Suffragettes in different parts of the Hall, and altogether seven were ejected after struggling frantically with the stewards. The audience were so incensed at the conduct of the ladies that they shouted that violence be used towards them. Mr. Birrell said he was not sanguine as to the attitude of the House of Lords respecting the Bill, but if they stood between the people and their desire for sobriety the blood must be on their heads. Mr. A. Henderson, M.P., also spoke.

DEATH OF MRS. M. NUNAN.

The death took place rather suddenly yesterday morning of Mrs. Mary Anne Nunan, Cornmarket Row. The deceased had been in her usual health on Sunday, but at 3 o'clock yesterday morning she took ill and died soon after, being attended to by Dr. Mulcahy and a priest. Deep sympathy is expressed with her husband, Mr. Wm. Nunan, and family, in their great sorrow.

MANY CLAIMS TO £50,000

A Belfast firm of solicitors, acting for the next-of-kin of a North of Ireland man named Edward McQuirk, who recently died in America, leaving a fortune of over £50,000, are being inundated with inquiries from claimants to the estate from all parts of Ireland. One of the claimants is an hotel employe in Newcastle, County Down; another is a Belfast billiard-marker, a third is an Armagh photographer, while a fourth is a Belfast bar manageress.

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