



FOREIGN NEWS.

MATTERS OF INTEREST IN MANY LANDS.

MR. PARNELL TO BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN HIS STATEMENTS IN PARIS—THE LAND LEAGUE AND ORGANIZED CRIME—LADY FLORENCE DIXIE'S STORY NOT WELL RECEIVED—PRUSSIA AND THE VATICAN.

Mr. Parnell's object in visiting Paris is explained in the London cable letter to THE TRIBUNE. Some of his statements concerning Irish matters have attracted much attention in London, and he will be asked in Parliament either to confirm or deny them. The conviction of the "Patriotic Brotherhood" has supplied a fresh link between the Land League and organized crime. The recent explosion in London did not create a panic. Englishmen regard with wonder the toleration in the United States of the open advocacy of murder and the destruction of property. Public opinion in England is divided as to whether the reported assault on Lady Florence Dixie was invented or exaggerated. Queen Victoria's lameness was not sufficient to prevent walking. Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Lowell are visiting Lord Granville's brother, Lord Spencer, who will remain in the Cabinet without any other office than that of Viceroy of Ireland. It is not settled whether Lord Carlingford, as Lord President of the Council, will act as Minister of Agriculture, nor whether a new appointment will be made for the Privy Seal. The papers continue to announce that it is probable that this office will be conferred upon Lord Rosebery, but no such offer has yet been made. The Spectator observes that Lord Rosebery's keen intelligence and knowledge of the world would make him a valuable addition to the Cabinet.

LEGISLATIVE PROSPECTS.

The prospects of legislation during the remainder of the session are extremely uncertain. The Ministry hope to carry the Bankruptcy bill, a measure formed on sound principles, for which Mr. Chamberlain has shrewdly contrived to obtain precedence. It was introduced by him on Monday in a clear and able speech. It seems to be agreed that the Government cannot hope to pass more than one other bill, either the Government of London bill or the Tenants' Compensation Act.

MR. BRIGHT'S SPEECH.

Mr. John Bright's address as Lord Rector of Glasgow University is criticized in London because it is political. It evoked hostile murmurs from a small knot of Conservative students, but was really a peace speech, embodying an implied defence of his quitting the Ministry last year to avoid complicity in the hostilities in Egypt, and containing passages of his noblest and most pathetic eloquence. Yesterday he received the freedom of Glasgow, responding in another impressive address, the ceremony closing with a speech from Lord Rosebery. This speech was a singularly fine eulogy on Mr. Bright, describing the general sympathy and affection of his countrymen as resting not so much on his unattainable eloquence as on his brilliant transparency of character.

ENGLAND'S GREATEST JUDGE.

The bench loses in Sir George Jessel, Master of the Rolls, admittedly the ablest judge of this country, and perhaps the ablest ever known in England. He was the first Jew holding a judicial office, and was popular in spite of his roughness of manner. He was the idol of suitors for his rapid dispatch of business; and he was alike respected and dreaded by his colleagues for his uncompromising intellectual supremacy.

QUESTIONS AS TO LADY FLORENCE DIXIE.

LONDON, March 24.—Lady Florence Dixie, Member of Parliament for County Clare, has informed Sir William Harcourt, Home Secretary, that during the Easter holidays he will ask whether Lady Florence Dixie formerly possessed the public by the invention of a letter from King Cetewayo, and whether, as a result of the inquiry into the alleged assault upon her at Windsor, the police have concluded that Lady Florence is an impostor.

A FENIAN PLOT AGAINST A NAVY-YARD.

CHATHAM, March 24.—In consequence of a report of a hostile project on the part of Fenians against the naval station there, a boom has been constructed across the dock basin, and furloughs granted to policemen have been stopped.

THE ARMAGH ASSASSINATION SOCIETY.

LONDON, March 24.—The Times points out that the jury which rendered a verdict at Belfast yesterday of guilty upon Nugent and twelve other members of the Armagh Assassination Society were charged with conspiracy to murder, accepted as authentic a diary kept by the plotters, in which it was recorded that a man called "Thomas Murphy" had sworn, at the request of the Land League, to kill a landlord named Brooks. The Times says the evidence brought out by the Government at the trial certainly tends to confirm the Government's alleged representations at Washington with regard to hostile speeches and writings of Irish-Americans.

WHAT P. J. SHERIDAN SAYS ABOUT THE DIARY.

A TRIBUNE reporter visited the office of the Irish World yesterday afternoon and found P. J. Sheridan surrounded by friends who were eagerly questioning him as to the diary of the Patriotic Brotherhood, which was accepted as evidence at the trial of the Armagh Assassination Society at Belfast. When Sheridan was informed that he was accused of being the "Murphy" referred to in the diary of the Brotherhood, he replied in a petulant manner: "It is quite time that the press of this city ceased placing any reliance on such ridiculous gossip. The diary was too foolish to be entered seriously for a moment. The idea of any imputing that the Land League would request me, while I was in Ireland, to commit a crime, is in itself ridiculous. I deliberately a landlord!"

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

The general tone of the respectable American press in reference to the outrages is considered here as worthy of America, but there is undeniably an increasing disposition in England to regard with wonder the toleration in the United States of open advocacy of murder and the destruction of cities. This feeling is plainly expressed in high quarters, but Ministers being aware of the extreme difficulty of executive interference under the American laws address no representations to the American Government except in the friendliest spirit.

THE ASSAULT ON LADY FLORENCE DIXIE.

The reported outrage upon Lady Florence Dixie excited much indignation on Monday, people naturally attributing it to Land League resentment for her exposure of malversations of funds. Incredulity quickly followed, the police finding discrepancies in the account which it was difficult to explain. The story is now generally discredited, though opinion is divided as to whether it was invented or exaggerated.

THE QUEEN'S HEALTH.

The Queen's slight accident scarcely attracted any notice here till the dispatches announced that great anxiety was prevailing in America. Her lameness was not sufficient to prevent walking.

MOVEMENTS OF IRISH AGITATORS.

LONDON, March 24.—The Fall Mall Gazette's Dublin correspondent says the person referred to as "Number One" by James Carey, in his testimony at the hearing of the assassination prisoners, is known to be in Mexico, beyond the reach of the English authorities.

DELLIS, MARCH 24.—It is stated that Mr. Kettle, ex-Minister, will accompany either Mr. Parnell or Thomas Power O'Connor to America.

PATRICK EGAN IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 24.—Patrick Egan, Treasurer of Land League, arrived here to-day, and will remain for several days in consultation with prominent Irish leaders.

MR. SPUNNER'S HOUSE BURNED.

DUBLIN, March 24.—The house at New-Pallas of Mr. Spunner, manager of the Property Defence Society, has been destroyed by fire. (New-Pallas is in Tipperary County, about ten miles northwest of the town of Tipperary, on the road to Avellick.)

A REVOLUTIONARY MEETING IN LONDON.

LONDON, March 24.—A meeting of the English Revolutionary League has been held here to consider the question of holding a general international convention of revolutionists. The president of the convention was declared to be Mr. Spunner.

MR. GLADSTONE'S FUTURE.

The fresh stories of Mr. Gladstone's resignation, supported by sundry loose statements of his son, the Rev. Stephen Gladstone, the rector of Hawarden, leave the matter where it was. Mr. Gladstone's

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