

investigated. He has been in service 14 years and has a good record.

CHICAGO, 24.—*Tribune's* Washington: Our consul-general at Shanghai has informed the Department of State that the Emperor of China has given to the viceroy at Tientsin, permission to construct a telegraph line from Tientsin, to be 1,200 miles in length. The route will be from Shanghai to Churking; thence along the line of the Grand Canal to Tientsin. A short line of about seventy miles will also probably be constructed by the viceroy at Nanking, to connect the capital of his province with the main one at Churking. The work of setting the poles and laying the wire will begin next spring. It is estimated the enterprise will cost \$500,000.

The *Tribune's* St. Louis special says: Miss Grover, a society belle of St. Louis, yesterday made confession that she was the mother of a male infant whose dead body was picked up in a vacant lot in the city a few days ago. She says she left her bed on the night of the birth (Sunday) and took her child to the place where its body was found. Miss Grover refuses to tell who the father of the child is.

LOUISVILLE, 24.—John A. Gardiner was nearly killed in his barn at Rowlett's station yesterday. A negro named John Campbell and a brother of Sam, who stayed in the barn with him, were arrested on suspicion, and money was found on their persons which had belonged to Gardiner. They were committed to jail, but last night at midnight 100 masked men overpowered the jailor, took them out through the town to the hillside near the river and hung them to a tree. Sam is said to have confessed, but John was obdurate.

BRADFORD, Pa., 24.—This morning, Albert Gee, of Canton, Ohio, and Thomas Perry were mixing nitro glycerine in a well a mile from town, when Perry, in the engine house, turned steam too rapidly on the frozen compound. An explosion followed which blew the derrick into bits and drove Perry clean through the engine house, but he will recover. McGee was blown into fragments, the only portions of his body recovered being the head and lungs, which were found 100 yards away from other parts of the body.

CHICAGO, 26.—A peculiarly distressing and unaccountable suicide occurred on Lake Avenue, near 39th Street, Saturday. Miss Ada Hebdon, a young lady of 22 years, engaging in manners and highly esteemed by her acquaintances, lives there with her brother, Robert Hebdon, assistant manager of the Bank of Montreal in this city. Last night she attended some Christmas festivities at a neighbor's, and was among the merriest. This morning, she rose, breakfasted and dined as usual. Shortly after dinner, finding herself alone in the room, she suddenly went to a drawer, took from it a pistol, and without warning or explanation fired a shot into her heart and fell dead on the carpet.

The Denver *Republican's* Socorro, New Mexico, special says: At a Christmas festival held here Christmas Eve, several Mexicans created a disturbance which was quelled by A. M. Conkling, editor of the *Sun*. Shortly afterwards, while Conkling and wife were leaving the church two Mexicans seized him by the arms while a third fired three shots killing Conkling instantly. The assailants fled to a small town in the vicinity, where they are guarded by two thousand Mexicans. A large posse of Americans well armed intended to get the murderers if they have to fight for them.

St. Louis, 26.—This evening six or eight drunken roughs attempted to enter Swain's keno rooms, Sixth Street, between Market and Chestnut Streets, but were refused admittance by Harry O'Brien, the roughs immediately became very abusive and quarrelsome, and Joseph O'Brien, brother of the doorkeeper, James McCormick, Geo. Garvier and Jos. Kelly, who were standing on the sidewalk, took sides with the doorkeeper. A general fight ensued during which several persons were knocked down, and Jos. O'Brien received a dangerous cut in the breast, it entering the cavity of the chest. Joe Garvier was stabbed below the shoulder blade and severely cut in the arm, and Jas. Kelly got a bad slash across one of his arms. The two former are supposed to be mortally wounded.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, 24.—The Irish authorities appear to be making every

effort to preserve the peace without shedding blood, and to this end frequent prosecutions have been ordered in various parts of the country. In one place a bellman was arrested for inciting a breach of the peace, and bail was refused.

On account of the turbulent state of Ireland, and the increasing disaffection among the Irish people of London, it has been decided that the Queen will not open Parliament in person.

The *Times*, in a leading article, says: The reported seizure of a cargo of arms appears to have originated in error or exaggeration. Even if no importation of arms for the purpose of Irish-American fenianists were to be feared, the danger of allowing an excited and lawless population to carry about guns and pistols is manifest.

The Earl of Carnarvon publishes an open letter to John Bright, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, protesting against his speech at Birmingham on the 16th of November in which he condemned the land laws of Ireland and attributed the state of affairs in Ireland to the rejection of the compensation for disturbance bill by the House of Lords. The Earl of Carnarvon declares that, holding sentiments so avowedly republican and hostile to the crown and to the House of Lords, Bright ought not to be able, conscientiously, to remain a member of the cabinet for a single day. He draws a parallel between Bright's mild censure of lawlessness and crime in Ireland, and his scathing rebuke of those guilty of owning land.

It seems the Norwegian ship *Juno*, which was seized by the customs authorities at the mouth of the Shannon, Ireland, on Wednesday last, had started from Queenstown for New York, but was driven back into the Shannon by stress of weather. The customs authorities took charge of the vessel as a natural result of the character of the cargo. There does not seem to have been any surreptitious attempt to land arms, though the presence of a considerable number of Irish Americans in that district at the moment is pointed out as a singular coincidence.

Some soldiers on leave have been ordered to return to Ireland. The feeling among the lower orders of the people is said to be very strong against the military, even in Dublin. It is a common practice to shoulder the soldiers off the footpaths and to provoke a quarrel. The movement of troops has exerted a very uneasy feeling. It is generally believed government possesses information warranting the apprehension of danger. Government has made very complete preparations for any contingency. Immense supplies of provisions, tents and other campaigning requisites have been stored in central depots. The preparations point to the conclusion that government believes that far greater danger than is seen lurks behind. A store ship has arrived from Woolwich with 2,000 rounds of buckshot, a large quantity of ball cartridges and intrenching tools. Another vessel is shipping a similar cargo at Woolwich for new stations at Bruff, Mohill, Carrick-on-Shannon and Bally Shannon, which will be occupied by troops. The positions are well chosen, being centres of disturbed districts, from which troops could operate in various directions. At all stations where cavalry are quartered without infantry, the supply of ammunition will be increased to fifty pounds per man.

The *Times* says: No political doubts ought to divert us from the duty of providing that in Ireland as in England and Scotland, men shall be delivered from terrorism as citizens of the state of which anarchy never before has been permitted to spread over the entire province. We look dismayed upon the paralysis of government in Ireland. We constantly receive additional testimony to the decomposition of society. In many cases it is impossible to publish important statements lest individuals should suffer. We have been assured on excellent authority that the unsatisfactory issue of many prosecutions at the winter assizes is easily accounted for. At first jurors staid away from the assizes, preferring to be fined rather than face the risk of having to convict the prisoners, but the Land League ordered several jurors to attend, and they obeyed and the prisoners were acquitted in the teeth of evidence against them.

Dublin, 24.—The police of Portadown, Ulster, to-day arrested a home ruler named Boyle, and a number of documents relating to

secret societies were found upon him and sent here.

The inspector-general of the Irish constabulary has issued a circular warning the police against attempts to decoy them from their barracks, and reminding them of the prosecutions necessary to ensure the safety of the barracks and arms.

It is believed government's activity has helped to restore confidence. Local magistrates are now helping the authorities to punish intimidators.

Grave apprehensions have now arisen that the trial of traversers will have to be adjourned, owing to the non-attendance of a sufficient number of jurors. Of the twenty-four retained five may be cast aside. One is a government official, exempt from serving by the act of Parliament; another man is at present residing in Scotland; a third person is living in America; the fourth is a man who never was in Ireland, and the fifth is an invalid in England, whom it would be almost impossible to convey to Ireland. Several jurors have put in affidavits containing declarations by the doctors that they are unfit to serve, owing to the condition of their health. A few more will claim exemption being beyond the statutory age; with all these objections and the probability of the absence of men who would rather incur a penalty than serve, there is fair likelihood, that the whole proceeding will be quashed on technical grounds.

LONDON, 26.—A correspondent at Durban, reports that the wagons which the detachment of the 94th regiment was in charge of, got into a swamp, and all hands laid aside their arms to extricate them. The Boers suddenly appeared and demanded their surrender. The soldiers rushed for their arms but before they were able to defend themselves they were shot down. While a Boer was attempting to raise a republican flag at Potchefstroom he was shot by a British officer whom the Boers immediately shot dead. The four persons reported to have been murdered at Potchefstroom were a commander of the Cape mounted police and three civilians. They were brutally murdered in the midst of an assembly of 3,000 Boers.

The driver of the post cart was murdered and the mail bag carried off. Another report says the Boers were shelled at Potchefstroom and a hun red killed and many wounded. Arrangements are being made at Woolwich for sending supplies to the Cape.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The South Brooklyn oil works burned, with 25,000 gallons.

The Prince of the Meridites, arrested by the Turks, has been released.

The *Advance* (newspaper) block at Ogdensburg, N. Y., burned, today. Partly insured.

Vandyke's furniture store at Paterson, New Jersey, burned. Loss, \$45,000; insurance, \$35,000.

Jews in Germany are avoiding appearing on the streets, and many are preparing to emigrate.

Governor Porter, of Indiana, is mentioned for Secretary of the Treasury and would accept.

The *Southside Sentinel* office, Petersburg, Va., and the *Sentinel* and *Times* office, Summit, Miss., are burned.

A Chatham, Pittsylvania County, Va., last night, the telegraph office, passenger depot and express office burned.

A fire at Elkhart, Texas, this morning destroyed almost the entire business part of the town. Loss \$30,000.

A locomotive on the Long Island Railroad went down an embankment and Geo. Rich, the engineer, was killed.

In the billiard match at Paris, for the championship of the world, Vignaux won, making 3,000, when Slosson had 2,955.

Chief of Police Hayes, of Astoria, Conn., was shot fatally while arresting Chip Smith, a disorderly character, last night.

Mrs. Henry Johnson was burned to death by fire in her dwelling, on Front Street, Trenton, N. J. Her husband is arrested.

The story that Blaine is to enter Garfield's cabinet is again revived, and this time in a more positive manner than ever.

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