

The dead body of woman was discovered in the ante-room of the parish mortuary of Clerkenwell, with a dog belonging to the master of the workhouse by her side, in a dying state, and the keeper of the mortuary—a man named M'Leod—also lying dead. It is supposed that on Sunday afternoon M'Leod, after attending to some of his duties allowed the females to enter the building for the purpose of warming herself by the gas-stove, and that he having shut the door and there being no means of ventilation they were suffocated by the fumes of the gas.

The Hon. Jefferson Davis, who for some time has been suffering from dropsy of the heart, arrived in Liverpool in the State Line steamer State of Alabama, from New Orleans. His physician had ordered him to take a sea voyage in the hope that it would improve his health.

As two sinkers were descending a coalpit near Hanley, the cage acquiring a sudden velocity, was forced through the scaffold on which they were to work, fifteen yards from the bottom, and jerked both its occupants out. One of them, Thomas Jones, was dashed to pieces, and the other seriously injured.

The inspectors of factories report that the number of accidents to life and limb in weaving and spinning mills have, in proportion to the hands employed, materially diminished since 1850.

By consent a verdict of £150 was taken in the Court of Exchequer, to compensate the widow and children of an army accoutrement maker, who, sustained a mental shock by a gas explosion which happened as he was passing the house of the defendant, and died, after a painful illness, raving mad.

During the year 1873, according to returns issued by the Marine Department of the Board of Trade, the number of persons who emigrated from the United Kingdom was 310,512. This is the largest exodus that has occurred since the year 1854.

Two lads, detected in robbing a henroost at Bethnal Green, confessed that they had been stealing poultry and pigeons on a large scale, at the instigation of a shoemaker named William Lovet, who had taught them how to stupefy the birds with sulphur, so as to prevent their making a noise. The young thieves and their tempter were committed by Mr Hannay to take their trial.

Mr Cardwell and Mr Chichester Fortescue (the defeated of Louth) are to be elevated to the peerage. Lord Enfield is also to be called to the Upper House. Two other peers are to be created—both for distinguished civil service—the Right Hon. Thomas Fremantle, late Chairman of the Board of Customs, and the Right Hon. Edmund Hammond, late Permanent Under secretary of the Foreign Office.

The 'Home News' for Australia and New Zealand is reduced in price to 7d, and will in future be published every fortnight, for dispatch via Brindisi and San Francisco alternately.

At Huddersfield Frederick Meller, while repairing a lightning conductor attached to a chimney forty yards high, missed his footing and fell to the ground, a distance of about eighty feet. He was killed instantaneously.

The Irish night mail train came into collision, near the Stafford Station, with the mail train from Liverpool. The worst effects of the accident were the blocking of the line and a slight injury to the guard of the Liverpool train.

The city of London has sent its third contribution of £10,000 to the Famine Relief Fund. This shows not only its wealth but its liberality. The city of Glasgow has also remitted £5,000.

The Benchers of Grays Inn have ordered an inquiry into the conduct of Dr. Kenealy with reference to the Tichborne Case.

The letter addressed by the Emperor of Germany to Earl Russell was entirely in the Emperor's handwriting, and was delivered by Count Munster to Earl Russell. It is not worth the printing.

The War Office is said to pay the printers employed on work marked "confidential" at double rates.

In the last twelve months the value of cocoa imported was £605,828, which was a considerable increase on the previous year, when the amount was £470,595.

According to the 'Standard,' 30 deaths from cholera occurred on board an Italian emigrant ship from Genoa to Buenos Ayres.

Fifty-two deaths from violence were recorded in London in one week, seven being suicide, and six were caused by horses or vehicles in the streets.

According to a Parliamentary volume just issued, church rates are still levied where mortgages exist on their security. In the year ended Easter, 1872, the receipts were £23,346, and the expenditure was £22,030. The out standing loans amounted at that period to £23,443.

The year 1873 was the first in which the imports of foreign and colonial merchandise into the United Kingdom exceeded the value of £1,000,000 a day. The total is stated at £370,380,742. The exports of British and Irish produce and manufactures averaged nearly £700,000 a day the total being £255,073,336.

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Cardinal Camillo Tarquini, formerly of the Society of Jesus, died at Rome on Sunday, the 15th of February, at about twenty minutes past eight o'clock in the morning. He succumbed after a very brief illness to an attack of acute pulmonary disease. He was the junior but one of the Cardinals, having been created, on the 22nd of December, 1873, a Cardinal Deacon. He enjoyed the purple accordingly for the space of only fifty-five days.

It is rumoured among the Liberals that in a Consistory to be held the second week in June, several new Cardinals will be created. The names of those mentioned are those of Mgr. Pacea, the Major-domo; Mgr. Nina, Secretary of the Holy Office; Mgr. Vitelleschi, Secretary of the congregation of Bishops and Regulars; Mgr. Giannelli, Secretary of the congregation of the Council; Mgr. Bartolini, Secretary of the congregation of Rites; Archbishop Manning; and the Archbishop of Malines.

The London 'Tablet' says:—"The information that the Government are willing to set aside a cell in which the Archbishop of Posen might have been imprisoned. The request of the Archbishop for

this favour has been refused, and he is deprived of the one consolation of a prisoner. Public prayers for the imprisoned Bishop have been prescribed in his Diocese by the Vicar-General.

In the Jura the "terror" is at its height, and the hunt after the Catholic priests is being actively carried on; those who are not in prison have been obliged to cross the frontier, and the gendarmes are stopping and taking down the names of the children who venture to enter France to receive instruction from their lawful pastors.

Ostrowo, in which the Archbishop of Posen is a prisoner, is a small town of about 7,000 inhabitants, the greater part of them Protestants and Jews. The town lies not far from the frontier of Prussian Silesia and Russia. The Vicar of the Catholic parish there is Prince Edmund Radziwill, cousin german of Prince Anthony, the head of the family and aide-de-camp to the Emperor.

The funeral of Cardinal Barnabo took place in the Chapel of the Propaganda. There were 25 Bishops present, the celebrant was Mgr. Goold, the Bishop of Melbourne and formerly a pupil of the Propaganda. There were deputations from all the religious orders engaged on the Foreign Missions, and from the Greeks, English, Irish, Scotch, German, South American, North American Colleges, and from the French Pius and other Seminaries.

Already they are driven at Rome to the soup-kitchen expedient in the hope of satisfying their starving poor. What a miserable substitute for the charities given by the convents! They will soon be reduced to worse expedients.

A daughter of Prince Bismarck wants to marry a young Catholic of noble family. The Chancellor of course refuses his assent; but the young lady persists and declares her resolve to become a Catholic.

The will of the Infanta Maria Theresa, the wife of Ferdinand V., brother of Charles VII, the Pretender to the crown of Spain, has been opened. 50 million reis are left to her attendants and domestics.

The Carlist flag waving over Portugal is that of the Immaculate Conception which in 1839 was saved by Maria Theresa, Charles V.'s wife, after the treason of Maroto.

The news from Spain is more and more in favor of the Carlists, and it seems certain that the Republic has no forces able to encounter the well-trained 70,000 men who fight under the banner of Don Carlos. Bilbao must soon fall.

Serrano is in such despair that he actually sent a message to Garibaldi, entreating him to come and take command against the Carlists. The reply was in the negative.

The Duc d'Aumale is said to have gone to London, the bearer of a present to Her Majesty from the President MacMahon. Rouher has gone Chislehurst, whither addresses have already been sent, signed by thousands.

A case of forgery of bank-notes has been before the Courts of Rome and the issue was the condemnation of the accused. The notorious apostate, Garibaldi's chaplain, Fra Pantaleo, came to give evidence in favor of the prisoners; he refused to be sworn on the Gospels, saying that he no longer believes in them. Fra Pantaleo has been named by the Italian Government Professor of Philosophy!

It is proposed by the 'Voce della Verità,' that a Committee of Catholics be formed, to watch the anti-Christian press, and each time a paper utters a calumny against a member of the Catholic hierarchy to institute a prosecution against it.

The Rev. Father Milani, Guardian General of the Franciscans in the Holy Land has been named Archbishop of Triopolis *p. i.* and successor to the late Mgr. Pluym, as Apostolic Delegate of Syria and Libanus and Vicar of the Latins.

M. Visconti Venosta, Minister of Foreign Affairs at Rome, hearing a friend express fears that the Coman mob would attack the Vatican: "Don't be alarmed on that head," said he, "our first care is to protect the Vatican, for if the mob succeeded there, they would go direct to the Quirinal."

From every part of the world the gifts of the faithful continue to be brought to Rome for the maintenance of the Holy Father. On the last day of February £240 in gold and a gold chalice were presented from the faithful in Mexico; and just at the same time Venice sent in £280.

The number of convents already appropriated by the Liquidation Committee in Rome amounts to 70.

His Holiness continues to enjoy excellent health, and has received deputations, and given audiences during to visitors. His address to the lent preachers was remarkably clear and encouraging. He counselled them to speak firmly, yet moderately, the great truths of the Gospel, and to place confidence in God for the result of the present grievous war against the Holy Church.

Among the visitors at present in Rome are Earl and Countess Cowper, Sir Robert and Lady Kane, Lady Bowring, Countess of Morton, Hon. Mrs Bruce, Rev. Mr Burney, of Bath; Dr Maurice Day, Protestant Bishop of Cashel, Lieut-General Murray, the Marchioness of Salisbury, and Lady Carmichael.

An Irish correspondent of an American paper writing from Dublin says:—"The famous Nelson's Pillar in Sackville street, Dublin, is to be swept away by order of the city corporation! It is a step in the right direction, as the pillar destroys the beauty of the street; and, besides, it has been very sensibly asked: What business has Nelson there at all? could we not do better by honoring the memory of our own countrymen first? The inhabitants of the grand promenade, once known as the 'Mall,' have determined to spare no expense in beautifying the street. Trees are being planted along the sidewalks, and by the middle of the coming summer Sackville street will have no rival in Europe. Soon O'Connell will rear his head from the Northern head of the Liffey, while Smith O'Brien keeps a steadfast eye on the southern shore." We are glad to hear this news from Dublin; and we hope that the next removal ordered by the corporation will be that of King William from College Green, which has been long enough a standing insult to the Irish capital.

A OHINAMAN at Maryborough, Victoria, recently dropped on a nugget weighing 28 ounces.