

NEWS BY THE MAIL.

IRELAND.

In opening the assizes for the County of Limerick, Mr Justice Barry commented in severe terms upon the extraordinary revival of the insensate practice of faction fighting in the county, which, he said, had led to deeds characteristic rather of African savages than inhabitants of the United Kingdom.

The National festival was celebrated in Tralee amidst the greatest eclat, several bands playing through the town. The members of the Tralee Young Men's Reading-room celebrated the festival in their rooms in the Mall by a supper, at which the usual toasts were given, and patriotic speeches were delivered by Mr Kelly, Mr Harrigan and others.

The Derry justices lately announced that they would "tolerate" public processions, with band, on the 17th March, 12th August, 15th August, and 18th December in each year, and they hoped that this indulgence would be characterised by good order on both sides.

Salmon fishing on the Shannon promises to be attended with much success this season, as the fish are beginning to show themselves in considerable numbers on Castleconnell waters. Several fine fish, averaging from 15 lb. to 25 lb., have been captured by rod at Castleconnell.

On Wednesday, March 11, three fishermen were drowned off Portrush. The deceased went out to life bait creels, three miles from the shore, and were returning under sail, when they encountered a strong ebb-tide. The swell from the north, running through the sound between the island and the mainland, sank the boat, and the unfortunate men, two of whom were married and had large families, were drowned.

An action was brought by Mr Edward McHugh against Rev. M. Cahill, C.C., for breach of agreement entered into for purchase of the premises, machinery, and copy-right of the 'Northern Star'; the jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff for £946 10s 3d and costs.

It has been decided to erect a palace for His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. McGettigan, Catholic Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of Ireland, on the Cathedral grounds, at a cost of at least £12,000.

Stephen J. Meany, Esq., recently delivered a lecture on the Irish in America, at Milltown-Malbay, County Clare. Mr Meany's reception was most enthusiastic—all classes uniting in giving a warm welcome to a brother Clare man.

The National Festival was duly celebrated in Cavan with great sobriety, and no out-poor demonstration took place. Being market day, the town was thronged with people most of whom wore green favors. A procession left Ballinagh about eleven o'clock, and were joined by contingents from Killesno, Finea, Mountnugent, Dalysbride and Ballyduff, accompanied by bands and banners, and proceeded as far as the Villissis. The procession at one time numbered about five thousand persons. A large force of constabulary were stationed at different point along the route, but nothing occurred to call for their interference.

The Young Men's Catholic Society, Galway, numbering five hundred members, have been enrolled in the League of St. Sebastian, each member paying a subscription of £1 per year.

A general meeting of the operative bakers of Navan, Kells, Trim, Oldcastle, Slane, and Nobber was held in Navan, for the purpose of devising the best means whereby the system of night-work may be discontinued. Mr Simon, President, occupied the chair. After considerable discussion it was unanimously resolved, "That on and from the 4th of April next the manufacture of bread by day shall be established, and that the several employers do make the necessary arrangements which such a change involves." The meeting shortly afterwards terminated.

The Mayo Grand Jury by an unanimous vote, recently raised the grant to the Westport Industrial School from one hundred and twenty to four hundred pounds a year. Till now the county grant had been nine pence a week for each child in the institution. This vote makes it half a crown for each inmate.

Miss Mary Francis Hamilton (a lady living in reduced circumstances in New York) grand-niece of Lord Claude Hamilton, of Tyrone, Ireland, is the fortunate recipient of an immense fortune, consisting of millions of dollars, by the death of Lord Hamilton. Miss Hamilton is a woman whose education has not been neglected, and is possessed of talent of a high order. About one year since she opened a correspondence with Lord Hamilton, which served to heal the breach which had existed between the families for nearly half a century. He was so pleased with his correspondent that he remembered her in his will.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE 'Hiogo News' published the following proclamation of the Japanese Government.—"The *maga* of every male who has not, on or before the 25th of present month (January 1873), adopted the European manner of wearing the air, it will be cut off by the policemen at the time and place of apprehending such offenders, for which purpose said policemen will be provided with scissors, &c."

The Bishop of Olinda, in Brazil, was sentenced by the Supreme Tribunal of Justice in Brazil to 4 years' imprisonment with labor, for courageously interdicting various semi-religious brotherhoods and secular societies. The Emperor, by advice of the whole Council of State, held that the Bishop be required to undo his work and remove the interdicts. The Bishop refused to obey the Emperor's order, and denied the jurisdiction of the temporal power.

The Cuban insurrection has cost the Spaniards 10,000 to 15,000 soldiers and 40,000,000dols. per year since the opening of hostilities, in other words, in the last five years Spain has wasted 200,000,000dols. and lost between 50,000 and 75,000 troops by bullet and disease, in a vain effort to subdue the Cubans.

It is stated that Cardinal Antonelli has invited all the Catholic bishops to visit Rome, as the Pope is anxious to see the prelates of the Church assembled again before he dies.

The London carmen have decided to ask for a royal commission to inquire into their grievances.

Mr Hawkins is reaping the fruits of his successful conduct of the Tichborne case. He has been retained in six election cases, the fees in each case being a retainer of six hundred guineas and a refresher of a hundred guineas a day.

The 'Nord-Deutsche Gazette' contains an article declaring that Belgium is awakening to the fact that France would attack her in case of war with Germany. The article caused much discussion. The French Press scout the idea, and affirm a peaceful policy.

Prince Gortschakoff has invited the Powers to a Congress at Brussels, on international law to be observed during war, as affecting the treatment of prisoners.

A Bonapartist candidate has been elected to the Assembly for the department of the Loire. The Assembly met after the adjournment, but no ministerial declaration was made. Several Paris papers allege it is contemplated at Madrid to propose a German Prince as a candidate for the Spanish throne.

Bishop Reinkens has opened the first synod of the Old Catholics at Bonn.

General Concha assembled 26,000 men at Vittoria, preparatory to an attack on the Carlists at Estella.

"A Sailor" asserts that England possesses but seven effective ironclads, the others having either boilers below pressure, shaky engines, or boilers, &c., worm eaten.

A fire, causing loss to the extent of about a million dollars, has occurred at Panama. The Grand Hotel, the city saloon, and over twenty other places of business were destroyed.

Advices from Constantinople state that the Bulgarian Bishop of Salonica, with the population of two entire villages, has joined the Catholic Church.

It is worthy of note that the joiners of the Kirkcaldy district, before demanding an increase of wages, have resolved to place the question before the men by means of a *plébiscite*.

The death is announced of Lord Rosmore from injuries received by a fall while riding in the Grand Military Steeplechases at Windsor.

The 'Musical Standard' says that a rage for female instrumentalists seems likely to set in. A trio of ladies has come out at Vienna and another orchestra of women at Berlin.

The funeral expenses of men killed in the Hoosac Tunnel, U.S., and paid by the contractors, have amounted to ten thousand dollars in five years.

The Commandant at San Jose, Guatemala, has been sentenced to be whipped and then shot for the outrage on the British Vice-Consul.

New Zealand loan, one hundred and seventy-two thousand pounds worth have been taken at 93.

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS.

MELBOURNE, June 2.—After an interesting debate the address on the Governor's speech was carried without division. A Bill for a reform in the Council was read a first time.

The O'Ferrall frauds continue to be the subject of much debate, and will lead to further investigation.

De Graves has resigned his seat in the Legislative Council. Taylor, Balfour, Thomas, and Smith are candidates. The Government is unlikely to join in the Customs arrangement with the other colonies.

None of the bodies have yet been recovered from the Duke and Timor mine.

The tender of £139,767 has been accepted for new Government offices.

In the action for libel against the 'Licensed Victuallers' Gazette' the plaintiff received £250 damages.

A vessel of 300 tons was seen bottom up between Cape Howe and Kent's Group.

Governor DuCane returned to Tasmania to-day.

The firm of McCallum, Neill and Co have suspended payment. The direct liabilities are £36,000.

The South Channel was lighted for the first time last night. The Nubia was enabled to come up.

The 'Argus' has made arrangements to get the result of the English Derby through for publication on the same morning. The cable company anticipate the news will occupy an hour in transmission from London to Melbourne. There is only the weather to contend against. The cable was lately broken between Singapore and Batavia. It has since been repaired.

SYDNEY, May 25.—At the sham fight held at the encampment on Saturday, the umpires decided in favor of the attacking force. This morning his Excellency the Governor and the members of the Ministry proceeded to the camp by special train.

The Alexandra beat the Ellora from Melbourne by 14 hours, and the Dandenong by 12 hours.

A boy belonging to the training ship Vernon was drowned to-day alongside the vessel.

Colonel Contenley, another Communist prisoner, escaped as a stowaway in the steamer Egmont.

The Government have carried the ratification of the Californian mail contract without division.

The Commodore has sent a complimentary letter to Captain Grainger for getting off the steamer Mazzagregor, and bringing her here.

The French barque Charles Augusté was wrecked in Torres Straits; also the Blue Bell, a schooner in the pearl-fishing.

ADELAIDE, May 25.—The Rifle Match on Saturday against Victoria was won by the South Australian team by 15 points. The respective scores were:—South Australia, 747; Victoria, 732. Ferguson made 80; Leonard, 81; Madley, 66; Bosisto, 53; Weidenbach, 85; Scott, 83; Morcom, 75; Hicks, 74; Bakea, 70; Schunke, 75.