

IRISH FAMINE SITUATION

Catholic Prelates Want the Case Laid Before the Government.

SPEEDY RELIEF MEASURES ARE NEEDED

Potato Crop is Already Practically Exhausted and There is Pressing Necessity for Action to Prevent Starvation.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

DUBLIN, Oct. 24.—There are two sides to the question of the famine in Ireland. One side is that of the government, which alleges that the famine is exaggerated and that the Irish people are exaggerating their distress.

A meeting of Roman Catholic prelates was held at Maynooth this week and there were adopted resolutions that the archbishops and bishops of Ireland deem it their duty to submit to the government a statement of the conviction formed on the personal knowledge of seven members of that body that the failure of the potato and cereal crops in many districts, particularly on the southern and western coasts, must lead to great distress and unless speedy relief is adopted, to disastrous consequences.

POTATO CROP EXHAUSTED.

From delegates who were present at the convention of the independent Catholic bishops, it is particularly told in the Dublin and West Cork districts, south of Ireland and to the north of the city, including the counties of Wick, Wexford, Carlow, Wick, and Wexford. Meetings are being held in the parish priests' residences, to urge the government to start relief works before the potato reaches the point of actual starvation.

OTHER CHIEFS BAD.

It is from the reports of food that will be exhausted before the year. The other crops are very bad. The laborers are worse off than the farmers because now that the crops are cut, they have no expectation of work until spring.

HAVE A HARD TIME.

He added: There are several counties on the west of Ireland where the people have had an exceedingly hard time to gain support under the law. The law is not working, but a small push to send them over the line will be obliged to accept it.

CASTLE'S CORPSE.

HAVANA, Oct. 25.—The body of General Adolfo Castillo, the insurgent leader who was killed in the battle with Spanish guerrillas, arrived here at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Large crowds have visited the morgue to look at the remains.

BACK TO THE GOLD FIELDS.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 25.—The City of Seattle arrived this morning from the north with a number of passengers, including Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woodring of Seattle, who pulled up the river from Dawson and come out over the Dawson trail.

LOAN NEGOTIATIONS COLLAPSE.

PEKING, Oct. 25.—The negotiations of the Chinese government with the Hooley syndicate for a loan of £10,000,000 (\$40,000,000) have fallen through and the government is now negotiating with the Hong Kong and Shanghai banks.

CANADIAN PACIFIC EARNINGS.

MONTREAL, Oct. 25.—Canadian Pacific railway earnings for the week ending October 23 were \$419,969, same period last year, \$434,000.

GRAND DUKE TO BE HONORED.

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—Emperor William will tomorrow present Grand Duke Michael of Russia to the first guards regiment, which was recently made honorary chief.

LEGATION REMAINS AS AT PRESENT.

MADRID, Oct. 25.—The conversion of the Spanish legation at Washington into an embassy has been postponed.

THINK OZARKS ACTION AN INSULT.

GERMANS SAY NICHOLAS SENDS MEMBERS OF ROYAL FAMILY.

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—The refusal of the czar and czarina to receive the grand duke and grand duchess of Baden at Darmstadt, after the latter had intimated to their Russian majesties a desire to visit them, is vigorously criticized by the German press.

VERDICT ON LANGLAY'S DEATH.

JURY FINDS THAT IT WAS DUE TO AN ACCIDENT.

CHESTER, Eng., Oct. 25.—The coroner's jury which has been inquiring into the death of a young man, Mr. Langlay, who died after a week's illness in a hospital, rendered a verdict of accidental death today.

JUST ONE DOLLAR SHORT

Condition of Women's Christian Temperance Union's Treasury.

IMMENSE CROWDS AT THE CONVENTION

Lady Henry Somerset Sends a Letter of Regret at Her Inability to Attend the Gathering.

(Continued from First Page.)

TORONTO, Oct. 25.—The world's convention of the Women's Christian Temperance union is at its height here. It is stated with positiveness that the executive committee on Friday unanimously elected Lady Henry Somerset vice-president but that the announcement will be withheld until tomorrow to avoid discussion.

CHILL IS SOLVENT.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The Times publishes a dispatch from Santiago de Cuba from a correspondent, who says: "After a careful study of the matter my conclusion is the Cuban government is perfectly solvent, with sufficient revenue to meet all existing obligations. There is no likelihood of difficulty in the near future."

SERVICE BEFORE COURT.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—For the first time since the reformation of the law courts the reform was initiated by a special service in Westminster hall, which was attended by the bench and bar, all wearing their robes.

BOMBAY PLIQUÉ OUTBREAK.

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INSURANCE COMPANY KILLED.

HAVANA, Oct. 25.—Private advices received from Havana report that General Castillo, the well known Cuban leader, has been killed in an engagement with the Spanish troops. It is further stated that his body was carried to La Chorrera, four miles distant from this city, where it is interred.

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DOES HIS FULL DUTY

The Experience of a Chicago Man at the Time of Great Conflagration.

FILED FROM FIRE ON A MATTRESS.

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"Late Sunday night a friend of the family came to the house," said the justice, "and called my father to one side, telling him that the city was burning up. My six brothers told me as soon as they were dressed not to worry, as there were enough of them to take care of me. I assured them I was not fretting and, while they made preparations to move me to a place of safety, I, from my bed, went to the window to see the reflection of the fire, then just beginning to get under way on the south side. Father sent one of the boys to Wright's livery barn at State and Kinzie streets. The other boys were kept, to get them and the carriage, which he intended to use in moving my mother, who was also ill, and myself, as well as what property he could save."

GIVE KINDLY ADVICE TO SPAIN.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The Daily Mail says editorially this morning: "The United States is morally bound to give the Sagasta government a fair trial. The real intention with regard to Cuba is so genuinely sincere that a failure to do so will be laid at McKinley's door."

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