

CURRENT COMMENT.

Souls of Persian Women.

The Suffragette question has reached Persia. Despite the troubled state of the country, Parliament has had the subject under consideration. One of the deputies, Hamadan Hadji Vakel el Rooy, brought the matter before the Assembly. Women, he argued, had the same soul as man, and consequently should possess the same rights, at least as far as the vote was concerned. Another member of the Assembly, described by a Paris contemporary as a mujtehek, took the opposite view. He argued that women have no soul, and consequently should possess no rights, and to hold a contrary opinion was destructive to Islamism. The President now thought it time to intervene, and passed to the next question.

Sugar as a Nerve Restorer.

We have all heard of the fattening properties of sugar; and Dr. Woods Hutchinson tells that one of the greatest values of sugar, apart from its high steaming power, is the rapidity with which it can be absorbed and burned in the bodily engine. The careful and exhaustive researches of Lee, Mosso Harley, and Schumburg showed that there was no food which would restore working-power to fatigued muscles of both men and animals as quickly and effectively as pure sugar. Indeed, it was suggested by Professor Lee that tired business men, carried beyond their regular lunch hour, would find a few lumps of pure sugar one of the best of temporary restoratives and "pick-me-ups," far superior to alcohol.

THE LATE CANON MILLS.

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Limerick Diocesan Council, held yesterday, the Bishop presiding, the following resolution was proposed by the Rev. Treasurer Haydn, LL.D., and unanimously assented to:—"That at this, the first meeting of the Limerick Diocesan Council, held since the death of the Rev. Canon John R. Mills, M.A., Rector of Bruff—we, the members of the Council desire to place on record the high estimation in which we held his character and services; and to tender, as we hereby do, our united and sincere sympathy with the surviving members of his family in their affliction."

LIMERICK MAN'S DEATH IN NEW YORK.

The death has occurred at Brooklyn, New York, of Mr. Michael Larkin. The deceased was the eldest son of the late Mr. Matthew Larkin, Larkin's Cross, Limerick, and was at one time an employe on the staff of the *Limerick Chronicle*. He met his death by shock from a live wire while in the employment of the New York Telephone Company. He leaves a widow and two sons to mourn his loss.

THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

At the Railway Commission on Thursday, Mr. Thomas, M.P., said the machinery set up by the 1907 scheme failed entirely to remove the grievances complained of because of the way in which it was drawn up. No opportunity was afforded for discussion between the companies and the men. He complained of delay in considering the men's applications, which largely contributed to the men's suspicion that the machinery was unlikely to be of any benefit to them at all. Mr. Thomas advocated recognition of trades-unions on the Boards, and submitted an alternative scheme providing for one Board for each railway to consider general and not trivial questions, each side to select its own secretary. In the event of such Board failing to agree, the matter is to be referred to the Commission.

WOMAN'S DEATH IN IRISHTOWN.

CHARGE OF WILFUL MURDER.

Mr. P. J. Kelly, R.M., held a special sitting in the Grand Juryroom last evening for the purpose of taking depositions in the charge of the wilful murder of Jane Tracey, on 16th August, preferred against Michael Doolan, James Doolan, Eliza Doolan, Margaret Quin, and Ellen Organ, of the itinerant-labouring class.

Mr. J. S. Gaffney, C.S., prosecuted, and the prisoners were defended by Mr. H. O'B. Moran, solicitor.

Mr. Gaffney asked to have the charge read in order to proceed regularly.

Mr. Kelly read the charge, which was that on the 16th August, 1911, the accused did unlawfully, feloniously, wilfully, and with malice aforethought kill and slay one Jane Tracey.

The first witness examined was Dr. P. F. Graham who stated that with Dr. O'Brien, Resident Surgeon, Barrington's hospital, he made a post-mortem examination on the remains of Jane Tracey. He described the wounds in detail and attributed death to laceration of the brain and haemorrhage caused by depressed fracture of the skull and separation of the sutures. The injuries were caused by violence.

To Mr. Gaffney—The buckets and bottles (produced) might have caused some of the wounds which he found on the remains. There were not any wounds which might have resulted from a kick of a booted foot. He did not think any of the instruments he had seen would have produced the large wound on the left side of the head.

Mr. Moran put questions to the witness with a view to eliciting how he arrived at the conclusion that one of the bricks (produced) could inflict the large wound on the skull.

Witness—If the woman got a violent fall it would cause the wound which brought about fatal consequences.

Dr. O'Brien, Resident Surgeon, Barrington's hospital, deposed to the deceased being admitted to the hospital on the 16th ult., and he saw her that evening at 9.30 o'clock, when she was dead. On the following day with the last witness, he assisted in making a post-mortem examination on the body. Witness described the deceased's condition when she arrived at the institution and agreed with Dr. Graham as to the cause of death.

In replying to Mr. Moran, the witness stated that the wound on the left side of the head could have been the result of a fall on the kerbstone, but the fall would require considerable violence.

Thomas Tracey, a young lad of fourteen years, stated that he lived in Palmerstown, in the city; he was son of the deceased Jane Tracey, and on the night of the 16th ult. he was in Palmerstown and saw the five prisoners there; they were in his own house, where his mother was also lying in bed. Michael Doolan was the first to come into the house, followed by Margaret Quin, and both tore his mother out of the bed. They then proceeded to pull her down the staircase and on to the second landing. One of the men threw the contents of a bucket on his mother, and then Michael Doolan hit her on the head with a bottle. He then proceeded to drag his mother down the stairs and out to the street. Margaret Quin, Michael Doolan, James Doolan, and Ellen Organ then kicked his mother, who was lying on the street. At the same time Lizzie Doolan came from her own house with a bucket, which was taken from her by Michael Doolan, who dealt the deceased a blow with it on the head. Witness then indicated how his mother was struck by Michael Doolan, and added that all the other prisoners kicked her while she lay on the ground. Prior to the prisoners leaving the scene of the occurrence, Ellen Organ wiped away the blood with his mother's shawl and afterwards threw the garment on the side of the street. Lizzie Doolan after that incident washed the bucket in a house next door and later James Doolan returned to his (witness's) house and asked if his father was within and on being told that he was not he said if he were he would do the same to him as he had done to his mother.

In cross-examination the witness said he had a clear recollection of everything that happened on the night of the 16th August. At 9 o'clock he saw

LATEST NEWS.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Special to the Chronicle.)

ROYALTY.

The King left Tulohan Lodge, Advie, this morning to shoot over Ballindalloch Moor. The weather is fine.

The Queen, Princess Mary, Prince George, and Prince John left Euston this morning for Ballater.

THE PREMIER.

Mr. Asquith left King's Cross this morning for Edinburgh on the way to Archerfield, where he will spend the greater part of the Recess.

THE CHANNEL SWIM

Stearne and Meyer have both failed in their attempts to swim the Channel. Stearne was in the water eleven hours, and gave up with an injured knee within three miles of Cape Grisnez. Meyer gave up after five hours in the water, his eyes being affected.

A telegram from Calais stated that Wolfe left the French Coast at six this morning in an attempt to swim the Channel.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

Berlin, Saturday. The *Berliner Tageblatt* remarks that M. Gambon is not seriously ill, and that there is no reason for postponing the resumption of the conversations on Morocco.

Paris, Saturday. The Premier conferred with the Colonial Minister this morning. It is presumed that the interview had reference to the Moroccan crisis.

AVIATORS KILLED.

Northern Kansas, Saturday. Mr. J. J. Frisbie, an Irishman, was killed yesterday whilst making a flight. The aviator fell a hundred feet.

Troyes, Dept. Aube, Saturday. Two military aviators, Lieuts. Grailly and Camine, were killed this morning through falling with their aeroplane. Lieut. Grailly's body was burned to a cinder by escaping petrol.

RAILWAY COLLISION.

A passenger train and a goods train collided near Zagmansk, twenty-nine passengers being seriously injured.

MRS. RAMSAY MacDONALD'S CONDITION.

To-day's report says that Mrs. Ramsay MacDonald is slightly weaker.

AVIATION IN BOSTON

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