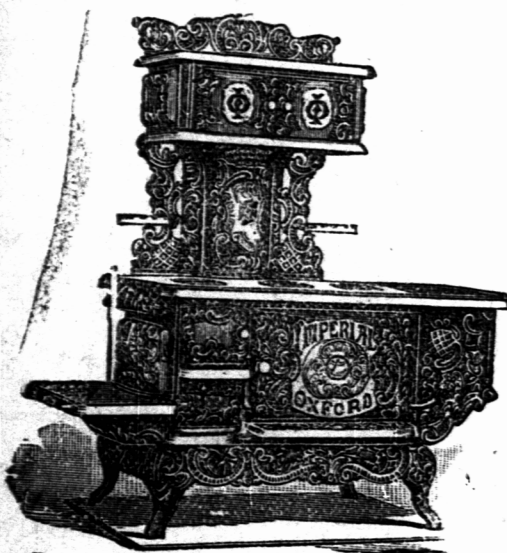


REVOLUTION IN HAYTI.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The United States navy department has received a cable despatch from the commander of the Cincinnati at Cape Haytien, saying that the revolution has broken out afresh and that women and children have taken refuge on board the Cincinnati.

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MR. BLAKE IN BOSTON.

Hon. Edward Blake, formerly the Liberal leader in Canada and now and for years past member of the Imperial House of Commons for South Longford, Ireland, recently attended the National Convention of the United Irish League held in Boston, and was chief speaker there. He spoke with great freedom and earnestness and severely arraigned the British Government for intolerant misrule in Ireland.

He claimed that Irish Judges are greatly overpaid for the work they have to do. The road to the Bench through the bar is practically denied to Irish Nationalists. Judges and officials are drawn from one small section of the community. He boldly asserted that juries are packed. In a country of which 90 to 95 per cent are Catholics, and in which if a large jury panel is fairly struck there must be a large preponderance of Catholics, it is the custom of the Crown Prosecutor to stand aside every one who is not "safe for the Crown," until the jury of twelve men is selected from among 20 to 25. So it has frequently happened that where the panel was mainly Catholic, and where the trial was of Catholics, twelve Protestants—"of course fair and impartial,"—have constituted the jury to try their Catholic fellow-countrymen.

This is not in accord with Canadian ideas of fair-play and justice, but Mr. Blake affirms that it is "the ordinary course of justice in Ireland." He finds further objection that the cases are tried by magistrates who are made judges of the facts as well as of the law and that these magistrates are removable by the Government at will, without enquiry or cause assigned. Their salaries are not

fixed, and can be reduced or stopped. They have no security of tenure. They are servants of the Government. They may be dismissed if they displease the Government or rewarded by promotion if they please the Government. And in case of a trial under the Coercion Act the magistrate who is to try the case is specially selected by the Dublin Castle authorities. These are conditions to which Canadians would certainly not willingly submit.

Moreover there is an old law passed in the reign of Edward I and not yet repealed, under which a magistrate can hold any one to bail during good behavior. A person against whom nothing can be proved under the Coercion Act is thus held to bail and may be sent to jail for six months or until bail is furnished, and if bail is not furnished within six months the magistrate may give him six months more of jail. Commenting on these and other conditions affirmed now to exist in Ireland—and we can hardly believe that Mr. Blake would knowingly misstate the case—he proceeds: "I ask what remnant of freedom there is in a country whose laws are made against the will of the people in the way I have described and whose laws are administered in the manner I have described?"

Mr. Tarte has gone back to the editorial desk, and may perhaps reflect that had he not left it years ago for the stormy arena of politics he might have escaped a good deal of worry and an occasional humiliation.

When Bismarck introduced his protectionist tariff in Germany years ago he left raw materials free and breadstuffs nearly so, with moderate duties on partly manufactured articles. The duties on foreign manufactures were also much less than those adopted in the United States. But from time to time these have been forced up by manufactures' lobbies, a process of which we have had some experience in Canada. Now the agriculturists are clamoring for more protection and the manufacturers are strenuously opposing the movement. German farmers demand practically prohibitory rates of duty on foreign farm products. The manufacturers on their part affirm, what is doubtless true, that if this is done the price of food will be increased and this will necessitate higher wages, which in turn will impair their ability to compete with foreign manufacturers in the world's markets. But the German farmers will not consent to continue bearing the burden of high taxation without some share of the benefits. This is the situation which now confronts the German government.

It is hard to keep track of the revolutions in the West Indies and tropical America, but the situation may be summarised down to date. In Hayti the revolution has been suppressed and Firmin has gone into exile. In Dominica, on the other hand, the revolution appears to have succeeded, and President Marroquin has been captured. He cannot fairly complain as he gained power by a revolution against the previous President. In Venezuela a great battle has been fought between the revolutionists and President Castro's forces, in which 3,000 are reported slain. It was a drawn battle, and will no doubt be fought over again when the contestants get their breath. There is an impression that Castro will be ultimately overthrown, and if so he is deserving of little sympathy. Four years ago he gained power by leading a revolution against President Andrade, who had been duly elected by the people.

NO ARBITRATION.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Replying to a question in the house of commons Prime Minister Balfour said the statement attributed to Dr. Von Koerber, the Austrian prime minister, that the question of the passage of the Dardanelles by warships which was raised by Russia would be settled by arbitration, was founded on a telegraphic error. No negotiations on this subject were going on between the powers.

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