

I have never revealed the truth to any one I cannot; and until we so strongly brought together this evening, good news. I hoped it would remain undiscovered. But you'll never tell, will you? You know how often and how fearfully the memory of that night comes back, and how long I lay awake with the horror of the scene before me, and the loss of my life. But you will keep the secret as long as I live, nurse, won't you?

I gave the required promise, and kept the secret for several years; but death had since dissolved the promise.

### LATEST NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

#### THE FENIAN INSURRECTION.

##### FURTHER INTERESTING PARTICULARS OF THE ATTACK AT KILMACK—THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE MIDDLE OF DANGER—THE WAY THE SIEGE WAS RAISED.

The barracks, as it is called, is nothing more than a two-story house, built substantially of stone, with a low, round, tiled roof, and other houses on the other side. It was held at the time of the attack by Constable Adams and 11 men. Three constables who were on the watch heard a noise outside, and received no reply to their challenge. Immediately afterwards there was a loud rattle of fire from the oil or "Greek fire" being poured upon the panelling. The panes outside made a hasty retreat, and fortunately the woodwork did not ignite, so that this attempt to burn out the garrison failed. In front and rear the house has 26 windows, so that 11 of these were without defenders. The outer wall, too, afforded good cover to the assailants, and after pouring in a volley through all the windows, they got under cover at once. Their number is estimated at 200 at least, and according to some accounts they numbered twice as many. Their commander, "Colonel" Dunne, wore a green uniform, and a hat of peculiar shape, with a big white feather. As it grew lighter the firing on both sides became more and more furious. The Fenians had come provided with crowbars and sledge hammers to force an entrance, but they did not risk the exposure of their persons in this way. Some attempts were made to pull down the house wall at a point which was commanded by the Fenian assailants, and was substantially built that they were unable to attempt also. One great source of anxiety to the police was the presence of four of their wives and 13 children. These were placed in safe positions as could be found, but each room having its window there was danger in the case of children being always kept in the safest place in the house, and the Fenians were so frightened; the rest played about during the attack, and just took their chance."

The numerous bullet holes in the plaster and shutters prove how serious a risk this was. One man showed no where to be stood and fired, his wife sat five chairs brooding down behind him; and a dozen babies had been put in a number of inches above his head. A considerable number of the Fenians were townspeople, who knew exactly the construction of the barracks, and which room might best be fired into. Thus, the head-constable's room was a favourite target, and at the window here, commanding the back of the barracks, Mr. Adams, the Fenian's most pertinacious enemy was a militiaman, whom he recognized, and who fired from the corner of a house close by, or from the low wall around the barracks. One of his bullets smashed the washstand stand basin, and the head-constable made very pretty practice in return, splintering the wall now and then close by the head of his antagonist. The police fired on an average 18 or 20 rounds per man. There was no firing and no talk of surrender. "They whistled and joked most of the time," said one of the women told us, "and this kept us up too." The Fenians were so anxious to see that their wives and little ones were unharmed; now and then, too, mothers could not be prevented from running to danger, that they might know their husbands were not struck down. Only one policeman was hit by a musket ball, and the wound was a mere graze. Some three hours were spent in the attack, and brought no help. A mounted policeman, returning from Brough, had been captured by the Fenians. A pike was put into his hand and he was forced to go towards the barracks to aid in the attack under threats of being shot if he refused. But the policeman, of course, did not feel bound to obey, and he fired more than his captors, and found means to escape afterwards. Meanwhile, the Fenian colonel, finding the attack languish, exhorted his men to "go in," he himself smoking a short pipe comfortably all the time behind a wall, where he was perfectly safe. He also wrote despatches, using the step of a jumping car for a desk. The messengers, who are supposed to have contained demands for reinforcements, were sent into the country by messengers mounted on horses taken from the neighboring farms of gentry, the policeman's horse being of course pressed into service. The messenger found time to shoot Mr. Bourne, the manager of the Union Bank. He called at this gentleman's private residence and demanded a revolver. Mr. Bourne refused, saying that he should wait for the defence of the bank. He was immediately shot down by the Fenian colonel, and now lies in a very critical state. Mr. Bourne's revolver was afterwards found upon one of the prisoners taken. At about nine o'clock the garrison heard firing at the end of the street and knew that relief was at hand. Sub-constable Milling happened to be coming from Kilmack with three policemen in the mail car from Kilmack, and was within a few feet from the town as heard firing, and was so near that an attack was being made upon the barracks. He at once ordered the driver of the mail cart to turn back to a police-station about six miles off, and returned with 10 men. It was now nine o'clock, and the Kilmack constabulary still gallantly held their own. The sub-constable, with his small party, then the Fenians in flank and fired a volley upon them before they were aware that any new force was nigh. At the same time, the newcomers cheered lustily to give notice to their comrades in the barracks; and the head-constable there at once ordered the Fenians to be thrown open, and, joining Milling's party, dashed into the road in pursuit of the retreating Fenians. For some little time longer the two bodies skirmished in the street; and then the Fenians broke and ran in disorder, pursued for some distance by the police. It was in the street that young Carr, the medical student, was shot by the constabulary. The second in command of the Fenians, Patrick Walsh, was captured. He had received a fatal wound in the thigh. In all about 300 prisoners were made, of whom several were slightly wounded. Other wounded or dead men are supposed to have been removed to the houses of Fenian sympathizers, so that the total casualties will probably never be known with accuracy. The trophies of the police were 40 pikes (some with handles 12 and 14 feet long), 18 guns, 2 pistols, 2 swords, some daggers, a tin can filled with what is called "Greek fire," two iron rods very much like pikes, 12 iron bars, 12 double-barrelled, and 12 single-barrelled, and several containing bullets and percussion-caps, powder flasks, ball cartridges, and several yards of cord-fuse which is used in blasting, and supposed to have been intended for use in connection with the Greek fire. There was also a large quantity of Fenian arms, and a large proportion of the inhabitants are supposed to be well armed. For some days it was feared that they might have an opportunity of showing their sympathies, for Thurles is a town in many places designated, with more or less of a Fenian tinge, and the Fenians, by its name and traditions, to get under its position on the line of railway midway between Dublin and Cork, would have made it a convenient point for the Fenians to have used to hold. But the town was garrisoned by a considerable body of constabulary. Also happened that the Fenians appointed for the general attack, break a fair here at Thurles, and a concentration of the police force was at the time; and they made their usual forays for arms in the houses of the neighbouring gentry. But their worst act was the murder of a man named Tracey, who refused to join their ranks. The Fenians called on the farm-house of a Mr. Henry, and demanded arms and money. Tracey, who was Henry's brother-in-law, refused to do as they asked him to do, and when he would not do so, one of the party shot him without scruple.

#### VICTIMS OF THE FENIAN PRESS GANG.

There is reason to believe that the above is not the only instance in which summary punish-

ment has been dealt out by the Fenians for this contumacious and want of patriotism, as they regard it. Elsewhere men have come in with wounds which they allege were thus inflicted, though, of course, it is possible that those wounds were received when the men were attacking the barracks, or when they were being taken from the first, however, the Fenians have shown alarm at the prospect of imprisonment. Probably the Fenian leaders caused their agents throughout the country to give out that those who did not enter their ranks when the rising came should be punished. This was understood to be the case, and the anxiety of the Fenians to get the first outbreak of the way. In Kerry, at the first outbreak, some of the men took to their boats and hid themselves in the creeks and estuaries of the deeply indented coast. Again, some fugitives were found on the Galtee mountains, and had gone there to escape the Fenian press gangs, and some of the Fenians have slept away from their cabins, behind haystacks or even in ditches, while farmers' sons have come into Thurles at night to be out of harm's way. The Fenian chiefs evidently desire to compromise as many as possible of the country people. They think that when once they have put a pike into a man's hand and placed him in the hands of the Fenians, the constabulary will be so afraid that no one will believe him if he says he was unwillingly. At Killeedy Fenians were enforced by repeated threats to shoot any one who refused to serve, and shots were now and then fired in the air to intimidate the villagers. The relations of one of the men who had been attacked by the constabulary, to declare that he was forced out of bed by the Fenians, resisting as well as he could, and that they threatened to cut off his hands unless he marched with them. Poor fellow, it was for him a march to death!

#### DEATHS OF INSURGENTS FROM THE SEVERITY OF THE WEATHER.

It is believed that many of the Fenians have died upon the hills of hunger, cold, and exhaustion. Eight bodies were found on Monday morning on the hills of Mullinacree. Many more have been wounded, it is supposed, than has been reported. The rebels must have carried away many of the Fenian constabulary has disabled, only those seriously injured have been left behind. Such weather as this is a severe trial to the Fenians, and even in the mountains, snow and rain and fierce easterly winds have harassed the rebels, and have impeded very considerably the operations of the military.

#### THE MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS AT MALLOW.

Mallow Junction is a point of great strategic importance. It commands the railway communication between Cork and Dublin, Cork and Limerick and the west, and is one of the places which the Fenians proposed to attack and occupy, so that the Fenians and the west from Mallow Junction, and give full opportunity to local patriots who were to have established the Irish Republic in those parts. General Sir Alfred Horsfall has now transferred his headquarters to Mallow, and has a force of infantry, cavalry and artillery under his immediate command. Although the Fenians have not yet been able to get within the neighbourhood, parties of them have called at several farm-houses and residences of the gentry a few miles from the town and carried off arms. They are also now and then force the farm labourers and others to join their ranks, but the men generally join with reluctance, and desert as soon as possible. Here, as in other places, however, great difficulty is experienced by the authorities in procuring information. The country people are unwilling, or afraid, to tell what they know, and the military detachments sent to the point at which Fenian bands are said to have been in the habit of firing the cord of steel. It is probable that false information may sometimes be given, or that reports may be set on foot by the Fenians themselves in order to harass the troops. A low range of mountains south of the town affords good harbours for Fenian boats, and there is a great likelihood that during the winter months, the Fenians will find shelter in the peat huts of the farmhouses which lie scattered among the hills. Some rocket signals have been seen by a sentry and other persons, and it is also alleged that the Fenians were seen to be talking about the Fenian code, which in a mountainous district like the west of Ireland they would not doubt, find very useful.

#### FENIAN ALARM IN LIVERPOOL.

Information has been received of a Fenian design to destroy the docks of Liverpool by fire. On the 24th inst. a Fenian band of 100 men, with arms and trunks, were seen in the streets of Liverpool, and were ordered to reinforce the defences of that city and port.

#### THE AGENTS OF THE DIFFERENT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN LIVERPOOL HELD A MEETING.

Some curious reports were made in Liverpool, and were taken to prevent the action of incendiaries. The managers of all the local banks have received a warning to the effect that they must keep a good watch at night on the premises of their banks, and that any attempt to break into the banks must be reported to the magistracy. The magistracy has also been provided with a copy of the Riot Act; and four constabulary are reported to have been chartered by the magistracy to guard the banks, and to be ready to assist in the event of any disturbance.

#### RAMSGATE, WEDNESDAY MORNING.

This morning a high wind, blowing from the east, a fishing smack was observed making for the pier, a strong gale blowing from the south-east at the time, and a tremendous sea breaking over the outer walls of the pier. On her near approach the vessel was seen to be in a state of alarm, and was heard to be shouting for help. The vessel was seen to be in a state of alarm, and was heard to be shouting for help. The vessel was seen to be in a state of alarm, and was heard to be shouting for help.

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#### THE UNITED STATES.

##### THE DUELLO.—A TRAGIC RECONTE IN NEW ORLEANS.—Already has been given, in the columns of this paper, a short account of the dreadful duel fought between Messrs. Edmund LeFebvre and Charles Janin, both parties were respectively connected, and were highly esteemed by those who knew them personally. The following account of the cause and progress of the duel, and the manner in which it was conducted, is not very long ago a well-known society gave a ball, and Mr. LeFebvre brought his wife there. It is stated that Mr. Janin, whilst waiting with Madam LeFebvre, thrust his hand into the pocket of his coat, and feeling a pistol, he turned round, and saw Mr. LeFebvre, who was standing by his side, and who was looking at him with a malignant expression. Mr. LeFebvre, seeing Mr. Janin's hand in his pocket, and seeing the pistol, he turned round, and saw Mr. LeFebvre, who was standing by his side, and who was looking at him with a malignant expression.

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Intelligence from Smyrna announces that the Prussian courier, Gassler, immediately on his arrival in that port, left for Mitylene in order to afford relief to the inhabitants. Great distress prevailed at Mitylene, and an impression prevailed that the whole island would be completely destroyed. A number of the inhabitants had already been removed and conveyed to Smyrna by the Prussian galleon Blitz.

### DEATH OF THE PRINCESS OF WALES'S GRAND-DAUGHTER.

On Thursday the Prince and Princess of Wales received a telegram from Copenhagen, announcing the death of the Princess Louise Caroline Schlegel-Haesler, the Princess's grand-daughter, who was one of her three grand-daughters who had been heard directly. The most of these are now without bread, and are actually subsisting on corn husks and whatever they can get to preserve life upon, while there are others who have one and two bushels of corn yet, but without any means to get more."

### UNITED STATES.

#### THE DUELLO.—A TRAGIC RECONTE IN NEW ORLEANS.—Already has been given, in the columns of this paper, a short account of the dreadful duel fought between Messrs. Edmund LeFebvre and Charles Janin, both parties were respectively connected, and were highly esteemed by those who knew them personally. The following account of the cause and progress of the duel, and the manner