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## BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

### What Germany Might do.

BERLIN, April 18.—The *Nord Deutsche Zeitung*, answering comments of the French press on a previous article, says: "If monarchy be restored in France it is not very likely that Germany would declare war forthwith. She would probably await an attack by France, which would soon be made, under certain conditions. The restored monarchy would probably be induced to declare war on Germany without waiting long."

### Sentenced to Death.

DUBLIN, April 18.—Closing arguments were heard in the Curly trial this morning. Attorney-General Porter, on behalf of the crown, declared the evidence in support of an alibi worthless and conflicting. Though Peter Hanlon professed to be in Curly's company four hours, covering the time the assassination took place, and claimed during that time that he met various persons, defence produced but one of these persons. One witness swore that Curly was in a saloon at the same time, but Hanlon testified that Curly was in another place.

The judge then delivered his charge to the jury. He spoke strongly against the reliability of the evidence to prove an alibi; he pointed out that there could not be the slightest doubt that the murders were perpetrated at the instigation of secret societies, with which the prisoner was indisputably connected.

The charge was completed at half-past 2, and the jury retired immediately, and after a short absence re-entered the court room, finding Curly guilty, as charged in the indictment.

The prisoner on being asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him, said he had not expected any mercy from the court. It was very unfortunate that the Irish bench was never without a Geogh. He admitted that he was a member of the invincibles, but declared that he was not in Phoenix park on the evening that the murders were committed. Curly said that he loved his country, and could suffer for her. He declared the witnesses who had testified for the crown perjured themselves. He also said he was a Fenian.

After prisoner had finished his speech he was sentenced to be hanged on the 18th of May.

As the officers were taking the prisoner from the dock he cried out, in a loud voice, "God save Ireland."

### Lo on Deck.

WALLA WALLA, April 18.—Two companies of cavalry, the commands of Captain McGregor and Backus, are preparing to mount at a moment's notice, on account of rumored Indian troubles to the north. They think it is Moses' tribe. The soldiers are awaiting further orders. Col. Parnell is expected to leave with his command for Spokane in the morning.

### Ancient History.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18.—The 300 medals have reached here, at last, and have been distributed to those entitled to receive them. They have been at Senator Don Cameron's house, at Harrisburg, for nearly a year. One or two of the stalwart phalanx, who were at Cameron's house when the bronze trophies arrived, were given their medals with an injunction of secrecy. The others were put away until the campaign should be over. Cameron in overhauling his rubbish before going abroad found these medals, and concluded that it was a good time to distribute them. Boys here are exhibiting them as curiosities.

### A Serious Matter.

LONDON, April 18.—The *Daily News'* leading article says: In the event of the affair with Annam involving France in war with China, it is understood that France will confine herself to blockading Chinese ports, as she is very well

aware of the difficulties of an expedition to Peking. The *News* adds that it will be a very serious matter to stop trade between China and America, England and Germany, and it will be worth while for France to consider whether Prince Bismarck will submit to such action.

### Gems in Golden Settings.

The truth against the world.—*Welsh Proverb.*

If wrinkles must be written upon our brows, let them not be written upon our hearts.

The whisper of a beautiful woman can be heard further than the loudest call of duty.

The sword is but a hideous flash in the darkness—right is an eternal ray.—*Victor Hugo.*

The people may be made to follow a line of action, but they may not be made to understand it.

A wise and good man does nothing for appearance, but everything for the sake of having acted well.

Disputing should be always so managed as to remember that the only true end of it is peace.—*Pope.*

Show me the man you honor. I know by that symptom, better than any other, what you are yourself.—*Carlyle.*

Thought is the first faculty of man; to express it is one of his first desires; to spread it his dearest privilege.—*Raynal.*

We should do everything we can for others, if only to dissipate the thought of what they omit to do for us.—*Mme. Swetchine.*

In life it is difficult to say who sometimes do you the most mischief, enemies with the worst intention, or friends with the best.—*Bulwer Lytton.*

Those with whom we can apparently become well acquainted in a few months are generally the most difficult to rightly know and understand.—*Hazlithorne.*

Whoever has a contented mind has all riches. To him whose foot is inclosed in a shoe, is it not as though the earth were carpeted with leather?—*Hindu.*

There may have been many definitions of a gentleman, but the prettiest and most poetic is that given by a lady. "A gentleman," says she, "is a human being combining a woman's tenderness with a man's courage."

### Fish of The Tropics.

A letter from Nassau, in the Bahama Islands, says: Dame Nature, in accomplishing her work for tropical climes, always seems to have made the sad mistake of doing everything for the eye. She gives pure air, but it is full of lassitude. She creates a vast range of most luxuriant vegetation, but her trees are small and their fibers tender. She begets a huge variety of fruits beautiful to look upon, but if we except the orange, lemon, pineapple and banana, they are for the most part insipid and of species which decay so quickly that they are rarely or never seen in our northern markets. In tropical seas her work is of the same kind. Her fish seem made to feast the esthetic eye rather than the craving stomach. In these crystalline waters, where clean living is the necessary habit of the finny race, one might expect every fish to at least rival the flavor of the shad, trout and other dainty dwellers of the northern streams. But, instead, everything seems to run to color. The supremest tints of beauty—gold, orange, blue, green and red—are lavished wantonly on these tropical tribes of the sea. Even fish of northern species when found in the tropics have some added line of beauty in gold or crimson. The porgy, for example, is one of the fish most abundant in Bahama water. But here, unlike the northern kin, he has a scarlet mouth and deep lines of gold on his scales. Something in the clear water seems to generate the vivid

tints, and by the same occult process extract all fishy esculence, for tropical fish, with one or two exceptions, taste alike. They have a negative insipid flavor when cooked—something half way between fish and cheap beefsteak—and when first caught they smell more like fresh meat than fish. Nay, many of these fish are really poisonous. I have heard of one well-authenticated case, where some passengers on a Bahama-bound schooner caught a tropical fish called the barracuda, a fierce creature, often growing to a great size, and much resembling in structure and habit the fresh water pickerel. The fish was cooked, and every man who ate was seriously poisoned. One of the victims became almost a confirmed invalid in consequence of that terrible repast. Nevertheless the barracuda at certain seasons and under particular conditions is eaten freely by the Bahama negroes, and I have seen it when sun-dried on sale in the Nassau markets. Other fish, however, some of them most beautiful specimens, and as to some of them most absurd notions as to their poisonous qualities prevail among the negro race. The squirrel fish, for instance, must never be touched between the eyes, for yellow fever is supposed to be certain to ensue.



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