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NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST FROM ACROSS THE BIG POND

(Guard Special Service.)

London, Dec. 18.—Justice is not infallible, and there have been many cases in English legal history when the innocent were put to death. The public execution about fifty years ago, of two brothers named William and Daniel MacCormack, had been recalled by application to the Nenagh County Council for permission to enter the old goal premises for the purpose of exhuming the remains of the two men for reinterment in Loughmore Churchyard. The men, aged twenty-eight and twenty-five years, were of the farming class, and were convicted by Judge Keogh at the North Tipperary Assizes for the murder of John Ellis, on March 12, 1858. Ellis was a steward in the employment of John Trant, of Dorea, and played the part of evictor in many cases on land that came into his possession through the Encumbered Estates Court. Mr. O'Brien, who made the application, explained that the old goal premises had passed into the hands of the County Council. It was well known, he said, that the men who had been executed were innocent of the charge which was preferred against them, and for which they were hastened before their God; and it was better known who the real culprit was, and that he died in America a few years after the tragedy.

The graves of the martyrs to blind justice have been carefully marked, and, after the removal of the bodies, it is proposed to erect a handsome monument to their memory. It is expected that the memorial will serve as a warning in future trials for murder, and it will also become a permanent argument for the abolition of capital punishment.

Royal Sorrow. Two recent deaths have caused great distress in the royal family, since King Edward has thereby lost those who were among his closest friends. The death of Mr. Montagu Guest and Consuelo, Duchess of Manchester, following so quickly one upon the other, have greatly distressed His Majesty, and the Royal Set can never be the same now that they are missing. For years Consuelo Duchess of Manchester had entertained the King at her lovely villa at Biarritz on numerous occasions while he was paying his customary visit to the Continent in the spring. As a hostess she had a reputation which all her friends in Society envied. Her dinners and card parties were invariably a success, and she had the rare quality of being able to maintain friendly relations with all the attractive women whom

in the course of her interesting career she had occasion to meet.

Wanted A Wife.

A letter from an American has caused great amusement in the ranks of the Pagnell Guardians who are requested to find the man a wife, who must be a "female," to be sent to America forthwith. His letter is as follows: "Can you find me a wife in your union? "It must be a female not over 25, good looking; I ain't pertickler about the color of her air, her must be able to luek arter a singel chap as wants to marry her. "I dont wants her to get up very early of mornin, as I am used to it my self, and I alus puts kettle on."

Christmas Amusements.

Pantomimes have always been the most popular amusements for Christmas day in London, but on the holiday nine days hence they will have serious rivals in several new children's Christmas plays. The success of "Peter Pan" several years ago started the idea of providing youngsters with Christmas fare less gorgeous and tiring than the old-fashioned pantomime with its fairies and its transformation scenes. "Peter Pan" so captures childlike taste that naturally it was bound to create a new school of holiday entertainment.

This year the Lyceum, Adelphi and Drury Lane theatres will adhere to their old time pantomimes of "Cinderella," "Aladdin," "Bluebeard" or whatever ancient story they wish to dress in magnificent scenic raiment, but in rivalry with these will be the productions at various smaller theatres.

Mr. Trench is preparing Maeterlinck's delightful fairy play "The Blue Bird" for the Haymarket. The chief note of this product will be simplicity, but the simplicity which leaves no point in the author's work untouched. Maeterlinck himself sanctions the use of such pantomime devices as stage traps, and these will be freely employed.

The company will not fall far short of 100, the larger proportion being children. As "The Blue Bird" may be regarded from two different standpoints, that of a children's entertainment and that of a psychological problem, it will probably make a wide appeal.

At His Majesty's Theatre "Pinks and the Fairies" will be given again with Ellen Terry as the delightful Auntie and her brother, Edward Terry, as Uncle Gregory.

Arthur Bourchier is to have matinee performances of a new children's play at the Garrick in which his little daughter Prudence will make her debut. She is a clever young actress of about 12 and has made several

amateur appearances in London. The play is by Sydney Bow and Douglas Hoare and is called "Where Children Rule."

Cyril Maude at the Playhouse is also to present a children's play and a daughter. His little girl is slightly older than Miss Bourchier and is absolutely inexperienced, but has all the love of the stage born in these children of theatrical families.

The power of the young person and the matinee girl is felt in the London theatrical world, if not in any other, and Lewis Waller and George Alexander have catered to their wishes just lately in a rather amusing fashion. Both these players have appeared in their respective new pieces new pieces, "Sir Walter Raleigh" and "Lorimer Sabbiston," with beards, and both have been inundated with letters imploring them to return to their ordinary clean shaven condition. So though both parts rather call for hirsute appendages, especially Sir Walter Raleigh, who, according to history, was thus decorated, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Waller have consented to dispense with such masks to their beauty and are now appearing nightly, quite clean shaven.

FARMERS' MEETING AT JUNCTION TUESDAY

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