

THE FAMINE IN IRELAND.

Correspondent Tells of Distress in Mayo County.

SUPPLIES VERY SHORT

They Will Last Only a Few Days More and Relief Measures are Necessary at Once.

(Montreal Star Correspondence.)

Swinford, County Mayo, Ireland, December 30—After having returned from Charlestown, I visited Kiltimaghan, one of the most congested districts in the county of Mayo.

Both districts are in Swinford Union, the population of which is 44,000 and the valuation \$205,000 or \$4.72 a head.

One moment the traveller is in the trough of the waves then on their crest, then again away down in the hollow. Only a native can successfully find the bearings of the villages and hamlets, which lie concealed amid innumerable hills and boulders.

Risen from Sick Bed.

Mrs. Cuff had but risen from a sick bed. She assured us cheerfully that she was quite recovered, though it was very saddening to see her walking barefooted on the damp floor.

It is impossible to tell how this household can escape starvation. The same remark applies to nearly every family in this neighborhood. In all the villages the potatoes are all but exhausted and there is no relief in sight.

"This is the worst crop I have ever seen," said Charles Burke, local supervisor for the Congested Districts Board.

"The failure is more serious and the yield of worse quality than that of 1897," was the comment of Pat Pavin, who is now more than four score years.

Harvesting in England.

Kenny and his sons have gone to England every year for six months' work in the hay and grain fields.

CAUGHT AN EAGLE ALIVE.

Man of 83 Had a Struggle in a Field With a Bird and Overcame it.

Angoola, Ind., Dec. 30.—Edward Baker, 83 years old, living five miles northwest of Angoola, caught alive yesterday an American eagle after a spirited struggle.

While walking over his farm he noticed a dark object on the ground. He saw by the wind ruffling the feathers that it was a large bird. The bird appeared to be asleep, with its head over its back and under its wing.

The aged man bore his prize, beating its talons against the air, to his corn crib, where it is now, alive and well. It is a fine specimen and stands about 3 feet high, with wings measuring 7 feet from tip to tip.

POLICE COURT RECEIPTS.

Table with columns for month and amount received. Total for 1904: \$9,926.85. Total for 1903: \$9,872.35.

CITY COURT.

Table with columns for month and amount received. Total for 1904: \$1,226.13. Total for 1903: \$1,235.49.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

CLEWS LOOKS INTO WALL STREET FUTURE.

Closing an exhaustive review of the business of 1904, Henry Clews, the Wall Street banker, says of the prospects for the new year:

"What is the outlook for 1905? Very promising; provided excessive speculative temptations are avoided and the market confined to regular and legitimate channels. Some recession in merchandise values is desirable and would stimulate new enterprise, but such recessions are not yet in sight.

"The present session of Congress promises to be actively occupied with discussion of economic questions such as tariff trusts, railroads, etc. These questions have a vital bearing upon business interests, and their discussion may produce temporary unsettlement. At the same time there is little prospect of any radical action on these problems while the present party remains in power, especially during the present session.

"The complete subsidence of the consolidation or trust craze, which reached its climax in 1901, has not yet been reached. It is estimated that the total industrial consolidations aggregated only about \$185,000,000 in 1903, \$425,000,000 in 1902, and \$2,805,000,000 in 1901.

"The organization of labor was the inevitable counterpart of the organization of capital. Reckless and radical leadership led labor into much the same sort of errors that brought some of our captains of industry to an early and a lonely end. This object was frequently obtained by force and intimidation when other means failed. General property owners have many employers to make concessions which served to encourage rather than satisfy the demands of unreasonable contract terms until the right of freedom of contract between employer and employee was threatened with extinction.

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"Several matters of moment have as yet to be settled before the matter can be made public in its entirety.

THE COTTON MERGER.

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"The final arrangements, transfer of stock, etc., are expected to take about a month's time to complete. By February 1st it is hoped that the new company which by that time should be incorporated, will commence the operation of the various properties acquired—(Montreal Star.)

NEW BRUNSWICK FAILURES.

The year 1904 was a good one in New Brunswick, as only thirty-five failures occurred. This was ten more than in the year previous.

"The liabilities in this year are placed at \$317,000 as against \$275,000 in the year previous. The assets of 1904 are placed at \$195,000, an unusually high figure, and due greatly to the purchase of the pulp mill by the city which put \$115,000 in the assets of that concern.

A LONG HUNT AFTER A MOOSE.

The Retreat of a Wounded Bull Protected by His Mate.

Quebec, Dec. 30.—One of the most remarkable moose hunts ever reported has just terminated at Talbot station on the line of the Quebec and Lake St. John railway about 65 miles north of this city.

P. McCall and J. Carter of Grand Mere, discovered a bull moose early last Monday morning after following his tracks for a considerable distance. Then they saw that he was accompanied by a female almost as large as himself.

Often, before getting within good, safe rifle shot of the bull the hunters could easily have killed the cow. It would almost have seemed that she was aware of the fact that she was protected by the law of the land, which imposes a fine of \$100 penalty upon any one killing a female moose, so dangerously close did she remain to the hunters, and so constantly did she harass them during the chase.

After following the pair for considerable distance the hunters succeeded in placing a bullet in the body of the bull, but without striking any vital part of the animal's anatomy, though for some time his course was marked by a stream of blood. Probably because he was not alone, but had the safety of his mate to consider, as well as his own, or it may be because he did not care to face two assailants at the same time, the wounded moose did not turn upon his foes, as so many of these animals do when wounded at close quarters.

Both moose made off at first at a very rapid rate, but finally came upon a locality where the snow was so deep that their course was greatly impeded. The hunters found no difficulty whatever in following the two moose but whenever they approached the wounded condition of her mate, would turn upon the hunters and keep them at a safe distance until the weakened bull had been able to gain another start. She simply stood in their path and barred the way.

At nightfall, when the hunters were no longer able to maintain it for want of ability to follow the train in the dark, they were obliged to camp out in the open air. Fearing to make a fire lest the moose should be driven away, the hunters suffered so much from the extreme cold that they had but little sleep and had to keep moving about in order to maintain circulation.

As soon as the first glimmering of daylight enabled them to see the tracks of the moose, they were off again in hot pursuit. At one time the trail led them across the Batisan river, but they were fortunate enough to pick it up again near the opposite shore and shortly before nightfall on Tuesday they had the

Satisfaction of having their persistence rewarded by a glimpse of the animals still traveling together, the bull evidently very much exhausted from loss of blood.

As they lessened the distance between them and their quarry, the plucky cow could not cover the fire from both of them and one more shot brought the handsomely antlered moose to the ground.

OBITUARY.

Thomas Rankin.

Thomas Rankin, died early yesterday morning, at his home, Fairfield, parish of Simonds. He was 89 years of age, and a native of County Antrim, Ireland. At the age of 21, he came to this country, where he had been a highly respected citizen for 68 years.

He was a strong, hearty man, until Nov. 3rd. last, when he received injuries that finally resulted in his death. He was driving from Black River, where he had polled his vote, when he was thrown from the carriage and was badly injured. A stroke of paralysis followed, resulting in his death. He leaves four sons and two daughters. The late Mrs. John Cummin and Mrs. Robert Lovett, of Tynemouth Creek, the sons are, Charles, of the city police force, and William, of the city; Arthur, at home, and Thomas, of Boston.

Arthur Gay.

Arthur Gay, a veteran of the Fenian raid, and a son of a Waterloo veteran, died Saturday, at the residence of his son, A. W. Gay, 96 Main street. He was 82 years of age. He leaves, besides his wife, five sons, and one daughter, Mrs. Buchanan, wife of the colonel of the Boys' Brigade; The sons are Nelson Gay, whose home is in the west; Arthur W., of this city; G. W., of St. Stephen, who has arrived from his home to attend the funeral, and Messrs. Alexander and William, of Boston. For many years deceased lived in P. E. Island, he moved from there to this city; and subsequently returned to the island, but for the past few years had been living with his son in Main street.

PERTINENT QUERY.

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