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Mr. Gladstone is doing. She is always at hand in the corner with Sir Charles Russell's eloquence is helping to put the Grand Old Man into power again.

HAPPILY there was no bloodshed at the evictions near Falcarragh, Ireland, yesterday. This was due to the patient courage of the peasants, not to the evictions, whose methods were as brutal as usual.

THE militia of the State will hardly concede the justice of the Legislature voting itself a free trip to New York during the Centennial after it had declined to pay for the transportation of the troops.

SOME sanguine admirer of Lord Randolph Churchill has cabled his opinion that Lord Salisbury will shortly offer that erratic statesman a place in the Cabinet.

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THE great Peet Whittier has added his voice to the protest against enforcing idleness in prisons.

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RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION. The enormous amount of new mileage projected in the first quarter of 1890—The Outlook for the Future.

CHICAGO, April 11.—The Railway Age in its issue to-morrow will present elaborate tables showing the number of miles of railway projected during the three months of the present year to March 31. It will say: The fact that many, and perhaps more of the great companies, had no assurance to each other that they would not engage in competitive construction this year, the hostility toward railroads, the falling off in earnings of nearly all existing roads, and perhaps more than all the reported determination of Eastern financiers to discourage the floating of new securities, all seemed to the general public to warrant the belief that little railway building would be witnessed during the present year.

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GIST OF GOTHAM'S GOSSIP. Lily Langtry's House Searched. NEW YORK BUREAU SPECIALS.

NEW YORK, April 11.—The curtains in the dressing room of Lily Langtry's house on West 23rd street were caught fire from an oil stove shortly after noon to-day. Mrs. Langtry was on walking with Freddie Gohardt at the time, and the four dressmakers who have been repairing her costumes for the last two weeks were at luncheon. When the dressmakers returned the carpet and furniture near the window were all ablaze and the flames were just catching the spot of the room on which the \$4000 worth of Mrs. Langtry's gowns. Two of the women fought the fire with blankets and rags, while the other two carried away Mrs. Langtry's wardrobe. They got very badly scorched. In the meantime three fire engines, two hook and ladder trucks and a thousand or more persons appeared before the house. The firemen cut a big hole in the roof just above the smoking room and pumped down water enough from buckets to quench the fire. Just as the excitement was abating the Lily, accompanied by her husband, James, and her father, ran quickly up the stairs to the scene of the fire. On arriving there she exclaimed: "How glad I am this did not occur at night. I know how holding the opening that holds the tank for the water in the house was clearly discernible. The damage to the house was slight."

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