THE HONORABLE JOHN MORRISSEY. AN HOUR IN THE XLth CONGRESS.

Important Debate.

WASHINGTON, March 7th, 1867. — The House was called to order, Mr. Niblack in Mr. Morrissey called the question of the previous day, and wanted to know if it was time for a recess. The chair decided the gentleman out of order.

Mr. Morrissey-Mr. Speaker, I want to know if this is a free country.

Mr. Kelley—Not yet. I call the question.

Mr. Morrissey—You can't crowd me to the rope that way. Mr. Speaker, I want my question answered.

The Speaker decided the gentleman out of rder, and directed the Clerk to read the bill offered by Mr. Washburne day before

yesterday.
Mr. Washburne—I rise, Mr. Speaker, to elucidate or rather explain some of the articles of the bill offered by me, which do no cles of the bin one to by the day's of Rome by its opponents. In the day's of Rome when Coriolanus fought amid open and secret traitors for that boon-

Mr. Morrissey—Mr. Speaker I want to call the gentleman to order. The gentle-man who represents Rome (Rome, New York,) has gone out; his name is not Corry O'Lawness, and I'll have no member from my state insulted.
Mr. Washburne—I would explain to the

ntleman, but— Mr. Morrissey—Don't but me sir; I've go more money than any man in this house, and I can lick any man who wants to maltreat the truth.

The Speaker—The gentleman from New York will please come to order. The gentleman from Illinois has the floor.

Mr. Morrissey—No he aint! No sir I'm got the floor, and if there's a better man than me here I want him to come and take it. I've got the floor and I won't be imposed

on. [Applause in the galleries which was quickly checked by the Speaker.] Mr. Morrissey continued; if Izy Lazerous is in this room I want to see him.

The Speaker—Gentlemen, my colleague does not understand the rules of the House; I hope the gentleman will have a little pa-At this juncture a dice box was presented

to Mr. Morrissey, and through the persuasion of his friends he took his seat. Mr. Blair-We are on the eve of another civil war, and-

Mr. Washburne-Mr. Speaker, I claim the Mr. Morrissey—You can't have it. Mr. Kelley—I think I understand this

matter. The gentleman from New York having broken— Mr. Morrissey, much excited-I'm not broke, nor there ain't a man in this room that can break me, or make me ask to be let up. I'll not have my character and reputation frizzled in this room nor any

other place as long as my name is John forrissey. Mr. Stevens---Has hell broke loose that men are allowed to come into this house as they would a bar room? for my part— Mr. Morrissey—I wan't to know what that means; I've been in better houses than this here one, and got more stuff in my place at Saratoga than would buy this whole

Mr. Boyer—This, Mr. Speaker, this is very distress ng. Mr. Kelley—Not more so than the rest. Mr. Boyer—I appeal to the chair. Mr. Niblack—I wish to call—

Mr. Morrissey—A flush— Mr. Farnsworth—In God's name, Mr. Speaker, are we the representatives of a civilized and enlightened people— Mr. Morrissey—Four jacks and an ace. Mr. Lynch—Mr. Speaker if a party—

Mr. Morrissey—Democracy and the fifth A voice in the gallery. Bully for you; now you've got him. Fifty to five that Jack wins the pot. Great excitement.

Mr. Schofield—I am astonished. It is no worder that Facility and astonished. wonder that England and—
Mr. Morrissey—Send John C. Heenan.
A voice in the gallery—"Hurrah for Mo-

leneaux." Excitement increasing.
Mr. Morrissey—Show me that man; I'll bet he's a nigger; I can lick any nigger that ever jumped.

Here the Speaker, who had been dozing in his chair, lustily called order. Mr. Morrissey—Mr. Speaker, you're on my side; some of the fellers are waiting outside;

they want me to put a bill through for them, to prohibit imprisonment and hanging in the State of New York.

Mr. Blair—Nothing more reasonable.
Mr. Niblack—Nothing.
Mr. Brooks—I agree with my colleagues,
and hope the matter will be immediately
brought before the house. Mr. Speaker
you understand the question; it is of vital
importance. Mr. Humphrey—It will give me pleasure

to vote for the measure.

The bill was handed in, and Mr. Morrissey with some difficulty reached the speaker's desk and handed it to the clerk, falling as he did so, over one of the affrighted reporters, and bringing up in a spittoon. The clerk was directed to read the bill, but most all of the members having left the floor, Mr. Morrissey and his colleagues took a recess, and thus ends an hour in the XLth

Marine Disasters.

FORTRESS MONROE, Nov. 20.—The ship Lampedo, Capt. Wm. F. Black, from Savannah, Ga., bound to New York, in ballast, arrived here this morning, leaking badly, and with ten and a half feet of water in her hold. She left Savannah on the 16th inst., at noon, favored by a fresh southerly breeze. At 4 o'clock, P. M., the lighthouse at Martin's Industry was made, and the wind then from the south and west had increased to a light gale. As the sea increased the ship commenced to leak, and the pumps, two in number, were ineffectual, and the water gained rapidly from two feet and a half to five feet and a half. The crew returned to the pumps, and redoubling their exertions, kept the leak from increasing until Hatter-as was made, on last Saturday, at 10'clock, A.M. The pumps were kept constantly in motion, but the crew became exhausted with their labors. The wind veered around to the westward; a calm finally succeeded, and the water in the hold having increased to ten feet and a half, preparations were at once entered into to abandon the ship. The longboat was launched, and two me in it to keep it clear of the vessel, as it trailed along the stern. The necessity of abandoning the vessel was. however, fortunately obring the vessel was, nowever, fortunately obviated by a favorable southerly breeze springing up, which filled the sails and enabled the ship to reach here at an early hour this morning.

During Saturday, while the ship lay drifting about, she was spoken by the schooner A.J. Bentley, Capt. Williams, from New York, bound to Charleston, S.C., who kindly offered any assistance be could render: but offered any assistance he could render: but Capt. Black, of the Lampedo, although appreciating the offer, deemed it best to decline, the schooner herself being short-handed. They also spoke the schooner Madison Holmes, on Saturday, from Beaufort, N.C., bound to New York, with shingles, &c.

The Lampedo is an English vessel of about one thousand tons,old measurement, and was wrecked at Warsaw, S. C., some three months ago, while bound to Savan-nah from Mobile. She was sold in Septemnah from Mobile. She was sold in September last, under a claim for salvage, to parties in New York (Messrs. J. T. Riley & Figarty) for some \$9,000, who put about \$15,000 repairs upon her, and loading her with a ballast of two hundred and fifty sticks of pitch pine wood, started her for New York, Her owners, in New York, have shipped a attam pump on the steamer Silas O. Pierce,

to be placed on board for the purpose of pumping her clear of water, after which she will proceed to New York to be fitted

Removal of an Interesting Relic. Another interesting relic of the London opast times is about to be removed. Ken past times is about to be removed. Ken-sington Church, it is reported, will be pulled down in a few months, being in an unsafe state. It is not a large nor a handsome building, but it has some pleasant associa-tions which will make us regret its loss. When it was built, says the London Review. does not appear in any of the records; ye that it is older than the time of Addison i evident from its appearance, and no doub that was the church the essayist attended when he was living in state at Holland House. Its plain, old-fashioned brown brick with white dressings, its little tower and pollard trees in the churchyard are in harmony with the quaint, warm-hued houses by which it is surrounded; besides which, there is a certain re-pose in the very aspect of old buildings, which suits the grave, meditative character of a literary resort such as Kensington once was. In Leigh Hunt's "Old Court Suburb" it is stated that, "what with partial rebuildings and wholesale repairs," the church "has been altered since the year 1688 nearly a dozen times." In the church 1688, nearly a dozen times." In the church yard lie buried the young Earl of Warwick son of the Countess whom Addison married: Francis Colman, father of George Colman the elder, and grandfather of the younger George; the two Georges themselves; Dr Jorton, author of the "Life of Erasmus;"

the Rev. Martin Madan, author of a book called "Thelypthoras" (Female Ruin), in which he recommends polygamy as a remedy for seduction; Elphinstone, the translator of Martial; Mrs. Inchbald; Spofforth, the glee composer; John Mill, the historian of British India, and father of Mr. John Stuart Mill; and a few other notabilities. Some beautiful and affecting remarks on the old churchyard, on the cultivation of flowers on graves, and on the associations of death generally, are contained in Leigh Hunt's work already alluded to, in the chapters devoted to Kensington Church. POLICEMEN IN A PREDICAMENT.-The

Wheeling Register says: Night before last four of our city policemenstarted out on the National Road in pursuit of a horse thief. Two of the officers—Noah Price and John Brady—were in a buggy, and two were on foot. When some distance from the city, the officers in the buggy left the rule and the officers in the buggy left the pike and took up Wheeling Creek. They had not proceeded a great distance before they heard a horse coming up the road at a rapid pace. Supposing the rider of the beast to be the thief and the animal, the stolen property they wheeled round and came back at a furious speed. In turning a fence corner, where the road was narrow, the officers, and all all were precipitated embankment into the an creek. They fell seven feet, into about three feet of water. While they were splashing and floundering in the stream, the horse thief rode by at furious speed and made his escape. Officers Brady and Price were in the water under the buggy, while the horse was kicking around terribly. Brady crawled out from und r the vehicle, took the venice, took hold of the borse, got him on his feet, turned the buggy over, and then interested himself in the welfare of his companion. The cries of the two officers for help brought to their assistance a man named Langan, who was riding by and he assisted the in certific riding by, and he assisted them in getting out of their unfortunate position. In th-darkness of the night both officers lost their hats in the creek, Price's cane floated off, the whip and buggy cushions were lost, and both men were drenched to the skin. They got out, were guided to the road, took their seats in the buggy and left for this city, it is

said singing the song dedicated to "Lana-

gan's ball.'' LIABILITY OF COMMON CARRIERS.-Mr Charles G. Lockwood, a cattle transporter over the New York Central Railroad, has just recovered, in the United States Circuit Court, a verdict for \$25,000 damages agains that company for injuries sustained by fall ing through a dark and unprotected opening in their road. A point in the case relied on by the company was a contract signed by the plaintiff, in consideration of a free pass for himself and lower freight charges for the ransportation of his stock, to absolve the company from all the liabilities of common company from all the habilines of common carriers for injuries that might be sustained for either man or beast. The plaintiff's counsel, however, contended that a company acting as common carriers owed a duty to the public which it could not by agreement absolve it walf from: that this estion was not predicated. which it could not by agreement absolve it-self from; that this action was not predicated upon a breach of contract, but an omission of this duty by the defendant; that while the company might stipulate not to be held recompany might scipulate not to be held responsible for acts necessarily delegated to the charge of agents, yet it was against public policy to permit them to avoid, by contract. Judge Smalley took the plaintiff sive of the case, and charge the jury accordingly, with the above result. It is, of course, with probable that the case will be trained. puite probable that the case will be take up by appeal by the Company to the Suppeme Court at Washington. But the opinion of Judge Smalley and this heavy ver-dict is of great importance, as it affects all common carriers' liability at common law.

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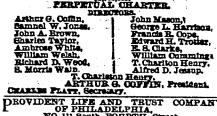
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