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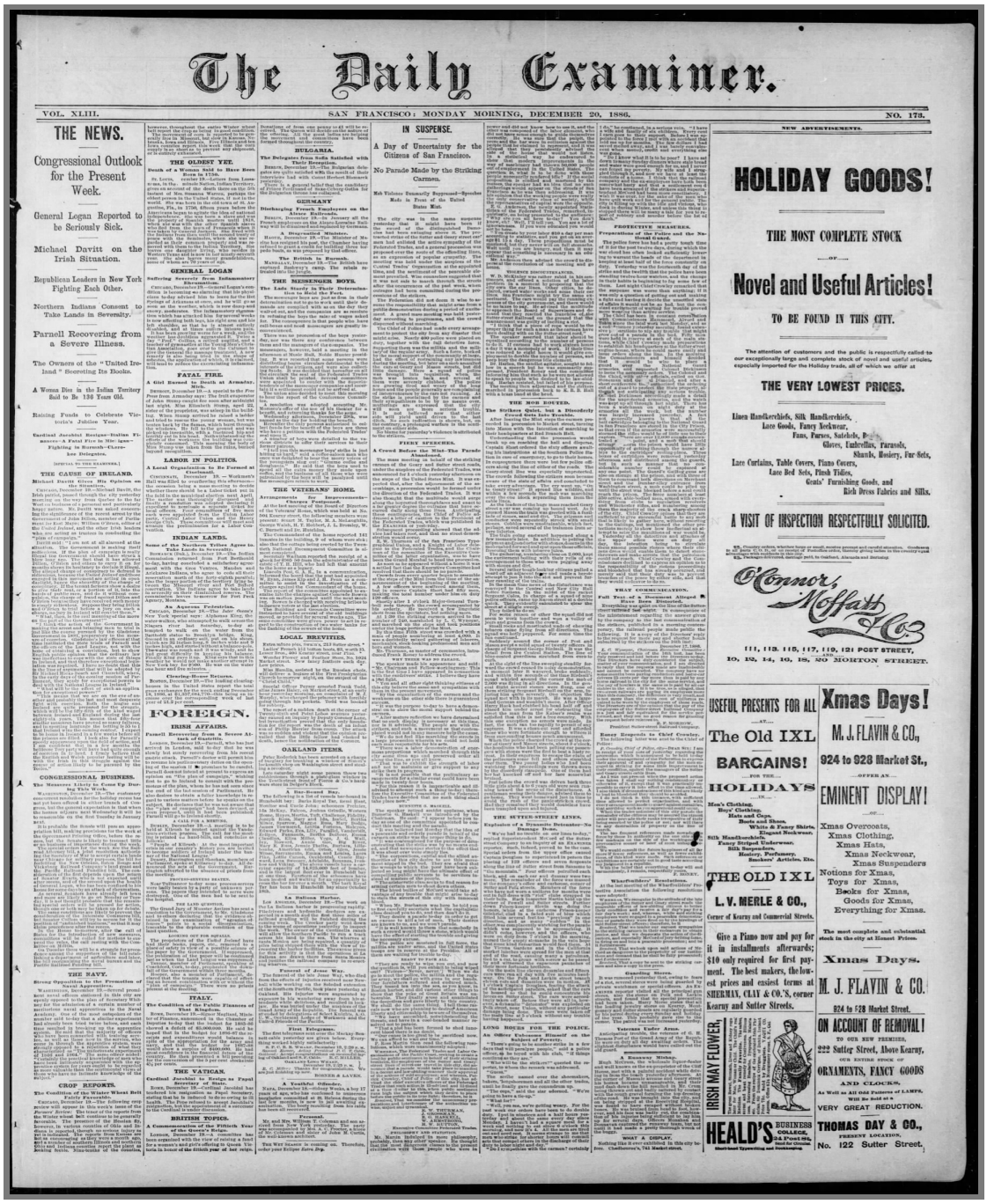

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THE CAUSE OF IRELAND.

Michael Davitt Gives His Opinion on the Situation.

CHICAGO, December 19.—Michael Davitt, the Irish patriot, passed through the city to-day en route on his way from Quebec to the Irish Parliamentary Convention, which meets shortly thereafter. Mr. Davitt was asked concerning the significance of the recent arrest by the British authorities of Mr. Dillon, member of Parliament for East Mayo, William O'Brien, editor of the *United Ireland*, and the other Irish leaders who are acting as traitors in confronting the "plan of campaign."

"I do not think I am not at all alarmed at the situation. The Government is making itself ridiculous. If the plan of campaign is really illegal, why not arrest the whole body of the tenants? They feel that it has allowed Dillon, O'Brien and others to carry it on for a long time, and now they are going to punish them. They attach evidence of conspiracy to defraud landowners, because the United Ireland newspaper has published articles urging the people not to pay rents. The absurdity of the charge of conspiracy is shown by the fact that the Government has not made a portion of it, like the charge of publishing articles urging the people not to pay rents. Parnell signed Dillon and O'Brien because they have received such money as they have in their possession. Parnell is now in Paris to look after a jury on such a charge, as jury in Ireland will convict them."

"Do you think the action of the Government in arresting Dillon and O'Brien will have the effect of driving the Irish people to desperation?"

"I think the course pursued by the Gladstone Government in 1881, precisely the same as that now pursued by Salisbury, had effected that end. Since the passage of the Land Act, which was the work of the Land League, not with the name, of course, but in substance, it has been the policy of the Land League to use the power it has in Ireland to defeat a jury on such a charge, so far as Ireland will control them."

"Do you think the present crisis is the worst in the history of the movement?"

"I think the action of the Government in arresting Dillon and O'Brien will have the effect of driving the Irish people to desperation. I regard it as the most serious crisis in the history of the Irish movement for the past fifteen years. I have always been opposed to the use of force in Ireland, and that therefore exceptional legislation was necessary to meet the crisis. But at the time of enactment that will be adopted by the Richard Bourke branch and Cantwell, when, in the event of the arrest of Parnell, Dillon, O'Brien, Healy and the other prominent parties to deal with the National League in Ireland.