

NEWS DOTS FROM IRELAND

Interesting Paragraphs Concerning the Doings of Our Friends Across the Ocean,

Gathered from All Parts of the Emerald Isle for Our Readers.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.
The Rev. P. Colgan, P. P., has recently come into possession of an Egyptian coin which was dug up by a laborer in the vicinity of Dun Conor, on Inishmaan, one of the Aran Islands. The coin is evidently one of great antiquity, though the hieroglyphics, both on the face and reverse of it, are distinctly legible.

The Tuam Herald states that a company has been formed for the lighting by electricity of Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Claremorris, and Tuam—the four most rising towns in the West—where means of public illumination are sadly needed.

LEINSTER.

DUBLIN.
Wm. McNally, one of the Christian Brothers attached to the Arctian Industrial Schools, dropped dead in Dame street, Dublin.

WEXFORD.
At a special meeting of the Gorey Dispensary Committee the position of Medical Officer of the Board, made vacant by the appointment of Dr. W. J. Meldon to the medical officership of the Gorey workhouse, was given to Dr. Owens.

WICKLOW.
Major James Cazlet Crofton, of Ballina Park, Ashford, county Wicklow, an officer of the East Surrey Regiment, was found dead in his bed.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.
Opening the Clare Assizes, Justice Harrison said the county was in a more satisfactory state than it had been when his colleagues had been there previously. After the Grand Jury had retired, they passed a resolution unanimously, on the proposition of Captain O'Callaghan Westropp, protesting against the system of classifying cases of boycotting as conveying an erroneous impression as to the state of the country.

CORK.
A married man named Maurice Condon, was found hanging to a tree, on the public road, near Castlemary, about two miles from Middleton, recently. He had been driving a van during the day, and it is supposed the intense heat had so affected his mind as to induce him to commit the rash act. He was employed by the Bunley Bakery, Saleen, and leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss.

KERRY.
Very Rev. Canon Brosnan, of Cahirciveen, recently made several collections in aid of the funds for the completion of the O'Connell Memorial Church at Cahirciveen. These collections were made at the various Masses celebrated at Ladiesbridge, Ballymacoda, and Inch, and it must be pleasing to every admirer of the great Liberator to learn that the appeal of Canon Brosnan resulted in a very substantial sum being collected.

LIMERICK.
Mr. John J. Cosgrove, solr., has been elected for the eighth time Chairman of the Rathkeale Town Commissioners.

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At a meeting of the Limerick Amnesties Association, a letter was read from the hon. secretary of the National Federation in reference to the proposed candidature of Mr. John Daly for the Parliamentary representation of Limerick City, stating that the only concession the Federation could make would be that of allowing him to head the poll, the seat to be retained by the sitting member, F. A. O'Keefe. After the matter had been discussed it was resolved

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MEATH.
A sad drowning accident occurred on the Boyne near Oldbridge. A young man named Langan was bathing, and getting beyond his depth, and not being an expert swimmer, he sank before he could be rescued.

WESTMEATH.
The Assizes for the county Westmeath were opened in Mullingar, before Justice Murphy at the Criminal Court, and Justice Johnston at the Appeal Court. Judge Murphy said there was very little business to transact on the Crown side, and the little business there was appeared to faithfully represent the peaceable state of the country.

WATERFORD.
While bathing recently, at Tramore, a well known jockey named Breen was drowned. He was a good swimmer and went out very far, but when he turned to come back he was unable to proceed against the strong current going out. He called for help to some men who were bathing nearby, but they failed to reach him in time.

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TIPPERARY.
The North Tipperary Summer Assizes were opened recently. Chief Justice Sir Peter O'Brien presided in the Crown Court, and Baron Pailles in the Record Court. Sir Peter (the Packer) grows in dissatisfaction because the County Inspector had made a favorable report of the condition of the North Riding. Even a Nenagh Grand Jury could understand his impotent venom, and they laughed at his beard. The majority of them might be original Tories, but they knew the Judge who was addressing them was a forewarned renegade, and they despised him.

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Fabiola. Continued from Page 1.
The Christians were religious in Caesarea, 'disloyal to the emperor,' and that was enough. Hence their security and peace depended much upon the state of popular feeling; when any demagogue or fanatic could succeed in rousing this, neither their denial of the charges brought against them, nor their peaceful demeanour, nor the claims of civilized life, could suffice to screen them from such measure of persecution as could be safely urged against them.

CHAPTER XII.

THE WOLF AND THE FOX.

The hints of the African slave had not been thrown away upon the sordid mind of Corvinus. Her own hatred of Christianity arose from the circumstances, that a former mistress of hers had become a Christian, and had manumitted all her other slaves, but, feeling it wrong to turn such a dangerous character as Aida, or rather Jubala, (her proper name), upon the world, had transferred her to another proprietor.

Corvinus had often seen Fulvius at the baths and other public resorts, had admired and envied him, for his appearance, his dress, his conversation. But with his untoward shyness, or moroseness, he could never have found courage to address him, had he not now discovered, that though a more refined, he was not a less profound villain than himself. Fulvius's wit and cleverness might supply the want of these qualities in his own sordid composition, while his own brute force, and unfeeling recklessness might be valued auxiliaries to those higher gifts. He had the young stranger in his power, by the discovery which he had made of his real character. He determined, therefore, to make an effort, and enter into an alliance with one who otherwise might prove a dangerous rival.

It was about ten days after the meeting last described, that Corvinus went to stroll in Pompey's gardens. These covered the space round his theatre, in the neighborhood of the present Piazza Farnese. A conflagration in the reign of Carinus had lately destroyed the scene, as it was called, of the edifice, and Dioclesian had repaired it with great magnificence. The gardens were distinguished from others by rows of plane-trees, which formed a delicious shade. Statues of wild beasts, fountains, and artificial brooks, profusely adorned them. While sauntering about, he caught sight of Fulvius, and at once made for him.

'What do you want with me?' asked the foreigner, with a look of surprise and scorn at the slovenly dress of Corvinus.

'To have a talk with you, which may turn out to your advantage—and mine.'

'What can you propose to me, with the first of these recommendations? No doubt at all as to the second.'

'Fulvius, I am a plain spoken man, and have no pretensions to your refinements and elegance, but we are both of one trade, and both consequently of one mind.'

Fulvius started, and deeply colored, then said, with a contemptuous air: 'What do you mean, sirrah?'

'If you double your fist,' rejoined Corvinus, 'to show me the fine rings on your delicate fingers, it is very well. But if you mean to threaten by it, you may as well put your hand again into the folds of your toga: It is more graceful.'

'Cut this matter short, sir. Again I ask: what do you mean?'

'This, Fulvius, and he whispered into his ear, 'that you are a spy and an informer.'

Fulvius was staggered; then rallying, said, 'What right have you to make such an odious charge against me?'

'You discovered' (with a strong emphasis) 'a conspiracy in the East, and Dioclesian—'

Fulvius stopped him, and asked, 'What is your name, and who are you?'

'I am Corvinus, son of Tertullus, prefect of the city.'

This seemed to account for all; and Fulvius said, in subdued tones, 'No more here; I see friends coming. Meet me disguised at daybreak tomorrow in the Patrician Street, under the portico of the Baths of Novatus. We will talk more at leisure.'

Corvinus returned home, not dissatisfied with his first attempt at diplomacy; he procured a garment shabbier than his own from one of his father's slaves, and was at the appointed spot by the first dawn of day. He had to wait a long time,

and had almost lost patience, when he saw his new friend approach.

Fulvius was well wrapped up in a large overcoat, and wore its hood over his face. He thus saluted Corvinus.

'Good morning, comrade; I fear I have kept you waiting in the cold morning air, especially as you are so thinly clad.'

'I own,' replied Corvinus, 'that I should have been tired, had I not been immensely amused and yet puzzled, by what I have been observing.'

'What is that?'

'Why, from an early hour, long, suspect, before my coming, there have been arriving here from every side, and entering into that house by the back door in the narrow street, the rarest collection of miserable objects that you ever saw; the blind, the lame, the maimed, the decrepit, the deformed of every possible shape; while by the front door several persons have entered, evidently of a different class.'

'Whose house is it, do you know? It looks a large old house, but rather out of condition.'

'It belongs to a very rich, and, as I said, very miserly, old patrician. But let us here come to the point.'

'At that moment a very feeble man, bent down by age, was approaching, supported by a young and cheerful girl, who chatted most kindly to him as she supported him.'

'We are just there,' she said to him, 'a few more steps, and you shall sit down and rest.'

'Thank you, my child,' replied the poor old man, 'how kind of you to come for me so early!'

'I knew,' she said, 'you would want help, and as I am the most useless person about, I thought I would go and fetch you.'

'I have always heard that blind people are selfish, and it seems but natural; but you, Cæcilia, are certainly an exception.'

'Not at all, this is only my way of showing selfishness.'

'How do you mean?'

'Why, first, I get the advantage of your eyes, and then I get the satisfaction of supporting you. 'I was an eye to the blind,' that is you; and 'a foot to the lame,' that is myself.'

They reached the door as she spoke these words.

'That girl is blind,' said Fulvius to Corvinus. 'Do you not see how straight she walks, without looking right or left?'

'So she is,' answered the other. 'Surely this is not the place so often spoken of, where beggars meet, and the blind see, and the lame walk, and they all feast together? But yet I observed these people were so different from the mendicants on the Arician bridge. She appeared respectable and even cheerful, and not one asked me for alms as they passed.'

'It is very strange, and I should like to make out the mystery. A good job might, perhaps, be got out of it. The old patrician, you say, is very rich?'

'Immensely.'

'Humph! How could one manage to get in?'

'I have it! I will take off my shoes, screw up one leg like a cripple, and join the next group of queer ones that come, and go boldly in, doing as they do.'

'That will hardly succeed; depend upon it every one of these people is known at the house.'

'I am sure not, for several of them asked me if this was the house of Lady Agnes.'

'Of whom?' asked Fulvius, with a start.

'Why do you look so?' said Corvinus. 'It is the house of her parents; but she is better known than they, as being a young heiress, nearly as rich as her cousin Fabiola.'

Fulvius paused for a moment, a strong suspicion, too subtle and important to be communicated to his rude companion, flashed through his mind. He said, therefore, to Corvinus:

'If you are sure that these people are not familiar at the house, try your plan. I have met the lady before, and will venture by the front door. Thus we shall have a double chance.'

'Do you know what I have been thinking, Fulvius?'

'Something very bright, no doubt.'

'That when you and I join in any enterprise, we shall always have two chances.'

'What are they?'

'The fox's and the wolf's, when they conspire to rob a fold.'

Fulvius cast on him a look of disdain, which Corvinus returned by a hideous leer; and they separated for their respective posts.

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