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## News From Ireland

### ANTRIM.

The Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, presided at the tenth annual meeting of the Catholic Club, Belfast, on February 20th. The secretaries, Father Skeffington, P. P., and Mr. Quinn, in presenting the report for the year ended January 31st, 1907, congratulated the members upon the prosperity and advancement of the club, as shown by increased membership and a sound financial condition. The report went on to express high appreciation of the kindly interest which the Bishop had taken in the welfare of the undertaking from the beginning.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday, Mr. Moore asked the Chief Secretary if he was aware that prior to the passing of the Laborers' (Ireland) Act, 1906, the County of Antrim received an annual grant from the Exchequer for the purposes of the Laborers' Acts of £2,400; and, seeing that by reason of the Act the annual grant had been reduced to £392 per annum, would he state what steps he proposed to take. Mr. Birrell replied that the facts were as stated in the question. He did not propose to take any steps. The alteration in the law was made to provide for an equitable distribution of the grant. Formerly Antrim received over £2,400 per annum, although it had only provided 212 cottages since 1871, while Cork, for example, had but £3,400, although it provided 2,030 in the same period. Under the new system the grant was apportioned according to the number of cottages. He might observe that the bill introduced by the late Government in 1904 contained a clause to the same effect as that which now had become law. Mr. Moore—May I ask whether that clause was not withdrawn by the late Government under pressure? No reply was given.

### CAVAN.

Mr. Thomas Lough, M. P., of Drogheda, Cavan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, has been appointed Lord Lieutenant of the County of Cavan, in succession to the Rt. Hon. Colonel E. J. Saunderson, deceased.

### CLARE.

Miss Elizabeth Daly, of Ennistymon, who died on April 4th, 1903, left personal estate valued at £2,014. The testatrix bequeathed in addition to legacies to her relatives, £400 to the school of the Christian Brothers at Ennistymon, £120 for Masses, £50 to the Convent of Mercy at Ennistymon, and £50 to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Ennistymon.

### CORK.

The Viscountess of Doneraile, mother-in-law of Lord Castletown, died in Nice, recently. The remains were conveyed to Doneraile for interment. The Viscountess was the widow of the fourth Viscount, who died without male issue, as did his collateral successor, the great-grandson of the first Viscount, he being succeeded by his nephew, the present peer.

On the recommendation of the Earl of Brandon, the Lord Chancellor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Mathew O'Flanagan, of Skibbereen (Manager of Messrs. Lyons & Co.'s Branch House), to the Commission of the Peace for the County Cork. Mr. O'Flanagan is a good Catholic and an earnest Nationalist, although not taking a prominent part in politics. He will carry to his magisterial duties the same discriminating judgment which characterizes his management of the business with which he is connected in Skibbereen, and his independence of character and fairness of disposition naturally fit him for the responsible position which has been conferred upon him.

### DERRY.

Miss Ellen Scott, of Dublin, won the gold medal for soprano voices at the recent Derry Feis out of 12 entries.

At the recent obsequies of the late Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Hoare, Bishop of Ardagh, celebrated requiem Mass, and after the ceremonies in St. Eugene's the interment took place in the grounds of Long Tower church, which stands on the site of the Dublin Regis, the Abbey church of Saint Columba. The number of the

faithful visiting the Cathedral extended to several thousands.

### DONERAILE.

On March 7, while a farmer was ploughing near Buncrana, the plough struck a large stone which on examination proved to be the top of a grave. The grave was lined with large stones and contained the skeleton of a man, six feet and a half long and in a good state of preservation. There was no appearance of a coffin, and the body must be buried a couple of centuries at least.

Two children named Murphy, aged five and three, respectively, were burned to death before their parents' eyes at Ballybofey, on Feb. 24. They were being put to bed by their mother, when a fire was caused by the upsetting of a paraffin lamp. The parents made unavailing efforts to rescue their children, and were themselves badly burnt. The house was destroyed, and the terribly burned bodies of the children were discovered in the debris.

### DOWN.

A strike occurred at the mills of Messrs. R. and W. Hayes, linen thread manufacturers, Banbridge, recently, as a result of which 200 workers are now out of employment. The cause of the strike is said to be the result of a demand made for an increase of wages, which was refused.

### DUBLIN.

Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Bishop of Clogher, is again stricken with the malady from which he suffered for six months last year in the Dublin private hospital.

His Lordship is in a very weak state of health, and has been confined to bed for a fortnight past. He has been attended by Dr. Cox, of Dublin, in conjunction with Dr. Hall, Monaghan, but notwithstanding their most skillful efforts his Lordship is gradually losing strength.

At Masses last Sunday in Monaghan prayers for his Lordship's recovery were offered up by the faithful. During the last few days the Bishop was visited by his Eminence Cardinal Logue and by many distinguished ecclesiastics of the diocese.

The memorial to the late Very Rev. Canon O'Hanlon has been completed and placed over his grave in Glasnevin. It is in the form of a limestone Celtic cross standing about twelve feet high, and is beautifully carved with interlaced ornament, suggested by choice specimens of Irish crosses. The work has been very carefully executed by the sculptors, Messrs. Fitzpatrick and Sons, Glasnevin. It contains an inscription in Irish and English.

The secretaries of the Fontenoy Memorial Committee announce that the Fontenoy Memorial will be unveiled on Sunday, 25th August. The Lord Mayor of Dublin has consented to perform the ceremony, and it is expected that a very large party will participate in the celebration. The Committee hope to be able to issue their programme in a few weeks' time, and will be glad to forward particulars to all who are interested in the forthcoming journey.

### GALWAY.

The Galway County Council has withdrawn the tax on the people in the village of Leitra for the Suck drainage, in whose behalf it was opposed by Mr. C. J. Kennedy, Co. Co. to whom a cheque has been issued by the Council for the refund of the amount to the people.

Very Rev. Thomas Canon Ronayne, PP., Mountbellew, acknowledged to the Directors of Bank of Ireland through their popular manager, M. G. J. Vernon, Esq., for the generous donation of ten pounds towards the fund for defraying the expenses connected with the building of St. Mary's Temperance Hall in the town of Mount Bellew.

The Galway County Council had 18 applications for the position of County Surveyor for the West Riding of which four were proposed, including Miss Alice Perry, who has been acting Surveyor since the death of her father, the late Mr. James Perry. Mr. Prendergast of Clifton, was elected. The salary is £1,000, with £160 office and traveling expenses.

At a meeting of the people of the United parishes of Kinvara and Durns, held at Corless Hotel, Kin-

vara, under the chairmanship of Mr. Thomas P. Corless, Co. C., JP, a vote of sympathy to the Very Rev. John Moloney, PP. VP, Ennistymon, was passed on the death of his nephew, Rev. John Moloney, CC, Craughwell. The people of Kinvara, to whom Very Rev. Fr. Moloney, ministered for over 30 years as PP.

### KILKENNY.

John Fleming, the Waterford civil engineer, the victim of the alleged attack in Archersfield garden, for which Peter Stallard is at present awaiting trial, has been served with a writ for breach of promise of marriage. The plaintiff is Maggie Ryan, of Wellington Square, Kilkenny ("Dear Mag"). Mr. John Lanigan, solicitor, Kilkenny, is solicitor for Maggie Ryan. Mr. P. A. Murphy, solicitor, Waterford, is acting for John Fleming.

### KERRY.

While temporarily insane, James McElligott, aged 50, a former London policeman, committed suicide at Tralee on Feb. 17.

The elevation of Archdeacon Orpen, of Tralee, to the Protestant Bishopric of Limerick, Ardara, and Aghadoe, gave rise to a remarkable demonstration of popular rejoicing at Tralee on March 8. The Bohemian Catholic band paraded the streets, followed by hundreds of Catholics and Protestants. A halt was made opposite the Archdeacon's residence, where the crowd cheered loudly for the Archdeacon and Miss Orpen. The Archdeacon, laboring under deep emotion, thanked the crowd, especially his Catholic friends. The demonstration furnished striking testimony of the Archdeacon's popularity and the splendid spirit of toleration subsisting between all creeds in Tralee.

### KINGS.

The Committee of Control of the Castletown Parish Brass Band met the President, Rev. J. Clohesy, CC, in the chair. Also present—Messrs. James Dowling, J. O'Dea, J. O'Brien, D. Kenny, K. Fitzpatrick, and E. P. Tarrant, hon. sec. The secretary announced that the subscriptions received amounted to £16. It was decided to keep the list open for a fortnight. Mr. K. Fitzpatrick was made a member of the committee and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. Chairman for presiding.

Death of Miss Johanna M. Byrne, Ballymacrossan, Co. Wick. Miss Byrne, who was a daughter of the late Mr. Arthur Byrne, was in her usual good health up to day before her death. Deep and widespread was the sorrow that prevailed when the sad news of her death became known, as she was a universal favorite with all who knew her. Deep is the sound of grief in the hearts of those who are left to mourn her loss especially as it came so soon after the deaths of her dear parents who have both died within the month. The funeral took place at the family burial ground, Raheen, was very large and representative showing the esteem in which the deceased young lady was held. The chief mourners were: Michael, Joseph and Andrew Byrne (brothers), Andrew Byrne (uncle), William and Peter Mahon, W. J. Kinsella, JP, John Connor, T. Kelly, Peter Scally (cousins). The last rites were conducted by the Rev. L. McDonald, CC, Geasehill.

### LEITRIM.

The mysterious disappearance of Sir Gilbert King, Bart., caused a sensation in and about Carrick-on-Shannon on March 4. He attended Leitrim Assizes to-day as a grand juror, and was in court up to 4 o'clock p. m., on the above date. After that hour he had not been seen by anybody, and no theory is advanced for his strange disappearance. He lives at Charlestown Mansion, which is about three miles from Carrick-on-Shannon. Search parties were organized to look along the road which is a dark and lonely one. The police were ordered out by the local magistrate and were equipped with lanterns to search for the missing baronet, but up to midnight, on March 5, he had not been found. He is a large employer of labor in the district.

At the Leitrim Assizes, at Carrick-on-Shannon, the jury disagreed in the case of eight men who were indicted for illegal assembly and the case was adjourned to the next Assizes. Mr. Justice Kenny in addressing the Grand Jury said there were only three cases to go before them.

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### LIMERICK.

A demonstration took place on the 24th March at the Square Rathkeale, under the auspices of the Irish Land and Labor Association. Alderman Joyce, M. P., Kendal E. O'Brien, M. P., J. J. O'Shea, M. P., William London, M. P.; P. J. O'Shaughnessy, M. P., and others attended and addressed the meeting.

### LOUTH.

A most successful Mission, conducted by the Jesuit Fathers Murphy, Phelan, and Power, was opened in St. Patrick's Dunsilly, on Sunday, Feb. 17th. The Mission, which continued until Sunday, March 17th, was attended by many crowds that there was not even standing room in the spacious parochial church.

### MEATH.

A distinguished Irish Catholic passed away recently, when Sir Francis Plunkett, the noted diplomat, who had been living in retirement in Paris since he left the British Embassy in Vienna, died in the French capital. The funeral service was celebrated on March 4 at the Church of St. Honoré d'Eylau. The Rt. Hon. Sir Francis Richard Plunkett, the youngest son of the ninth Earl of Fingall, was born at Corbally Hall, Co. Meath, on February 3, 1835. When he was a boy of six or seven his parents took him to the Continent, and he lived with them first at Brussels and afterwards at Rome, where he remained seeing Pope Gregory XVI, as well as Cardinal Mezzanotte, the accomplished linguist, who was able to address the family in Latin. In 1850 the future Ambassador went to Oscott College, and five years later he was appointed to the Diplomatic Service, being on January 22, 1855, appointed Attaché to the British Legation at Munich.

### ROSCOMMON.

A Roscommon contemporary of recent issue states: "It is with ordinary feelings of sincere regret that we chronicle the early demise of Mr. Alfred A. Rochford, Manager of the Hibernian Bank, Meath. The sad event occurred after an illness of little over three weeks. Deceased, who was the youngest son of the late Mr. Henry Rochford, TC, Dublin, was in his 36th year. He was twenty-one years in the service of the Hibernian Bank Company, his earliest appointment being to the Portlanna Branch. He made hosts of friends for himself amongst those with whom he came in contact, both in his official capacity and his private life.

### COOK OPERA HOUSE.

A big "girl act" entitled "The Rain Dews," is to be the main attraction in the vaudeville show on schedule for next week at the Cook Opera House. This consists of eight girls, who appear in various picturesque and beautiful costumes and who are backgrounded by many spectacular stage settings. What the esteem in which the deceased young lady was held. The chief mourners were: Michael, Joseph and Andrew Byrne (brothers), Andrew Byrne (uncle), William and Peter Mahon, W. J. Kinsella, JP, John Connor, T. Kelly, Peter Scally (cousins). The last rites were conducted by the Rev. L. McDonald, CC, Geasehill.

### BAKER THEATRE.

With scenes laid in the vicinity of Rochester, familiar characters and everything as local as it can be the rural melodrama by David and Mrs. Higgins, "Up York State," will begin a week at Baker Theatre Monday afternoon. Bertie Heron will be the headliner among the specialties. She was formerly one of the end girls in McMahon's Minstrel Maids. S. C. Mendels will sing illustrated songs and moving pictures will be shown between acts as usual.

Following "Up York State," Charles E. Blaney's "The Factory Girl" will be presented with the usual specialties, etc., between acts.

## News From Washington

### The Use of the Tribal Funds for Indian Denominational Schools.

The question as to the legality of the use of the Tribal Funds for the benefit of sectarian schools is to be decided in a short time by the courts of this city. No matter which way the decision will be, the case will be argued in the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, and from that court probably to the Supreme Court of the United States. An impression seems to prevail that a decision in favor of the use of these funds for those purposes will benefit the Catholic Indian mission schools. Never was a conclusion more erroneous. The law declares that these funds may be used for the education, advancement, civilization of the Indians, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior. The use of the \$20,000,000 allowed to our Indian schools in 1904 was certainly not made at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, but by positive order of the President over the head of the fanatical and obstinate official. If it had depended upon Hinchcock, "every church would have schools, every school would have contracts, every family would have ready for his signature, before he left on his tour, after two months, obstinately refusing to sign his signature. And he never did sign them. The only way they ever received the necessary approval was by the action of the President. Hinchcock left the day after his appointment, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ryan signed them without any further delay, and I think he would have done so, though he had been in the office for a month."

Supposing now that the decision of the courts is in favor of the use of these funds for sectarian schools, what good will it do? The schools with the tremendous pressure of fanatical Protestantism bearing on them, the Secretary of the Interior, with the Protestant press and pulpit arrayed against him, will just as surely as before, in the immediate past, be discussing the policy of the Roosevelt tribal funds policy. Mr. Leupp, the Indian Commissioner, as may be inferred from my previous letter, does not need any particular pressure. He is against the heart and soul. He granted the use of the tribal funds for sectarian schools, in order to draw the eyes of the President, by creating the impression that he was carrying out his policy, and that the obstacles, interposed by the fanatical and obstinate official, were being removed.

The President has been unable to follow up these minor details of the administration of the Interior Department and of the Indian Office, and the execution of his policy remains, after all, with the Secretary of the Interior. There is every reason to believe that the son of President Roosevelt, of the calibre of President Roosevelt, will carry out his policy without having to be hunched constantly by the White House.

### Mr. Burg's Gift.

Mr. Joseph P. Burg, an employee at the Capitol and a member of Potomac Council, K. C. of this city, has presented to the council a memorial of considerable historical interest. It consists of a copy of the bill erecting a statue of Christopher Columbus, a copy of the tribute paid to the great navigator and discoverer by Washington Irving, as quoted in the report of the House Committee on the Library, and the four pages, respectively, by the President, Vice President, Speaker and Clerk of the House, in signing the bill, the whole beautifully arranged and placed in a substantial frame. This memorial now occupies a conspicuous place in the hall of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Burg had drawn the bill himself, and labored hard for the passage of the bill, and the statue of the great navigator and discoverer.