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American Irish Denounce "Bolsheviki" Irish.

Fervid eloquence, impassioned oratory, appeals to that hatred of England inherent in Irish hearts, all failed to swerve the members of the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago, from its determination to place the club on record as loyally supporting America and all her allies in the world war.

At the regular weekly luncheon of the club on Saturday an address to the people of Ireland, exhorting them to unite in support of the allies, was offered.

Objection was then raised that sufficient time had not been given for consideration of the address. The matter was then postponed to permit a full meeting of the club.

At a special meeting held recently, attended by some 200 members, the question was discussed very fully and ably. The sentiment in favor of the adoption of the address was overwhelming. When the question of its adoption was put by President James V. O'Donnell there were fewer than half a dozen nays.

ica. With any policy that has such a tendency, we must tell our Irish brethren at home that they can not look to America or Irish America for any sympathy. On the contrary, we regard any such policy as an act of open hostility to America and to us as Americans.

There is not a single honest and genuine Irish-American who does not stand behind the President and the American Government and the American people in this policy—not one. Neither England, nor Ireland, nor any power on earth could turn one honest and genuine Irish-American into a traitor to the American flag—not one.

To them a man of their race who attacks America is guilty of ingratitude and of treason to the Stars and Stripes, and must so be treated by every Irish-American.

Many of us in this club—tens of thousands of our race elsewhere, have sent one or more of our sons to the American army. The thought is too horrible that while these sons of ours are facing the enemy's guns and shells in the coming battles, they are to be stabbed in the back by the action of any of their race in Ireland. We need not dwell on the appalling consequences to the Irish people which must come from a policy so insane. Can anybody believe America will give Ireland her influence and her sympathy if Ireland will join herself to the enemies of America; will weaken the arm of America; will carry on against the American Army in the field a treacherous flank attack?

The Irish people have now to choose between the enmity or the friendship of the United States; and loyal and devoted as are the Irish race in America, have always been to the cause of Irish liberty, we must tell the Irish people that we will not, we cannot, retain sympathy for an Ireland that makes war on our own beloved country and on our sons.

CARDINAL GIBBONS ON PEACE

Cardinal Gibbons, responding to an inquiry as to what he believed the most essential thing to be done to end the war, issued this statement: "I believe that the best way to end the war early this year is for the central powers to make a definite proposition and one that will embrace all their aims and demands."

"On the part of the United States, I believe that the best governmental action would be for the officials to put themselves in a receptive mood for consideration of any peace offer that might come from the central powers."

Late News of Ireland

Miss Barrett, clerk, Bank of Ireland, Bagenalstown, has been transferred to Dublin.

At St. Joseph's Church, Berkeley street, Dublin, by the Rev. J. O'Callaghan, C. C., B. A., Tony, of the late Thomas O'Boyle, Toronto House, Killala, was married to Marion, daughter of the late Henry and Mrs. Bassett, "Reuselar," Carlow.

At Carlow, the death took place of Bridget, relict of the late Michael O'Reilly, Dublin street.

Mary Cotter, aged 66, widow and landowner residing at Cloghoola, near Inchigeela, was found drowned in Shela Lough.

Rev. Dr. R. T. O'Daly, D. Ph., has been appointed lecturer in Russian language and literature in Russian language and literature in University College, Cork and J. E. Burke, B. Com., D. Sc., lecturer in public administration, and tutor to classes in economics for working men.

Messrs. John Hanlon, Kilworth and M. P. Fitzpatrick, R. D. C., Passage West have been appointed magistrates.

Alfred James Clark, brother of the martyred patriot of Easter week, 1916 was accidentally drowned last month. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Emily Clarke, 59 Nash street, Inchicore.

Mr. Duke, Chief Secretary stated in the British Parliament that there would be no County Council or District Council elections in Ireland next year.

Mr. Ryall, Munster and Leinster Bank, Tarbert, has been transferred on promotion to the Baggot street branch, Dublin.

John Bourke, D. C., Boherbee, Tralee died at Co. Kerry Fever Hospital, aged only 25 years.

Rev. H. Keane, a native of Abbeysale, recently ordained, has been appointed C. C., Collinstown.

At St. Joseph's Church, Berkeley street, Dublin, with nuptial Mass, by the Rev. Father Carroll, C. C., St. Michael's, Limerick, assisted by the Rev. Father Forrestal, S. J., Milltown Park, Philip Gleeson, third son of the late Martin Gleeson, Carrigal, Nenagh, was married to Angela, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Walsh, Little Summer-ville, Limerick.

Dr. Jerome Reidy, the newly elected Mayor of Steyney, is a Limerick man.

A branch of the National Bank has been opened at Borriskane. Tipperary Guardians have expressed regret at the resignation of William R. Russell, for twenty years a popular member of that body, and have asked him to reconsider the matter.

Died—At private hospital, Dublin, Daniel, third son of late Daniel Leahy, Thurles. At her residence, Flora Vilal, Thurles, Mary Anne McCormack, late of Bachelor's Hill, Thurles, aged 89 years.

Mr. Gaffney, Waterford, has been selected by New Ross Committee to execute the order for a Celtic cross and mural tablet, as a memorial to the late Right Rev. Dean Kavanagh, D.D.

At St. Patrick's Church, Waterford, by the Very Rev. Canon Meagher, P. P., Tallow, assisted by Rev. N. Power, P. P., St. Patrick's Waterford; Rev. L. O'Neill, C. C., Clongal; Rev. T. B. Walshe, C. C., Stradbally; and Rev. M. Carroll, C. C., Ballybricken, Francis M. O'Leary, N. T., Clongal, Co. Carlow, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John O'Leary, Chapel View House, Tallow, was married to Kathleen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Maher, Tallow.

At her residence, 18 Arranmore avenue, N. C. road, the death took place of Elizabeth, widow of the late Edward Byrne, Cappoquin.

Castlepollard Parochial School, Westmeath, won a library in connection with the Vera Foster Writing Competition.

CATHOLIC NEWS NOTES

Rev. Thomas Harmon and Rev. Joseph Moisant, C. S. V., of Chicago, have been named Chaplains, with rank of First Lieutenant.

The Rev. T. J. Eaton, rector of St. Mary's Church, Mobile, Ala., once the church of which Father Ryan, the poet-priest of the South, was pastor, will undertake to create a fund of about \$100,000 for the purpose of erecting on or near the site of the church, a "Memorial Church."

The Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, Constantine J. Smyth, is a Catholic.

In the will of Mr. Nathan Schloss, a Hebrew citizen of Kansas City, four Catholic institutions were remembered to the amount of six thousand dollars.

The season's work of the Catholic Truth Guild, of Boston, consisted of over eighty meetings with an attendance of more than 150,000 persons.

The cornerstone for St. James church-school, in Buffalo, N. Y., a few days ago, was laid by Bishop Dougherty. Buffalo is one of our largest dioceses. The episcopal city has a population of 455,000 souls, and 62 parish churches. The diocese numbers 321,000 Catholics.

Of last year's students at Georgetown University, it is said, about fifty are now in France with the American troops.

The Archbishop of Chicago suggested that the Catholic women of the city raise funds to assist the poor in their homes.

The average daily attendance of pupils in the parish schools of Philadelphia is 78,254. Their enrollment is 92,078.

Universities and school of Canon Law are henceforth to use the new Code of Canon Law as their text book.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith recently received fifteen dollars with the following lines: "I am a member of the Episcopal Church, but I admire the grand work your Church is doing, and I want to help some."

Priests from the United States are not allowed in Mexico.

The United States Government says that one-third of the new National Army are Catholics.

Rev. Father J. P. Keane, of Oakland, Cal., says a whale is not a fish but a mammal and warm-blooded. Therefore whale steaks are not permissible on Fridays.

The Brothers of Mary have opened a school in Tientsin, China.

Rev. Dr. Kissane, of Canada, has been appointed Professor of Theology at Maynooth College, Ireland.

In Europe, churches are rising everywhere to the Queen of Peace.

There is, says Cardinal Logue, a sad lack of Catholic chaplains at the front. In France there are 93 Catholic chaplains short, alone. The Catholic soldiers at Salonika are in a state of spiritual desolation; sixty additional chaplains are needed; souls are perishing; there is not a sufficiency of priests to prepare those who are going daily into certain danger of death, or to administer to those who are mortally wounded.

Half of the population of Canada is Catholic.

Foreign Mission News

The Propagation of the Faith Society 118 Lexington Ave., New York City

"The Great Advance"

"It is the hour for the 'Great Advance.' Can the Missions lag behind? It will be for you, Friends, to be in the van of that tremendous forward movement, if you do but choose!"

Recruits are gladly welcomed by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. "Our mission only keeps alive through the alms set by benefactors of the Propagation of the Faith Society. Our other friends have ceased their aid entirely since the beginning of the war."

Bishop Gaston Robiches, S. J., Ceylon.

Traveling Slowly, But Still Keeping On—The Road.

"Our mission continues on its narrow road, a little more slowly than usual, yet without stopping entirely and without abandoning hope in the Providence which sustains us." Such is the report of Fr. J. E. Cantrol, Fort Dauphin, Madagascar.

"Everything has been restricted to the utmost. We had a flourishing tradeschool where carpentry and cabinet making was taught. The young instructor, a native, was very efficient, but we have had to let him go because we could no longer pay his salary, small as it was." "The pupils who attend the day schools are more numerous than ever, despite the efforts of the Lutherans, who have every comfort to offer that money can buy. I can add also that most of our baptized converts remain faithful."

Pity Words From a Nornbertin Father.

A society of mission workers not so well known as many others is that of the Nornbertins. (It priests conduct a mission in the Belgian Congo, Africa, that seems to be in a very satisfactory condition, according to the account just sent to the S. P. F. by one of their number in Moenge; he also takes the occasion to speak a good word for the Blacks:

"Our mission is still flourishing. We have at present fifty-two chapels which are visited by the priests every two months, while the Catholics come to the mission every great feast day, such as Xmas, Easter, etc. It has been our experience that the native Catholic soon wanders from the faith if he is not watched and cared for. By frequently visiting him at home in his village he can be made to keep good. I am rather amused at some persons who are scandalized because certain Blacks do not conduct themselves as they should, and proceed to make a big hullabaloo about the uselessness of the missionaries' work. But if we were to compare the life of a great many Catholics in our own country, who have every means to attain perfection, with the life of the greater number of our black Catholics, the latter would far surpass the former, considering it is not over thirty years since the missionaries came out here. Even saints are not made in a day.

Same Old Story.

There is nothing new in the following letter of Father Bland. It is the same old story we have been hearing for the past three years. Splendid plans, great expectations; then comes the war and the sad disappointments. And sadder still the outlook: "I had called a few Sisters from Europe to establish a new convent in my mission of Bangalore City. Our object is to start dispensaries for the poor, and to speed is involved, since at the present time wire transmissions go to private homes to visit the sick, especially the children, Christian, pagan and musulman. We have a great hope of saving

thousands of souls, as the Sisters can go everywhere, where no one has access—even to the noblest women.

"All the expense has fallen upon me. As I am a poor missionary, you may well understand that I am struggling with great difficulties."

John McCormack Singing for the Red Cross.

Mr. John McCormack, the well-known tenor, has offered to sing for the benefit of the Red Cross Society without remuneration, and his offer being gladly accepted, will make a tour of the country until \$100,000 has been raised for that purpose. He gave a concert in Washington on December 18. He was educated for the priesthood and is a Knight of Columbus.

The Price He Paid.

A gentleman said to another with whom he was riding, as they passed a fine mansion surrounded by beautiful fields, "What is the value of this estate?" "I don't know what it is valued at," his friend replied, "but I know what it cost its late owner."

"How much?" "His soul." Then he continued: "The owner was once a faithful Christian. But as business increased, he gave less attention to religion and more to business. The case of the world gradually showed higher living. He began to neglect religion. Prayer was given up. The family altar was forgotten, as they did not have time to pray, owing to the rush work. The owner ceased going to church altogether. As he grew older, he loved money more, became more miserly, and began to hoard up his savings. He bought this estate; built this mansion, which he never finished, sickened and died. Just before he died, he mournfully said, 'My prosperity has been my ruin.'"

THE GOLDEN RULE.

Here is the golden rule as it has been interpreted by various branches of the human family: Do as you would be done by. — [Persian.]

Do not that to a neighbor which you would take ill from him. — [Grecian.]

What you would not wish done to yourself do not unto others. — [Chinese.]

One should seek for others the happiness one desires for oneself. — [Buddhist.]

He sought for others the good he desired for himself. Let him pass on. — [Egyptian.]

Let none of you treat his brother in a way he himself would dislike to be treated. — [Mohammedan.]

The law imprinted on the hearts of all men is to love the members of society as themselves. — [Roman.]

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

January, Holy Name of Jesus. 1st Sunday of the New Year. 5 S—Epiphany of Our Lord. 6 M—St. Locian M. 7 T—St. Apollinaris Bp. C. 8 W—SS. Julian & Basilian. 9 T—St. William Ab. C. 10 F—St. Hyginus P. M. 11 S—St. Arcadius M.

Wireless at St. Peter's.

The daily press states that the establishment of a wireless station on the dome of St. Peter's in Rome has been suggested to the Vatican so that it may obtain independent transmission of foreign messages of diplomatic character in code and also receive confidential and reliable reports from the Vatican's representatives abroad. The question of speed is involved, since at the present time wire transmissions go to private homes to visit the sick, especially the children, Christian, pagan and musulman. We have a great hope of saving the United States.