

LIMERICK—Death of a Priest

Mr. John Costelloe, of Greybridge, Meanus, County Limerick, has received a cable message conveying the sad news of the death of his son, which occurred at Kansas City on Sunday, April 9. The deceased, who was only 35 years of age, had a very successful career in his missionary labors, having been pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Lexington, Missouri, for close on a decade.

WATERFORD—The University Question

At a distribution of prizes at Waterford the Bishop of Waterford referred to the University question and the recent speech of Mr. Balfour on the subject. He believed that by a long, united, determined, and universal agitation the Irish people would win their rights in this matter.

GENERAL**The Land Purchase Act**

According to a return issued by the Land Commission the total amount applied for by tenants for the purchase of their holdings up to the end of February was £15,797,157. It has taken sixteen months to sanction sales amounting to five millions. At that rate it will take over four years to complete the sales already agreed to.

Not Encouraging

Writing to the newly-formed Irish Industrial Development Association at Tullamore, Messrs. Gallaher, Belfast, say: Respecting tobacco culture in Ireland there are no statistics on this subject except that last year there were 20 acres of tobacco grown in Ireland. We have seen it, as well as former lots of tobacco grown in this country, and we are sorry to say that the most enthusiastic Irishman would not dare to smoke it by itself, and it would require to be largely mixed with other growths to make it palatable. This is caused largely by the fact that the qualities suitable for the growing of tobacco are not naturally in the soil of Ireland, and then we have not the proper climate to mature it. Artificial means should be used for drying it, but seeing that you have not the proper qualities in the soil, you cannot produce good tobacco. Later on we may be able to let you see some of the Irish-grown tobacco, so that you may be able to judge for yourselves. There is about £500,000 worth of manufactured tobacco sold in Ireland every year that is not manufactured in Ireland, which means the loss of about £50,000 a year to the Irish people in wages.

The Chief Secretary and his Colleague

Recent events go to show (says the 'Catholic Times') that the Right Hon. Walter Long and Sir Antony MacDonnell are working on distinctly separate lines. The former has been down to Belfast, where he was the guest of Lord Londonderry, who introduced him to a large gathering of Orange lambs in the Ulster Hall. The honorable gentleman did his utmost to win their favor, with what success remains to be seen. While the Chief Secretary was thus engaged, the Under-Secretary was away in the West visiting the congested districts and seeking the opinions of bishops, priests, and people undismayed by the threats which have again and again been hurled against him. Sir Antony has had the temerity to approach the Bishops of Galway and Clonfert, various clergymen, and even the president of the United Irish League Executive in North Galway, with whom he had a long interview. Needless to say the Orange fraternity are furious at his open contempt of their pious opinions. The Dublin Grand Lodge have met, and passed a solemn resolution demanding his removal from the position of Under-Secretary; they further protested against any attempt to entertain Mr. Long until this was done.

Boston now has two Catholic women editors. Miss Katherine E. Conway has been made editor-in-chief of the 'Boston Pilot,' a promotion in every way deserved. The other editor is Miss Mary B. O'Sullivan, under whose capable direction 'Donahoe's Magazine' has, during recent years, proved a distinct success. No doubt the ancient Puritans would have been amazed at the spectacle of women editing religious journals, could they have looked into the future.

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People We Hear About

Mr. Charles Bonaparte, barrister, Baltimore, and grand-nephew of Napoleon, has been appointed United States Secretary of the Navy. Mr. Bonaparte is one of the leading Catholic laymen of America.

Mr. Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, upon whom the Laetare Medal has this year been conferred by the Notre Dame University, is a Boston man, and the National Treasurer of the United Irish League of America.

F. Marion Crawford, the famous author and traveler, was at a dinner in New York some time ago, and was presented by the host as 'Mr. Crawford' to a smartly dressed young woman, who did not suspect his identity. They chatted for half an hour, and later the host asked the lady what she thought of his friend Crawford. 'Oh, so, so,' she replied. 'He's handsome and lazy and conceited, you know, and all that, but he strikes me as being quite shallow and sadly lacking in knowledge of the world.'

Lord Bray, whose annual prizes for proficiency in Scriptural studies have just been awarded with the approval of the Pope, is a peer whose studious habits, out-of-the-way learning, love of retirement, and decidedly original and unconventional views on many subjects recall in some ways the striking personality of the late Marquis of Bute. Like Lord Bute, Lord Bray is an Oxford man and a convert to Catholicism, and, like him, he married a member of an ancient Catholic house. His Lordship has added to his family mansion a singularly beautiful Catholic chapel, in the purest Italian style. His London house is in Buckingham Gate, within a stone's throw of the Westminster Cathedral, whose elaborate services he much appreciates.

Sir John Knill Bart., D.L., J.P., is London's only Catholic Alderman. He is the son of the late Sir Stuart Knill, who was the first Catholic Lord Mayor of London since the 'Reformation,' and who commanded great respect during his tenure of that office in 1892-3. The present baronet was born at Blackheath on September 4, 1856, and was educated at Beaumont College, Windsor, and afterwards at Feldkirch, in Austria. He is the head of the great firm of John Knill and Co., wharfingers, Cox's Quay, London Bridge, whose business was established by his grandfather in 1827, and is a Justice of the Peace and a D.L. of the City of London. He is Alderman for the Bridge Ward, was elected to the Common Council in 1903, and made Alderman in 1907. He is a Liveryman of the Goldsmith's Company; Liveryman and on the Court of the Plumbers Company, and Master of the same, 1902; has been a member of the Blackheath Board of Guardians, and is a director of the Mercantile Branch of the Royal Insurance Company, and a member of the Point House Club, Blackheath.

With reference to a paragraph which appeared in our issue of May 18, a correspondent writes.—I noticed your paragraph about the purchase by Lord Howard of Glossop of the last inch of the property of the McDonnells of Clantanald, and the few words given as to how the estate of Loch Shiel came into Lord Howard of Glossop's hands. Perhaps I am the only person now alive who knows the history of Loch Shiel and Dorlin House. Mr. Hope-Scott, after his marriage with Lady Victoria Howard, a daughter of the Duke of Norfolk, under arrangement with Lady Victoria, purchased one half of Ardnamurchan, where the old religion has never yet been extinguished, and commenced the building of Dorlin House. It was intended, in the event of Lady Victoria surviving Mr. Hope-Scott, to make a settlement of religious ladies there under the charge of Lady Victoria. It happened that Lady Victoria died before her husband. Then the Howards of Glossop took up the work of looking after the Catholics of Loch Shiel and Ardnamurchan. That they have done so is well known. I know that after Mr. Hope-Scott acquired Loch Shiel the influx of ejected crofters upon his property, all of them Catholics without means, from other parts of Ardnamurchan, was enormous. Mr. Hope-Scott, a Parliamentary Barrister in large practice, could not personally inquire into the circumstances, and I, by request of his cousin, spent three months in that district finding out for Mr. Hope-Scott the condition of the people. I am not a Catholic, and I had to make a long journey to Fort William, where a priest resided. To him I explained my mission, and he kindly came with me to Shiel Bridge, a distance of more than 40 miles, stayed with me two days, and established my character as an honest man. After that every West Highlander could speak English. I do not know whether the present proprietor of Loch Shiel derives any revenue from the property. I know that Mr. Hope Scott never did.