

## Irish News

### ANTRIM—Alleged Sedition

At the Antrim Assizes Stephen Clarke was charged with sedition by issuing a number of bills advising Irishmen not to join the British Army. The jury found him guilty of the publication, but not with seditious intent. The Judge said this was a verdict of acquittal, and the prisoner was discharged.

### Blessing a New Altar

Holy Cross Church, Ardoyne, Belfast, was crowded in every part on Sunday, July 16, when the magnificent high altar, the gift of Mrs. Hughes, Derryvoile avenue, was solemnly consecrated by the Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor.

### CLARE—Death of a Nun

On July 14, at the Convent of Mercy, Ennis, after a Requiem Mass celebrated by the Bishop, the interment took place of a venerable member of the community, Sister Mary de Sales Macmahon. The deceased was in her 68th year, and in the 45th year of her religious profession.

### CORK—Electric Lighting

The Mitchellstown Rural District Council has obtained power to carry out a scheme for the electric lighting of the town. This is the first Rural Council in Ireland to avail of the Electric Lighting Acts.

### DONEGAL—Silver Jubilee

June 29 marked the completion of the 25th year of the priesthood of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, and a few days later his Lordship was presented by the priests of the diocese with a testimonial worthy of his unselfish and untiring labors in the cause of faith and fatherland. This took the form of a cheque running into four figures, a silver casket of exceedingly fine design, richly ornamented with appropriate heraldic and other devices, and containing an exquisitely illuminated Gaelic address on satin, and an equally artistic English translation of the address handsomely framed in carved oak.

### Discovery of Gold

Speculation caused by the announcement at the meeting of the Royal Society of Antiquaries in Belfast that gold had been discovered in Ulster has been very great, and conjectures as to the whereabouts of such an important find have been varied. It is in a mountainous district in County Donegal. Some gentlemen have been carrying on a series of explorations in Ulster for the past two or three years, and some time ago they came across a district in County Donegal which is now engaging their closest attention. The surface attracted them, and samples of the ore were taken. The results of the assaying of these samples proved extremely satisfactory, and as a result a lease of a large area of ground was taken for a number of years. Parts of the lode in the Donegal area are low in gold, but the general average of this metal in the assaying up to the present has been close on two ounces to the ton, and in some few samples three ounces. This is exceedingly high, when it is remembered that in the Transvaal the average yield is less than three-quarters of an ounce per ton, or about 12dwt, so that the average in the Donegal area is high, and if it should be maintained on further operations the discovery will be truly a wonderful one.

### DUBLIN—Priests Honored

The Archbishop of Dublin has received an intimation through his Eminence the Cardinal Prefect of Propaganda that the Holy Father has been pleased to confer upon the Very Rev. Mgr. Fitzpatrick, P.P., V.G., the office of Domestic Prelate, and to appoint the Very Rev. T. O'Donnell, D.D., P.P., V.G., to be one of his Holiness's Private Chamberlains.

### Illness of the Under-Secretary

Regret was felt by all classes (writes a Dublin correspondent) when it became known that the Under-Secretary was dangerously ill, and had undergone a severe operation in a private hospital in Mount Street, whither he had been removed from his lodge in the Phoenix Park. Although Sir Antony's intimate friends knew for some time past that he was far from well, the public at large had no idea of the fact, as he attended to his official duties with a regularity that could scarcely be expected from the most junior of his subordinates. The climate of India, however, in which he spent so many years, weakened a naturally robust constitution. The constant worry, too, to which he has been subjected, did much to break down his health.

Even his greatest enemies, however, heard of his illness with deep regret, for all admit that he came through a trying ordeal as a man of high honor and great integrity. Lady MacDonnell received the following telegram from the Vatican: 'Rome, July 17.—Holy Father affectionately sends special blessing for Sir Antony MacDonnell. Wishes recovery.—Cardinal Merry del Val.' The following was King Edward's telegram: 'The King is much concerned to hear of Sir Antony's illness and operation, and hopes that you will be able to give a good account of him.—Knollys.'

### Disastrous Fire

At an early hour on Wednesday morning, July 18, the large drapery establishment of Mr. Arden Grennell, Lower Camden street, was discovered to be in flames. Half an hour later the whole spacious premises were completely gutted, and were in ruins. There were between 30 and 40 people, employees of the firm, residing on the premises, and considering the fierce ravages wrought by the flames in such an incredibly short space of time, it was little short of miraculous that they escaped a terrible doom. Six or seven of the employees, mostly young girls, were badly injured, whilst one lost her life. The deceased, Miss Flanagan, was a native of Sligo, and was only 18 years of age.

### GALWAY—Charitable Bequests

Captain John Smyth, of Masonbrook, Loughrea, County Galway, J.P., late of the 15th Foot, left personal estate valued at £46,296 9s, including £16,610 17s 1d which ranks as English estate. Amongst Captain Smyth's bequests were the following: £100 to the Catholic Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Cabra; £100 to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith; £100 to Magdalen Asylum, County Galway; £100 to the St. Joseph's Night Refuge, Dublin; £100 to St. Brigid's Orphanage; £200 to be held in trust for the Prior of the Carmelite Convent, Loughrea, for the poor; £100 to the Superiress of the Carmelite Convent, Loughrea; £100 for distribution among the poor, as his wife shall determine, and £100 for Masses.

### KERRY—Under Coercion

Kerry is among the counties proclaimed under the Coercion Act. At the opening of the summer assizes Judge Holmes told the Grand Jury that there was only one case to try, and that was not a serious one.

### Death of a Journalist

The death is reported of Mr. Edward O'Shaughnessy, London correspondent of the Dublin 'Daily Independent,' and a member of the official reporting corps of the House of Commons. Mr. O'Shaughnessy, who was only in his 38th year, was a native of Cahirciveen. He had been for years a prominent and active member of the Gallery Committee, and in 1903 he was elected chairman of the Gallery.

### LIMERICK—Sectarian Differences

The Protestant Bishop of Limerick, addressing the annual meeting of the Synod in Tralee, said sectarian unfriendliness was perhaps more than anything else a hindrance to the peace and prosperity of the country.

### TIPPERARY—Good Advice

After blessing a beautiful altar in Drangan parish church on Sunday, July 9, the Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly delivered an eloquent address, in the course of which he dealt with the emigration evil. He said while waiting for Home Rule, which was the radical remedy for the evils under which they were languishing, he would suggest as a stay on the emigration which was depleting the country, that they try their hand in cultivating a fair share of the land, with a view of enlarging their profits and creating employment for the people who were leaving the country. He knew that the transition from grazing to tillage was not a very easy matter. But, notwithstanding all the drawbacks under which they labored, there was still an opportunity of living and thriving on the soil of Ireland. They should strain every nerve to live in that grand old country, so favored by heaven in the faith of the people, and so favored by Nature in the salubrity of its climate.

### TYRONE—Primary Education

His Eminence Cardinal Logue, speaking at a bazaar for the erection of schools and a Catholic hall at Dunganmon, advocated the management by the Irish people of the education of their country, and protested against the present system under which they were asked 'to wear the cast-off educational clothes of the people of England.'

### Death of a Monsignor

The death is announced of the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Hagan, V.G., Strabane. The deceased prelate was born in 1832, in Ballina, Screen, County Derry, and after an excellent local education entered Maynooth College.

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