

Irish News

ANTRIM—Monster Ocean Liners

On September 9 the keel blocks of one of the two new leviathan White Star liners were placed in position in Messrs. Harland and Wolff's yard, Belfast. This may be regarded as a matter of great importance in the shipping world since the two new ships whose displacement will be probably 60,000 tons each, and the cost of both being estimated at close upon £3,500,000 will mark a new era in the length and magnificence of passenger vessels afloat. The new ships, when completed, will be about 1000 feet long, capable of bearing a dead weight of 15,000 tons. The first of the two new mammoths will be named the Olympic, and when completed will provide some surprises in ship construction and fittings.

CLARE—An Enthusiastic Reception

On September 12 the presence of Mr. William Redmond, M.P., in Ennis was made the occasion of a great popular demonstration of welcome by his constituents. The popular member for East Clare, who was accompanied by Mrs. William Redmond, paid informal visits to the Convent, the Christian Brothers' schools, and other institutions, and they were everywhere greeted with the most hearty cordiality. In the evening, a great gathering assembled at the Town Hall, where addresses were presented from the various public bodies.

DUBLIN—A Change of Policy

A rumor has gained currency that an Irish paper identified with the Unionist cause is about to declare for Imperial Home Rule. This action will, we understand, find a reflex among London Unionist dailies.

Jews and Home Rule

A large meeting of Jews, held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on Thursday evening, September 10, passed a resolution pledging all present to support such measures as will secure for the people of Ireland self-government, and foster Irish industries.

Charitable Bequests

Mr. Henry Richard Spring, of Johnston House, Chapelizod, County Dublin, who died on May 26 last, has left £24,917, of which £2682 is English estate. Testator has bequeathed £2000 to the Catholic Bishop of Liverpool for the Irish poor of the diocese.

Peculiar Methods

Messrs. Browne and Nolan, Dublin, have, it seems to us (*Catholic Times*), good reason to complain of the manner in which the Irish National Board has been acting. For three years the 'Advanced National Reader' which they brought out was in use in the Irish Catholic National Schools, with the sanction of the Commissioners of National Education. It contained extracts from the poems of Clarence Mangan and D. F. McCarthy and from historical writings by the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, dealing with the wars of O'Neill and O'Donnell against Elizabeth. The passages from the poets and the Archbishop were more than 'The Imperial Protestant Federation' could stand. They considered that such reading should not be placed before young Irish Catholics, and brought the question up in Parliament. The National Board faithfully obeyed the behest of 'The Imperial Protestant Federation.' The 'Advanced National Reader' was condemned. No notification of the condemnation, however, was sent to the publishers. Only indirectly—through the publication of the board's correspondence with 'The Imperial Protestant Federation'—did they get any inkling of an objection being raised to the book. The Board of National Education allowed them to go on printing the volume and did not take the trouble to let them know they were destroying a property on which a good deal of time, thought, and money had been expended. Evidently some of the National Board's ways are not business-like.

GALWAY—Industrial Conference

An industrial conference was held recently in Galway. The chairman of the Galway Town Commissioners extended a cordial welcome to the delegates, and then vacated the chair in favor of Mr. Joseph A. Glynn, who presided throughout the proceedings. His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne was on the platform, and a number of members of Parliament, including Mr. Stephen Gwynn, M.P., Mr. Wm. Field, M.P., Mr. O'Malley, M.P., Mr. Boland, M.P., Lord Dunraven, Sir Horace Plunkett, Mr. T. P. Gill, Lord Clonbrock, etc. A resolution was moved by Lord Dun-

raven declaring that an organised effort should be made to develop the export trade of Ireland, that steps be taken to secure reliable information as to suitable markets for the Irish-made goods outside of Ireland, and that this information should be supplied to Irish manufacturers. Mr. Boland, M.P., seconded the resolution, and in the discussion which followed the Archbishop of Melbourne spoke, dwelling upon the desirability of providing in Ireland some other employment than that on the land, the results of which were so frequently capricious owing to the uncertainty of the climatic conditions.

KERRY—Bad for the Deer

An extraordinary motoring incident occurred near Killarney recently. As the Maharajah and Maharanee of Kapurthala were motoring from Glengarriff after nightfall through the forest, their passage was disputed by a fine red deer, which charged full tilt at the radiator of the vehicle. The impetus of a charge and the impact with the rapidly-moving car resulted in the instantaneous death of the animal.

Sad Drowning Fatality

A sad calamity befell the fishing community at Valentia Island on the night of September 14, by which six men lost their lives through the sinking of a seine boat. It appears that the crew of the seine boat, which was heavily laden with mackerel, finding that it was sinking, threw themselves into the boat which was following, and which also sank. Six men, all belonging to the district, were lost, and thirteen were rescued by another vessel. The two boats belonged to the village of Portmagee, and the seine boat had 12 men in her, whilst the follower had seven men. They had netted a shoal of mackerel in calm water, inside the harbor, but they were carried by the strong ebb tide running to the harbor mouth, where there was a heavy sea. The seine boat shipped some seas and sank, and the crew, in getting into the smaller boat, capsized her. Nineteen men were thus thrown into the water, and they struggled for their lives, terribly handicapped by being clad in oilskins and heavy clothing. The night was dark, and half an hour elapsed before another seine boat, belonging to Michael Cahill, in returning to the harbor, came upon the men clinging to the wreckage of the two boats. At great personal risk Cahill rescued thirteen men, the other six having disappeared just at the spot where eight fishermen lost their lives early last year. Three of the men when rescued were unconscious, and had to be medically treated. The names of the lost are: Patrick Kelly (married), John O'Sullivan (married), John Devane (senior), John Devane (junior), John O'Shea (single), and John Casey (single).

MAYO—Secondary Education

New intermediate schools are in course of erection at Castlebar for the secondary education of the youth of the town and of the county of Mayo, and which in themselves will be another memorial to the zeal and energy of the pastor of Castlebar, the Very Rev. Canon Lyons, P.P., V.F., whose efforts in improving the town and parish are well known. For a long time past it has been felt in Castlebar that a secondary school was sadly needed. The granting of increased facilities for university education in Ireland made the school more necessary than ever. Canon Lyons has undertaken the onerous task of building these schools, and of finding the wherewithal to pay for them. The schools are planned on modern lines, on the 'classroom system,' and will include facilities for chemistry, science, art, and manual training.

WEXFORD—Good Advice

The Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, replying to an address presented to him at Clongeen on the occasion of his triennial visit to the parish, advised the people to get possession of the land, and said that if they did the country, with temperance and thrift, would become prosperous.

Visit of Cardinal Gibbons

His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons left London on September 15 with his Grace the Archbishop of Tuam, for a short visit to the West of Ireland. His Eminence will pay a visit to his relatives in County Wexford before returning to the United States.

The Temperance Movement

The following is a portion of the annual report issued by the Ferns Diocesan Temperance Committee:—'Entrusted by our Bishop with the arduous and responsible task of developing and fostering a diocesan temperance organisation, we gladly avail of the opportunity afforded by this meeting to express our

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