

## Irish News

### GENERAL.

Twenty-five constables of the R.I.C. in the County Wexford have volunteered for service in the Irish Guards.

Mr. J. J. Holland, late Captain Limerick City National Volunteers, was recently granted a commission in the Army Service Corps. The regiment, of whom 140 have joined the colors, gave him a great ovation at his departure.

At the Omagh Crown Sessions, Judge Linehan was informed that there was no criminal business of any kind returned for trial, nor was there any likelihood of any in the immediate future. Colonel Irvine, C.B., presented his Honor with a pair of white gloves.

Mr. P. A. C. Maginn, son of Mr. Maginn, agent of the Bank of Ireland, Ballina, has obtained a commission in Lord Kitchener's new army. Mr. Maginn joined the London Irish Rifles as a private, was promoted a sergeant, and has now been appointed to commissioned rank.

A big building project which is expected to cost several thousand pounds is about to proceed at Mount St. Joseph's Monastery, Roscrea. The addition will provide further accommodation in the community section in the way of bathrooms, sleeping accommodation, etc., the building will be done in stone work and will provide three or four years' work for about 30 to 40 hands.

Right Rev. Dr. De Wachter, V.G., Malines, in a letter to the Bishop of Ossory acknowledging that diocese's 'princely gift' of £1311 13s 5d for the Belgian sufferers, says:— 'What strikes me most in these outbursts of generosity is the happiness and kindness of your nation to be able to assist us, the readiness to do their utmost to relieve our needs. What our forefathers have done to your martyrs in time of persecution is not to be compared with what you are doing for us.'

Mrs. Grogan, Chapel avenue, Monasterevan, has five sons, all of whom are or were serving at the front. Four of them have been wounded. Michael (Garrison Artillery), at the front, unwounded; Martin (Connaught Rangers), home on furlough, lost left eye in the trenches, shot out by a bullet; Thomas (2nd Leinsters), home on furlough, wounded by bullet in the thigh, has rejoined at Cork, and is returning to the front; John, home on furlough, also of the Connaught Rangers, wounded in the thigh by shrapnel; and Joseph, also of the Connaught Rangers, who is at present in a French hospital, severely wounded in the chest.

The news of the death of the Very Rev. A. F. Canon Scully, Hospital, County Limerick, was received with regret by a wide circle of friends. A devoted and popular pastor, the late Canon Scully was a member of an old Tipperary family, and was educated at Stonyhurst College. He received his theological course in the Irish College, Rome, and was ordained as priest in 1861. He took an active interest in the claims of the Irish tenantry, and did much to negotiate sales under the Land Purchase Act. He established splendid convent schools, and introduced the De La Salle Order of Christian Brothers.

Sir John Purcell, presiding at the annual meeting of shareholders of the National Bank in London, said that the immediate effect of the declaration of war was to dislocate all business. As regarded Ireland, the action taken by the Government in readily falling in with the views of the Irish bankers smoothed all difficulties existing there, and he expressed the feeling of the Irish bankers when he pointed to the obligation due to Mr. John Redmond for the hearty manner in which he personally pressed upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer and upon the Secretary of the Treasury the necessity for a speedy adoption of their proposals. Ireland was very prosperous.

### MORE IRISH WORKERS WANTED.

Some remarkable disclosures regarding the shortage of labor in the English agricultural districts owing to the war were made at a meeting of the Farmers' Union in Nottingham recently. Councillor Potter said that in the Nottingham district work could be found immediately on farms for 500 men. Mr. Thatcher, manager of the Nottingham Labor Exchange, outlined a scheme whereby he thought it possible to get men from Irish agricultural districts. This suggestion was heartily approved, several farmers stating that they had already obtained men from the Co. Mayo, who were proving highly satisfactory. Mr. Allsebrook said that he employed Irishmen all the year round, and wished that he could get more.

### THE POLICY OF PARNELL.

Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., speaking at Enniskillen recently, said the Irish Party felt that they had acted in accordance with public duty by associating themselves with the Allies who were now engaged in a war with Prussian despotism and for European liberty. The promise had been given that Ireland, if granted Home Rule, would become a friendly part of the British Empire. Was that false to the national principle? If so, then Parnell betrayed Ireland, because they would find that not once but fifty times Parnell declared that the moment Irish aspirations were satisfied she would become the friend of the British Empire. They were pursuing the policy of Parnell, and the Home Rule Bill stood upon the Statute Book. Was it to be argued that they should stab England in the back in the hour of her difficulty? It was their duty to stand by England and the Allies.

### DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN KERRY MAN.

The *Kerry Advertiser* reports the death on January 15 of Mr. John J. Scanlon, a highly popular resident of Bally-McDonnell, Currans. There was no movement started, having for its object the betterment of his fellow-countrymen, that did not find in him a loyal and consistent supporter, and for the poor he had always an open hand. His death cast a gloom over his native parish, and the sympathy of the public went out to his sorrowing wife and children. The sad event took place in the Cork Infirmary, to where he was removed for medical treatment. The remains were brought home for burial, and were taken to the parish church of Currans, where they were received by the Rev. Father G. O'Callaghan. The interment took place at the family burying ground at Kilsarcon, the funeral cortege being one of the largest and most representative seen in the district for years. The burial service at the graveside was read by the Very Rev. Dean O'Sullivan, assisted by the Rev. Fathers O'Callaghan, Costello, and O'Riordan. The deceased was a cousin of Mr. John Scanlan, Waiata, North Canterbury.

### WHAT IRELAND OWES GERMANY.

Mr. Michael Jordan, secretary of the United Irish League in the United States, has published a very trenchant reply to a German propagandist, Dr. Von Mach, who argued that Irish sympathy should be given to the Germans in the present war. Mr. Jordan reminds the Doctor that during the 18th century German hirelings, the Hessians, and others, were guilty of the direst atrocities in Ireland. Mr. Jordan also contends that it is a fair deduction that Germany's government of Ireland would not be so favorable as England's during the past twenty years. During that time landlordism has been abolished, periodical famines terminated, complete educational equality conceded, laborers' cottages provided, the Gaelic language preserved, the evicted tenants reinstated, and finally, Home Rule enacted. Turning the tables on his adversary, Mr. Jordan asks whether Germany would permit the catechism to be taught in the Polish language to Polish children, whether many priests have been punished for preaching in Polish, whether the German Government has expropriated the Poles, and whether among their crimes in

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