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A Magnificent Flounce of REAL BRUSSELS APPLIQUE LACE, two and a-half yards in length, and valued at £8/8/- has been given, to be raffled for the benefit of the Redemptoristine Nuns, who have been obliged to leave their Convents in Belgium, and are now refugees in England. As these Nuns belong to a strictly enclosed Order, they have now no means of support, and depend exclusively on the offerings of the charitable. Those anxious to help them can do so by applying for Tickets (1/- each, or small books containing five tickets) for this beautiful lace, from—

MRS. T. J. BOURKE,

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Owing to the great demand for tickets, and in the interests of this cause, we have received permission from the Minister for Internal Affairs to extend date of drawing till May 15, and the result will appear in the *N.Z. Tablet* of May 20.

MARRIAGES

HOLDEN—McSWEENEY.—At the Sacred Heart Church, Timaru, on April 14, by the Very Rev. Dean Tubman, assisted by Rev. Father Le Petit, Nora Josephine, elder daughter of Morgan McSweeney, Adair, Timaru, to John Charles Holden, 'Dalzell Hill,' Mount Nessim, Albury.

KENNY—MURRAY.—At St. Mary's Church, Wanganui, by the Very Rev. Dean Holley, S.M., Nita Marion, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Murray, Queensland, N.S.W., to William Michael Kenny, of Wanganui.

TILLER—GARTY.—On April 5, 1915, at the Basilica, Wellington, by the Rev. Father Smyth, Thomas Irwin, second son of the late T. Tiller and Mrs. Tiller, to Jean Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Garty, St. Bathans.

DEATHS

DOWNEY.—On April 17, 1915, at Studholme Junction, Charles, the beloved and second son of the late Patrick and Brigid Downey, of Waitahuna West, Otago; aged 28 years; the result of an accident.—R.I.P.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on his soul.

FITZGERALD.—On April 21, 1915, at Timaru, accidentally killed, William, the dearly beloved husband of Mary Anne Fitzgerald, and youngest son of the late Michael and Catherine Fitzgerald, of Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland; aged 56 years. On whose soul may the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary have compassion.

SHORTALL.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Shortall, native of Kilkenny, Ireland, who died on May 3, 1915, at his residence, 'Innisfail,' Colyton, in his 74th year, fortified by the rites of Holy Church.—R.I.P.

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MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET.

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiae causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.

Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

TRANSLATION.—Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet continue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.

April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1915.

AT THE DARDANELLES



THE tragedy of the Lusitania, with its deeply painful loss of innocent human life, has tended to divert public attention from events which are, from the military point of view, of great interest and moment. The loss of the Lusitania, regrettable and shameful as it is, branding the name of Germany with an indelible stain, is at the same time absolutely without military significance, and does not affect the military situation one iota. It leaves not a man less in the firing line, and not a ship less in the phalanx which keeps watch and ward over the Empire and holds the German grand fleet powerless to strike a blow. The events at the Dardanelles, of which the week's news has been full of stirring tidings, are of real importance; and it will be some relief to our over-charged feelings to turn for a moment from the gloomy horror of the Atlantic to the scene where our own kith and kin are doing valiant things for King and country.

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Have our forces any prospect of ultimate and permanent success in this daring, risky, and romantic enterprise in the classic and historic Hellespont? None whatever, according to the flamboyant Von der Goltz, the German Commander of the Turkish forces. With characteristic self-confidence he ridicules the idea that the allied fleet will be able to accomplish anything serious against the chain of Turkish forts. He has been very prodigal in the matter of according interviews to friendly press representatives, and in one of the latest of these, dated March 28, he says: 'We are convinced that the operations of the allied fleet are doomed to failure. We have not predicted this result before because it is not our custom to dogmatise on matters that have not been put to the test. Now that the grand attack has taken place, we can say that if we were confident before of being able to repulse the attack the result obtained surpasses our expectations. It is necessary to note that this attack has been made before reaching our most important line of defence. What will happen when that is reached? We shall see. But we are without any anxiety, and if the allied fleet returns once, twice, or thrice, so much better for us and so much worse for the fleet. In saying the results already obtained surpass our expectations, I mean we did not expect that the effect of our shells would be so deadly. Falling from a great height, these projectiles have great penetrative and destructive power.' As to the possibility of a successful landing force, Von der Goltz, in his earlier interviews, utterly refused to entertain the notion. 'Where are the Allies going to bring such a force from,' he asked incredulously, 'without seriously weakening themselves elsewhere?' Later on, however, he took a more sober view of this contingency,