

Irish News

GENERAL.

According to the figures so far available, 850 men presented themselves for enlistment at the Custom House recruiting office during the visit of the Irish Guards' Band to Dublin.

The death took place at his residence, Castleconnor, Co. Sligo, recently, of Very Rev. Canon E. Timlin, P.P., after a short illness. Deceased had been parish priest of Castleconnor for the past twenty years.

Lord Wimborne, the new Irish Lord Lieutenant, made his State entry into Dublin as Viceroy on April 15. The Dublin Corporation, by a two to one majority, decided to present the new Viceroy with an address of welcome.

There being no cases at the Mayo Criminal Sessions, Mr. T. F. Rutledge, Sub-Sheriff, presented County Court Judge Doyle with a pair of white gloves. His Honor said it was a matter of great satisfaction and personal pleasure to him to be again the recipient of this symbol of the freedom of the county from crime.

Judge Matthew O'Doherty, addressing a meeting at Louisville, U.S.A., on St. Patrick's Day, held under the auspices of the A.O.H., in the course of a lengthy address, took vigorously to task those who criticise Mr. Redmond, whom he called the successor of O'Connell. When war broke out the Irish Parliamentary Party, he said, took the honorable course, and Ireland's hopes were never brighter than at the present.

A son and heir was born to the Earl and Countess of Granard at Forbes House, Halkin street, London, on April 10. He will bear the title of the Viscount Forbes. The Earl of Granard, who is the Master of the Horse to his Majesty the King, and Vice-Admiral of Connaught, has recently raised, and now commands, the 5th Battalion Royal Irish Regiment. The regiment was originally raised by his ancestor, the first Lord Granard, in 1684, and distinguished itself at the siege of Namur.

Very Rev. Father Crotty, O.P., who went from Rome in the earlier days of the war to become a chaplain to the Irish Catholic prisoners in Germany, has sent a list of the Tipperary prisoners of war at Limburg (Lahn), and it has been published in the *Clonmel Nationalist*. There are over 2000 Irish Catholic prisoners at Limburg, and almost every one of them received Holy Communion on St. Patrick's Day. They are 'doing well and cheerfully bearing the difficulties of exile and imprisonment.'

There was no criminal business for disposal at the Derry County Crown Sessions, and his Honor, Judge Todd, was presented with a pair of white gloves by Mr. Alwyn S. Craig, Sub-Sheriff. His Honor, returning thanks, said he was delighted that this oft-recurring ceremonial had again taken place. For a considerable time he had nothing of a criminal nature to try in that part of the county. He received white gloves repeatedly, and he was delighted to know that peace and prosperity continued in this large district.

Opening the business of the Dublin County and City Commission, Mr. Justice Kenny told the Grand Jury that there was only one case returned for trial from the county. This, his Lordship said, was 'an exceptionally light calendar, and was a reflex of the general condition of the district, which seemed to enjoy its normal freedom from serious criminality.' In his address to the City Grand Jury his Lordship said that the present Commission was a very exceptional one. At no Commission in his experience of 17 years was the number of cases for consideration by the Grand Jury so small and unimportant.

On Sunday afternoon, April 11, the Rev. Brother O'Mahoney, Superior of the O'Connell Schools, North Richmond street, Dublin, was presented with a beautifully illuminated address and marble statues of St. Joseph and St. Patrick, in commemoration of his golden

jubilee as a member of the Christian Brothers' Order. The statues, which were much admired, were designed and executed by Mr. Albert G. Power, Associate of the Royal Hibernian Academy. The interesting ceremony of presentation took place in the schools with which Brother O'Mahoney has been for so many years associated, and in the little chapel attached to which he made his vows as a Christian Brother half a century ago.

SERGEANT O'LEARY, V.C., OFFERED A COMMISSION.

The popularity of Michael O'Leary, V.C., is one of the extraordinary things of the war; not that he has more than earned all the praises which have been showered upon him from all quarters. The *Daily Chronicle*, in a leading article on recruiting in Ireland, says: 'For generations hostility to enlistment in the Army had been one of the most deeply ingrained of Irish political traditions. The transition from this sentiment to the sentiment which has made Sergeant Michael O'Leary the national hero is nothing less than a spiritual revolution. It has been achieved with little or no help from the official authorities, or the War Office, sometimes, indeed, in face of a deplorable wooden and unhelpful policy in those quarters.' Michael O'Leary's mother told a *Chronicle* interviewer that the War Office had offered her son a commission in some other regiment, but that he did not care about leaving the Guards just now.

A WONDERFUL CHANGE.

'Other newspapers are never mentioned in this column,' writes the contributor of 'From a London Club Window' in the *Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury*: 'but for once the rule must be broken, because of the account given in the *Times* of the Nationalist Volunteer parade in Dublin. Except for a couple of sentences of subordinate interest, it was as completely Home Rule as Mr. Redmond could desire, and a wonderful change from the former utterances of "The Jove." If readers will remember the statement made here over a month ago that the Conservative back-benchers will not agitate against Home Rule after the war, this narrative in the *Times* looks as if the Carson-Craig Ulsterites were going to lose another invaluable support. Straws show which way the wind blows. It was Mr. Redmond who welcomed the band of the Irish Guards to Dublin, whilst Sir Edward Carson, convalescing at Torquay, never even sent a message to a recruiting movement that was not for the special glorification of Ulster.'

DEATH OF DR. ESMONDE, M.P.

Deep regret was felt all over the country at the unexpected death from pneumonia on April 17 at his residence, Drominagh, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary, of Dr. John Esmonde, M.P. for North Tipperary. Very popular with all classes, the deceased, who was 53 years of age, was a son of the late Mr. James Esmonde, D.L., his mother being a daughter of Mr. W. J. Sugrue, J.P., of Mashanaglass, Co. Cork. He was also a nephew of Sir John Esmonde, the 10th baronet, and cousin of Sir Thos. Esmonde, M.P. Educated at Clongowes, Oscott, Stonyhurst, and (medically) in Dublin, he took his L.R.C.S.I. and L.M. (1884), L.A.H. (1891), and L.M. (Coombe Hospital) Degrees. After practising in England for 24 years, Dr. Esmonde returned to his native place and was Civil Surgeon Curragh Camp. At the general election of December, 1910, he was returned unopposed as the Nationalist representative of North Tipperary, replacing Mr. Michael Hogan, who was member for the constituency for some years previous. He was twice married, first to Miss Rose Magennis and secondly to Miss Eily O'Sullivan, author of many stories, poems, songs, and essays. He has left twelve children—eight sons and four daughters. Only a few weeks ago he was gazetted captain in the R.A.M.C., and his eldest son also holds a commission in the army. Since the outbreak of the