

Irish News

GENERAL.

Captain Louis Corbally, third son of the late Mr. Matthew Corbally, of Swords, Co. Dublin, died on May 6 of wounds received near Ypres.

Mrs. Fury, of Loughrea (Co. Galway), who has received information of the death of her son Malachy, of the Connaught Rangers, at the front, has, including five sons, 90 relatives with the colors.

Lieutenant Wm. Archer Redmond, M.P., sustained a fractured forearm on Sunday, May 9. He was on a visit to his brother-in-law, Mr. Max Green, at his residence, Prospect, Templeogue, County Dublin, and while starting a motor car it back fired and the crank struck him, fracturing his forearm.

Sir T. C. O'Brien, the old Middlesex and All-England batsman, of Lohorth Castle, Mallow, is amongst the large band of cricketers who have joined his Majesty's forces since the war began. At present he is stationed at the Army Remount Depot, Lathom Park, Ormskirk. Sir Timothy holds the rank of captain.

Calling attention to the fact that when Lieutenant Gladstone fell, the man next to him was Second-Lieutenant Harold Francis Lynch (Stonyhurst) the *London Tablet* says: 'This last association, accidental and slight as it is, between the grandson of Gladstone and an Irishman, nearest of all to him when he drew his last breath, has an historic appropriateness of its own.'

Speaking at Maynooth on May 17, the Lord Lieutenant said that the vital moral character of Ireland was in these days emphasised by the fact that they were in deadly grips with a cynical and dastardly enemy, who had no respect or pity for the lives of civilians, of women and children, nor were even the grey hairs of the priesthood sacred to them.

Mr. John Gorby, Main street, Carrick-on-Suir, has been informed that his son, Corporal Frank Gorby, Royal Irish Regiment, was killed in action in the western war theatre early in May. A few weeks ago the deceased was awarded the D.C.M. for conspicuous bravery in the field. The late Corporal Gorby was very popular in Carrick-on-Suir, and the news of his death was learned with much regret in the town.

Captain Lord de Freyne and his brother, the Hon. George French were both killed on the same day. They were serving with the 1st South Wales Borderers, which went out from Bordon as part of Brigadier-General Landon's 3rd Infantry Brigade. It is only two years ago that Lord de Freyne succeeded to the Barony. His love of adventure led him to join the permanent militia of the United States as a private, where his services soon gave him promotion. When his father died he returned to Ireland and made arrangements for joining the Reserve of Officers.

The Irish population in England, Wales, and Scotland have responded magnificently to the call to his Majesty's forces at the front (says a London newspaper). From the statistics recently published by the general secretary of the United Irish League of Great Britain, up to March 1 we find the number 115,513 equivalent to 20 per cent. of the Irish-born population in England, Scotland, and Wales. The most generous estimate of the total of the new Army does not exceed 6 per cent. of the whole population of Great Britain. Therefore the proportion of the Irish population of Great Britain that has joined the Army since the outbreak of the war is over three times the proportion from the population of Great Britain as a whole.

THE HOLY FATHER AND WEXFORD CORPORATION.

Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, has written to the Mayor of Wexford Corporation saying that the manifestations of filial love for, and sincere faith in the person and the august throne of the Vicar of Christ on earth that the Municipal Council of Wex-

ford, in the name of the entire people, had shown to Benedict XV. in their joy in his exaltation to the Pontifical Chair had been received by his Holiness with intense delight. In return his Holiness conveyed his thanks and blessing to all his flock in Wexford, particularly to the Mayor and members of the Council of that ancient town.

DEATH OF A CHRISTIAN BROTHER.

One of the oldest members of the Christian Brothers' Community passed away on May 10 at St. Vincent's Male Orphanage, Glasnevin, in the person of the Rev. Brother Michael Andrew Ryan. The deceased had attained the ripe old age of 75 years, and was for 55 years connected with the Brothers' community. He was born near Pallas, County Limerick, and received his education at the Christian Brothers' Schools, Limerick City. He entered the Brothers' novitiate in Dublin at the age of 18 years, and took up educational work in several parts of the country where the schools of the Order are established. He was attached to the schools at Limerick for a number of years, and afterwards acted as Superior in a number of districts, including Portarlington and Naas.

NEW LORD JUSTICE.

The announcement of the appointment of the Right Hon. Mr. Justice Molony to the office of Lord Justice of Appeal, vacated by the lamented death of Lord Justice Moriarty, has been received with general satisfaction. The new Lord Justice (says the *Irish Catholic*) will bring to the Court of Appeal precisely the qualities which will secure for its decisions increased respect both in the estimation of litigants and of the general public. No better means of preventing the prolongation of legal proceedings and consequent waste of money can possibly be devised than securing the existence in this country of a Court of Appeal whose decisions will carry such weight that even the most adventurous lawyer will not advise recourse to the House of Lords. The elevation of Mr. Justice Molony is a step towards the attainment of this most desirable end. Naturally, speculation is now rife as to who is to occupy the position among the Puisne Judiciary vacated by the new Lord Justice of Appeal. According to usage this would pass to the Attorney General, Mr. Jonathan Pim, but it is generally believed that he may forego his claim to the office, and that the new judge will be the Solicitor-General, Mr. James O'Connor, whose appointment would be approved not only by the Bar, but by all who appreciate legal ability and high personal character.

SUCCESSFUL KILKENNY MAN.

Chicago exchanges record the death a few weeks ago of a really remarkable Irishman, Mr. John Cudahy, of the world-famous Chicago firm of meat-packers. Mr. Cudahy was a native of Callan, County Kilkenny. His parents emigrated to the West when he was very young. He died at the age of 71, a millionaire several times over, having earned, besides money, position, and prestige, the universal respect and regard of his fellow citizens. His honest life was open for all to read, and many were his acts of charity, of which no earthly record was kept. He was also interested in several public charities, and gave liberally to all of them. There were two Cudahy brothers, Michael, who died several years ago, and John. Alike in ability and courage, the two men were very different in methods. Michael was steady, safe, conservative; John, more daring and more disposed to take chances. From the standpoint of integrity they were at one—their word having the quality of legal tender. No one who knew them even remotely would hesitate to trust either. As business men they reflected credit upon Chicago. Though little identified with Irish affairs, both were staunch Nationalists, ever ready to show their affection for the land of their birth. The immense fortune won by the Cudahy Brothers remains with their families.