

PEOPLE WE HEAR ABOUT

New York has just lost one of its leading philanthropists through the death of Countess Leary, a Catholic lady who spent her fortune in founding a home for Irish emigrants, and who in later life did valuable work in preventing the leakage of Italian immigrants from the old faith.

Captain Edward V. Rickenbacker, the celebrated American aviator, who destroyed 28 enemy machines, is a Catholic, and hails from Columbus, Ohio. When he visited the House of Representatives at Washington recently his presence became known, and every member rose and cheered for a full minute.

The Hon. J. D. Ryan, of St. John's, Newfoundland, who has just been made a Knight Commander of St. Gregory by the Pope in recognition of his services to Catholic education, is an Irishman who has found fame and fortune in Newfoundland and who is a life member of the Government there.

Mr. Alfred Percival Graves, who has just resigned the presidency of the Irish Literary Society in London, is an Irish *litterateur* whose authorship of *Father O'Flynn* has given him world-wide celebrity. Mr. Graves is not a Catholic, but nevertheless his song shows his intimate sympathy with the spirit of his race.

Father Edward Myers, M.A., recently appointed President of St. Edmund's College, Old Hall, Ware, has been made an honorary Canon of Westminster Cathedral. The new canon is 44 years of age, and was born at York. Educated at St. Edmund's, Ware, he was ordained 17 years ago. He is the translator of Pere Lagrange's historical criticism of the Old Testament, and has written some books.

The Hon. J. A. Lyons, leader of the Tasmanian Labor Party, is a Catholic. He was born at Stanley (Tasmania) 40 years ago, where he commenced his career as a State school teacher. He resigned from the Education Department in 1909, in order to contest in the interests of Labor for the Wilmot seat, this electorate being mostly a farmers' district. He was successful, and his popularity in the constituency has been such that he has always topped the poll since.

The Irish-American delegates, three in number, who were entrusted with the statement of Irish rights, as interpreted by Irishmen in America, are men of marked distinction. Mr. Frank Walsh was formerly chairman of the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations, and a member of the National War Labor Board. Mr. Edward Dunne has been judge of the Circuit Court of Chicago, Mayor of Chicago, and Governor of Illinois. Mr. Ryan was formerly city solicitor of Philadelphia.

General Pau, who passed through British Columbia recently, in the course of conversation with members of the Catholic clergy, one of the latter said: "General Pau in a few 'patriotic' sermons during the war, I mentioned your name and the names of Marshal Foch, General Petain, General de Castelnau, as staunch Catholics." Said the veteran: "If you were under my command I would simply give you eight days in barracks. Why did you not put forward the names of Generals Faville, Cary, Franchet d'Esperey, d'Amade, Mangin, Gouraud, and scores of others?"

Rev. Francis Delaney, formerly of St. Mary's, The Mount, Walsall, Staffordshire, who died lately, was evidently, as an odd Catholic priest here and there may be, a man of private means. In the return of his estate, £6675, it is noted that he bequeathed his pictures and other household effects "to keep the poor school children of his parish in food during the winter." He asked that his funeral should be simple, and said that he desired "the prayers and not the praises of the people. Loyalty to my successor will be the best proof of their Catholic training."

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A METHODIST MINISTER'S TRIBUTE.

The Rev. A. E. Albiston (president of the Methodist Conference), at a reception tendered to him recently at Shepparton, Victoria, said, in the course of his reply to appreciative remarks addressed to him by representatives of other denominations present, that for many years he had cared nothing for other denominations; indeed, there was a time when he thought it would be wicked for him to go into another church. He did not know where he got that—it was certainly not from his father, who had never taught him anything of that sort. But he had got over all that, and not long ago he had gone to hear Dr. Mannix preach. (Applause.) He saw a priest, with whom he was acquainted, in the vestments of the Church, and though he of course, could not speak to that priest just then, the sight of him made him feel more at home. Dr. Mannix had preached a very powerful sermon on the evil that was rampant in the world, and on the reasons why it was apparently gaining a temporary victory. Though he could not say that he quite agreed with all Dr. Mannix had advanced, he could still assure them that he highly appreciated the sermon, and from that they could see he was no bigot. (Applause.) The Christian religion owed much to Catholics, for some of the finest things in their hymn-books were written by men such as Cardinal Newman. But at the present time he was sorry to say that he could see no immediate hope of union between the Catholic and Protestant Churches, but he was glad to say that he could look forward to the time when even that might be possible.

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