

Thomas Ryan, an army pensioner on the lists of the United States, who was a passenger on the Cunard steamer Etruria.

Galway.—The Convention recently held in Galway was the largest and most representative ever held in this important County, and is proof, if such were wanting, of the genuine patriotism of the people of Galway.

Four heartless evictions were carried out at Coolagh, near Killmore, recently by Josephine Burke and Mrs Dora O'Sullivan. The victims are:—Darby Coen and family, Martin Lowery and family, Martin Melody and family, Thomas Hayes and family. Much sympathy is felt for those poor tenants who have been evicted at such a period of the year.

The directors of the Carna Industries Company have passed a resolution expressing their deep sense of the loss which the parish of Carna and the whole district of Connemara has sustained by the death of Father Flannery.

Kerry.—Extremely harsh proceedings have been recently taken against a number of tenants on his estate at the instance of Lord Kenmare.

A woman named Stretton died in the almshouse, Tralee, last week, at the extraordinary age of 108 years. Early in the week at Barrow a woman named Margaret Moriarty, who attained the venerable age of 107 years.

Kildare.—The now historic village of Clongorey will, in the coming month of May, when all nature puts on its brightest verdure, be the scene of cruel and heartless evictions. Mrs Mary Kelly is to be the principal sufferer on the occasion, having got formal notice that, on that day, herself, her adopted daughter, her son-in-law, a numerous family of young children, including the persecuted little Emily Morrissey, together with some families to whom she had given shelter when flying from their burning or falling houses, will be driven from their humble habitations out upon a world of which they know but little.

King's County.—At recent meeting of the Phillipstown National Federation, Father Bergin presiding, a sad case of "sentence of death" was brought under the notice of the committee by Mrs Bobbins, of Kilmurray, who produced for inspection two notices to quit, served personally by W. A. Gowing, one to herself and the other to her bed-ridden husband, who is nearly 90 years old. Being asked why they had allowed themselves to be turned into weekly tenants, Mrs Bobbins replied that they thought they were in a second heaven when Mr Gowing became their landlord, and he promised "to make herself and her poor sick husband ever so comfortable," and she added that even when he came with the notice to quit she first thought he was going to give her a Christmas box, he spoke so sweetly to her.

Mayo.—A very great number of eviction decrees were obtained at the Quarter Sessions Court, which was held at Ballina on January 13. Most of these decrees were given for a year's rent, due last November—of course the rent will be generally paid up, but costs will be added. It seems as if the proprietors of the large estates in this neighbourhood were determined to get rid of as many tenants as possible.

Mougan.—Rev Mr Greer, who preaches in Drumm parish church, displeased some of his congregation by his ritualistic propensities, and when he went to the church on a recent Sunday he found the door locked. He attempted to enter the building through a window, but was dragged back and assaulted. Information of the affair was given to the authorities, and Sunday following a force of police appeared on the scene. The key was given to the police, and the door opened. Those who did not object to the doctrines of Mr Greer entered the building, while those opposed to him left the neighbourhood.

A meeting of the Nationalists of Mougan was held in the Christian Schools, under the chairmanship of Rev George McMeel, Adm. Father Lynch, Father Gallagher, Messrs P. Gormley, D. MacAleese, William Crumley, Owen Murray, John Hughes, Philip Davidson, and a large number of Nationalists of the town and district were in attendance. On the motion of D. MacAleese, seconded by P. Gormley, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—Resolved: That Michael Davitt deserves the gratitude, and merits the confidence of all honest Irishmen for the sufferings he has borne and the sacrifices he has made for the Nationalist cause; that we entertain the strong feeling that his presence in Parliament will conduce largely to the success of the cause, and we beg respectfully to ask the Nationalist electors of Waterford to rise to the importance of the present crisis, and return Mr Davitt by a triumphant majority.

Tyrone.—The Verner estate, situated in the Counties of Tyrone and Monaghan, is about to be sold to the tenants under the Land Purchase Act.

Wicklow.—There is apparently no cessation in the efforts made by Rev Mr Hallows to convert the people of the town to Protestantism; in fact any ism except Catholicism would please the preacher. The people are obdurate, and Mr Hallows continues the spiritual combat.

THE LATE CARDINAL SIMEONI.

(*Sydney Freeman's Journal.*)

At the memorial ceremony in St. Mary's Cathedral his Eminence Cardinal Moran spoke the following words:—

Cardinal Simeoni in his various official positions in the sacred Congregation of Propaganda was at the helm of the missionary barque, guiding the missionary zeal of the Catholic world, for over a quarter of a century. The public press which chronicles day by day so many events that mark the world's progress around us, gives but scanty notice of such missions. And yet perhaps in the world's history in modern times there is nothing more marvellous than the progress of Christendom as shown by the missionary harvest of those twenty-five years. Never since the days of St Francis Xavier have so many thousands been added to the fold throughout the various provinces of India. The glad tidings of Redemption have been preached in Asia Minor and Persia and China, even to its remotest Tartar territory. Few probably are aware that in one of the Chinese Vicariates, in an interval of four years, three bishops have shed their blood for the faith, and that in another Vicariate in the year 1884, 24,000 native Christians with 270 native nuns, 16 priests and 60 catechists suffered for the faith in the space of only two months. Surely the records the early Christians have nothing more glorious to show than this. In the Dominion of Canada flourishing missions have been established in its northern frozen provinces. The United States has now almost a hundred names on the bright roll of its episcopate. All through South America the various nations have been quickened into a renewed spiritual life, and even the hitherto impenetrable Patagonia now re-echoes with the anthems of the Gospel of Peace. In Africa, despite the many difficulties that as yet beset religion in that desolate land, three or four territories in which the standard of the Cross is not unfurled; and it is cheering to find that whithersoever travellers or explorers penetrate, representatives as they may be of England or Germany, of France, or Belgium, or the United States, all of one accord offer the tribute of their admiration to the devoted zeal of the Catholic missionaries. May I not say that in our own Australasian colonies some progress has been made? It is a little more than a quarter of a century that throughout this continent there was but one Archbishop with four suffragan Bishops. Now there are four Archbishops and 13 Episcopal Sees. It is during the past few years that the missions in New Guinea and the Gilbert Islands have begun to yield their fruit. Throughout the islands of the South Pacific Ocean the missionaries have been unwearied in their labour of love, and their first martyr, Blessed Chanel, received the honours of the altar. The group of islands of the North-East Pacific Ocean have won new lustre through Father Damien's heroism of charity. And yet what was his ministry but the daily record of a hundred other zealous missionaries and devoted Sisters who, under the sole impulse of Divine love, spend their lives in the various leper-stricken countries in the performance of the like deeds of Charity? It was the privilege of Cardinal Simeoni to be the leader of those who guided the zeal of these missionary bands, and he partakes of the merit of their victories. He has led many souls to the saving fold. As his reward his name is written in the Book of Life. He rests from his labours and his works follow him.



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It appears that the superstitious terror of the unpopular number "13" is very strong in Switzerland. A few days ago the correspondent of a Swiss paper, who lodged in room "No 12" at an inn, observed that the rooms next to his own were respectively labelled "No 11" and "No 14." Upon asking the landlord why there was no "No 13," he received the answer "that there had once been such a number, but as the guests almost invariably refused to sleep in it, the number had been obliterated." This was in Basel.

Pilgrims to Lourdes, all who trace to the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes some special grace, or even some miraculous cure, or whose faith in apparition shows itself by the loving confidence with which they drink or otherwise apply the water from its ever-flowing stream; in a word, all clients of Mary will bear with satisfaction that a Feast of Our Lady, under that title, already authoritatively established in some parts of France, is for the future to be kept in Rome. The quality of the Feast is a Greater Double; its Mass and Office, which are proper, are the same as those lately approved for other districts. February 11 is the day fixed for its observance.

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