

Irish News

ANTRIM—A Nonagenarian Passes Away

The death occurred on January 22, at her residence, Tullymore Lodge, near Ballymena, of the Dowager Lady O'Neill, stepmother of Baron O'Neill and the Hon. R. T. O'Neill, M.P. The deceased lady was about 90 years of age.

Shipbuilding in Belfast

Messrs. Workman, Clark, and Co., Ltd., Belfast, have received an order from Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co., Liverpool (Ocean Line), for the construction of a steamer 480 feet in length, 58 feet in breadth, and a gross tonnage of about 5000 for their Eastern trade. This company are old customers of Messrs. Workman, Clark's who only delivered a new steamer, the 'Telamon,' to them a few weeks ago. A Harrison liner and a fruit-carrying steamer will be launched from their yard shortly.

CORK—Sale of an Estate

The tenants on the Edden estate, in East Cork, who recently purchased their holdings, after a difficult struggle with the landlord, have returned their thanks to Captain Donelan, M.P., for his kindly interest on their behalf.

DOWN—Death of a Newry Man

In business circles in Newry the death of Mr. W. T. Ferris was heard with much regret. For many years prior to 1897 he was regarded as one of the best oarsmen in Ireland. He conducted a large milling concern, in addition to being managing director of the Clanrye Steamship Co. and the Newry and Provincial Coal Co. His death at the age of 42 years is a great loss to Newry and district.

Papal Distinction

Not only in the diocese of Dromore, but throughout the province (says the 'Irish Weekly') the announcement regarding the honor which his Holiness the Pope has conferred upon the Vicar-General, the Very Rev. John O'Brien, P.P., will be learned with the deepest satisfaction. The highly-esteemed and venerated pastor of Benbridge has been raised to the rank of a Domestic Prelate by his Holiness, and Father O'Brien's troops of friends will rejoice to hear of this distinction. Beloved as he is by his own people, and esteemed by all creeds and classes in the diocese of Dromore and far beyond it, the news will be most welcome.

DUBLIN—The Lord Mayor

Mr. Hutchinson, the Labor representative who has filled the office of Lord Mayor of Dublin for the past year, has been elected to a second term of office.

Demise of a Doctor

The death is announced of Professor Birmingham, M.D., R.U.I., Demonstrator of Anatomy in the Catholic University School of Medicine, Cecilia street, Dublin. Dr. Birmingham had a remarkably brilliant career at the Royal University of Ireland, and was regarded, after Professor Cunningham, as the most able anatomist in Ireland. The very successful school of medicine to which he was attached owes much to his professional ability and to his capacity as an organiser.

Interesting Portrait

The Right Hon. George Wyndham has presented to the National Gallery of Ireland a portrait of much historical interest, that of the beautiful Pamela, wife of Lord Edward Fitzgerald, and of her little daughter, who in after years was Lady (Guy) Campbell, grandmother of the Chief Secretary.

Death of an ex-Papal Zouave

A London correspondent reports the death of Captain Albert O'Reilly De La Hoyde, formerly an officer in the Papal Zouaves. Captain De La Hoyde was a gentleman of very varied attainments, and his life during the wars in defence of the Papal States and since was a most romantic one. Born in Dublin, he was educated at Clongowes Wood College, and was still a schoolboy when, in 1860, he volunteered for the Irish Papal Brigade, then being formed. After spending a time in Belgium, where his remarkable knowledge of languages was turned to good account in receiving and dealing with the recruits from many lands who were collected there, young De La Hoyde went to join the Brigade at the defence of Ancona, and was under fire on his eighteenth birthday. He was taken prisoner, and amongst others deported to Marseilles, but, with Captain Darcy, he re-

turned to Rome and served throughout all the campaigns, first with the Franco-Belgians, and afterwards with the Papal Zouaves. At Mentana he was slightly wounded, and received his captaincy for gallantry, and he was one of the principal officers in the defence of Porta Pia. At the conclusion of the war in 1870 he returned to Ireland, and after spending some time at home he obtained in open competition a post in the Indian mail service, for which his great ability as a linguist peculiarly fitted him. His duty was to travel with the mails to and from London and Brindisi, and this position he held until his retirement in 1890, since when he has lived quietly in London. Captain De La Hoyde was well known in London and Dublin, and took a keen interest in the Irish revival movement. From his earliest days he was a student of the Irish language, and for several years he spent a portion of the summer months on the island of Arran. His brother is Dr. De La Hoyde, of Rutland Square, Dublin.

KERRY—Fire in Tralee

Damage to the extent of £14,000 was done in Tralee by a fire which destroyed the large drapery establishment of Revington and Sons, and the jewellery shop of Mr. Phail.

Parliamentary Candidate

Mr. David A. Quaid, solicitor, Naas, has issued an address to the electors of North Kildare. He states he is coming forward as a pledge-bound member of the United Irish League.

KILKENNY—Industrial Revival

Very practical steps are being taken by some prominent gentlemen in Kilkenny to revive the woollen industry in that city, which at one time had no less than 3000 people employed in woollen manufacture. Acting independently of a State aid that is now largely discounted in Ireland, these gentlemen have formed a limited liability company. The directorate consists of gentlemen of undoubted success in business, and the enterprise bids fair to be established thoroughly and profitably, and prove a remunerative investment. The example of Kilkenny is one that should be noted by other towns in Leinster with opportunities for local enterprise.

LIMERICK—An Appointment

The Earl of Dunraven, his Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Limerick, has appointed Sir Thomas Cleeve, a Deputy-Lieutenant for the county and city of Limerick, in the place of the late Mr. Richard Bourke, Thornfields, and the Lord Lieutenant has sanctioned the appointment.

Precious Relics

The nuns of the Convent of Mercy, Limerick, are in possession of a mitre and crozier dating from 1418. These precious relics are still quite perfect, were exhibited at two great exhibitions, and are known as Bishop O'Dea's mitre and crozier. The late Bishop Butler used these relics at his consecration in 1861.

A Denial

The former nurse of the children of the Emperor of Russia (Miss Eager), who has written to the papers repudiating the statement that she had been dismissed from the service of the Imperial family as a spy, and declaring that she is in receipt of a pension, which was granted on her resigning the position of nurse of her own accord, is the daughter of Mr. Francis M'Gillicuddy Eager, J.P., formerly Governor of the Limerick County Gaol. On his retirement some years ago, Mr. Eager took up his residence in Kilkee, where he has established a fashionable boarding-house.

MEATH—Clerical Appointment

The Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney has appointed the Rev. W. Rooney, Adm., to the pastoral charge of Longwood, in succession to the late Rev. T. Cassidy, P.P.

TYRONE—A Centenarian

Regarding the centenarian, Mr. George Fletcher, residing at Pomeroy, County Tyrone, to whom reference was made in our issue of February 23, Mr. W. A. Quin, Hawera, writes as follows: 'My brother called on him six months ago at Pomeroy, and found him well and hearty, though somewhat weak. My grandparents were next-door neighbors of Fletcher, who was able to give a full account of them to my brother, who says that the old man's memory is very good. Like many centenarians, he is a heavy smoker. Fletcher is a Catholic, and gave my brother a medallion which he had received from the late Pope Leo XIII.'

Lord Ranfurly and the Orangemen

Mr. Hunt Walsh Chambre, J.P., agent for the Earl of Ranfurly (ex-Governor of this Colony), and County