

Irish News

ANTRIM—Death of a Belfast Man

The death is announced of Mr. John Justin Pender, eldest son of the famous Irish authoress, Mrs. M. T. Pender. The deceased, who was only a little over 30 years of age, and had married recently, had been for many years assistant inspector of factories in Belfast, and was for the past three years senior inspector in the same department in Glasgow.

Launch of a Large Steamer

The list of ocean leviathans to the credit of the Belfast shipbuilding yards was increased recently, when the new White Star liner 'Adriatic,' the heaviest ship in the world, left the stocks at Messrs. Harland and Wolff's, Queen's Island, and entered upon her seagoing career amid the plaudits of a big assembly. The launch, whilst not marked by any formal ceremony, was made the occasion for a general holiday in the yard, and there was a numerous gathering of the public to witness the proceedings, the crowd being, indeed, one of the largest ever seen at Queen's Island. The 'Adriatic' is a worthy successor of the many fine large steamers previously launched at Belfast for this famous line, and will be an important addition to one of the finest fleets in the world. The 'Adriatic' is 725 feet long, 75 feet beam, and about 50 feet deep. Her gross tonnage will be about 25,000, and her displacement will exceed 40,000 tons.

DUBLIN—A Nonagenarian

Dr. Henry Tweedy, who died at his residence in Rutland Square on September 21, had all but completed his ninety-sixth year. He was born in 1810, and was the oldest of three nonagenarian Dublin physicians—the two others being Sir John Banks, K.C.B., Physician-in-Ordinary to the King, and formerly President of the Royal College of Physicians, and Dr. George Ellis, of Lower Leeson street, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

The Archbishop in Poland

A press message from Siedlce, Poland, under date September 23, says: A deputation, accompanied by a large number of horsemen, met the Archbishop of Dublin on his arrival here and presented him with a magnificent cushion, on which was worked the national emblem of the Kingdom of Poland, a one-headed white eagle with red beak. The emblem also appeared on the Polish national costumes of the riders and their banners. In all the places he passed through the Archbishop was presented with bread and salt by the Jewish inhabitants.

GALWAY—A Bye-election

A cable message received last week stated that Mr. Stephen Gwynn had been elected for Galway City in place of Mr. C. R. Devlin, who is about to re-enter the Dominion Parliament, as member for Nicolet, Quebec. Mr. Devlin had sat for Galway since 1903. Mr. Gwynn's opponent was Captain Shawe-Taylor, a devolutionist.

The Archbishop on Education

Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, presided at the annual distribution of prizes to the students of St. Jarlath's College, and referred to the great success which attended the college during the year, and, continuing, said—What are we to think of the successive Governments that have such brilliant students at the portals of a university career, but close the door against them except they enter those university colleges which their conscientious convictions forbid them to enter? Can such Governments of Ireland be called just or liberal or wise? Nearly all our students come from Galway or Mayo; some of them from the mountains around the great lakes, from which almost entirely the Provost of Trinity College, for his own private purse, derives an income of £1500 a year, not to speak of some £1700 more which the same official receives from other sources. Fifteen hundred pounds for the Provost of Trinity College from the blood and sweat of the parents of these poor boys, but for them to help them on their onward career not a sixpence, except they place themselves under the intellectual and moral guidance of the said Provost and his Protestant staff. But I believe they will at any sacrifice keep their conscience and their poverty rather than share in the ill-gotten goods of Trinity College, Dublin. They do not want to share its prestige. If they can get fair play they can create a higher prestige for themselves. The State may help to give you

knowledge, but it can never teach these manly Christian virtues that are a better possession than anything the State can give them. The future is yours. Without them, no matter what may be your learning, your lives will be a failure. I again congratulate you all on your splendid successes, and pray God to bless your efforts in the future. These efforts may not always be equally successful, but they can always be made equally meritorious.

LIMERICK—No Half-Measures

At a great National demonstration held at Grange, County Limerick, on September 23, Mr. John Redmond, M.P., referring to the promised Irish legislation of next year, said nothing short of complete Home Rule would ever bring peace, prosperity, and contentment to Ireland.

ROSCOMMON—The O'Connor Don's Estate

The Right-Hon. Charles O'Connor, the 'O'Connor Don' of Clonales, Castleroa, County Roscommon, P.C., LL.D., J.P. for County Roscommon, and descendant of Roderick O'Connor, the last King of Connaught (temp. 1475), and who died on the 30th June last, aged 68, son of the late Denis O'Connor, M.P., left personal estate in the United Kingdom valued at £33,272 14s 4d, of which £6937 15s 4d is English estate. The testator left his estate in the County of Roscommon in trust for his son Denis, with certain sums amounting to about £20,000, and he left certain funds to which his son Roderick Joseph would have been entitled to take to his sons, Owen, Felim, and Charles Hugh; and he left his real estate at Kingstown in trust for his wife for life, with power of appointment to his children, or in default of appointment to his said eldest son Denis. He desired that his funeral should be as simple as possible, and any sums which would have otherwise been spent on mourning to be distributed among poor at the discretion of his said eldest son. He left £300 to the Catholic Bishop of Elphin for the convent recently established there, and £200 to be distributed among such charitable purposes or for Masses as his wife shall determine. Should either of his sons, Owen or Charles, enter a religious Order, he is only to receive £400 as being ample provision for him. Subject to other provisions, the testator left the residue of his estate in equal shares to his three sons, but directed that certain sums advanced to his son Charles should be brought into account.

TIPPERARY—Death of a Noted Soldier

The death has taken place at Grantstown Hall, County Tipperary, of Lieut. General Denham Massy, C.B., D.L. The deceased belonged to an ancient Tipperary family that always took a pride in their native county as well as a deep interest in its public affairs, and 'The General,' as he was popularly referred to, was not an exception to his ancestors. He was elected to every position that it was in the people's power to bestow upon him, and in recognition of their good faith in him, he unhesitatingly made his tenants peasant proprietors at the inception of the recent Land Act. His popularity was undoubted, and his death comes as a serious loss to the locality. When only a boy of sixteen he displayed much more than conspicuous bravery at the Redan, in his conduct there, and earned for himself the soubriquet of 'the Redan Massy.' He was then only an ensign. His last military employment was that as Commander of the Forces in Ceylon. Since the passing of the Irish Local Government Act, he has held the position of, amongst other things, Vice-Chairman of the County Council of the South Riding of Tipperary, as well as being a member of the Asylum Committee, Tipperary Technical Instruction Committee, and numerous other Boards.

A Priest Honored

The congregation on Sunday, September 23, at Cappawhite was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Treacy, Dixie, Toronto, a native of Cappawhite, who said he had the honor of a private audience with his Holiness Pope Pius X. on September 5, and took advantage of the occasion to present the literary works of their parish priest, Father O'Keefe, to his Holiness. These were 'Moral Discourses,' 'Sermons at Mass,' and 'Self-teacher of Music and Singing.' The Pope inquired of him if the good pastor had been able to write these books and still was able to perform his parish duties, and he replied, 'Yes, your Holiness, and you will see by the criticisms of the ecclesiastical authorities given in the books—notably Cardinals Newman, Manning, and Vaughan, and also Archbishop Croke—how strongly they are recommended to the public.' The Pope then carefully examined them and the criticisms. The 'Musical Chant' said he is a most important subject in our time, etc., one which I deemed it necessary to write about recently in an encyclical letter addressed to the

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