

Notes

Carlyle and the Mad Dog

'The mad dog of Europe' is the disrespectful title which has been frequently applied of late to a prominent potentate, the latest to employ it, as per cable report, being no less distinguished a personage than Lord Curzon. The phrase appears to have had its origin in a passage from Carlyle's *Sartor Resartus*, in which Teufelsdröckh thus soliloquises:—'Well do I remember the red, sunny, Whitsuntide morning, when, trotting full of hope by the side of Father Andreas, I entered the main street of the place, and saw a little mad dog rushing past, for some human imps had tied a tin-kettle to its tail; thus did the agonised creature, loud-jingling, career through the whole length of the borough, and become notable enough. Fit emblem of many a Conquering Hero, to whom Fate (Wedding Fantasy to Sense, as it often elsewhere does) has malignantly appended a tin-kettle of Ambition, to chase him on, which the faster he runs, urges him the faster, the more loudly and more foolishly!' If the word 'Europe' be substituted for 'borough,' the present maniacal outbreak is not inaccurately foretold.

Germany in America

In view of the feeling said to have been aroused in America by the Lusitania outrage, the following figures with regard to the foreign-born population of the United States, which are taken from the last census, will be of interest:—

Total population of the United States	91,972,266
Born in the United States	59,728,884
Born elsewhere	32,243,382
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Born in Germany	8,282,618
Born in Austria-Hungary	2,001,559
	10,284,177
Others 'foreign-born'	21,960,205
Total 'foreign-born'	32,244,382

Of course, in estimating the German element in the United States there have to be added to the German-born the very large number of American-born but of German descent who are resident under the Stars and Stripes.

The Waste of War

Mr. Richard Harding Davis, the American war correspondent, in his new book, *With the Allies* (Duckworth), gives a vivid and striking picture of the unceasing and relentless waste of war, apart, of course, from the actual loss of human life. He mentions especially the waste of horses and motor-cars. In this war the waste of horses is appalling. Those that first entered Brussels with the German Army had been bred and trained for the purposes of war, and they were magnificent specimens. Everyone who saw them exclaimed ungrudgingly in admiration. But by the time the army reached the approaches of Paris the forced marches had so depleted the stock of horses that for remounts the Germans were seizing all they met. Those that could not keep up were shot. For miles along the road from Meaux to Soissons and Rheims their bodies tainted the air. They had served their purposes, and after six weeks of campaigning the same animals that in times of peace would have proved faithful servants for many years were destroyed that they might not fall into the hands of the French. Just as an artilleryman spikes his gun, the Germans on their retreat to the Aisne River left in their wake no horse that might assist in their pursuit. As they withdrew they searched each stable yard and killed the horses.

In village after village I saw horses lying in the stalls or in the fields still wearing the harness of the plough, or in groups of three or four in the yard of a barn, each with a bullet-hole in its temple. They were killed for fear they might be useful. Waste can go no further.

'Another example of waste were the motor-trucks and automobiles. When the war began the motor trucks of the big department stores and manufacturers and motor buses of London, Paris, and Berlin, were taken over by the different armies. They had cost them from two thousand to three thousand dollars each, and in times of peace, had they been used for the purposes for which they were built, would several times over have paid for themselves. But war gave them no time to pay even for their tyres. You saw them by the roadside, cast aside like empty cigarette-boxes. A few hours tinkering would have set them right. They were still good for years of service. But an army in retreat or in pursuit has no time to waste in repairing motors. To waste the motor is cheaper.'

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., celebrated Mass on Sunday at the Five Rivers Camp, when there was a congregation of about one hundred Territorials present.

Among those wounded at the Dardanelles was Private Patrick O'Connor, son of Mr. James O'Connor, secretary of St. Joseph's branch of the Hibernian Society, Dunedin.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, on Sunday from the last Mass until after Vespers, when the usual procession, followed by Benediction, took place.

Mr. Alan T. Dougherty, late of the Hibernian Defence Cadets, Dunedin, left for Trentham as a non-commissioned officer with the Auckland Division (Seventh Reinforcements) on Saturday, May 8.

The Education Department has notified St. Dominic's Priory that, in addition to the results already published in connection with the teachers' examination, Mary T. Wall has passed in Class C, Alice Meenan has obtained distinction in French, Class D, and Ruth Wakelin, distinction in methods of teaching, Class D.

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening of last week, when Rev. Father Corcoran presided over a fair attendance of members. The following was the report for the year ended April 21, 1915:—We opened the club last year with a membership of 41, which, during the year, increased to 55. We had, after paying the rent of hall (£13), a balance of £4 2s 1d. It was decided to furnish a room for the use of the club, so that most of last year's balance, as well as a sum of £2 16s, advanced by the president, went towards furnishings, etc. During the year a presentation of a silver hot-water jug was made to the Rev. Mother Prioress on the occasion of her silver jubilee. We have to thank the Rev. Mother Prioress and others for gifts donated by them towards the furnishing of the club room. We trust that the club will have a successful year, and hope that the members will do all in their power to make the meetings enjoyable. The election of officers for the current year resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Jackson; vice-president, Miss J. Duhig; secretary, Miss E. Salmon; committee—Mrs. Roley, Misses Murphy, Curran, Roughan, Kelley, and Toomey. During the evening the members of the club and others took the opportunity of presenting Miss Lamb, who is leaving Dunedin, with a purse bag. Rev. Father Corcoran, who made the presentation, referred to Miss Lamb's good qualities, and wished her success in her new home.

CATHOLIC SEWING GUILD.

The Catholic Sewing Guild for Belgian relief met on Wednesday, when the following donations were re-