

Irish News

GENERAL.

A number of Belgian refugees, trained to coal mining, are now working at the Arigna (Co. Roscommon) Mines.

Fourteen Athlone men have been already reported as killed in action. They belonged to the Connaught Rangers and First Leinsters.

Capt. the Hon. Bertrand Joseph Russell, Royal Field Artillery, reported wounded, is the youngest son of the late Lord Russell of Killowen.

At a meeting of the Castlereagh District Council, Mr. John Fitzgibbon presiding, a resolution, expressive of the members' regret with regard to the death of Lord de Freyne and his brother at the front, was passed unanimously.

Speaking at a great recruiting meeting in Newry, at which at least six thousand people were present, Rev. Father Frank O'Hare said: 'Ireland speaks to-day with united voice, and will strike with a united arm. Her message is to every man who is free, his place is waiting in the great barricade.'

Lieutenant H. P. Shine, 1st Irish Fusiliers, reported wounded, is a son of Colonel Shine, Dungarvan. He was educated at Downside, 1905-1913, entered Sandhurst, February, 1914, and was gazetted to the Irish Fusiliers last August. His brother, Lieutenant J. D. Shine, Royal Irish, was killed in October last. An other brother, Lieutenant J. O. W. Shine, is in the Dublin Fusiliers.

In connection with the completion of the beautiful parochial church at Middleton, his Lordship Right Rev. Dr. Browne, who had been on his triennial visitation to Middleton, paid eloquent tribute to the parishioners for their extraordinary generosity in regard to the completion of the church, which, he said, was the pride and glory of the diocese. It cost, as it now stands, £33,000, and it was most gratifying to his Lordship to know that the debt was now reduced to £848, so that in a comparatively short time its consecration would take place.

THEIR GLORIOUS TRADITIONS.

A cable message states that in a letter thanking Lord Wimborne and others for participating in a non-party All-Ireland recruiting demonstration, King George paid a tribute to the splendid bravery whereby the Irish troops had maintained their glorious traditions.

A LORD JUSTICE OF APPEAL.

Mr. Justice Moloney, who has been appointed Lord Justice of Appeal in Ireland, was created a Judge of the High Court of Justice in Ireland (King's Bench Division) in 1913, and in the same year he became a Privy Counsellor of Ireland. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and won many distinctions as law student. He was called to the Irish Bar in 1887, and to the English Bar in 1900. In 1911 he was appointed his Majesty's Second Sergeant-at-Law, and subsequently Solicitor-General and Attorney-General for Ireland.

A BELGIAN COLONY.

His Excellency Lord Wimborne visited the Belgian Colony in Dunshaughlin recently. The address presented on behalf of the Belgians was read by the Rev. Father F. Ottervaere, Ghent, in French. On behalf of his compatriots Father Ottervaere said they had great honor in receiving his Excellency into their midst. He came here to encourage and to console them. If his compatriots had had to leave their Fatherland they had found a hospitable land in Ireland. Lord Wimborne (who replied in French) said he was very happy to be amongst the Belgians there in that peaceful home in Dunshaughlin and to see them so comfortable and

happy under the circumstances. The people of the world were delighted with the heroic stand made by the people of Belgium, and his Excellency was sure that the hour of final victory was fast approaching for the Allies, and when the Belgian people would be able to return to their native land and fully compensated for their losses and suffering.

BIG DUBLIN FIRE.

One of the biggest fires which have occurred in Dublin for many years broke out on the night of May 13 in Northumberland Paper Works, owned by Messrs. Armstrong and Co., Abbey street. The works were closed as usual about 6 p.m., and the hands, numbering six or seven hundred, left for home. At seven o'clock the caretaker made the round of the premises and found everything safe. Some time after a girl discovered the place on fire, and all sections of the fire brigade were immediately summoned, arriving promptly under Captain Purcell. The fire spread rapidly, and it was soon seen that the building was doomed. At one particular portion no less than 22 lines of hose were laid on, but without effect. The Abbey Theatre and other buildings in the vicinity, were threatened, but fortunately escaped. The valuable machinery, paper, etc., have been destroyed, and the damage is estimated at £45,000.

CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.

Miss Kate Mary Sweetman, of St. Helena, Donnybrook, Dublin, who died in February last, left personal estate in the United Kingdom valued at £10,325. The testatrix left, besides legacies to relatives and servants: £200 to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin; £200 to the Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross, Dublin; £200 for the benefit of the poor of the parish of Caragh; £200 to St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin; £200 to the Children's Hospital, Upper Temple street, Dublin; £200 to the Administrator of the Cathedral, Marlborough street, Dublin, for the poor; £200 to the parish priest of the parish in which she shall die, for the poor; £200 to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Kilmahonan; £100 for the celebration of Masses; £100 to the Sacred Heart Home, Drumcondra; £200 to the Magdalen Asylum, Donnybrook; £200 to the Jervis street Hospital, Dublin.

A GERMAN OFFICER'S RESIDENCE.

An interesting proposal has been made to the Home Office by the Town Clerk of Derry at the request of the Mayor. Writing to the Government authorities, the Town Clerk suggests that the residence and property at Prehen, overlooking the Foyie, near Derry, belonging to Captain Von Scheffler, an officer in the German Army, should be used by the military authorities for the reception of wounded soldiers in a convalescent condition. Prehen House has been unoccupied since the commencement of the war, the owner having left Derry on the eve of the declaration of war by Great Britain against Germany, and he is now serving with the German Army. Captain Von Scheffler is married to a relative of the late Colonel Knox, D.L., who was the former owner of Prehen. Colonel Knox willed the property to Captain Von Scheffler on certain conditions, one of which was that Captain Von Scheffler would become a British subject within a year of Colonel Knox's death. Captain Von Scheffler complied with all the conditions except this one; but when the matter came before the High Court he pleaded that, as an officer of the German Army, it was impossible for him to fulfil the condition in the time, and the High Court waived the condition, with the result that he became the absolute owner of the property. The rents from the Prehen estate are being collected by a gentleman who is under bond to account for them to the Government.

THE IRISH BRIGADE AT FERMOY.

Field training has been for some considerable time now the order of the Irish Brigade at Fermoy (writes a representative of the *Freeman's Journal*). Scarcely

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