

Irish News

GENERAL.

Listowel and district have contributed 378 of their community to serve with the colors.

The Archbishop of Cashel has directed that collections be made throughout Cashel and Emly for the relief of the persecuted Poles.

A former Cork solicitor, Captain J. J. Kavanagh, 3rd Batt. Connaught Rangers, has been awarded the Cross of the French Legion of Honor.

A handsome Celtic cross has been erected in Downpatrick Catholic Cemetery to the memory of the late very Rev. William Dempsey, P.P., V.F., Downpatrick.

Mr. John Redmond has received a letter from the United Irish Societies of Philadelphia stating that the Irish there are with him in the course he has pursued in regard to the war.

Profound regret was felt in Clare at the death of Rev. J. J. Hogan, Adm., Newmarket-on-Fergus. He was ordained at Maynooth in 1887, and had served in numerous Clare missions.

An old Clongowes and Catholic University boy, Major F. C. Sampson, R.A.M.C., M.B., twice mentioned in despatches and awarded the D.S.O., is a son of Dr. C. Sampson, J.P., Moynoe House, Scarriff.

Mr. Birrell has stated in Parliament that many Irish workhouses had now but few occupants. A number were used for barracks, etc., and the L.G.B. hoped ultimately to considerably reduce the number.

The Irish pork trade is enjoying an unexampled boom. At Dungannon pork market buyers ran to meet the carts bringing in the pork, and in a few minutes 220 pigs were bought up at 83s per cwt., a record figure.

At a United Irish League convention in Dundalk on January 31, Mr. Patrick J. Whitty, Dublin, nephew of Mr. Richard Hazleton, was selected as Nationalist candidate for North Louth in succession to the late Mr. Augustine Roche.

It is rumored that the Lord Chief Baron of Ireland is not likely to sit in Court again. If his expected resignation had been attributed to advancing age nobody would be surprised, for the Right Hon. Christopher Palles was born as far back as 1831, and is now an octogenarian well advanced on his way to nonagenarian reverence. An old Jesuit student (he was educated at Clongowes), he is by long odds the ablest lawyer in Ireland, and a man still mentally and physically alert and fit.

A question was asked in Parliament the other day regarding the raid made lately by the Dublin police on a residence of Countess Markievicz in Dublin, which was searched lately under military warrant, a printing press and a number of pro-German leaflets being seized. The question elicited no new facts. The Countess is an extremist politician, something of the Maud Gonne order, married to a Polish Count, who is believed to be fighting in the Russian army. The Countess is herself a County Sligo woman of 'Garrison' origin, who has attained a small measure of notoriety in Dublin on account of her extremist political views.

A correspondent writes as follows to the *Freeman's Journal*:—It appears we are threatened with a paper famine owing to the lack of wood pulp, which figured largely in the manufacture of paper, and which was imported from abroad. But there is enough raw material in Ireland to provide an adequate supply of paper to the British Isles for generations to come. I allude to 'peat,' of which there are thousands of acres in Ireland. From peat can be made a paper pulp as perfectly white as that made from the best rags, and the process of manufacture is not complicated.

Over 100 young men have joined the colors from the parish of Turlough, Co. Mayo, since the war com-

menced, all of whom, being migratory laborers, joined in England. In the Parhi district, same parish, one family named Hopkins contributed three sons, and three other families two each. In the same parish the son of an evicted tenant named Ruane returned from Canada to join the colors. Two sons of another evicted tenant named John Walsh, Turlough, now living in Toowoomba, Queensland, volunteered with the Australian contingent and fought at Gallipoli.

A MODEST HERO.

Sir Daniel McCabe, Deputy Lord Mayor of Manchester, on January 31, presented the Distinguished Conduct Medal at the Town Hall to Private J. O'Connor, 8th Manchester Regiment (T.F.), for conspicuous gallantry under heavy fire at the Dardanelles. O'Connor, who is a married man with five children, is thirty-six years of age and a native of Headford, Killarney. He joined the regiment shortly before the war broke out.

Sir Daniel McCabe said O'Connor's birthplace was only a few miles from that of Lord Kitchener, and near by, in County Cork, two men had won the V.C., so that part of Ireland had done well.

Colonel Bentley, who commanded the 8th Manchesters at the Dardanelles and recommended O'Connor for the honor, was present at the ceremony with a detachment. He said it was men like O'Connor who made regiments famous. It was not the reckless man who was bravest, but the man who went on in cold blood to perform his duty. O'Connor, in a front-line trench swept with shrapnel, snipers, and Maxims, brought up ammunition, and went out and brought in the wounded. He was proud to be associated with the regiment. At the outbreak of war 93 per cent. of the men and officers agreed to go anywhere they were sent.

O'Connor was too modest to reply, and Father Roche responded on his behalf.

THE SEE OF DROMORE.

The Holy Father has appointed the Very Rev. Edward Canon Mulhern, D.D., P.P., Innismacsaint (Bundoran), Bishop of Dromore. The news gave profound satisfaction to all sections of the community. Dr. Mulhern was born at Ederney, Co. Fermanagh, and ordained in 1888, after a brilliant course at Maynooth. Shortly afterwards he was appointed a Professor in St. Macarten's College, Monaghan, and four years afterwards succeeded the late Very Rev. Dean McGlone as President of that institution. Amongst the ecclesiastical honors conferred on him were the degree of Doctor of Divinity and a Canonry of the diocese of Clogher. The late Most Rev. Dr. Owens, on the death of Canon Francis McKenna, appointed Dr. Mulhern parish priest of Bundoran, and his ministry there has been an unbroken record of success.

THE NEW BISHOP OF WATERFORD.

The announcement that his Holiness the Pope, on the recommendation of the Consistorial Congregation, has appointed the Very Rev. Bernard Hackett, Rector of the Redemptorist Convent, Limerick, Bishop of the united dioceses of Waterford and Lismore, will be received with widespread gratification by both priests and people (says the *Irish Catholic*). Dr. Hackett is a native of Dungarvan, having been born there on May 24, 1863. He made his earlier studies at Mount Melleray and afterwards at St. John's College, Waterford, from whence he went to Maynooth. There he was a brilliant and distinguished student, and headed his classes all through, gained the Dunboyne Scholarship. He was ordained priest on June 24, 1888, when he was aged only 25, and was appointed Professor of Classics and Philosophy in St. John's College, Waterford, where he remained about 12 years. Joining the Redemptorist Order in September, 1904, he became Rector of Marywell, Rathmines, and spent some years there, subsequently proceeding to Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick. There he became Spiritual Director of the Confraternity of the Holy Family, which is the largest

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