

Irish News

ANTRIM—An Austrian Decoration

Chevalier John Burke, J.P., Austro-Hungarian Consul for Belfast and district, has received from the British Foreign Office permission to accept and wear a Jubilee Cross which the Emperor of Austria conferred upon him in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of his reign. A similar permission has been granted to Mr. Martin J. Burke, formerly Honorary Chancellor of the Consulate.

Presentation to Mr. Devlin

The members of the National Board of Hibernians, Belfast, have presented Mr. J. Devlin, M.P., with a gold hunter watch and chain and a beautifully illuminated address as a token of their esteem and respect. Mr. Thomas Maguire, solicitor, presided. The presentation was made by Rev. James C. Cannon, P.P., Glencolumbkille. Speeches were delivered by several English and Scotch delegates who were attending the Hibernian Conferences held in Belfast in March. Mr. Devlin, in acknowledging the gifts, said the Ancient Order of Hibernians had come to stay. It was a powerful fraternal and social organisation, which had extended its ramifications everywhere. There was a necessity for its existence. His association with the Order was one of the proudest and happiest of his experiences in Irish public life.

CAVAN—Death of the Bishop of Kilmore

As we were informed by cable message at the time the Right Rev. Dr. Boylan, Bishop of Kilmore, passed away at his residence in Cavan on March 27. The announcement of his death (says a Dublin correspondent) came as a surprise to his people, although it was known that he had been ailing for some time past. It caused the deepest sorrow amongst the members of all classes in the diocese over which he ruled. On the death of the Most Rev. Dr. McGennis, he was called upon to fill the vacant See of Kilmore, and in May, 1907, was consecrated by his Eminence Cardinal Logue. During his brief episcopate Dr. Boylan proved himself a wise and able prelate, devoting himself assiduously to the advancement of his people's spiritual and temporal welfare. He was a strong and practical supporter of the Irish Parliamentary Party, always subscribing generously to the party funds. Dr. Boylan was a native of the diocese of Kilmore, having been born in Crosserlough, in the year 1842. He received his early education at the Old Seminary, Cavan, and he subsequently continued and completed his ecclesiastical studies at Maynooth, where he was ordained in 1867. In 1874 he was appointed professor in the Diocesan Seminary, Cavan, where he worked indefatigably to mould the character of the hundreds of students who passed through his hands. He was also connected with St. Patrick's College, Cullies, on its foundation by the late Most Rev. Dr. Conaty. He afterwards filled the important position of Bursar of Maynooth College for some years. He resigned the position in 1887, and became a novice in the Redemptorist Order, and in October, 1888, he took his vows as a member of the distinguished Congregation; and had the distinction of being the first Redemptorist to be raised to the Episcopate in Ireland. Of the Redemptorist Order, Dr. Boylan became a most active member, and his career for very many years was of the most strenuous and self-sacrificing character, which could not fail to win the highest appreciation of his ecclesiastical superiors. He filled various important offices in the Order, both in England and in Ireland and in other lands. He was for eight years connected with St. Mary's, Clapham; and in Limerick, Belfast, Dundalk, and other centres his missionary zeal bore good fruit. In 1898 he was named Provincial of the newly-appointed Irish Province, and since that time new foundations of the Order have been established in Perth (Western Australia), Wellington (New Zealand), and in the Philippine Islands, where Dr. Boylan earnestly worked for the extension of the Order with the most satisfactory results.

CARLOW—A Venerable Religious

By the death of Mother M. Brigid Brophy the Community at the Brigidine Convent, Tullow, has lost one of its oldest and most revered members. Deceased, who had reached her eightieth year, had spent fifty years in religion. She belonged to an old Wicklow family, being daughter of the late Mr. James Brophy, Rathmoon, Baltinglass, and Mrs. Brophy, sister of the late Cardinal Cullen.

KERRY—Sudden Death of a Killarney Man

A painful shock was experienced by the people of Killarney on learning of the death of Mr. Daniel A. Spillane, U.D.C., which took place at his residence, High street, at the comparatively early age of 58 years. The event was quite unexpected, as the deceased had been in his usual health. While at breakfast he was seized with faintness, and soon after passed away. During the whole of his life he was connected with the public affairs of the town, both as an officer of the late Town Commission, and subsequently as a member of the Urban Council and Poor Law Board of Killarney Union, and in every relation of his public life he discharged the duties devolving on him with conspicuous ability, courage, and integrity. At the Killarney Petty

Sessions references were made to his death, and a vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the deceased.

KING'S COUNTY—Death of an Extensive Landowner

The death has taken place at his residence, Streamstown Manor, Clareen, Birr, of Mr. Michael Hackett, at the age of 70 years. The deceased was an extensive landowner, his estate, formerly the Cassidy property, comprising about a thousand acres, situate in King's and Queen's Counties. He also possessed extensive tracts of grazing land in County Tipperary.

LIMERICK—The People's Duty

Writing on the necessity of supporting the Parliamentary Party, the *Freeman's Journal* says:—Limerick is one of the cities from which a substantial cheque has already been received. The peculiar circumstances under which the amount was subscribed are set out in the letter forwarded by the Mayor, chairman, and Mr. J. Dundon, honorary treasurer of the committee formed to restore to the party fund the amount of the election expenses incurred by Alderman Joyce, M.P., last January. In this effective way the Nationalists of the old city by the Shannon have registered their protest against what they regarded as a vexatious contest. The futile opposition offered to the return of Alderman Joyce has had a tonic effect in the city, and the Nationalist ranks have been drawn closer. The same story comes from every centre where the representative of a United Irish Party was challenged by Unionist or dissensionist. The Unionist no longer indulges the hope that he can break the National Exchequer, and by this time he has realised that Nationalist Ireland will be ready to repulse with ignominy a general onslaught on Nationalist constituencies, be the attackers who they may. Unionist and Factionist have been sadly disillusioned by the magnificent response already given by Ireland to the appeal of the National Trustees.

TIPPERARY—A Centenarian

The death of Mr. John Chumney, Nenagh, removes one of the last links between the present and the generation of a century ago. The deceased, who possessed his faculties up to the last moments of his earthly existence, was a person of most retentive memory, which took him back to incidents that occurred early in the last century and during O'Connell's agitation for Catholic Emancipation and Repeal. His death is greatly regretted in the locality. He was just 101 years of age.

Presumption of Death

Justice Madden has ordered presumption of the death of Nora Connolly, who sailed from Australia on board the ill-fated steamer *Waratah*. Prior to her departure the deceased sent £1000 to a London bank. She was on her way home to Tipperary.

WATERFORD—A Prompt and Generous Response

Following the example set by Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly, Archbishop of Cashel, and other Irish prelates, the Right Rev. Dr. Sheehan and the Right Rev. Dr. Clancy have doubled their annual subscriptions to the Irish Parliamentary Fund. Writing to Mr. John Redmond, Dr. Sheehan says there are good reasons why a prompt and generous response should be made to the appeal of the treasurers of the fund. In no recent year have demands at all so large been made upon their resources as 1910 appears destined to bring. In addition to the large sums annually required even under the most favorable circumstances, the fund will probably have to bear this year the additional cost of two general elections, as well as of a full attendance of the party in Parliament during what promises to be a long and an arduous and momentous session.

WICKLOW—Parliamentary Election

Mr. E. O'Kelly, Baltinglass, has been returned unopposed for West Wicklow, the vacancy being caused by the death of Mr. James O'Connor. Mr. O'Kelly, M.P., will be no novice at Westminster, for he was elected for the neighboring constituency of East Wicklow fifteen years ago, and served for a brief period in the House. At that time Mr. John Sweetman, who had been elected in 1892 as a supporter of the majority rule, began to veer from the strict line of party discipline, and his schism culminated in his resignation in April of that year. He stood again with the object of inflicting humiliation on the party, but Mr. O'Kelly, who came pluckily forward, beat him by a narrow majority of 62, and thus held the seat for party discipline, inflicting defeat both on Mr. Sweetman and on the Tory candidate, Colonel Tottenham, who thought to come in between the contending Nationalists, but who came third in the poll with 1165 votes. West Wicklow is one of the most securely safe seats in Ireland for the Irish Party. The electorate is 4417, and out of this the Tories are never able to poll 1000.

GENERAL

Self-Government

Mr. T. W. Russell, addressing the Ulster Liberal Association at Belfast recently, said the last general election had killed Tariff Reform. It would not be long until, under the banner of Liberalism, the people of Ireland would unite in one grand effort to solve the problem of self-government, and thereby bring happiness and prosperity to Ireland.