

Irish News

GENERAL.

At Foynes the steamer *Assos* recently embarked four hundred horses for transport to Greece, where they are to be used for military purposes.

It is announced that Messrs. Arthur Guinness, Son, and Co., of Dublin, have acquired 100 acres at the Barton end of Trafford Park, Manchester, for a branch brewery to serve English and Scottish customers.

An immense gathering of people attended at Kilcolman, when the Right Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, laid the foundation stone of a new church in honor of St. Colman, the patron of the parish.

The Very Rev. Canon Holohan, Rosbercon, South Kilkenny, celebrated the golden jubilee of his priesthood on August 16, and was the recipient of numerous congratulations and gifts from all over the diocese.

The Hon. J. M. Sullivan, who has been appointed United States Minister to the Dominion of Canada by President Wilson, is a County Kerry man. He is related to Mr. J. Sullivan, M.P., also to Dr. W. Sullivan, Killarney.

A fund has been opened in Macroom, County Cork, for a memorial to the martyred Bishop of Ross, Frater Boetius Egan, who was hanged before Carrigrohid Castle in 1650, for having advised the garrison not to surrender. Canon Murphy of Macroom has recently pointed out a little stone in Aghina Cemetery as marking the grave of the martyred prelate.

In the Chesterfield election one of the Unionist speakers, in assailing Home Rule, said that the priests in Sligo prevented the election of Protestants to public bodies there for nine years. Mr. Dolon, of Chesterfield, immediately wired to the Catholic Bishop of Sligo, and received reply:—'Statement an absolute untruth. No foundation whatever.' The Bishop threatens libel, failing apology from the Tory romancer.

Mr. Redmond gave splendid example to his followers during the past session. The *Freeman* says he never asked a man to do what he was not prepared to do himself, and, except when political fixtures took him out of London, he voted in every single division of the session. Out of 279 divisions last session, Mr. O'Brien voted in 13, Mr. Healy in 12, Mr. Maurice Healy in 7, and Mr. Walsh and Mr. Guiney, O'Brienite luminaries, in 4 divisions and 3 respectively.

The Parliamentary correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* pays a strong tribute to the fidelity of the Irish members during the past session: 'All through the session, sometimes from the noonday blaze of one day to the dawn of the next, the sentinels of the Home Rule cause have remained in their places or within call, constant witnesses, despite their long spell of self-imposed silence, to the greatness of the task which they have now brought to its last stage but one.'

Very Rev. Canon Morrissy, P.P., Banteer, received several presentations from his flock on the occasion of his golden jubilee. In the course of his reply he said: 'I thank God to be spared to see the original owners of the land, whose possessions were so often confiscated, and for whose extermination so many laws were enacted, once more rooted in the soil, with a home Parliament. Thanks to the great Liberal Party, supported by the unpurchasable, incorruptible Irish members, under the leadership of Mr. J. E. Redmond.'

His Eminence Cardinal Logue solemnly blessed and laid the foundation stone of the new Catholic church to be erected at Pomeroy. There was a very large attendance of clergy from the archdiocese of Armagh. At the collection for the new church, his Eminence subscribed £20, and the other sums subscribed amounted to over £258. The people of the town, Father McDonald said, had already given more than they had promised, and were now giving fresh subscriptions, while he had received generous aid from eminent New Yorkers.

PRAISE FOR THE IRISH PARTY.

Truth, the great English weekly, is no less brilliant and influential now than when its founder, the late Mr. Henry Labouchere, a true friend of Ireland, was its editor. In a recent issue it had the following tribute to the Irish Party: 'The Nationalist Party retire to their native heath at the end of the session, the admired of all Parliamentary beholders. The amazing regularity of their attendance, their instinctive knowledge of a "snap" in prospect, and their impregnable party discipline have made them the respective joy and despair of Mr. Illingworth and Mr. Pike Pease. The honors of Parliamentary warfare are certainly theirs.'

THE CARSON COMEDY.

In the course of a humorous sketch of Sir Edward Carson, as leader of the Ulster rebels, London *Truth* says:—The mischief with Carson has been from the beginning that he has failed to get himself hated. Millions of people would like to murder Lloyd George—who bothers about old Carson? It is very hard on him that he should be so popular, and if I could do anything to stir up the required animus against him, nothing would give me greater pleasure. People are fond of Carson because he is such a typical Irishman. Redmond and Devlin are more or less Anglicised, and under Home Rule they will turn Ireland into a kind of annexe to Sussex. But in Carson you have not only the brogue but the very essence of the national spirit that has made the Ancient Order of Hibernians what it is. Carson's whole case is that we English do not appreciate his native land. His accusation against Redmond is that Redmond is too friendly with the British Government. If Redmond goes to Windsor and wears gold lace, Carson will see to it that Ulster at any rate preserves the separatist tradition which was immortalised by patriots like Parnell and by the Invincibles. Carson clings to the drum and brass band, the flags and processions, the annual rioting, and the pugnacious prayer meetings, which remind him of times he had when he was a boy. The thought of Ireland being smoothed out like velvet by that model of old-fashioned Toryism the hon. and learned member for Waterford is intolerable.

Yet no one knows better than Carson that the linen lords of Belfast do not want a provisional Government. Covenanters have at times faced sudden death, but this slow mortification by loss of orders from the South and West—this dwindling of dividends—is heartrending to the Presbyterian conscience. Carson's speeches always give me the impression of having been first submitted to his solicitors. His is a limited liability rebellion. He firmly plants his toe as near to the line as makes the difference, but not an inch further. Like the Seven Bishops, he wants to get himself prosecuted, but under circumstances where acquittal is certain, which, he thinks, would put the Government in an awkward position. His difficulty at the moment is that he must keep on with the thunder without the other fun commencing. The audience shouts encore, but Carson looks in vain for the Adelphi policeman to take up the cue. Week by week his threats receive less notice in the press, for where so much is said news editors ask that something should begin to happen. The Ulster Republic may be a great peril, but at present it is not even paying its own old-age pensions. Indeed, Carson himself is no longer an extremist. The days are over when he chivied his political opponents into jail for making Home Rule speeches, and he is now the friend of Catholic Universities.

DEATH OF A COUNTY DOWN PRIEST.

In the North of Ireland general regret is felt at the death of Very Rev. Murtagh Hamill, P.P., Killeel, County Down, which took place in the Mater Hospital, Belfast, on August 18. Father Hamill was one of the senior priests of the diocese of Down and Connor, and though he had labored zealously for more than forty years in the service of the Church, still he had always been a man of physique so robust and health so vigorous that the news of his death came as

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