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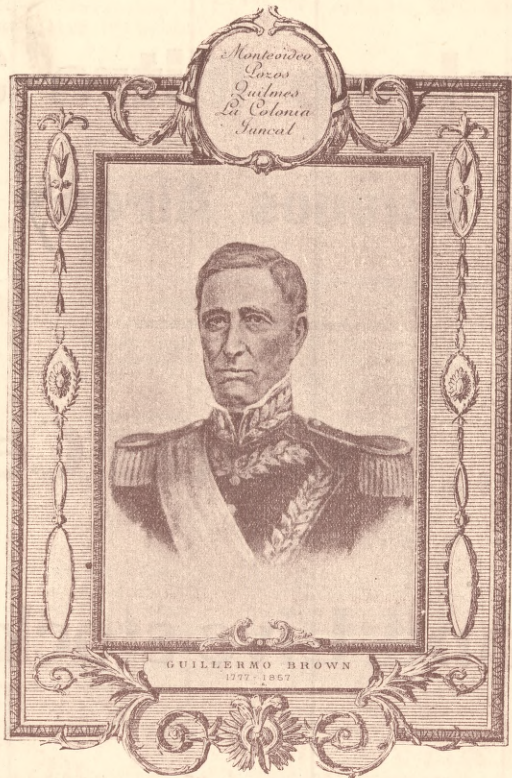
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THE CAPTURE OF MARTIN GARCIA BY BROWN, ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY, 1814.

"...los atacantes se internan resultadamente en la isla y avanzan sobre los cuarteles y la colina, arrebatados por la marcha de San Patricio que entonan el pifano y el tambor, hijos ambos de la verde Erin".

HISTORIA NAVAL ARGENTINA, por Teodoro Cailliet-Bois.

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• • • • • THE quotation below our frontispiece recalls the first famous deed of arms performed by Admiral Brown in command of the infant Argentine Navy. The Spanish fleet, based on Martín García, was blockading Buenos Aires and the hastily-raised patriot navy, inferior in ships and guns, had to take the island by assault. At four o'clock, on the morning of St. Patrick's Day, 1814, two hundred and forty soldiers and marines disembarked on the island and within an hour overcame the Spanish resistance. The marines were mainly Irishmen, and the tune played by the fifes was St. Patrick's Day! In memory of that feat, the tune was incorporated into the official list of marches of the Argentine Navy. On another page of this issue we published a little-known letter from the pen of Admiral Brown, dealing with a community project nearly a hundred years ago.

• • • • • THE war is teaching the belligerent nations to be unselfish with their goods. It is being brought home to the individual that hoarding is anti-social; that employers who insist on high returns are unpatriotic; that workmen who demand disproportionate wages are sinning against the common weal.

Before the war is ended, it will teach a further lesson: that human families, in order to survive, must multiply. The stony selfishness of birth-control strikes straight at the heart of national well-being, national defence and national survival. Countries, ideals and causes can be safeguarded only by human beings and the dwindling races must be overcome in the long run. Properly viewed, birth-control rife in a country is a more deadly menace than any Fifth Column.

• • • • • THE Chilean Government proposes to enlarge the Valparaiso Docks in order to facilitate maritime trade with the Argentine provinces of Mendoza, San Luis and San Juan. It has also been suggested that Valparaiso should be declared a Free Port for merchandize in transit to Argentina.

Very sensible suggestions. Whatever tends to bring together these neighbouring states is welcome and useful; trading relations establish strong bonds, and it is well that Argentina and Chile should be strongly linked to each other in order to face united the uncertain future.

• • • • • THERE is no justification for undue depression over the course of the war. It was to be expected that Japan, which has been preparing for the conquest of the East during two generations, should have some initial successes. The Pacific Islands have been subdued and it is very probable that the soldiers and ships of the Mikado will advance still farther. But in order to secure what has been conquered, Japan will have to dominate the Pacific and the Indian oceans. The naval and aerial constructions of the U. S. A. and Great Britain will render this an impossible task.

In the European Front, Spring, a time for hard hitting, is near at hand. At any moment a new front may develop in the German rear, so that the boasted Spring Offensive against Russia will be undertaken with generals and soldiers looking back unasily over their shoulders.

• • • • • RUMOURS are afloat to the effect that the Germans have taken over forty French war vessels. It is not clear whether this refers to units which were in service when France capitulated in June 1940, or whether they are vessels which were in construction in the French Navy yards at that time, and were subsequently finished by the Germans. If the former alternative represents the truth, then the honour of France is compromised. If the second, France is not so much to blame, except for having left the ships in the stocks.

• • • • • OUR Government has placed 20,000 tons of wheat at the disposal of the exiled Government of Greece. Nobody fought more bravely against overwhelming odds than the Greek Army, and it is sad to think that this gallant little people are suffering the rigours of defeat more than any other conquered nation in Europe. The gesture of our Government is a chivalrous one, and we hope very sincerely that means will be found to convey the food to the starving Greek children.

• • • • • THE victory of the Socialist candidates in this city should not be interpreted as though the population was veering to the Left. It is rather in the nature of a sanction. The city population has punished the parties responsible for the great frauds which were revealed in Congress and the Municipal Council last year and the year before. The penalty chosen was the Socialist vote, in view of the fact that the Socialists contrived to keep clear of the financial scandals.

• • • • • AT the time of writing, the composition of the new Chamber is uncertain, but most probably the Government will be far in the minority. The Opposition will possibly be able to form a quorum on its own—a most important advantage. But the Socialists will be in reality the arbiters of the situation for their collaboration will be necessary for congressional majority. The Socialists have already stated very clearly that they will not stand for obstructionist methods, so that lively sessions may be anticipated.

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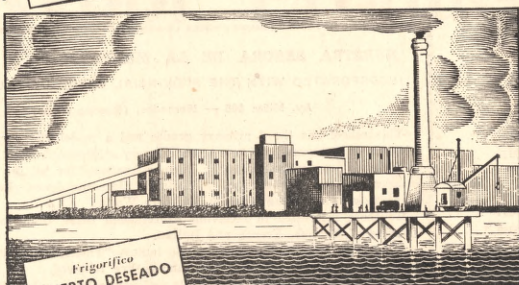
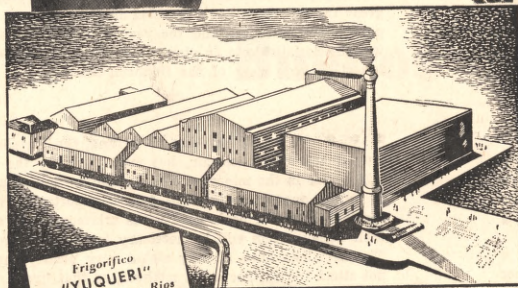
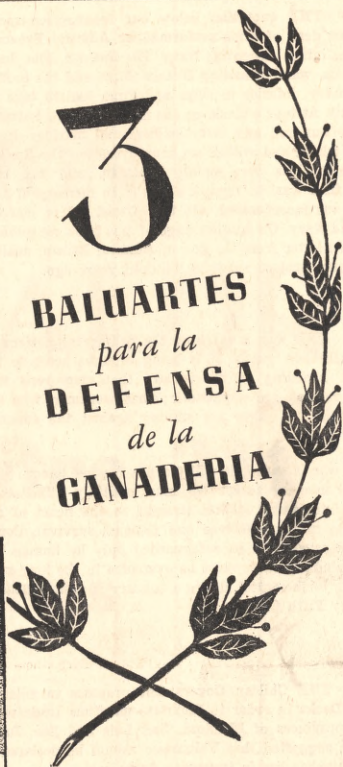
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**CAP**

St. Patrick is generally depicted as grasping with his left hand a long staff or crozier, which he is believed to have carried with him on his travels throughout the length and breadth of Ireland. It is known as the Staff of Patrick. In earlier times it was called the Staff of Jesus (Baculus Jesu), or in Irish, Bacall Iosa. It seems to be the one object in the popular conception of the National Apostle which has escaped criticism. The authorities on these matters have found no fault with the appearance and dress of the Saint. Even Patrick's association with the shamrock was attacked in the last century by the famous research worker, Prof. Eugene O'Curry, who stated that history could produce no proof in support of this tradition. In his opinion the whole story of the shamrock was only a legend, and a comparatively recent one, too. The Staff, however, is often mentioned in the annals of our country, though, of course, much of its interesting history depends also on tradition.

**UNKNOWN MONASTERY.**

It is said that when Patrick was on his long journey from Rome to Ireland, with the authorisation of the Pope to start on his mission of convert-



ing our forefathers, he stayed for a night at a monastery in an island of the Tyrrhene Sea (the Mediterranean). In the course of conversation he revealed to the prior who he was and some facts about his mission. On his departure the Apostle of Ireland was given a staff which, the monks told him, had been left at the monastery many years before by a strange pilgrim, with instructions that it should be given to a man by the name of Patrick, who, on his way to the West to convert the Irish, would seek shelter there for a short period. It was believed that the mysterious pilgrim was none other than Jesus Himself. Thus did the famous Baculus, which was naturally credited with miraculous powers, come in-

# St. Patrick's Staff

HISTORY AND TRADITIONS OF FAMOUS PATRICIAN RELIC.

(By John Gallagher.)

to the possession of our National Saint, being known as the Staff of Jesus. Patrick generally carried it with him in his travels throughout the country. All the Lives of the Saint speak of the celebrated Staff, which appears to have been shod with iron, as, we are told, there was a sharp spike on the end of it. Tassachus, a goldsmith and companion of Patrick, made a precious covering for it. The Saint seems to have used the Baculus primarily as a kind of walking-stick to aid him in his tiresome journeys. The spike, it will be remembered, was unconsciously stuck by him through the foot of Aenghus, King of Munster, during the baptism of that monarch at Cashel. Tradition states that Aenghus scarcely murmured, thinking the excruciating pain was part of the ceremony.

After the Saint's death the Staff, apparently, was lodged in the church at Armagh, and later it became one of the strongest claims of that See to the successorship of Patrick.

**A FAMED ARCHBISHOP.**

In St. Bernard's time, we find it adorned with jewels and precious stones, when it was evidently used as a crozier. At this period, also, the renowned St. Malachy was appointed Archbishop of Armagh. In those early days Church discipline was still very lax, and the Archbishopric was regarded as an inheritance by the powerful family who had held the position during the past two hundred years. Even when there was no member in Holy Orders, the title had, on occasions, been usurped by a married layman, who collected the revenues of the See, and often interfered in ecclesiastical matters. On the canonical appointment of Malachy, a kinsman of his predecessor assumed command of the See. It was years before the lawful Archbishop could enter Armagh, which he eventually did, through the support of some of the Southern chiefs.

Nigelus, the usurper, fled, taking with him, it is recorded, two very ancient relics which were dearly treasured by the people. These were the Staff of Jesus and a book of the Gospel, supposed also to belong to St. Patrick. So greatly were they venerated that many were convinced whoever held them was the real Archbishop. The consistency of this belief induced a large section of the people to support Nigelus still. It was not until the relics were returned that Malachy was able to carry out his reforms and good work in peace.

**REMOVED TO DUBLIN.**

The subsequent history of the Staff is again shrouded in doubt. About half a century later, in 1178, when Armagh, with its churches and sanctuaries, was burned, it seems that for greater security it was removed from the North to Dublin and placed in Christ Church. Various authorities support this theory. Fr. Myles Ronan, in his valuable researches, regards this opinion as most likely to be the true one.

Another view held was that Strongbow presented the Staff to the Dublin Cathedral and that it was brought, not from Armagh, but from Ballinbhall (Ballyboughall), near the village of Swords, in Co. Dublin, which place is supposed to have derived its name from its association with the Bacall or Staff. This suggestion is discredited,

however, because the date given for the presentation is 1180, when Strongbow was already four years dead.

In the South the Staff was venerated just as much as it had been in the North. It was used for witnessing treaties, carried on war expeditions, and, in Dublin, oaths and solemn vows were taken in its presence.

In the year 1416, the story is told, that when severe damage was done to Christ Church during a violent storm the shrine in which the Baculus was

preserved was totally destroyed, together with many other relics. Later, however, the Staff was found lying on the stones, in perfect condition, while the other relics were buried under the debris.

It was generally believed to be responsible for many miracles up to the time of its destruction. This occurred in the year 1538, when strong efforts were being made to introduce the Reformation into this country. At the command of Browne, the reformed Archbishop of Dublin, the Staff was taken from its shrine in the Cathedral and publicly burned in Skinner's Row, the present Christ Church Place.

Thus ends the remarkable story of the famous Staff of St. Patrick, which had been venerated in Ireland for centuries and played such an important part in the lives of the people.

## Commercially speaking...

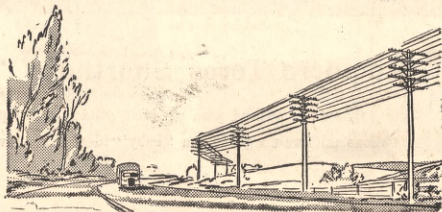
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# The World's Debt To St. Patrick

**A** FORMER President of Ireland, Mr. Cosgrave, speaking, some years ago, of the future mission of the Irish Race said, that God willed the Irish Empire to be a Spiritual Empire. How true! Look to America to-day, especially to the United States, Canada, and Newfoundland, and there you will see probably the greatest miracle of modern times being staged—the phenomenal growth of the Catholic Church. A century back the Catholic Church in America was struggling for its very existence, and to-day it is in a most virile, and flourishing condition with over twenty millions of subjects. Under God this development is mainly due to Irishmen and their descendants, whom persecution, famine, and the “battering ram” forced from their Irish homesteads during the last century.

Hear the following tribute from an American Prelate, Bishop Spalding: “No other people could have done for the Faith in America what the Irish have done. Their unalterable attachment to their priests, their deep Catholic instincts, the unworlly and spiritual nature of their national character, and their unflinching generosity all fitted them for the work which was

of their ever-increasing Church were it not for the unselfish labours of priests so kindly lent by the Irish Hierarchy. Not a week passes that one does not hear a wail from the bigots over the steady increase in the Catholic population of Scotland—immigrants from Ireland and their posterity. If the Catholic Church is strong and active in the Britain of to-day, thanks are due to the Irish emigrants of the famine days and since.

### Pardonable Pride.

Truly our Irish spiritual and cultural empire is far-flung. What other missionary Saint, including even the members of the Apostolic College, can claim such bloodless victories as those of our own beloved St. Patrick and his kinsfolk by adoption? At the opening of a new Chapel dedicated to St. Patrick, in the Christian Brothers' College, Kimberley, on St. Patrick's Day last, the address was given by Bishop MacSherry, himself a distinguished Irishman, and I cannot more fitly conclude this brief article than by quoting a remarkable extract which speaks eloquently for the importance

are receding or exceeding at speeds which increase in proportion to their distance.

While Abbé Lemaitre would be the first to decry any attempt to regard his theory as final and as expressive of ultimate scientific truth concerning the nature and origin of the universe yet his contributions to modern science will doubtless be permanent milestones in man's progress towards an understanding of the world in which we live.

“The respective domains of religion and science,” Abbé Lemaitre said on one occasion, “should not be confused. We have the domains of philosophy, theology, and science; they are concerned with the same ultimate truth and are hand-maidens in that sense. But science by its own limitations necessarily stops short of ultimate philosophical and religious truth.”

### RELIGION AND SCIENCE UNITED.

“As a priest and a scientist I unite in myself my religion and my science; they are two aspects of the same truth; But from the point of view of my religion, science can do no more than show forth the glory of God in his handiwork. The attitude of the scientist should be that set forth in the Canticle *Benedicite*. The Church had not to wait for any theory of the cosmos to know the world was created, neither had it to use physical science to know there is a God. I might say that any child can understand the necessity of creation and tell us of the existence of God.”

Abbé Lemaitre was born in Charleroi, Belgium, in 1894. His education was interrupted in 1914 by the outbreak of the World War and he served in the Belgian army as an adjutant of artillery, where his mastery of mathematics stood him in good stead in calculating range, trajectory and the other phases of the science of ballistics.

### ATTRACTED WORLD-WIDE ATTENTION.

On demobilisation he was the possessor of the Croix de Guerre, the Yser Medal, and Victory and Commemorative awards. He resumed his studies at Louvain and was graduated in 1920 with the degree of Doctor of Science. He then entered the seminary at Malines and was ordained priest in 1923 by the late Cardinal Mercier. After his ordination he studied at Cambridge University and at the Hayward College Observatory and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Science.

In the last 10 years less than 20 papers from his pen have appeared in technical journals, but in each case they have attracted international attention.

Abbé Lemaitre's theory of the Expanding Universe begins with a primordial atom which contained all things. He believes the mysterious cosmic rays which are being investigated to-day are the result of the explosion of the primordial atom that formed the universe as we know it to-day.



to be done, and enabled them to accomplish it.” South America, too, with many of the neighbouring islands, is indebted to Ireland for the gift of Faith.

### From America to Australia.

Travel round the globe to the Continent of Australia, to New Zealand, and Tasmania, and there again you will find the Catholic Church vigorous, with the vigour of youth, thanks to the loyalty to the Faith of the Irish exiles of the 19th century. Under the Southern Cross are to be found, too, hundreds of Irish men and women, who as Bishops, Priests, Sisters, or Brothers, are spreading the Faith of Patrick, Brigid, and Columille.

Turn to China, to India, to South Africa, and note the immense areas of Catholic missionary labours. Though

other nations are taking a big share of the work in those distant fields of the Church, still our modern Irish Apostles are to be found in the thick of the fight, winning countless numbers from the darkness and slavery of paganism to the light of Christianity.

### Nearer Home.

Come nearer home, and observe the astonishing growth of the Church in England and Scotland. Only a few years ago Dr. Amigo, Bishop of Southwark, declared that he and his clergy could not possibly cope with the work

of the culture of the Irish nation to compliment it of the Church of God.

“I have known, personally, in the course of my life, fourteen Cardinals, all of whom, either by birth or descent, were Irish, and only five of them held Irish Sees.” And again, “When having an audience with Pope Leo XIII in 1902, three Bishops had audiences that morning; the first was his Eminence Cardinal Moran, of Sydney; the second, Archbishop Reardon, of San Francisco; and the third, myself, from Port Elizabeth, on the shores of the Indian Ocean.” Who will number the Irish Bishops, Priests and Religious in the vast army of Christ? From Pole to Pole, on the Rock of Gibraltar and in the Eternal City, the Gael still maintains the very best traditions of “The Island of Saints and Scholars.”

### NOTED PRIEST SCIENTIST

#### ABBE LEMAITRE'S EXPANDING UNIVERSE THEORY.

A LEADING figure in the world of science to-day is Abbé Georges Lemaitre, celebrated Professor of Astronomy and the Theory of Relativity at the University of Louvain, in Belgium. The Abbé is recognised as one of the world's greatest scientists for his contributions to modern mathematical physics, particularly for his theory of the Expanding Universe, derived from the observed fact that the great spiral nebulae on the edge of our universe

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Dialogue Of Ossian  
And Saint Patrick

PATRICK

When Jews and Romans nailed Him to a cross.

OSSIAN

O Ossian, son of Finn, tho' old in years,  
Thou art not, like my clerics, calm and mild;

I fear me that thou dwellest in the past,  
And pondered over wars and gory fields,  
Neglecting oft thy prayers. Bethink thee well,  
That thou art old and likely soon to die.

OSSIAN

O Patrick of the croziers, hadst thou seen

The warriors of the Fianna lead the chase,  
When the red deer leaped swift through Glen-da-Vall.

While baying hounds waked lonely Knock-an-ar!  
Hadst heard the echoing horn upon Sleev-Grot,

Or seen the hunters plunging in the woods  
Of Cleu-u-mail, where the huge-branching trees

Made gloom as of a cloudy winter's eve;  
And the wild tumult in the garbled boughs,

Thrilled like the ocean's voice when booming waves  
Burst in with thunder-shock at Bunda-Trore;

Or hadst thou seen, O Patrick, gentle Saint,  
The Fianna in furious battle-charge

Shaking the desperate fields whose gory fame  
Peals o'er the summits of the centuries--

Dhu-Cumber, Knucha, Moy-MucKrum's the Red,  
And Gabhra, where their flashing glory torch,

Plunged deep in blood, hissed out in rayless gloom!  
Hadst thou, O Patrick, seen such stirring deeds,

Not all so calm would shine thy holy brow!

PATRICK

Peace, peace, old, dotting man! Think well on Christ,  
Who answered not, nor spoke one angry word,

Oh! would that Finn were there, all ready-armed,

With Oscar and Conawn, and, close beside,  
A thousand of the Fianna--they would sweep

His torturers, as roaring Assaroe  
Drowns the dead leaves!

PATRICK

Thy mind is all on strife, yet Death is nigh;

Think on thy sins, and weep for them; for He,  
The sinless Christ, was crucified for sin.

OSSIAN

I swear to thee, O Patrick of the Books!

If Finn were there upon that distant hill,

With Caolite, son of Ronan, and his men,

Their swords had saved the Son of God from death!

And were there of the Fianna that day  
But five battalions, marching on the foe,

They had not left one guilty man alive  
In Rome or in Judea!

PATRICK

Cease Ossian! Cease! Thy rough words new are prayers

That bring unto mine eyes the falling tear;

Be comforted! The Christ Whom Thou wouldst save

Is now no longer outcast, and His hosts

In fulgent armour fill the earth and skies!

Pray to Him now, and mourn the human guilt

That caused His death upon the reddening cross!

## Irish News

## GREATER FLAX PRODUCTION.—

Right in the centre of the one-time "granary of Ireland"—the fertile soil of Meath and Louth—there is now growing probably the best flax crop in Ireland.

Three hundred acres are producing flax for the first time since 1918, and contributing to the 50 per cent increase in the flax acreage of the Twenty Six Counties this year.

In Drogheda a newly-organized company has established a scutching mill and made plans for disposing of the crop, the product of about a hundred farms.

Last year there were 10,000, or 11,000 acres producing flax in the Twenty-Six Counties. To bring about the 50 per cent increase many farms are raising it this year for the first time. The

yield is, generally, satisfactory, though unsuitable weather at the time of sowing has meant irregular germination and uneven growth in some areas.

In 1918, peak period of flax production during the last war, about 28,000 acres were under the crop, but by 1936 the acreage had fallen to about 400.

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West Cork is coming well to the forefront as a flax producer. A new scutching plant has been established



there and much of the crop has been harvested. There are three modern scutching mills in Donegal and one in Monaghan.

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**DEARER ELECTRICITY.—**

Charges for electricity are to be raised by 10 per cent.

In a statement regretting the necessity for this, the E. S. B. states that the annual output is now about 450 million units, of which the Shannon can supply 290 in a year of average rainfall. Sales have thus reached a level far in excess of the plant's capacity, and in an average year 35 per cent. of the units must be generated from coal at the Pigeon House.

The price of coal has now, accordingly, a serious reaction on costs, the statement continues. It has increased in price by 75 per cent. and is inferior. This increase in costs rendered an increase in the price of electricity unavoidable. The Board, however, endeavoured to limit it to the lowest possible level, and fixed it for the present at 10 per cent.

**VALUABLE SAND.—**

A tribute to the value of Donegal sand for the making of electric lamp bulbs was paid by J. J. Walsh, chairman, at the annual meeting of Solus, Teoranta, in Dublin.

Not only were they now making all their own glasses, said Mr. Walsh, but thanks to the quality of the Donegal sand they were using, as well as to those brilliant Irish technicians and chemists who directed their concern, it was made possible to convert that sand into glass for all the bulbs and tubes needed for the 2,000,000 lamps required in the Twenty-Six Counties.

For the 12 months ended June 30 the company, Mr. Walsh mentioned, made a profit of £16,642, against £25,378 for the previous 12 months. The decrease of £8,736 was mainly due to war restrictions and reactions.

**ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF.—**

Col. Liam Archer, Chief Staff Officer of the Military Intelligence Branch, has been appointed Assistant Chief of Staff in succession to Major-General MacNeill, who has taken up a field appointment.

Col. Archer, who is 49 and a native of Dublin, was a prominent figure in the War of Independence.

As a student of history and national biography, he was attracted to the national movement at an early age. As a member of the Volunteers, he took part in the Easter Week Rising, and at the recent conferring of 1916 medals was, by virtue of his seniority, the first serving member of the Defense Forces to be decorated by the Taoiseach.

When the Easter Week Rising ended, Col. Archer evaded capture, and having returned to his work as a Post Office official shortly afterwards became a company commander in the 1st Battalion of the I. R. A. This was followed by his appointment as Brigade Signals Officer, and later he was made Officer Commanding the 5th Engineering Battalion, Dublin Brigade. Early in 1921 he was transferred to the staff of the Director of Engineering.

He joined the Free State Army in 1922, and having organized the Signal Corps became the first Director of Signals.

In 1929 he was transferred to the Inspection Staff, and a year later was promoted Colonel and appointed to take charge of the Volunteer Reserves and the O. T. C.

In 1932 he became Chief Staff Officer of the Military Intelligence Branch.

**BIGGEST FOR YEARS.—**

Eire's wheat crops last year were the largest since 1846, said the Minister of Agriculture in a broadcast recently. He added, however, that the wheat crop would be insufficient for bread for one year and seed for this year's crop.

**PROPOSED CANDLE FACTORY.—**

The scarcity and the price of ordinary tallow candles has aroused considerable interest in the rumor that an enterprising Longford man is contemplating the provision of a candle making factory in Longford.

Candles are sold at present at five times their pre-war retail price. In addition to paying five times the price, the householder is considered "lucky" who can fish them out at all, even at that price of fivepence for a penny candle.

Where are the prophets who might have foretold what fortunes awaited their patrons not only in candles but cigarettes, tobaccos, flour, tea and perhaps sugar. Storekeepers say "We had a carnival and bamboozle, but did they put anybody wise to the future regarding these and things yet in their midst? If people had known of candles ten years ago what a store there would be now! Or white flour, that precious commodity which, converted into small cakes costs a mere two and six each at the rate of 8s. a stone." The extraordinary thing about this war is the slump in cattle and even pigs at a time when food is considered before money; even turf, goats and rabbits are best sellers to livestock. Perhaps the new candle factory in Longford will cause a boom in prices for those things that give the ingredients for making them.

**RELIGIOUS SIDE STARVED.—**

"The world has become pagan and paganism is destroying it," said Rev. J. E. Canavan, S. J., in a lecture to the Catholic Association for International Relations, in Jury's Hotel, Dublin.

The religious side of human character had been starved, and the fount of revelation sealed up.

Consequently, multitudes felt a sense of maddening frustration especially as the political and social institutions under which they lived had failed to provide the security and plenty which was all men could hope for, now that God had been pushed out of His universe. Internationally, though science had prepared the ground for co-operation, though common-sense demanded co-operation, the nations had been unable to develop the Jus Gentium to meet their pressing needs.

"To restore peace and security," said Father Canavan, "we must restore the rule of law; the recognition of moral obligations; the twin foundations of good human living—justice and charity."

These essential elements could not be found, nor maintained, outside Christendom, outside the tranquillity of order, which the Christian religion alone could provide to those who, with the grace of God, see the truth, and with the grace of God live it.

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# General News From Home and Abroad.

## CAPABLANCA PASSES AWAY.—

The famous chess player and one time world champion, Sr. Jose Raul Capablanca, died, late last Saturday at the Sinai Hospital in New York. Born in Cuba, on the 19th November 1888, he learned to play chess when but a mere child, and at the age of 11, won the championship of his country. Later he studied mechanical engineering and chemistry at Columbia University and during those days measured his chess abilities successfully against

such a light as Frank J. Marshall. Step by step he rose to fame. He played games in San Sebastian, St. Petersburg, Moscow, London, Nottingham, Buenos Aires and many other cities.

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## TURKEY ON GUARD.—

Fearing a Spring attack by Germany, the Turkish authorities are adopting severe measures against resident foreigners whose political actions or propaganda are aimed at disrupting the internal peace of the country. Neu-

trality will be strictly controlled and heavy penalties imposed on certain terrorist bands that exist in Turkey. So far, many arrests have been made and it is expected that in the near future revelations will be forthcoming regarding the internal activities of foreigners.

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## SUMMING UP THE ENEMY.—

Certain interesting information has been compiled by General MacArthur's staff regarding Japanese prisoners in their power. The medium weight of the Japanese soldier is 55.500 kilos. He is between 23 and 29 years of age, the youngest being 19 and the oldest 31 years. Their average period of military service is 1½ years. Of the prisoners, 65% are attached to the infantry. Approximately 70% of them can read and write and almost 15% have completed secondary school education. With reference to their positions in civil life 30 per cent are farmers, 25 per cent mechanics and technical workmen and office employees number 20 per cent.

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## LOCAL WOOL SALES.—

Information from the Ministry of Agriculture regarding recent wool sales is to the effect that last month 5,423,570 kilos of wool were sold for the sum of \$8,496,408, or an average of \$15.67 per 10 kilos. During February 1941, there were sold 8,007,554 kilos at an average of \$13.22 per 10 kilos.

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## ULTRAMODERN PLANES.—

Australian aviators who have fought against the Japanese report that their machines are so rapid and so easily manoeuvred, that to attack them with success, modern ultrarapid planes are necessary. The velocity of the enemy machines is, more or less, 460 kilometres and they are armed with different types of canons, some with four, as well as machine guns.

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## THE POLITICAL ARENA.—

For some time the Radical Party has suffered from internal quarrels. Several attempts were made to close the breaches and present a united front at the polls, but to little avail. Animosities were cherished, inconstructive criticisms grew apace and the party commenced to lose the confidence of its supporters, with the result that they have ceded many of their seats to the Socialist party. Now, an attempt is being made to reorganize the party and gain again the confidence of those they have lost in the city and country. When a party, as an individual, breaks, faith with its followers, it can rarely expect to stand again in its primitive light in their view.

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## WITHOUT CONFIRMATION.—

Rumours that are afloat about Sir Stafford Cripps replacing Mr. Chur-

chill, before three months, are considered, in authorised sources, as the result of reverses suffered in the Far East. Though Cripps, since the entrance of Russia in the war, has made himself a general favourite, yet he is a man without a party, and quickly as he has blazed a political trail, just as quickly might he be turned down when popular enthusiasm begins to wane.

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## FORMING A FOREIGN LEGION.—

In diplomatic sources it has been stated that certain plans for the formation of a Foreign Legion have almost been completed in the United States. The members of the same are citizens of the Allied nations resident there, of whom there are about 2,000,000, but so far it has not been ascertained how many there are of military age. Among those desirous of serving, there are: 40,000 Chinese, 40,000 Canadians, 300,000 British, 400,000 Mexicans, 44,000 Poles, 330,000 Russians, 32,000 Czechs, 72,000 Czechoslovacs, 67,000 Norwegians; 55,000 Yugoslavs and 32,000 Dutch. There are also numerous citizens of the Axis powers who wish to form part of the Legion, and among them are 300,000 Germans and 400,000 Austrians and Hungarians. Mr. Sumner Welles has stated that the possibility of admitting Latin Americans in the United States' forces, will be considered.

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## GERMANS DIGGING IN.—

Strongly fortified defences, almost equal to the Siegfried Line, are being erected along the north coast of France. These fortifications run coastwise for a distance of 240 miles. They are said to be designed principally to meet parachute attacks and also those from the sea.

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## FEEDING THE GREEKS.—

On Friday last, at a Cabinet meeting, it was agreed to place at the dis-

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posal of the Greek Government 20,000 tons of Argentine wheat. As stated previously, people are dying of starvation in Greece, and the invaders, instead of aiding, are plundering and robbing the population of everything they possess. It is understood that the Greek government, in London, will undertake all arrangements for transporting the grain to the home land.

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**SCARCITY OF CATTLE.—**

The growing scarcity of cattle in Peru is becoming rather alarming. There are various reasons for such a scarcity, first among them being higher consumption during the past 10 years, which has been almost doubled, while the increase in cattle has not followed the same rhythm, 2nd, there is a lack of stimulation, Peru has never had rural exhibitions and the producers enjoy little credit facilities; and 3rd, prices are ruinous and therefore the cattle industry has fallen into a state of decadence.

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**ROMMEL MEETS HITLER.—**

In preparation for the Spring offensive, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, commander of the Nazi troops in North Africa, flew direct from there on February 26th to confer with Hitler in Germany. It is reported that an attack on Suez in the near future was discussed. Anyhow, the conference, at which many of the Fuehrer's chiefs attended, lasted seven hours, and then Rommel returned to the African field of action.

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**TO PREVENT DEFEAT.—**

Declaring that England is on short rations, Mr. Claude Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture, stated recently that the very minimum estimate of the funds needed for the commodities his Department has promised to supply to Britain "calls for about \$250,000,000 to cover purchases made and commitments entered into up to February 28th.

He was testifying before the House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee at the opening of the Committee's investigations into the Lease and Lend programme.

"Britain is dependent on America for huge quantities of foodstuffs," said Mr. Wickard. "Her deficit has to be made up from this country and Canada unless the British are to lose to Nazi Germany."

He said that almost one-third of the amount would be required for pork products, one-third for dairy produce and eggs, and "for most other items, including tobacco, cotton and a number of vitamin-rich fruit and vegetable products."

By the end of last August, America had sent to Britain 420,000 long tons of farm products. The rate per month has reached about 200,000 tons.

"In 1942," Mr. Wickard said, "we hope to supply the British with some 1,500 million pounds of pork and lard."

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**COMPLETE LIBERTY OR NOTHING.—**

India's recognised nationalist leader, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, has warned Britain that the 400 millions of his people will not throw in their lot in behalf of the Allies unless they are granted complete independence. "The Indian problem," he said, "can only be approached on the basis of Indian freedom. Nothing else will make a vital difference or move the millions of India to effective action."

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**IF INVASION COMES.—**

Should England be invaded, all men and women in the country will be conscripted into one immense Pioneer Corps. People are liable to be sent to any quarter and anyone found offending the regulations will be subject to ten years penal servitude or a fine of \$500 or both.

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**JUST FORECASTE.—**

Forecasts of aerial warfare, published in the London "People" of Dec. 13, 1908, are recalled by a cutting sent to an Irish newspaper by Mr. B. Hill, 15 Upper Liffey Street, Dublin.

The paper reports a speech by Herr Rudolf Martin, a German official of the Ministry of the Interior, in which he suggests that Germany could construct "50,000 flying machines for 550,000,000, and starting from Calais could land 100,000 men on the Kentish coast within half an hour."

Herr Martin declared that "war between Germany and England would inevitably lead to the landing of a large German Army in England."

During the war, he said, Germany would rapidly build a large aerial fleet, which, operating from Ostend or Calais, would effectively aid the German fleet in combating the British Naval forces.

"War between England and Germany," he says, "would last at least two years, during which Germany would be able to construct such a fleet of motor airships and flying machines that she could not only destroy the British fleets in the Channel and the North Sea, but could also convey an army through the air to England."

He concluded with the hope that Germany and England would agree to form a powerful alliance.

In 1907, a year before Herr Martin's statement, H. G. Wells, in "The War in the Air," described an imaginary aerial conquest of the world by Germany.

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## Short-Time Weather Forecast

(By Rev. Ignacio Puig, S.J., Director of San Miguel Observatory.)

(Special to "THE SOUTHERN CROSS")

**M**ETEOROLOGICAL forecasts are based on the tendency of all, or the greater part of the atmospheric phenomena which make up weather: temperature, pressure, humidity, frost, wind, fog, storms etc. The forecasts, in order to be of use, must extend over a definite time and a definite region. The terminology employed must be clear and precise. Ambiguities and indeterminacies must be eschewed, according to the rules laid down by the Argentine Meteorological Office.

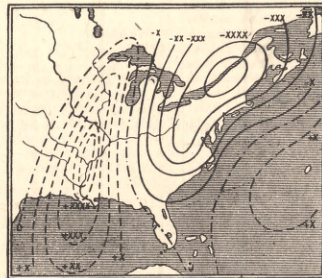
Forecasts may cover a shorter or a longer interval of time. Short-time forecasts are those which cover a period of 24 hours, or, exceptionally, 48 hours after the moment of formulation. Long-time forecasts may cover weeks, months and years. In this article we deal only with short-time forecasts, which are the

nied by well-defined types of weather.

### Elements

Weather forecasting must take account of the following elements.

- 1) Study of the general distribution of pressure systems;
- 2) Determination of the stage of development of the pressures;
- 3) Determination of the probable trajectory and velocity of the pressure systems;
- 4) Study of the probable changes which may occur in the pressure;
- 5) Determination of the effect of these factors on weather, over a period of 24 hours.



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only ones which possess a degree of accuracy.

### The Plan.

Short-time weather forecasts are based on synoptical weather maps, that is, maps of regions on which are plotted the so-called isoplethic lines.

Weather varies from minute to minute, and the following factors are of capital importance in predicting its course: 1) The atmospheric state which would exist if perturbing factors were absent; 2) Local influences, such as: sea-breezes, forests, surfaces, etc. 3) The presence of formations such as cyclones, anti-cyclones, storms, tornados, etc.

The first two factors are normal, and must be taken into account for the general weather survey for the region being studied. The third factor is definitely more important for short-time prediction.

Systematic study of weather-charts has made forecasting almost an empirical function. Cyclonic formations, for instance, travel in a certain direction and are accompa-

These principles can be employed by any one of three methods, which we will now recapitulate.

### The Classical Method.

The classical, or direct, method, is founded on the analysis of cyclonic and anti-cyclonic movements. It was found out, many years ago, that depression advance towards the East. The lines on which they march are called isobars, and their determination was suggested in the last century by Abercrombie. Weather forecasts in Great Britain and the United States are based on the classical method.

### The French Method.

The French method, which was evolved during the last war, is based on variations of pressure. Variations are noted on a map at intervals of 24, 12, 6 and 3 hours before the time selected for prediction, and equal points of pressure are joined with isobar lines. It is then seen that the nuclei of elevation and depression proceed in uniform directions, at a speed of some 60 kilometres per hour. Three-hour variations of pressure

# CAUGHT

(By O. HENRY.)

THE plans for the detention of the flying President Miraflores and his companion at the coast line seemed hardly likely to fail. Dr. Zavalla himself had gone to the port of Alazan to establish a guard at that point. At Coralio the Liberal patriot Varras could be depended upon to keep close watch. Goodwin held himself responsible for the district about Coralio.

The news of the president's flight had been disclosed to no one in the coast towns save trusted members of the ambitious political party that was desirous of succeeding to power. The telegraph wire running from San Mateo to the coast had been cut far up on the mountain trail by an emissary of Zavalla's. Long before this could be repaired and word received along it from the capital the fugitives would have reached the coast and the question of escape or capture been solved.

Goodwin had stationed armed sentinels at frequent intervals along the shore for a mile in each direction from Coralio. They were instructed to keep a vigilant lookout during the night to prevent Miraflores from attempting to embark stealthily by means of some boat or sloop found by chance at the water's edge. A dozen patrols walked the streets of Coralio unsuspected, ready to intercept the truant official should he show himself there.

Goodwin was very well convinced that no precautions had been overlooked. He strolled about the streets that bore such high-sounding names and were but narrow, grass-covered lanes, lending his own aid to the vigil that had been intrusted to him by Bob Englehart.

The town had begun the tepid round of its nightly diversions. A few leisurely dandies, clad in white duck, with flowing neckties, and swinging slim bamboo canes, threaded the grassy byways toward the houses of their favored señoritas. Those who wooed the art of music dragged tirelessly at whining concertinas, or fingered lubgrubious guitars at doors and windows. An occasional soldier from the *cuartel*, with flapping straw hat, without coat or shoes, hurried by, balancing his long gun like a lance in one hand. From every density of the foliage the giant tree frogs sounded their loud and irritating clatter. Further out, where the byways perished at the brink of the jungle, the guttural cries of marauding baboons and the coughing of the alligators in the black estuaries fractured the vain silence of the wood.

By ten o'clock the streets were deserted. The oil lamps that had burned, a sickly yellow, at random corners, had been extinguished by some economical civic agent. Coralio lay sleeping calmly between topping mountains and en-

croaching sea like a stolen babe in the arms of its abductors. Somewhere over in that tropical darkness—perhaps already threading the profundities of the alluvial lowlands—the high adventurer and his mate were moving toward land's end. The game of Fox-in-the-Morning should be coming soon to its close.

Goodwin, at his deliberate gait, passed the long, low *cuartel* where Coralio's contingent of Anchuria's military force slumbered, with its bare toes pointed heavenward. There was a law that no civilian might come so near the headquarters of that citadel of war after nine o'clock, but Goodwin was always forgetting the minor statutes. "¿Quién vive?" shrieked the sentinel, wrestling prodigiously with his lengthy musket.

"Americano," growled Goodwin, without turning his head, and passed on, unhalting.

To the right he turned, and to the left up the street that ultimately reached the Plaza Nacional. When within the toss of a cigar stump from the intersecting Street of the Holy Sepulchre, he stopped suddenly in the pathway.

He saw the form of a tall man, clothed in black and carrying a large valise, hurry down the cross-street in the direction of the beach. And Goodwin's second glance made him aware of a woman at the man's elbow on the farther side, who seemed to urge forward, if not even to assist, her companion in their swift but silent progress. They were no Coralians, those two.

Goodwin followed at increased speed, but without any of the artful tactics that are so dear to the heart of the sleuth. The American was too broad to feel the instinct of the detective. He stood as an agent for the people of Anchuria, and but for political reasons he would have demanded them and there the money. It was the design of his party to secure the imperilled fund, to restore it to the treasury of the country, and to declare itself in power without bloodshed or resistance.

The couple halted at the door of the Hotel de los Estranjeros, and the man struck upon the wood with the impatience of one unused to his entry being stayed. Madame was long in response; but after a time her light showed, the door was opened, and the guests housed.

Goodwin stood in the quiet street, lighting another cigar. In two minutes a faint gleam began to show between the slats of the jalousies in the upper story of the hotel. "They have engaged rooms," said Goodwin to himself. "So, then, their arrangements for sailing have yet to be made."

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are called tendencies. The advantage of this method is that the nuclei of variation are constant and not subject to the deformation which appears in isobar charts.

## The Norwegian Method.

The third, or Norwegian method, is based on the vertical structure of the atmosphere. It was first propounded by Bjerknes and was perfected by the Lindenberg Observatory in Germany. According to the Norwegian school, isobar lines have a warm front and a cold front. The winds blowing on these fronts are

not continuous, and the cyclonic movement is not perfect. Ordinary rains follow the warm front; tempestuous rains succeed cold fronts. In order to predict weather according to this system, soundings must be taken in the atmosphere by means of kites.

In many countries, weather prediction is not based exclusively on any one method, but in a eclectic selection from all three. It is here where the experience of forecasters plays an important part; to select the proceeding which suits the locality best.

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### DEATHS.

On March the 4th, at the British Hospital, Helen Flaherty, aged 45 years.

On the 25th March, at Calle 22, Godoy Cruz, Palermo, Elizabeth Brennan, beloved wife of William G. Marr, aged 31 years, deeply regretted. R.I.P.

On March 6th, suddenly, of heart disease, at Altamirano, on his way to Piran, John Farrell, of Ranchos, aged 59 years, and 30 years resident in Buenos Aires; native of Moyvoro, Co. Longford. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family and a large circle of friends. R.I.P.

### GENERAL ITEMS.

It is stated that the new line of the Central Argentine Railway, from Victoria station to Buenos Aires will be opened very shortly.

The native newspapers of a few days ago had a wonderful account of an apparition of the Blessed Virgin who is said to have appeared to a young Spanish girl, Benigna Mendez, living in Calle Santa Fe, in this city. The girl, who is a domestic servant, occupies a small room alone on the top of the house, near the "azotea", and here during the last three months, according to her account, a shadowy and intangible figure appeared to her nightly. The figure seemed nailed to the wall and seemed as if made of ashes. The vision appeared many nights until at length it took the shape of a young girl of vague ethereal form, and for the first time addressed the awestricken Benigna and announced herself as Our Lady of Holy Love, at the same time expressing a wish that she should be carried in procession to the most humble and lowly church in the city. On this the vision disappeared.

Meanwhile the girl had made a confidence of a lady, Sra. de la Casa, who lives opposite, and also informed her mistress of what had happened. Vigils were kept and in the end a small plaster statue of the Blessed Virgin was fixed to the wall in the exact position in which the vision had appeared.

It was then decided to consult the archbishop, with whom, however, they were unable to obtain an audience, but were directed, instead, to Rev. Fr. Rasso, of the Merced Church, to whom they told all that had taken place and who agreed to accompany them to the house. It is said that considerable force had to be employed to detach the statuette from the wall, and that in doing so there was a copious flow of water from it that filled several large vessels. As some days passed without anything being done to organise the procession to the Piedad church, the one chosen an account of its poverty and dilapidated appearance, the image mysteriously disappeared.

The girl and Sra. de la Casa accordingly repaired to La Piedad church, where they discovered the statue on one of the altars. Some time after it

disappeared from the church and was found in one of the spacious rooms of the house of Sra. de la Casa, where also there was found a small tin of olive oil, applications of which are said to have effected many wonderful cures amongst confirmed cripples and invalids.

On St. Patrick's Day, Rev. Fr. Celestine will preach the panegyric of the Saint. After Mass the ceremony of blessing the Celtic Cross will take place in the new church, on which occasion the Very Rev. Fr. Fidelis will address the congregation. We understand that Colonel Mulleady's band will be present to render their choice selection of Irish national airs, and Dr. Donovan's police band will be present at the banquet in the evening.

## Useful Addresses.

Uruguayan Consulate.—Av. R. S. Peña 567. U. T. 33, 4234.

Holy Cross Church.—Estados Unidos 3150. U. T. 45, 1317.

St. Brigida's College.—Gaona 2068, U. T. 59, 1268.

St. Patrick's Church.—Estomba 1940, U. T. 73, 6780.

The Irish Girl's Home.—Salguero 550. U. T. 79, 2236.

The Keating Institute.—Estados Unidos 3141. U. T. 45, 0818.

The Mater Misericordia Convent.—(Irish Sisters of Mercy), Calle 24 de Noviembre 865. U. T. 45, 2219.

American Consulate General.—Avda. R. S. Peña 567. U. T. 33, 0548.

British Consulate.—Sarmiento 443, 6th, floor. U. T. 31, 2918.

Brazilian Consulate.—San Martin 195, 4th, floor. U. T. 33, 7454.

Chilean Consulate.—Av. R. S. Peña 567. U. T. 33, 5402.

French Consulate.—Reconquista 165. U. T. 33, 3881.

Spanish Consulate.—Moreno 1442. U. T. 33, 3298.

Sheehy, Rev. John M.—Capilla San Patricio, Av. Salta 2643, Rosario de Santa Fé.

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- 259) What Is The Most Popular Book In The World?
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- 261) How Hot Is The Sun?

See Answers on page 24.

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**MARCH 14.** Retreat for ex-Fahy students at Fahy Farm, Moreno.

**MARCH 17.** St. Patrick's Day Banquets at the Hurling Club; and at the American Club (Irish - Argentine Cultural Circle).

**MARCH 28.** Farewell Party to St. Paul Clubites at Hotel Español, Avda. Mayo 1212.

**APRIL 12.** Cocktail Dance organized by St. Paul's Club at the Salón Español, Avda. Mayo 1212.

**MAY 9.** Variety concert in Little Theatre, Charcas 1155.

**JUNE 7.** Annual Irish Fair at Holy Cross Hall.

**JULY 25 and 26.** St. Patrick's Home annual Bazaar at Salón Suizo, Rodriguez Peña 254.

### ST. BRIGID'S SCHOOL.

Classes will reopen in St. Brigid's School on March 16th. The children of

6th. Grade are hereby advised to bring their "Cedula de Identidad" and "Partida de Nacimiento". This is absolutely necessary for examinations.  
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### MISSION IN IRENEO PORTELA, F. C. del E.

A Passionist Father will preach a four day's mission in Ireneo Portela, beginning on March 19th, feast of St. Joseph, and ending on Sunday 22nd. Mass and Sermon daily at 8.30 o'clock. Rosary, Sermon and Sacred Singing at 18.00 o'clock.



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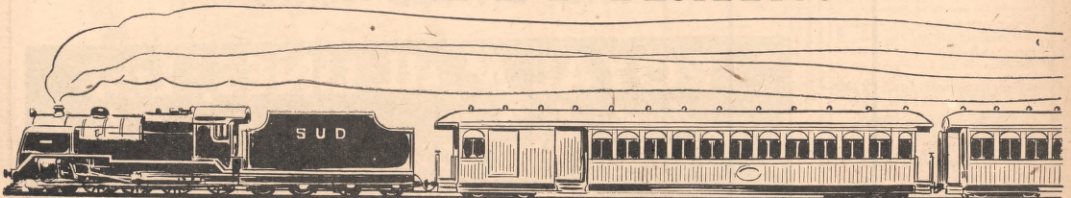
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# About People

On last Monday morning a Month's Mind Mass was offered up in the Santisimo Sacramento Church, for the eternal repose of the soul of the late Don Juan A. O'Farrell. An immense congregation attended testifying to the esteem in which deceased was held in all circles, social, commercial and political, in this country.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cavanagh has been brightened by the arrival of a baby girl.

Miss Geraldine O'Neill has left to spend a holiday in Mar del Plata.

The death has occurred at her home in Cork of Miss Mary MacSweeney, who took such a prominent part in the Sinn Fein movement twenty years ago. Deceased was a sister of the famous mayor of Cork, Terence MacSweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald King left at the end of last week to spend a holiday in Mar del Plata. Although the season is well advanced the number of visitors to Mar del Plata is exceptionally high and it appears that there will be no great exodus from the bathing resort before Easter.

The engagement is announced from Ireland of Lieut. Robert Michael Halahan, son of Dr. Robert Halahan of this city, to Maureen, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Robert Thorp and Mrs. Thorp, of Kilgreany House, Bagenalstown, County Carlow.

The Misses M. and C. Kiernan, following a visit to Cruz Chica in the Hills of Córdoba, have returned to town.

Mr. Sean Sills MacDermott has returned to the city after a visit to his relatives in Baradero.

Mrs. Julia P. de Sills has changed her address to Calle Segundo Sombra 423, San Antonio de Areco.

Mrs. Cata Aspell de Zamorano is unwell in this city.

Mrs. Katie Ganly de Kenny, of Mercedes, is in delicate health.

Miss Elvira Mooney has returned to this city after a holiday in Mar del Plata.

Mrs. Seery, of Pergamino, is in delicate health.

As the result of an unfortunate motor accident the death occurred on Saturday last in Alta Gracia of Mr. William J. Sahores, who was very well-known in Irish Argentine circles in this country. Deceased, who was only twenty five years of age, was very popular and his death has been sincerely lamented. The funeral took place on Monday last at the Recoleta cemetery. Mr. Sahores was a brother-in-law of Mr. J. J. Murphy and Mr. M. J. Murphy, of Venado Tuerto.

Mrs. Arthur Hynes and Miss Ethel Hynes have been spending a holiday at Rookery Nook, Cruz Chica, in the Córdoba Hills.

The friends of Mrs. Catalina F. de O'Keefe formerly, of O'Brien, will be sorry to learn that she is in very delicate health and is under treatment in the Sanatorio of Gral. Viamonte, F.C.O.

Miss Molly Eustace Reddy, who had been somewhat ill last week, is now much better.

Mr. Marconi Hunter and family, of estancia "Las Palmas", Rojas, paid a flying visit last Sunday afternoon to Retiro San Pablo.

There will not be any celebrations in Alberti, F.C.O., this year in connection with St. Patrick's Day owing to the absence of Fr. Michael Fox, who is on the sick list.

Among the many visitors to the Córdoba Hills are Messrs. Tomás M. Ryle and J. J. Cunningham, from Carmen de Areco, who are spending their vacations at "Villa Anita", La Cumbre.

Mrs. Nelly Brady de Carroll wishes to advise subscribers of "The Homeless Child", who are in arrears with their subscription to kindly pay up; otherwise they will not receive their copy this year. Address, Estación Espora, F.C.G.B.A.

Mr. John Joe Nally Loran, after a short stay to Baradero, has returned to Santos Lugares.

Miss Maggie Nally Loran is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sills and family of Baradero.

The Archbishop of Manila is an Irishman. The Most Rev. Dr. Michael O'Doherty was born at Charlestown, County Mayo, and has been Archbishop of Manila since 1916.

Mr. Thomas E. Moore in a recent arrival from the camp and is staying at the Phoenix Hotel.

Mr. Arthur Brown, of "La Sirena," Volta, F. C. Oeste, has returned to town following a visit to Carrasco, Uruguay.

Dr. R. L. Campion is a recent arrival from the camp and purposes spending some days in town.

Having spent the season in Mar del Plata, Mr. and Mrs. John Van Deurs and family have returned to their home in this city.

Mr. Juan Whitney, having passed some days in the country, has returned to Buenos Aires.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reed have left to spend a holiday in Mar del Plata.



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## From The Past

### A LETTER OF ADMIRAL BROWN.

The following letter was written nearly a century ago by Admiral William Brown to two well-known Irishmen in Buenos Aires, who had approached him in connection with a subscription which was being raised in Buenos Aires.

Oct. 14, 1843.

To Messrs. Bookey and Fleming, Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29th ult. informing me of a meeting of our countrymen in B. Aires for the purpose of raising a subscription to be remitted to the general fund at home, having for its object the gaining by constitutional means of the repeal of the union with England and soliciting my aid in furtherance thereof. I have to inform you that any measure tending to give peace, prosperity and contentment to the long-suffering people of Ireland must at all times meet my humble concurrence and aid, but more particularly at this moment tho' ever so far distant from that dear Erin, my native land. The repeal of the Legislative Union (Ireland being governed by her own laws) will strike at once at the source of the evil, so grievously felt and complained of, and cheer up a people too long accustomed to sufferings, to wrongs and to ills.

May we therefore soon see the day of Ireland's bright sun in steady union and friendship with England. Then can her Majesty Queen Victoria, with gratifying feelings declare to the world of having gained a glorious victory in conciliating and binding the allegiance of so many millions of her Catholic subjects after centuries of oppression, discord and misuse, but now daring at length, in accompanying her Majesty's subjects to be great, and in thought to be free, and surely the prosperity of her, which is the greatest, must be still more so, in the prosperity of a poor and weaker sister, both being bound as it were in nature's chains, to supporting mutually a wise and equitable sovereignty, protecting duly and fostering a hardy and spirited race,

to punish the proud foe who dare contend in battle for the gallantly earned dominion of the sea, or assail Albion's envied shores. To consider otherwise would be dealing in abstract notions, unworthy of the philosopher and Christian.

To conclude, please accept of five hundred paper dollars and would that it could be much more, with my hearty good wishes to accompany your subscription across the Western Ocean in favour of so just a cause, a cause which when gained must give fresh strength command and vigour to her Majesty's councils, and command the respect among her enemies when knowing of the happy and disinterested-union between the soon contented—please God—Erin and the lofty sovereign Isle.

Should you have to write to the great and good patriot Mr. Daniel O'Connell don't forget to present my kind compliments as an admirer of his talents, constancy and perseverance in advocating so ably the long injured Ireland's cause, for which may God almighty reward him in this and the world to come.

I am, gentlemen,

Yours sincere,

obedient servant.

W. Brown.

### CENTRAL ARGENTINE RAILWAY.

#### EXCURSIONS TO THE NORTH.

The Central Argentine Railway has arranged to run, during the current month, cheap day excursion trains from Retiro to Herrera, La Banda, Santiago del Estero and Tucumán.

These trains will leave Retiro at 6.25 on the 17th, 24th, and 29th, March, (this last train coinciding with the Easter holidays) stopping also at Rosario N.

Single tickets only will be issued, at the usual price for this class of excursion, their sale being limited to 150 first class and 200 second class per train.

Likewise, excursion trains will be run

## Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

### HOLY CROSS.

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated at Holy Cross with all due splendour and solemnity according to the following programme:

At 10 o'clock, Solemn High Mass for the living and deceased benefactors of Holy Cross. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. William Leaden, S. S. His Eminence Cardinal Santiago Luis Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires and Primate of the Argentine Republic has graciously consented to honour the Irish Community by presiding at the religious ceremonies. Holy Cross Choir will interpret Perosi's Missa Secunda Pontificalis (3 voices). Rev. Fr. Columba Dillon C. P., is to deliver the pangeyric of St. Patrick. Through the courtesy of L. R. 5 Radio Excelsior the entire religious ceremony will be broadcast directly from Holy Cross Church.

The usual St. Patrick's luncheon will take place at 12 o'clock, in Holy Cross Hall, at the conclusion of which Fr. Stephen Quaine, C. P. Dr. Richard Dillon, Vicar-General of the Argentine Navy, Fr. Anthony Emnis, S. J., Mr. John Grehan and Fr. J. S. Gaynor, P. S. M., will speak. During the afternoon, tea will be served and an Irish concert staged.

Tickets for luncheon and tea are available at Holy Cross any day previously at the entrance to the Hall on the day of the feast.

Luncheon tickets, \$3.00; tea \$0.50. The Passionist Fathers extend a most cordial welcome to the entire Irish Community to participate in the festivities in honour of Ireland's great Apostle at Holy Cross on March 17th. prox.

### ST. PATRICK'S, BUENOS AIRES.

On Sunday 15th the patronal feast of the Parish will be celebrated with General Communion Mass at 8 o'clock. At 10 o'clock, Solemn High Mass and pangeyric by Rev. Fr. Joseph Clement Silva, S.S.

On March 17th, feast of the National Apostle, at 8 o'clock, general Communion Mass. At 9.30, Mass and sermon in English by Rev. Fr. Michael Martin, P.S.M., rector of the Fahy College, Moreno, F.C.O.

### IRISH-ARGENTINE CULTURAL CIRCLE.

#### ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT BANQUET.

Under the auspices of the Irish-Argentine Cultural Circle the usual St. Patrick's night banquet and informal social gathering will take place at the American Club, René Mitre 530, at 9 p.m. on Tuesday next. Members of the community and their friends will be cordially welcome, but covers, the price of which are \$7.00 each, must be reserved before Tuesday, noon, by telephoning, 33-6505 or 31-2792.

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Cultural Circle, a selection of Irish music will be broadcast over L.R.5 Radio Excelsior, from the organ of Holy Cross Church, on Monday next, the eve of St. Patrick's Day, from 9 to 9.30 p.m. The programme also includes a short address by Rev. Fr. James Deane, C.P.

### HOMAGE TO ADMIRAL BROWN.

On the morning of St. Patrick's Day the Irish-Argentine Cultural Circle will lay a floral tribute on the monument of Admiral Brown, the Irish-born founder of the Argentine Navy. Members of the Circle and of the community in general are invited to meet at 9 a.m., at the foot of the monument, in the 100 block of Avenida Alem.

### HURLING CLUB.

St. Patrick's day will be celebrated at the Hurling Club's premises at Villa Devoto, with a banquet to take place at 21 o'clock on said day. The D. C. feel confident of achieving a great success. Those who had occasion of attending the banquet last year will remember the happy hours spent at the Club, and it is expected that a very large number of members of the community will do their best to put in an appearance; the organisers wish to make public that would-be-diners should secure their ticket before Sunday next, as the Committee have to arrange the number of seats, etc. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the D. C. or if preferable, at Usher's or Mitchell's. During and after the dinner, an Irish programme of music and songs will be in charge of the following: Misses Olga Tesone Gaynor, Elba Echaide Mackinson, G. and L. Tarelli Kearney, Elba Tarelli de Grecco and Mr. George Eyerabide. Miss Lily Cummins will accompany at the piano. The price of tickets is as follows: Ladies \$4.00, Men \$5.00, (including tips).

### VILLA DEVOTO.

Mass will be offered up in honour of St. Patrick in the parish church of Villa Devoto (San Antonio), on St. Patrick's Day, at 8 o'clock, for those that cannot attend Holy Cross or St. Patrick's, and are living in the district.

### SOCIAL.

A grand social night for the Irish people, at Perú 759, from 21 o'clock till 2 a.m. Orchestra and Irish music. Please apply for tickets (\$2.00), at U. T. 33-5372 and 33-1675.

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### BERISSO.

In celebration of the feast of Ireland's national Apostle there will be a special service in Berisso (La Plata), on Sunday, March 22nd., with a sermon and hymns in English after the 10 o'clock Mass.

### CAPILLA DEL SEÑOR.

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated in Capilla as in former years, with Mass at 9.30 to which all are kindly invited. The sermon of the day will be preached by Father Thomas Dunleavy, P.S.M.

At mid-day there will be a lunch at the Irish Chaplain's house.

**ITUZAINGO, F.C.O.**

Irish and Irish-Argentine residents of Ituzaingo, Morón, Moreno, Ramos Mejía, Castelar, etc., headed by Fr. C. L. Murray, Chaplain of San Judas Tadeo's Church, have organized a feast in honour of Ireland's great Saint, therefore Saint Patrick's day will be celebrated in Ituzaingo, on March the 15th, the programme is as follows:

On Sunday 15th inst., at 10.30, a solemn High Mass with Panegyric of the Saint by Rev. Fr. Wilkinson.

At 12 o'clock, an "ALMUERZO CRIOLLO" in a quinta in front of the Church.

At 17 o'clock a Concert of Irish music, Forty Five, Tea, etc. Music will be provided by the Miranda-Rada Orchestra.

A hearty welcome is extended to all Irish and their descendants from far and near.

Other details and tickets may be had from: Mrs. Müller, U. T. 135 Ituzaingo; Mrs. Olascoaga, U. T. 571 Morón; Mrs. Mary J. de Kearney, U. T. 34-3958; Mr. J. Andersen, U. T. 72-1035; Mr. James O'Farrell, U. T. 406 Morón and also from Mrs. Isabel Quigley de O'Farrell, Calle 10 No. 1325 La Plata, F.C.S.

The Committee wish to make known that interested parties should advise before Thursday the 12th inst., and also that unsold tickets be returned on or before that date in order to have an idea how many to cater for.

**VILLA ELISA.****SAINT PATRICK'S HOME.**

St. Patrick's day will be commemor-

ated at the Home for our Aged at Villa Elisa on the 17th inst. with a Mass and panegyric commencing at 10 o'clock. All members of the Society and well-wishers of the Home are invited to attend the religious ceremony, after which the inmates will be served a sumptuous *asado* befitting the occasion.

**THE MONASTERY, CAPITAN SARMIENTO.**

On March 17th, there will be a high Mass and panegyric in honour of St. Patrick at the Monastery Chapel, at 10 o'clock.

**CARMEN DE ARECO.**

At a committee meeting held in St. Paul's Union, on Sunday the 8th, it was decided to celebrate the traditional feast of the 17th of March in the usual style, Mass at 9.30 o'clock, the panegyric of the Saint will be delivered by Rev. Fr. Ildephonus Lynch, C.P. At midday "almuerzo a la criolla" and other entertainments at St. Paul's Union; where all Irish and Irish Argentine are heartily welcome.

The secretary.

**SUPACHA.**

All is now set for the great feast of Our National Apostle in Suipacha. It is going to be a red-letter day in the annals of that great Irish district, if one is to judge from the animation and enthusiasm that prevails and the spontaneous donations in cash and kind already received. The scene of the external solemnities will be the grand and spacious estancia, "La María", kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Edward P. Garrahan. On the eve of the feast, the fattened-calf (vaquillona) with its crown of beautiful roses and

led by the donor, Mr. Michael Lawler, will be presented at "La María" for the sacrifice to provide the "carne con cuero". You are advised to bring your own cutlery. The following is the programme: At 10 o'clock Solemn High Mass, during which, the panegyric of the Saint will be preached by Fr. Simon Histon P. S. M. After Mass all roads lead to "La María" where the sumptuous breakfast will be served at 12.30. Nice home-made cakes are a feature of the High-Tea at 4.30. The intervals will be filled in with Irish music and various concert items.

A *cead Mile failte* to all.

**JUNIN.**

On the 17th there will be Mass in the Capilla San José at 9 o'clock. At 19 (7 p. m.) the Irish Race Society Hall will be open to all comers of our race and also to others who may be invited. There will be music and "cantina", so that those who wish to divert themselves can sit down, or stand up, and enjoy themselves. As usual the Committee expect that a great many will be present.

There is no charge for members or their families.

For non-members there will be an entry of \$1.00 for gentlemen and \$0.50 for ladies.

Good luck to all the sons and daughters of St. Patrick.

The Committee.

**ARRECIFES.**

The Committee of the Irish Society of Arrecifes very cordially invites all our Irish Community to participate in the commemoration of St. Patrick's Day, which will take place with the following programme:

At 10 o'clock Solemn Mass offered by the Passionist Fathers; the Sermon will be preached by Very Rev. Fr. Victor O'Carolan C. P., founder of the Irish Society of Arrecifes fifteen years ago and one of its great leaders in latter years.

We will be very grateful to our members and friends for donations. We request contributors to let the committee know, in anticipation, by sending their names in due time to "The Irish Society."

Those who do not contribute in any form are requested to pay a moderate fee, so as to cover the expense of the feast.

**SALTO.**

The feast of our glorious Patron will be duly celebrated at St. Patrick's Chapel, Salto. At 9.30 there will be Mass, followed by the panegyric of the Saint, which will be preached by the Rev. Fr. Ambrose Geoghagan, C.P.

At 12 there will be a picnic on the Chapel grounds, all being invited to bring their own baskets.

**CAPITAN SARMIENTO, F.C.C.A.**

On Sunday March 22nd, the celebration in honour of St. Patrick will take place in the town of Cap. Sarmiento, F. C. C. A. High Mass in the parish church at 10 o'clock with sermon by Rev. Fr. Fidelis Rush, C. P. Lunch at 12.30 in the Club Sarmiento, Tea and Sports at 16 o'clock in the same Club. General entry \$2.00; Donors \$1.00. Children \$0.20.

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#### ROSARIO.

A Triduum in preparation for the feast of St. Patrick, to be preached by Father James Dwan, P.S.M., will begin on Saturday the 14th., at 9 p.m., in St. Patrick's Church, Rosario.

The order of the services during that time will be:

Morning: 1st. Mass at 7.30, second Mass at 8.30.

Evening: Rosary, Sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 9 p.m.

#### St. Patrick's Day.

Mass and general Communion at 8.30 a.m.

There will be a service in the evening at the usual hour 9 p.m., at which a sermon on St. Patrick will be preached.

N.E.—Confessions will be heard at any hour during the day. Confessions of men will be heard after the service at night.

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#### CAFFERATA.

The usual St. Patrick's day celebration in Cafferata will take place this year on Sunday, March 15th. Mass will be at 9 o'clock in Cafferata

Church and at mid-day a picnic will be held at Estancia "La Maria", of Houlin Hnos., kindly lent for the occasion.

A group of young gentlemen are actively organizing the picnic and all Irish and Irish-Argentines are hereby cordially invited to come and bring their baskets.

#### RAWSON.

On Sunday, March 1st., a number of Irish and Irish-Argentine gentlemen attended a meeting in the parish house to make arrangements for St. Patrick's Day celebrations. It was decided to have a High Mass and sermon in honour of the national Apostle at 10 a.m., the panegyric to be preached by Fr. Christopher Gaynor, P.S.M.

Owing to the number of sad bereavements suffered by the Irish in town

and district, it was thought better to suspend all public festivities. Consequently the usual St. Patrick's day picnic will not be held this year. After Mass soft drinks will be served in the parish garden; all are cordially invited.

#### MERCEDES.

The central committee of the Irish Race Society of Mercedes in its last meeting arranged the following program for St. Patrick's Day:

General Communion Mass at 8 o'clock. Solemn High Mass at 10.30 o'clock.

The Rev. John Bergin, P.S.M., has been invited to preach the preparatory Triduum and the panegyric of the saint.

All those who receive Holy Communion in the 8 o'clock Mass will be invited to breakfast (desayuno). Because of the sad times through which we are passing it was decided for this year to suspend the banquet and the other socials of the day.

#### SAN ANTONIO DE ARECO.

The Feast of St. Patrick, Erin's Glorious Apostle, will be celebrated this year, in San Antonio de Areco, with the usual solemnity. In preparation for the feast there will be Holy Mass, sermon and Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament at 9 o'clock on the 15th and 16th. On the Feast itself there will be Holy Mass, Sermon and Benediction at 9 o'clock, followed by veneration of the relic of the glorious Apostle. The sermons will be in charge of the Rev. Thomas O'Reilly, P. S. M.

At 12 o'clock the usual lunch will be served in the Irish Chaplain's house.

All are earnestly invited to attend the different religious exercises, and thus prepare themselves to pay a fitting tribute of honour and love to the great Apostle of our race.

#### PERGAMINO.

The Commission of the Irish Society of Pergamino, following the traditional custom of celebrating St. Patrick's Day, has decided to continue the same with all due splendour and solemnity. There will be High Mass and panegyric of St. Patrick at 10.30 in the Asilo de Jesús, officiated by a Passionist Father.

At 16 o'clock tea will be served at the Hotel Sarmiento. The Commission of the Irish Society of Pergamino cordially invites all our Irish Community to congregate in order that we may



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**NAVARRO.**

The Irish people of Navarro have arranged a General Communion Mass at 8.30 for St. Patrick's Day. One of the Irish Chaplains of that district—Fr. M. J. Kelly, P.S.M. (St. Patrick's, Mercedes), will celebrate the Mass and preach the sermon of the day.

**GENERAL PINTO, F. C. O.**

The Irish of General Pinto and surrounding districts are advised that the feast of St. Patrick will be celebrated this year in the Parish Church of General Pinto. The general Programme comprises High Mass at 10 o'clock with panegyric of the Saint by a Passionist Father; pic-nic at midday and various entertainments during the afternoon.

This year the customary feast will not be held in Lincoln as on former years, so as all the Irish of the West may gather in General Pinto.

**MONTE.**

The feast of the National Apostle will be celebrated with all solemnity on March 17th. Father P. J. Gormally, P.S.M., will attend at the parish church from the evening of the 16th. On the morning of the Feast, there will be Solemn Mass with panegyric of the Apostle. A social programme for midday is being prepared. All the Irish people of Monte and surrounding districts are invited to participate.

**LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY.**

The Committee of the Ladies of St. Joseph's Society wish to inform all who are interested that the Keating and Fahy Institutes will commence their classes on Monday 16th inst., and ask parents and guardians to make all the necessary arrangements for their children to be in these schools on this date.

**ST. JOSEPH'S DAY, MOLL.**

Great enthusiasm is being displayed in the preparations for the celebration of the feast of the glorious Patriarch, St. Joseph, in the beautiful and devotional little chapel, dedicated to his name in the vicinity of Moll. This Chapel was erected by the Irish people of the district, well nigh fifty years ago and is being attended by the Pallatine Fathers twice monthly, viz., the 2nd and 4th. Sundays and all the solemn feast-days of the year.

No effort is being spared to insure the success of the feast. The singing will be in charge of the parish choir, Suipacha. The programme is as follows:

At 8 o'clock Mass and general Communion. At 10 o'clock Solemn High Mass. After the Gospel the panegyric of St. Joseph will be preached by a Capuchin Father. After Mass, Solemn Benediction of the Most Holy Sacra-

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### DEATHS

O'NEILL.—On March 6th, 1942, at Tighegasta 2395, after a short illness, borne with Christian resignation and fortified by the rites of Catholic Church, Joseph, son of the late Joseph O'Neill and Margaret Harrington, of San Pedro. Sacred Mear of Jesus, have mercy on his soul. 1395—m.13

### MASSES

† R. P. THOMAS O'GRADY, R.I.P.—A Solemn Requiem Anniversary Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Fr. Thomas O'Grady, P.S.M., will be celebrated in the Parish Church of Suipacha, on Saturday 21st. March, 1942, at 10.30 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend. 1392—m.6-13

† THOMAS F. KEILTY, R.I.P.—Month's Mind Masses will be offered up for the eternal repose of the soul of Thomas Francis Keilty, late of Arrecifes, on Monday, March 23rd., at 10.30 (half past ten) o'clock, at the Passionist Fathers' Chapel, Retiro San Pablo, Capitán Sarmiento. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1394—m.13

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This appeal was the outcome of a meeting of Irish Catholics called by the Archbishop of Buenos Aires in order to look after their religious interests. It was intended to establish a permanent Committee to look after the interests mentioned in the letter from Archbishop Aneiros to the Holy See; a permanent committee was even appointed, and its officers named; but it did not continue long in existence, for its object was soon achieved.

The Irish chaplains, in most instances, were replaced by two religious congregations; The Passionist and the Pallottine Fathers.

## THE PASSIONIST FATHERS.

The first Irish Passionist to come to Argentina was the Rev. Pius Devine. This was sometime in the late sixties. He came to preach missions and seek the financial aid of his prosperous fellow-countrymen for the struggling foundations of his Congregation in Ireland and England. Ten years later another Irish Passionist, the Rev. Martin Byrne, arrived in Argentina on a similar mission, in the beginning of 1879. He preached missions in the city and camp and soon became very popular with all classes. A movement was set on foot to obtain an establishment of Irish Passionists in Argentina; prominent amongst those who sought this object was the Ven. Dean Dillon. Negotiations were begun at once, and on April, 2nd 1880, *The Southern Cross* had the following, under the title of "Good News":

"We are happy to inform our readers that the Passionist Fathers have at length made up their minds to establish a branch of their Order in this city. Fr. Martin has received letters from the Superior in Rome, stating that the priests will be sent out as soon as the Archbishop of Buenos Aires gives his approbation. The Dean, with Father Martin and Mr. Casey waited on his grace the other day and obtained the necessary approbation, which by this time will be formally extended in writing.

"Fr. Pius has left pleasing memories of his mission, and Fr. Martin is justly esteemed by priests and people here. We sincerely congratulate the Irish Community on so grand an acquisition as the Passionist Fathers."

At the end of this year (1880) Father Martin was joined by Fr. Clement Finnegan, and together the Fathers took over the Irish Services in San Roque Chapel. In June of 1881 they were joined by Fr. Fidelis Kent Stone. The inconvenience of holding services

at San Roque soon became insupportable and it was found necessary for the Fathers to build an Irish Church. In September of 1882 the site of the present Holy Cross Church was purchased. A temporary house and chapel were immediately constructed, and opened for Divine Service on January 6th of 1883. This is the first Irish chapel built in the city of Buenos Aires. The foundation-stone of the present magnificent Holy Cross Church was laid by Archbishop Aneiros in May, 1890. It was built with the offerings of the Irish people, of city and camp and it is remembered gratefully that the Irish girls employed in Buenos Aires had a large share in its erection. Architecturally, it is one of the most beautiful churches in the city of Buenos Aires.

Early in 1884 the Passionist Fathers were invited by Fr. L. Michael Leahy to establish themselves in Salto. Here they opened a College, and when Fr. Leahy died in the same year, they were entrusted by the Archbishop with the Irish Chaplaincies of Carmen de Areco, Salto and Rojas. In the same year, 1884, the Passionist Fathers, Fidelis Kest Stone, Edmund Hill, John Mary McMullen and Victor Carolan gave a memorable mission at McGuire's Chapel in Capitan Sarmiento. On that occasion the Irish people of the district expressed their wish to have a foundation of the Congregation in their midst, and with this end in view, Mr. Edward Casey presented them with eight squares of land. His example was followed by Mr. Thomas McGuire who gave four squares, and later, by Mr. Patrick Farrell, who gave forty squares. In September of 1888 Father Victor Carolan laid the foundation stone of St. Paul's Monastery, amidst general rejoicing. In 1893 the present magnificent pile of buildings was completed; the magnitude of the task which Father Victor Carolan brought to a successful conclusion can be realized when one considers that all the material for the construction had to be hauled over almost impassable roads for a distance of nine miles. Hither was transferred the preparatory school which the Fathers had established in Salto. In 1896 Mr. Patrick Farrell began the erection of St. Paul's Chapel in memory of his son William. This magnificent church was opened and blessed by Bishop Espinosa in May of 1898. Father Victor Carolan, who was the guiding spirit of this undertaking, breathed his last on November 20th, 1898, and was laid to rest, at the comparatively early age of 52, before the Sacred Heart Altar of St. Paul's Church. To this day his memory is affectionately remembered by all the people of those districts.

St. Paul's Monastery at Capitan Sarmiento is today the Novitiate of the Passionist Congregation in Argentina. "McGuire's Chapel," which was replaced by St. Paul's, was not allowed to fall into ruin. It was repaired and enlarged, and in 1900 a day-school was opened within its walls. In 1905 this was converted into a boarding-school, and in this capacity it still exists.

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## CAUGHT—

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At that moment there came along one Estebán Delgado, a barber, an enemy to existing government, a jovial plotter against stagnation in any form. This barber was one of Corallo's saddest dogs, often remaining out of doors as late as eleven, post meridian. He was a partisan Liberal; and he greeted Goodwin with flautulent importance as a brother in the cause. But he had something important to tell.

"What think you, Don Frank!" he cried, in the universal tone of the conspirator. "I have to-night shaved *la barba*—what you call the 'weeskers' of the *Presidente* himself, of this country! Consider! He sent for me to come. In the poor *casita* of an old woman he awaited me—in a verree leetle house in a dark place. *Caramba!*—el Señor *Presidente* to make himself thus secret and obscured! I think he desired not to be known—but, *conoció!* can you shave a man and not see his face? This gold piece he gave me, and said it was to be all quite still. I think, Don Frank, there is what you call a chip over the bug."

"Have you ever seen *President Miraflores* before?" asked Goodwin. "But once," answered Estebán. "He is tall; and he had weeskers verree black and sufficient."

"Was any one else present when you shaved him?" "An old Indian woman, Señor, that belonged with the *casa*, and one señorita—a ladee of so much beauty!—*ah, Dios!*"

"All right, Estebán," said Goodwin. "It's very lucky that you happened along with your tonsorial information. The new administration will be likely to remember you for this."

Then in a few words he made the barber acquainted with the crisis into which the affairs of the nation had culminated, and instructed him to remain outside, keeping watch upon the two sides of the hotel that looked upon the street, and observing whether any one should attempt to leave the house by any door or window. Goodwin himself went to the door through which the guests had entered, opened it and stepped inside.

Madama had returned downstairs from her journey above to see after the comfort of her lodgers. Her candle stood upon the bar. She was about to take a thimbleful of rum as a solace for having her rest disturbed. She looked up without surprise or alarm as her third caller entered.

"Ah! it is the Señor Goodwin. Not often does he honor my poor house by his presence."

"I must come oftener," said Goodwin, with the Goodwin smile. "I hear that your cognac is the best between Belize to the north and Rio to the south. Set out the bottle, Madama, and let us have the proof in an *vasito* for each of us."

"My *aguardiente*," said Madama, with pride, "is the best. It grows, in beautiful bottles, in the dark places among the banana-trees. *Si Señor*. Only at midnight can they be picked by sailor-men who bring them, before daylight comes, to your back door. Good *aguardiente* is a verree difficult fruit to handle, Señor Goodwin."

Smuggling, in Corallo, was much nearer than competition to being the life of trade. One spoke of it slyly, yet with a certain content, when it had been well accomplished.

"You have guests in the house to-night," said Goodwin, laying a silver dollar upon the counter.

"Why not?" said Madama, counting the change. "Two; but the smallest

while finished to arrive. One señor, not quite old, and one señorita of sufficient handsomeness. To their rooms they have ascended, not desiring the to-act nor the to-drink. Two rooms—*Número 9* and *Número 10*."

"I was expecting that gentleman and that lady," said Goodwin. "I have important *negocios* that must be transacted. Will you allow me to see them?"

"Why not?" sighed Madama, placidly. "Why should not Señor Goodwin ascend and speak to his friends? *Esta bueno*, Room *Número 9* and room *Número 10*."

Goodwin loosened in his coat pocket the American revolver that he carried, and ascended the steep, dark stairway.

In the hallway above, the saffron light from a hanging lamp allowed him to select the gaudy numbers on the doors. He turned the knob of Number 9, entered and closed the door behind him. If that was Isabel Guilbert seated by the table in that poorly furnished room, report had failed to do her charms justice. She rested her head upon one hand. Extreme fatigue was signified in every line of her figure; and upon her countenance a deep perplexity was written. Her eyes were gray-irised, and of that mould that seems to have belonged to the orbs of all the famous queens of hearts. Their whites were singularly clear and brilliant, concealed above the irises by heavy horizontal lids, and showing a mowly line below them. Such eyes denote great nobility, vigor, and, if you can conceive of it, a most generous selfishness. She looked up when the American entered with an expression of surprised inquiry, but without alarm.

Goodwin took off his hat and seated himself, with his characteristic deliberate ease, upon a corner of the table. He held a lighted cigar between his fingers. He took this familiar course because he was sure that preliminaries would be wasted upon Miss Guilbert. He knew her history, and the small part that the conventions had played in it.

"Good evening," he said. "Now, madame, let us come to business at once. You will observe that I mention no names, but I know who is in the next room, and what he carries in that valise. That is the point which brings me here. I have come to dictate terms of surrender."

The lady neither moved nor replied, but steadily regarded the cigar in Goodwin's hand.

"We," continued the dictator, thoughtfully regarding the neat buckskin shoe on his gently swinging foot—"I speak for a considerable majority of the people—demand the return of the stolen funds belonging to them. Our terms go very little further than that. They are very simple. As an accredited spokesman, I promise that our interference will cease if they are accepted. Give up the money, and you and your companion will be permitted to proceed wherever you will. In fact, assistance will be given you in the matter of securing a passage by any outgoing vessel you may choose. It is on my personal responsibility that I add congratulations to the gentleman in Number 10 upon his taste in feminine charms."

Returning his cigar to his mouth, Goodwin observed her, and saw that her eyes followed it and rested upon it with icy and significant concentration. Apparently she had not heard a word he had said. He understood, tossed the cigar out the window, and, with an amused laugh, slid from the table to his feet.

"That is better," said the lady. "It makes it possible for me to listen to you. For a second lesson in good man-





ners, you might now tell me by whom I am being insulted."

"I am sorry," said Goodwin, leaning one hand on the table, "that my time is too brief for devoting much of it to a course of etiquette. Come, now; I appeal to your good sense. You have shown yourself, in more than one instance, to be well aware of what is to your advantage. This is an occasion that demands the exercise of your undoubted intelligence. There is no mystery here. I am Frank Goodwin; and I have come for the money. I entered this room at a venture. Had I entered the other I would have had it before now. Do you want it in words? The gentleman in Number 10 has betrayed a great trust. He has robbed his people of a large sum, and it is I who will prevent their losing it. I do not say who that gentleman is; but if I should be forced to see him and he should prove to be a certain high official of the republic, it will be my duty to arrest him. The house is guarded. I am offering you liberal terms. It is not absolutely necessary that I confer personally with the gentleman in the next room. Bring me the valise containing the money, and we will call the affair ended."

The lady arose from her chair, and stood for a moment, thinking deeply.

"Do you live here, Mr. Goodwin?" she asked, presently.

"Yes."

"What is your authority for this intrusion?"

"I am an instrument of the republic. I was advised by wire of the movements of the gentleman in Number 10."

"May I ask you two or three questions? I believe you to be a man more apt to be truthful than—timid. What sort of a town is this—Corallo, I think they call it?"

"Not much of a town," said Goodwin, smiling. "A banana town, as they run. Grass huts, 'dohes, five or six two-story houses, accommodations limited, population half-breed Spanish and Indian, Caribs and blackamoors. No sidewalks to speak of, no amusements. Rather unmoral. That's an offhand sketch, of course."

"Are there any inducements, say in a social or in a business way, for people to reside here?"

"Oh, yes," answered Goodwin, smiling broadly. "There are no afternoon teas, no hand-organs, no department stores—and there is no extradition treaty."

"He told me," went on the lady, speaking as if to herself, and with a slight frown, "that there were towns on this coast of beauty and importance; that there was a pleasing social order—especially an American colony of cultured residents."

"There is an American colony," said Goodwin, gazing at her in some wonder. "Some of the members are all right. Some are fugitives from justice from the States. I recall two exiled bank presidents, one army paymaster under a cloud, a couple of mayslayers, and a widow—arsenic, I believe, was the suspicion in her case. I myself complete the colony, but, as yet, I have not distinguished myself by any particular crime."

"Do not lose hope," said the lady,

dryly: "I see nothing in your actions to-night to guarantee your further obscurity. Some mistake has been made; I do not know just where. But him you shall not disturb to-night. The journey has fatigued him so that he has fallen asleep, I think, in his clothes. You talk of stolen money! I do not understand you. Some mistake has been made. I will convince you. Remain where you are and I will bring you the valise that you seem to covet so, and show it to you."

She moved toward the closed door that connected the two rooms, but stopped, and half turned and bestowed upon Goodwin a grave, searching look that ended in a quizzical smile.

"You force my door," she said, "and you follow your ruffianly behavior with the basest accusations; and yet"—she hesitated, as if to reconsider what she was about to say—"and yet—it is a puzzling thing—I am sure there has been some mistake."

She took a step toward the door, but Goodwin stayed her by a light touch upon her arm. I have said before that women turned to look at him in the streets. He was the viking sort of man, big, good-looking, and with an air of kindly truculence. She was dark and proud, glowing or pale as her mood moved her. I do not know if Eve were light or dark, but if such a woman had stood in the garden I know that the apple would have been eaten. This woman was to be Goodwin's fate, and he did not know it; but he must have felt the first throes of destiny, for, as he faced her, the knowledge of what report named her turned bitter in his throat.

"If there has been any mistake," he said, hotly, "it was yours. I do not blame the man who has lost his country, his honor, and is about to lose the poor consolation of his stolen riches as much as I blame you, for, by Heaven! I can very well see how he was brought to it. I can understand, and pity him. It is such women as you that strew this degraded coast with wretched exiles, that make men forget their trusts, that drag—"

The lady interrupted him with a weary gesture.

"There is no need to continue your insults," she said, coldly, "I do not understand what you are saying, nor do I know what mad blunder you are making; but if the inspection of the contents of a gentleman's portmanteau will rid me of you, let us delay it no longer."

She passed quickly and noiselessly into the other room, and returned with the heavy leather valise, which she handed to the American with an air of patient contempt.

Goodwin set the valise quickly upon the table and began to unfasten the straps. The lady stood by, with an expression of infinite scorn and weariness upon her face.

The valise opened wide to a powerful, sidelong wrench. Goodwin dragged out two or three articles of clothing, exposing the bulk of its contents—package after package of tightly packed United States bank and treasury notes of large denomination. Reckoning from the high figures written upon the paper bands that bound them, the total must have come close upon the hundred thousand mark.

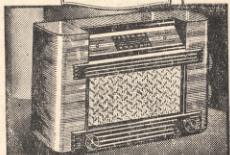
Goodwin glanced swiftly at the woman, and saw, with surprise and a thrill of pleasure that he wondered at, that she had experienced an unmistakable shock. Her eyes grew wide, she gasped, and leaned heavily against the table. She had been ignorant, then, he inferred, that her companion had looted the government treasury. But why, he angrily asked himself, should he be so well pleased to think this

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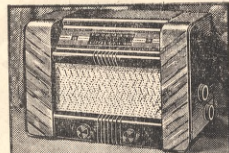
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In almost every quarter of the globe no meal is considered complete unless it contains some meat dish.

Not many years ago it was the belief that too much meat was eaten. Perhaps a century ago this criticism was justified. In recent years the pendulum has swung too far in the opposite direction. There is reason to believe that we should eat more meat than we do. Meat once a day is certainly moderate and for many persons meat twice a day seems advisable.

While it is true that certain vegetables and grains contain protein it has been shown that the animal proteins found in meats and those contained in fish, eggs and milk are much more similar to human protein than are the vegetable proteins and that much less work is required on the part of the body to break down and rebuild them into body tissues, than is the animal acids, to produce human protein. An equal amount of human protein may be sued.

### REMOVING FRUIT STAINS.

Fruit stains need not be hard to remove if treated while fresh or dried on white materials.

If fresh, pour boiling water from a height of three or four feet through the stain. The stained part is placed over a bucket on the floor. The force of the water drives out the stain. Soap should not be used because it sets the stain.

For stains that have dried on white cotton and linen, boil the fabrics from 10 to 15 minutes in a heavy suds to which one tablespoon of peroxide of hydrogen for each gallon of suds has been added. If stains such as peach, pear, and plum do not disappear, the garment should be removed another tablespoon of peroxide to the gallon of suds added, the garment returned and boiled again.

Old fruit stains or stains which have been laundered by mistake and are set can be bleached with Javelle water. Javelle water may be made as follows: Mix in one enamelled container one pound of washing-soda crystal and one quart of boiling water and in another enamelled container one-half pound of chloride of lime and two quarts of cold water; combine for several hours; then pour off or strain out the clear liquid. So bleach with Javelle water, apply it with a medicine dropper, and if a chloride of lime odour remains, rinse the spot with a solution made of one tablespoon of ammonia to two parts of water. This method removes colour.

Dry or "set" stains may also be treated with a potassium permanganate solution, followed, for cotton, linen and silk, by an oxalic acid solution, and for wool, by peroxide of hydrogen.

It must be kept out of reach of children.

### HINTS FOR THE HOME.

If a mustard plaster is mixed with the white of an egg instead of water, the mustard will not blister the skin. Kidneys may be stewed for serving with thick gravy or griled. They are also good cut up with steak for pudding or pie.

When using a new earthenware casserole, before cooking in it, fill it with cold water to which has been added a little salt and vinegar. Bring gradually to the boil in a slow oven. This will prevent cracking.

Rubbing the feet with methylated spirits will cause soreness and aching to disappear.

Silver washed in very hot soapy water and then well polished with a leather will be bright and free from scratches.

If you want to make your suet pudding light and have no eggs use graded carrot.

A little paraffin rubbed over the windows on damp days will keep them bright and clear.

When a child shows the first sign of a cold, it is an excellent plan to add a few drops of eucalyptus oil to the bath at bedtime. This gives quick relief.

## Recipes

### SAUSAGE AND EGG PIE.

Prepare your short crust paste a few hours before the pie is to be made. For the paste you will need: 5 ozs. of lard (or lard and margarine mixed) and 10 ozs. of flour. Rub the lard lightly into the flour, mix to a stiff consistency with very cold water and set aside. For the filling you need: 2 lbs. of good pork sausages and four hard-boiled eggs. Parboil the sausages and line a large round casserole or pie dish with two-thirds of the paste. Fill the pie with the halved sausages and quartered eggs. Pour over a little of the liquid in which the sausages have cooked, cover the pie in the usual way, and bake in a moderate oven for forty minutes or until nicely browned. Half these quantities will make a small

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pie, but the large size is more economical.

**BROILED CHICKEN.**

Sprinkle with salt and pepper and place on a well-greased broiler. Broil 20 minutes over a clear fire or in the broiler of gas or electric range, watching carefully and turning broiler so that all parts may be equally browned. The flesh side must be exposed to the fire the greater part of the time, as the skin side will brown quickly. Remove to hot platter, spread with soft butter and sprinkle with salt and pepper. It can be garnished with chopped parsley when serving.

**GOLDEN PLUM JELLIES.**

One pound golden plums, half ounce gelatine, two tablespoons cream, quarter pint water, quarter pound castor sugar, half pint vanilla custard.

Stalk, wash, and stew plums till very soft with the sugar and three-quarter gill water. Rub through sieve. Dissolve gelatine in remainder of water. Strain into puree and taste to be sure it is sweet enough. If not, add a little sugar and stir till dissolved. Turn into separate fluted moulds, rinse out in cold water. Leave till set. When required, turn into a dainty glass dish. Decorate each with a rose of whipped sweetened cream on top, then gently pour chilled custard round. Enough for three or four persons.

**Hints**

When small cakes or scones are taken from the oven, slip them on to a clean pastryboard and leave to cool. The board will absorb any moisture that might evaporate leaving the bottoms of the cakes quite dry.

If a small hole appears in the dust bag of a vacuum cleaner, cover it carefully with a piece of black adhesive plaster.

When frying fish, sprinkle the bottom of the pan with salt. This will prevent its sticking and the fish can be turned easily without breaking.

Rolls, biscuits and muffins may be warmed over successfully by sprinkling lightly with water and placing the pan in which they are in another pan containing water. Then heat in the oven for a few minutes and they will be as fresh as when freshly baked.

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When ironing coloured blouses, no matter of what material, do not use a very hot iron. An over-heated iron injures the colours, making them look dull and faded.

After a blanket has been washed and dried, peg it on the line and beat with a carpet-beater. This makes the blanket soft and fluffy.

Taken in a glass of water before breakfast, the juice of a lemon will help to purify the blood and cleanse the system.

You can prevent cakes from burning by greasing the cakes with lard, not butter, and sprinkling lightly with flour.

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**DETRACTION.**

It is impossible to mingle in conversation without observing that there are tempers of mind which are envious, idle, peevish and thoughtless concerning the man or woman who is rising in the esteem of his neighbours. One of the greatest meannesses which a person can be guilty of is that of detraction. The first appearance of excellence is met with opposition arising from the most unexpected places and from the lightest equipped persons. As soon as a person rises above normal achievement, he is the target of a multitude of eyes and numberless tongues, ready to wound his reputation and derogate his present worth. If he came into the world under the same advantages as they, and up to a certain time was regarded as an equal, they are inclined to be envious that he has left them behind and arrived at a place of merit and distinction. It piques their pride that they have not enjoyed the same good fortune and success, and they endeavour to dwarf his reputation by innuendo and false stories of the past. Those he has left behind are envious that he has become superior to them, and those who were once considered his superiors resent his presence as an equal. Such is the state of the world and the jealousy among men. Their pleasure is in pulling down what has been built up by those who are more capable and worthy. If they can discover any weakness or shortcoming, it is broadcast to the world always in exaggerated form. If they are unable to discern a weakness, they will create one to suit their imaginings and give it out as authentic. Their exaggerations are without effect on the listener, except those who are credulous and mistake confidence for knowledge, and the timorous who are awed by a convincing manner of speech. How willingly will detractors offer a bit of gossip which will blench a character! In secret pride they distort a flaw which they credit themselves in discovering, with the aim and intention of drawing commendation on themselves for their superiority. They will use all the secret springs of detraction to appease their envy. There seems to be no rules of honourable hostility with which those persons make their thrusts.

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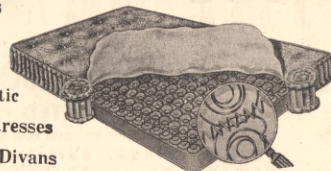
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### German Priests Are Unhindered In S. W. Africa.—

All the 37 German priests, 34 brothers and 136 sisters in the Windhoek

vicariate, South-west Africa, are continuing their work without any obstacle, states Vatican Radio.

The German Vicar Apostolic, Bishop Bothardt—an Oblate of Mary Immaculate like his missionaries—has reported at the end of an episcopal visitation that all the missions are flourishing.

Catholics in the vicariate number 13,000 and there are more than 1,100 catechumens.

### Soviet Promised Sikorski Full Religious Liberty.—

Complete religious freedom would be granted to all Polish citizens in the Soviet Union, General Sikorski, Polish leader, was promised by Soviet officials during his recent visit to Russia, "the Universe" is informed.

# Catholic News

The General took a special interest in the religious situation among the 2,000,000 Poles in Russia during his trip.

Fr. Kucharski, S.J., has been freed from prison to take charge of the clergy appointed for Polish civilians.

General Sikorski was able to attend several services by military chaplains attached to the Polish Forces.

### Catholicism in South India.—

Figures recently published reveal a remarkable increase in the Christian population of the Hindu State of Travancore, South India. During the last ten years the number of Christians has shown an increase of 45.4 per cent. The Christians at present form 30.5 per cent of the total population of the

State. The preponderating majority of this Christian population is Catholic; in the absence of exact figures it is safe to fix their number at about 900,000, the rest being divided among several non-Catholic denominations. The decade under review has witnessed no less than 100,000 conversions\* to Christianity, of which more than seventy thousand are converts to the Catholic Church. One chief feature to be noticed about these conversions—as well as of most of other present-day conversions elsewhere in India—is that they are from individuals and communities of the depressed classes, of those poor untouchables and unapproachables, who number about seventy millions, one-fifth of the total population of India. This wave of conversion among the low castes is more noticeable in Travancore because of the caste-system that is more rigorously observed there than elsewhere.

### Employers And Conscience.—

We learn from *America* that Mr. Daniel R. Foley, of Detroit, has in a radio address asked employers to examine their consciences and by way of helping them with this, has submitted the following three points for reflection:—

First, have I, by act or omission, led workmen to lose faith in God? Second, have I failed to recognize the workers' rights, especially the right to organize, to collective bargaining and to a living wage, as outlined by the Popes? Third, have I made light of the Papal Encyclicals, or the Bishops' programmes, as being too "idealistic" for the demands of "business"?

Commenting on the last point, *America* says: "It is certain that the teachings of the Popes will never be fairly considered as long as the Encyclicals are held to be good enough as pious exhortations, but impracticable in the reforms they demand. In fact, this adverse opinion is itself proof that the Papal teachings have never been read and studied. Catholic employers do not, as a rule, deliberately reject these teachings. They simply follow a policy at variance with teachings which they have never examined. They are dimly, and often uncomfortably, aware that they have one conscience for business and another for their private lives, but they find an excuse for this dichotomy in the abominable philosophy that 'business is business.'"

### Some Famous French Catholics.—

It is reported from France that the well-known Catholic poet and writer, M. Paul Claudel, formerly French Ambassador to the United States, is in safety and is living quietly in the country. He is carrying on with his commentaries on the Old Testament, the work to which he has dedicated himself since his retirement from diplomatic life. His latest published works were on the book of Judith and the book of Esther. M. Francois Mauriac, a great Catholic novelist, is also safe at present. With regard to other French Catholic laymen, nothing is known of the whereabouts of M. Daniel-Rops, who was living in Neuilly up to the German occupation, where he taught at a school. Neuilly is the residential suburb of Paris which has been reported commandeered by the Germans for billeting officers. M. Georges Bernanos, author of the "Diary of a Country Priest" and the recently published "Star of Satan," is at present in Latin America, where he went before the war.

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## CAUGHT.—

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wandering and unscrupulous singer not so black as report had painted her?

A noise in the other room startled them both. The door swung open, and a tall, elderly, dark complexioned man, recently shaven, hurried into the room.

All the pictures of President Miraflores represent him as the possessor of a luxuriant supply of dark and carefully tended whiskers; but the story of the barber, Estebán, had prepared Goodwin for the change.

The man stumbled in from the dark room, his eyes blinking at the lamp-light, and heavy from sleep.

"What does this mean?" he demanded in excellent English, with a keen and perturbed look at the American—"robbery?"

"Very near it," answered Goodwin. "But I rather think I'm in time to prevent it. I represent the people to whom this money belongs, and I have come to convey it back to them." He thrust his hand into a pocket of his loose linen coat.

The other man's hand went quickly behind him.

"Don't draw," called Goodwin, sharply; "I've got you covered from my pocket."

The lady stepped forward, and laid one hand upon the shoulder of her hesitating companion. She pointed to the table. "Tell me the truth—the truth," she said, in a low voice. "Whose money is that?"

The man did not answer. He gave a deep, long-drawn sigh, leaned and kissed her on the forehead, stepped back into the other room and closed the door.

Goodwin foresaw his purpose, and jumped for the door, but the report of the pistol echoed as his hand touched the knob. A heavy fall followed, and some one swept him aside and struggled into the room of the fallen man.

A desolation, thought Goodwin, greater than that derived from the loss of cavalier and gold must have been in the heart of the enchantress to have wrung from her, in that moment, the cry of one turning to the all-for-giving, all-comforting earthly consoler—to have made her call out from that bloody and dishonored room—"Oh, mother, mother, mother!"

But there was an alarm outside. The barber, Estebán, at the sound of the shot, had raised his voice; and the shot itself had aroused half the town. A pattering of feet came up the street, and official orders rang out on the still air. Goodwin had a duty to perform. Circumstances had made him the custodian of his adopted country's treasure. Swiftly cramming the money into the valise, he closed it, leaned far out of the window and dropped it into a thick orange-tree in the little inclosure below.

They will tell you in Corralio, as they delight in telling the stranger, of the conclusion of that tragic flight. They will tell you how the up-holders of the law came apace when the alarm was sounded—the *Comandante* in red slippers and a jacket like a head waiter's and girded sword, the soldiers with their interminable guns, followed by outnumbering officers struggling into their gold lace and epaulettes; the bare-footed policemen (the only capables in the lot), and ruffled citizens of every hue and description.

They say that the countenance of the dead man was marred sadly by the effects of the shot; but he was identified as the fallen president by both Goodwin and the barber Estebán. On the next morning messages began to

come over the mended telegraph wire; and the story of the flight from the capital was given out to the public. In San Mateo the revolutionary party had seized the sceptre of government, without opposition, and the vivas of the mercurial populace quickly effaced the interest belonging to the unfortunate Miraflores.

They will relate to you how the new government sifted the towns and racked the roads to find the valise containing Anchuria's surplus capital, which the president was known to have carried with him, but all in vain. In Corralio Señor Goodwin himself led the searching party which combed that town as carefully as a woman combs her hair; but the money was not found.

So they buried the dead man, without honors, back of the town near the

little bridge that spans the mangrove swamp; and for a real boy will show you his grave. They say that the old woman in whose hut the barber shaved the president placed the wooden slab at his head, and burned the inscription upon it with a hot iron.

You will hear also that Señor Goodwin, like a tower of strength, shielded Doña Isabel Guilbert through those subsequent distressful days; and that his scruples as to her past career (if he had any) vanished; and her adventuresome waywardness (if she had any) left her, and they were wedded and were happy.

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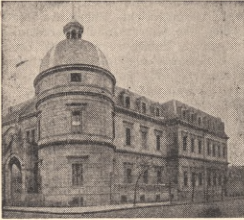
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"No, sir. I'm only a policeman!"

A Scotchman, off on a business trip, called back as he was leaving the house: "Good-bye all; and dianna forget to ta' little Donald's glasses off him when he isn't looking at anything."

Vicar—"I hear, Pat, they've gone dry in the village where your brother lives."

Pat—"Dry, is it? Sure they're parched. I've just had a letter from Mike and the postage stamp was stuck on with a pin."

The lights in a crowded bus had failed.

"Can I find you a strap?" inquired a tall strap-hanger of a young lady who had boarded the bus at the last stop.

"Thank you," she replied, "but I have one already."

"Then would you mind letting go my tie?" said he, shyly.

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head.

"What a wonderful head," said a girl who had come to inspect them.

"How did you get that? Was he very savage?"

"I had a terrible time with that buffalo," replied the hunter. "Never had such a morning in my life. I shot it in my pyjamas."

"Good heavens!" murmured the girl. "That's perfectly wonderful. However did it get them on?"

Captain of village football team (as massive centre-forward of opposing side scored a goal)—"You're a nice full back! Why the dickens didn't you stop him?"

Full back—"Stop 'im, be 'anged! It took me all my time to get out of 'is way!"

"Good mornin' ma'am," said the neighbour; "an' how are you?"

"Sure, an' it's an anxious time I'm havin' between me husband an' the fire. If I keep me eye on the wan, the other is sure to go out."

A negress, asking the New Mexico State Employment Service to help her to find a job, said her husband had been in a car smash and suffered "conclusion of de brain."

"You mean concussion of the brain?" suggested the official.

"No, suh," said the negress. "Ah means conclusion of de brain. He's dead."

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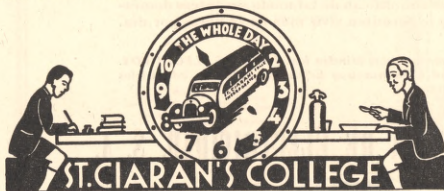
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Pero, mientras que la educación que nos dan, así en el hogar como en la escuela, es generalmente incompleta, desarmónica y tiene sólo carácter PASIVO, la educación que nosotros mismos nos damos es voluntaria, y tiene, por consiguiente, un carácter ACTIVO. Las dos influyen nuestro presente y nuestro porvenir, pero en muy distinto grado. Mientras que la primera educación se limita a colocar las bases, firmes o deleznable, de nuestro futuro, la auto educación nos permite, no solamente afirmar esas bases, sino construir sobre ellas el edificio de nuestra verdadera y completa personalidad. La educación de sí mismo es, pues, la más importante. Y es, también, la única meritoria en cada individuo, por ser obra exclusiva de su propio esfuerzo.

## EL PODER DE LA VOLUNTAD.

Los materiales para esta educación personal debemos sacarlos de nosotros mismos. Son nuestros pensamientos y sentimientos, lenta y penosamente elaborados por nuestros estudios y experiencias.

Pero, no debe olvidarse que estos pensamientos y sentimientos, por arraigados que se encuentren, son simplemente fuerzas latentes, en potencia; y que sólo entrarán en acción, ya sea por el influjo de las circunstancias exteriores, en cuyo caso pueden conducirnos a eventualidades contrarias a nuestros propósitos, o bien por imperio de la propia voluntad, único caso en el que podemos dirigirlos y controlarlos.

Es, pues, de importancia fundamental para la educación de sí mismo, cultivar exclusivamente ideas y sentimientos que armonicen con nuestros propósitos. En consecuencia, es necesario establecer previamente, y con claridad, cuales son, o, más bien dicho, cuáles deben ser estos propósitos.

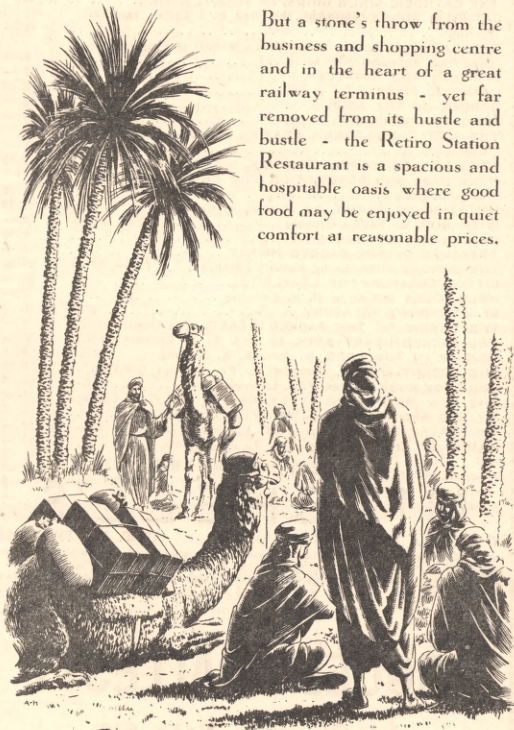
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## Genius And Illness

WHENEVER illness and genius are mentioned in the same breath, the old question soon arises: how much does the genius owe to his illness? Was it the handicap of poor health that led to his or her stepping aside from the rather heedless onrush of the crowd? Was it a fragile frame that led to concentration and to the gaining of leisure for individual thought and reading and study? Was the outbreak of talent just a compensatory process for achievements that were commonplace joys to the ordinary mortal but were denied to the ill genius (such as sport, companionship, etc.)?

We should be tempted to answer "yes"—but a moment's reflection on the upbringing of many of the world's "great" makes us halt abruptly in doing so.

Take Charlotte Brontë—always a frail, delicate child and girl. Read her life—and you will see the really never had one idle moment. She passed from an extremely hard school to equally hard governessing, then to nursing a household of four invalids, and eventually to a short personal period filled with maternity ills. Keats, who also was frail from early childhood, put in five stiff years walking the hospitals, passed his medical examinations, and yet succeeded in producing a remarkable output, considering he died at twenty-five years.

Mozart, as we know, poor infant, had already played in London, Paris and Vienna, by the time he was eight years old. Beethoven's parents locked him up to work at his music when he was only four. Little of the leisured dalliance that we might expect at the unfolding of genius here!

The tubercular sufferer, due to the heightened fever, is metabolizing at a higher pitch than ordinary mortals—there is just that extra draught or "flame" burning up his frame. Then in an illness where a specific cure still awaits discovery, there is the feeling of doom about tuberculosis. And where this arises there is always a throwing-off—to some degree anyway—of the chains and inhibitions of tradition, taboos, and the like.

Another binding thread linking ill-health and genius may be that the continual facing of physical troubles often brings out the grit and courage of a character—qualities that seep over into the artist's work. Robert Louis Stevenson wrote once that he had done his work unflinchingly through fourteen years of sickness and "for so long it seems to me I have won my wager and recovered my glove. And that the battles goes on—ill or well, it is a trifle; so as it goes."

Then we learn from Romain Rolland that Beethoven's face, which formerly had been grim and forlorn and forbidding, had grown, in spite of all his troubles, smiling and jovial by 1820. And, of course, we all know the amazing fact that by 1830 Scott had actually paid off one-half of the enormous sum for which he had been held liable—£200,000 in 1825!—although he had had his first stroke on the 15th February of that year.

And then we have Katherine Mansfield's courageous philosophy summed up in one of her own letters: "But like everything else in life—I mean all suffering, however great,—we have to get over it—to cease from harking back to it—to grin and bear it and to hide the wounds. More than that, and far more true, is we have to find the gift in it. We can't afford to waste such an expenditure of feeling; we have to learn from it—and we do. I

most deeply believe, come to be thankful for it. By saying we can't afford to waste feeling I sound odious and cynical. I don't feel it. What I mean is everything must be accepted."

And I have never forgotten since reading the life of Mary Baker Eddy years ago, that she literally arose from a bed of illness well over forty years of age to create a religious sect that is amazingly widespread throughout the world—and to manage to leave a substantial fortune as well.

Lastly we have H. G. Wells's supreme little courage-rap: "I have been dying for nearly two-thirds of a year, and I have died enough!"

I believe it was Dryden who said "great wits are sure to madness near allied"—and that idea has come down the ages to us. The abstraction and eccentricities of geniuses leave them open to ridicule and suspicion of mental abnormality among the normal herd. But I believe that in the light of the newer knowledge of mental derangement and diseases towards which we are crawling feebly, many of our so-called mad geniuses will be discovered as having suffered from maladies in no way related to insanity.

So when I read you the following list of famous artistic giants who have been dubbed "mad," I ask you to accept it with a large grain of salt. Here it is: Tasso, Southey, Ben Jonson, Rousseau, Cowper, Bataille, Schumann, Baudelaire, Guy de Maupassant, Van Gogh.

Swift was formerly on this list, but now we know that he was never insane. Admittedly he became senile after seventy years—but his eccentricities and deafness and fits of irritability were due to what is now known as Meniere's Disease.

There is one element more than any other which seems to me to be the cause of lost many geniuses to us long before their major work has been accomplished—and this element is strain.

The whirl in which Mozart spent his time just spun him out of life at thirty years. Balzac consistently overworked, allowing himself no more than four or five hours sleep daily. He worked all night and ate fruit and drank black coffee—and died at fifty years. Moliere was acting the malade imaginaire in his own play when he had a haemorrhage and died suddenly at thirty-three years. Katherine Mansfield joined the Gurdjeff Institute at Fontainebleau where we find her, a very sick woman, carrying logs for her own fire, and helping in the activities of the Institute, a few weeks before death. Emily Brontë we find up and dressed stoically and carrying on with grim determination the very day she died.

Those two giants who had the good fortune—or the good sense—to repose and to adjust themselves to their somewhat crippled lives are still happily with us—G. B. Shaw and H. G. Wells. They both had the luck to find staunch women—Shaw his "heirress who bodily took him away from London and his crutches to repair his tubercular ankle in the country; and Wells a student-wife who sold her mother's house to provide funds for the impecunious but hard-working author.

Doctors are fast awakening to the fascinating interest of probing the medical secrets of our past heroes, and some interesting medical facts have come lately to light. We now know that Balzac died of a dilated aorta accompanied by a hyperatrophied heart. Guy de Maupassant followed his brother three years afterwards into a mental



**S**T. PATRICK tells us in his "Confession" that he was born in the vicus or town of Bonaven Taberniae. (Various readings are given for this town in different manuscripts.) Scholars have given much time to research in an effort to locate this vicus. Though France, Scotland, and England have each laid claims to possess within their boundaries the birthplace of the Apostle of the Irish, the claims of France can be dismissed easily. In the first place, Muirchu, the earliest biographer of the Saint (he began his work sometime before 699 A. D.), identifies Bonaven Tabernae with a place called Ventre, which was had procul a mari nostro that is, it was near the Irish Channel.

Moreover, St. Patrick himself in his "Confession" says, "And again after many years I was in Britain with my relatives, who received me as a son" (Migne, P. L. 53, 806). Later on, while carrying on his sacred ministry among the Irish, he uses the expression,

asylum and died from G.P.I. (By the way, he achieved the prodigious output of twenty-seven volumes of sermons in ten years!) Mozart nowadays is the chief medical puzzle, as his last illness is variously attributed to rheumatic fever, malignant typhus, consumption, and cerebral fever. The post-mortem findings remark on nothing but inflammation of the brain.

And Beethoven runs him close. The post-mortem reports stated that "the auditory nerves (especially that on the right side) were atrophied, there was ulceration of the larynx, and a nodulated liver half the normal size." But Romain Rolland tells us that Beethoven died of a neglected pleurisy.

## The Birthplace of St. Patrick

(By JOHN W. MORAN, S.J.)

"wherefore, then, even if I wished to leave them and proceed to Britain . . . as to my native land and kindred, and not only that, but to proceed even as far as Gaul to visit the brethren" (Migne 810). Now the Britain of which St. Patrick wrote was not Brittany. For the Saint died during the last half of the fifth century. At that time, Brittany was still called by its Latin name, Armorica. The term Brittany did not come into use until some time after the Britons fled to Gaul in order to escape the Saxon invaders—in other words, not until after the Saint's death.

St. Patrick in his "Confession" tells us that his grand-father was a priest; and that his father Calpurnius was a deacon. He also gives us the information that his family had a small villa (villula), near the village of Bonaven Taberniae and that it was at this villa that he was captured. (Migne, 801.) In his "Epistle against Corotaticus," St. Patrick gives us this additional information in regard to himself: "I was well born according to the flesh. My father was a deacon." He also tells us that his Irish captors harried the men servants and the maid servants of his father's house (Migne, 816).

Therefore, the Saint's father was a deacon, that is, a member of the town senate, for (1) the Saint was well born according to the flesh; (2) his father had a villula or a country residence; and (3) an establishment of men servants and maid servants. The word *decurion* among the Romans also meant a military officer. But a

military decurion was an officer of the lowest grade; he commanded only ten soldiers. If St. Patrick's father was a military decurion the Saint could hardly have said, "I was well born according to the flesh. My father was a deacon."

From these facts we can argue with the aid of modern archeological discoveries in attempting to find the birthplace of St. Patrick. Whether the Saint's father was also a deacon does not vitiate our argument. However, we may suggest in passing that he was not a deacon. The word *deaconem* in the first chapter of the "Confession" is probably a copyist's error for *decurionem*. In no other place in St. Patrick's writings is there any word or context which brings out any connection with his father and the diaconate.

Secondly, Pope Siricius in 385 extended to the whole Latin Church the thirty-third canon of the Council of Elvira which imposed celibacy upon the three higher orders, bishops, priests, and deacons, and commanded those who were married to abstain from intercourse with their wives under pain of deposition. Now St. Patrick was born in 387 or 389. This decree would not militate against the fact of St. Patrick's grandfather being a priest.

However, as we have said before, it is immaterial to our argument whether or not Calpurnius was a deacon. He certainly was a deacon or a member of the town senate. He belonged to that part of Britain where the Roman civil rule flourished, where there

were villas and establishments of men servants and maid servants. Therefore his son was born not only south of the Antonine Wall, but even south of Hadrian's Wall. The late Professor Haverfield, the great authority on Roman Britain, has pointed out that there were two distinct divisions of Roman Britain; the northern and western uplands, occupied by troops, and the eastern and southern lowlands which contained nothing but civil life. He says: "We shall not find much trace of Romanization in the uplands. There neither towns existed nor villas (italics mine). Northwards, no town or country house has been found beyond the neighbourhood of Aldborough (Ipswich), some fifteen miles north-west of York" ("Romanization of Roman Britain," p. 24).

These archeological discoveries, which are confirmed by the "Antonine Wall Report," issued by the Glasgow Archeological Society (1899), upset the opinion of Cardinal Moran and other eminent Patrician scholars who support the claims of Dumbarton (Scotland), as the birthplace of the Saint. Dumbarton is more than 150 miles north of York. As Professor Bury, one of the greatest authorities in this matter, points out, "the Rock of Clyde" (Dumbarton), "is the last part of the fourth century," "is the last place we should expect to find the villula of a Roman deacon."

St. Patrick's birthplace therefore is in some part of Britain which corresponds to the Roman *domi* rather than to *militiae*. Can we identify Bonaven Taberniae? We can with a high degree of probability. Muirchu gives us a valuable hint. He says: "We have ascertained repeatedly that this town is unquestionably Ventre." He adds, more-

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over, as we have seen, that it was *haud procul a mari nostro*—that is, it was near the Irish Channel.

Now we have to look in the south-western part of England for Ventre, a place which would have villas and the trappings of Roman urban life. Ventre is most likely, "Venta" (Silturum), the modern Caerwent, not far distant from the estuary of the Severn, *haud procul a mari nostro*.

The "Excavations of Caerwent" (1907-1912) in "Archeologica," Vols. 61, 62, and 63, make very interesting reading. The foundation of Venta is placed as early as a period between 80 and 85 A.D. It had a Curia (and hence *decurions*) from at least the third century. It had guilds of tradesmen, a Forum, and a Basilica. There are evi-

dences of central heating, a stone amphitheater (the only one yet excavated in Britain), while one of the private houses shows all the appurtenances of the bath such as would be found in the Imperial City. In other words, Roman civilization had deeply impregnated the private and public life of Venta. It is no wonder then that Dr. Helena Concanon and Dr. Eoin MacNeill have selected Caerwent as the birthplace of the Apostle of the Irish.

In any case, modern discoveries have established two truths: (1) the popular tradition in favor of Dumbarton must yield to scientific evidence; and (2) if Caerwent is not the birthplace of St. Patrick, it was in some part of Romanized Britain near the Irish Channel that the Saint was born.

## Mixed Marriages

Writing on "The Catholic Church and Marriage" in the "Catholic News" Port of Spain, Most Rev. Dr. Finbar Ryan, O. P., treats of Mixed Marriages as follows:-

EVERYWHERE and most strictly does the Catholic Church forbid marriage between Catholics and persons who, whether baptised or not, are not Catholics, and declares that if there be danger of the perversion of the Catholic party or of the children from their faith, such a marriage is directly forbidden by the law of God itself. To this prohibition She adds an urgent warning to Catholics against marriage with a person who has notoriously abandoned the Catholic faith, even without joining a sect, or with one who is a member of a society condemned by the Church, such as the Freemason society; for those who put aside their baptismal vows are not likely to be scrupulous about their marriage promises either.

Our Divine Lord lifted marriage from the level of a mere natural contract and made it a Sacrament precisely that it might not be left to the hazard of unaided human goodwill. When young people are in love (or, mistaking the flush of passion for real affection, suppose they are in love) they think little of the Sacrament they are to confer upon each other, and it cannot be too much lamented that the celebration of marriage has come to be so much of a social event. One doubts if it is looked upon as a Sacrament at all.

### OPPOSITION OF IDEAS.

Many non-Catholics do not regard it as a Sacrament, so that from the very start there is a complete opposition of ideas. The first novelty of wedded bliss over the humdrum realities of life have to be faced, and then the lack of supporting religious principles is soon felt. There is no community of daily prayer, no common worship on Sunday. Family, so far, even business interests somehow diverge on religious lines. When children come, at once arises the religious issue in regard to baptism, and more acutely still when their education has to be considered. Later, the seemingly easy solution of the difficulties of married life by its degradation and abuse lures one or other party, perhaps both, towards spiritual ruin and despair.

The Catholic Church is old and very wise, and so far from relaxing Her opposition to mixed marriages in modern times, She warns Her children more emphatically than ever against them. When just and grave reasons exist, as exist they often do, She does

not refuse a dispensation, but She will not grant it without having received a serious guarantee from the non-Catholic party that the Catholic shall have complete freedom, both physical and moral, in regard to religious practice, and that all children of the union shall be baptised and educated as Catholics.

So far as the celebration is concerned, She insists that it shall be before the Catholic priest, and that neither before nor after, neither personally nor by proxy, shall there be another ceremony before a non-Catholic minister acting as such; She withholds Her solemn nuptial blessing, and abates the signs of joy that properly adorn a Catholic wedding. Her too sad experience bids Her regard the mixed marriage with mixed feelings indeed, and when they are the hasty remedy for the consequences of sin, She is less optimistic still.

### WHAT THE CHURCH KNOWS

The Church's attitude must not be regarded as a supercilious judgment passed on all and sundry outside Her community. She is aware that many mixed marriages do "produce a happy wedded life" and thanks God for it. Such cases justify Her trust in allowing them, as they honour the integrity of those who give their word and stand by it. But She aims, as She is bound, at safeguarding the faith and happiness of Her own children, and indeed, indirectly, at saving the non-Catholic from unhappiness too. She knows well the answer to the Scriptural question: Can two walk together if they are not agreed? She knows, too, how great the strain may be upon the loyalty of those who have made promises without realising all they must mean, and how often these promises have been meanly and dishonourably repudiated. She knows, in fine, how often, as a result of this dishonour and violence, the Catholic drifts from the practice of religion, and some or all of the children are baptised by non-Catholic ministers or educated outside the Catholic Church. This loss of children is Her greatest sorrow, and against it She erects the barrier of excommunication.

"In vain the net is spread before the eyes of them that have wings," says the Holy Scripture, a bird after being snared because each thinks it will escape capture. So it is with many young Catholics facing a mixed marriage. When passion has clipped their wings, they find wedlock a net of unhappiness, and flight towards heaven hard if not impossible. Would they were wise in time.

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