

From Erin's Green Isle

NEWS BY MAIL FROM IRELAND'S SHORES.

Happenings in the Emerald Isle of Interest to Irishmen.

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The Dublin Investments in War Bonds under the War Savings Committee scheme since March 1st total £1,277,500.

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The Right Hon. James O'Connor was sworn in by the Lord Chancellor as a judge of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice.

Lady Rosemore, of Rosemore, Co. Monaghan, was fined £10 for sending a telegram which stated that the Germans were marching on Calais.

Capt. T. H. Crofton, M.C. Connaught Rangers, son of Sir Malby and Lady Crofton, Longford House, Ballisodare, has been killed in action.

The Government have decided to construct a railway line connecting the Castlecomer collieries with the G. S. & W. Railway System.

The Lord Chancellor has called to the Irish Bar Mr. Joseph Flanagan, B.A., National University of Ireland, S. R. Kingston, District Inspector, R.I.C., has resigned after forty-one years of service, the latter part in Corktown.

The Dublin County Council has granted its rate collectors an increase in salaries of £20 per annum.

The staff of the London, Liverpool & Globe Insurance Company entered the soldiers at Sir Frederick Don's Hospital.

The total flax crop in Ireland in 1917 was 11,334 tons, and was worth in money £2,717,981.

An appeal has been made to the school children of Ireland to collect tufts of wool from the hedges and commons before the burning-time.

Hon. Arthur Graham, who is a son of the Earl of Meath, has been compelled to resign his commission in the army owing to ill health.

Arthur Samuel, K.C., M.P., has been sworn in as Attorney-General for Ireland.

Following the tractor, there has arrived in Dublin a large consignment of harvesting machinery.

The Military Cross has been awarded to Rev. Charles B. Doane, rector of Tullamore, for conspicuous bravery.

The Royal Red Cross has been awarded to Miss M. E. Johnston, matron of the U.V.F. Hospital, Belfast.

A concert was given to the wounded men in George V. Hospital, Dublin, by the Edward R. Symonds concert party.

After twenty-one years' service as Master of Ferness Workhouse, F. M. Gormley has resigned, owing to ill health.

The police have taken possession of all the ammunition in the stock of the Younghals hardware merchants.

The Lord Chancellor of Ireland distributed the Junior prizes at the Royal Irish Academy of Music, Belfast.

In his last annual report the medical health officer of Tuam stated that he was pleased to report that the old single room cabin was giving way to a more sanitary class of building.

The Galway Urban Council is considering proposals for the taking over of the Galway and Salthills Tramways Co.

The Food Controller has refused permission to the Master of the Athlone Workhouse to kill pigs for use in that institution.

UKRAINIAN GRAIN IS COSTLY. German Press Indignant Because Native Farmers Receive Less From Government.

German newspapers received here are filled with violent protests against the Government food director, who is paying higher prices for Ukrainian grain than German farmers are permitted to charge, says a despatch from Amsterdam. The matter has been taken up by the German Farmers Union.

The rich land owners, who wield great influence within Government circles, are up in arms and predict dire things unless this "shameful discrimination" is stopped immediately.

While consuming and starving Germany was halting the arrival of Ukrainian grain with shouts of joy and songs of praise, the junkers who are in the agricultural business not only for their health and for glory, but also for profit, made the surprising discovery that the German food dictator is paying for rye imported from the Ukraine 140 marks per ton more than German farmers are allowed to charge. And for Ukrainian wheat Germany pays even 200 marks per ton more than is the maximum price fixed for German producers.

Meat loses one-fifth and upwards of its weight in cooking.

"Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle."—Michael Angelo.

A pure-bred sire is as necessary to the success of the man who disposes of his stock to the butcher as to the man who specializes in breeding animals.

The Home Bank of Canada Makes Steady Progress

Steady progress and expansion is recorded by the Home Bank of Canada in its statement for the fiscal year ending May 31st.

Under conservative and energetic direction the Home Bank has been forging ahead and improving its financial position.

Right along the Management has carried out a number of thrift campaigns and these have resulted in a very considerable increase in the number of savings accounts at the various branches.

With its larger resources the Bank, in turn, has been able to handle a larger amount of general business throughout the country.

One of the outstanding features of the report is the gain of almost \$3,000,000 in total deposits. During the Victory Loan Campaign the Bank has been assisting its customers and depositors, with the result that there were withdrawals of \$2,000,000 from the bank.

The marked gains made by the Home Bank during the past year must be regarded as the best indication of the further strides it is likely to make with its organization strengthened in different parts of the country.

The total assets have increased almost \$3,000,000 and now stand at \$23,675,532, compared with \$20,745,529 a year ago. Of this amount liquid assets amount to \$11,073,182.

Holdings of Dominion Notes amount to \$3,129,010, Canadian municipal and British foreign and colonial public securities amount to \$2,227,322 as compared with \$1,214,450 last year.

The success of the thrift campaign carried out by the Bank has resulted in gains in savings deposits, now standing at \$11,073,182, up from \$10,243,553, while deposits not bearing interest now stand at \$4,143,294 up from \$2,296,465.

TALE OF "THE FORTY MARTYRS"

TWO SCORE CHRISTIAN STUDENTS OF ARMENIA.

Sold Into Slavery, Deported Into Arabian Deserts, or Brutally Massacred by Turks.

One of the "Forty Martyrs," a thin, wiry Armenian woman, has arrived in the United States from the inferno of Asia Minor, bringing a wretched tale of the terrible conditions that maintain there now under Moslem rule, backed up by the purveyors of Hun frightfulness, now recognized as every whit as dark and hideous as the barbarities practiced these many years by the unspeakable Turk against the helpless Armenians.

It was my privilege to hear her story, says an American writer.

The "Forty Martyrs" were two score talented young Armenian girls who at the beginning of the world war were students at Anatolia College in the Armenian city of Marsovan, and who vowed among themselves in a secret pact, sworn to with all the passionate ardor of their race, that they would each and every one submit to the most harrowing tortures or die by their own hand rather than embrace Mohammedanism.

So far as known, this young girl, Armenue Damerjian, is the only one of the "Forty Martyrs" who has escaped to America, although every one in a while the Armenian colonies in the various large American metropolitan centres welcome to their midst with tears of joy some emaciated, tortured exile from the harems or prisons of the Moslem.

Father and Mother Taken. She took up the story of the "Forty Martyrs" as though an ordeal that she dreaded.

"My father was an Armenian minister," she began. "When the war began many of our young men were commandeered and forced into the Turkish army. Think what that means—brother fighting against brother! My father, with many other men, was deported. Can you imagine what that means? A gendarme at the front door during the night; a peremptory demand to be at the mobilization point

in the morning; forced to go whether you want to or not. Oh, it has happened a thousand times just as it did in the case of my poor father. Where is he to-day? I do not know. Probably dead—at least, I hope so, rather than enduring savage cruelties, or dying from thirst and hunger, while being lashed for inability to perform hard manual labor.

"You know what the Turks do with our middle-aged and older men. Chain them together in squads of fifteen, twenty or thirty. March them for miles out into the open country. Stop along some desolate roadway. Turn their guns upon them and shoot them down like so many defenceless sheep. I have seen the roads in Asia Minor piled with the dead bodies of Armenians so that it was impossible to pass until the barricade of flesh had been removed. I have seen whole families massacred in this way—the homes of mother, father and innocent children stretched out upon the highway.

The "Forty Martyrs." "My mother was torn away from us in just this fashion. It was terrible to see father go and to think of what probably would happen to him. It was terrible to think that mother—

"God in heaven, I have prayed over and over, will it ever end? Will poor, down-trodden Armenia ever be saved from the horrors of her desolation and her crucifixion. Surely, if the world is to be made safe for democracy, little Armenia will be saved from her destroyers and made safe for her own brave people."

"The 'Forty Martyrs,' this girl resumed, "were all young Armenian women just like myself, college students seeking to elevate themselves through the educational facilities provided us by Christian America and Christian Europe. A leader of the gendarmes came to our school and made it known that we, too, must follow in the footsteps of the cavalcade moving eastward to the deserts. It was either a case of suicide or go along. And well we knew what was in store.

"All of us agreed that we would suffer anything rather than bow to Mohammedanism. A number of them, the prettiest, were taken into harems. It has been established that one of the forty escaped there after killing her keeper. Many of them had tried to avoid just such a fate as the harem by scarring their faces.

"The director of our school personally found several of the girls being auctioned off on the public block and bought them back. They were obtained for \$5 each.

"I was gotten back through the intervention of one of our teachers. I will not go into all the details of my lot, except to say that first we were invited to accept Mohammedanism. Then when we refused we were asked to marry the Turks. Refusal of course meant that some of the girls were hurried off to the harems while others were deported, as I was, toward the east.

Death by Torture. "It was either a case of go along or take your own life. And means of suicide were not always available. Yet many, many Armenian girls cast themselves into rivers or over cliffs to a death preferable to tortures or indecencies.

"In the town of Harpout the Turks took 200 Armenians into a church, did as they pleased with them, then killed every single one and finally burned the church to cover the awful crime.

"In one fireplace were found the skulls of forty children.

"Many, very many, including some of the Forty Martyrs, were scorched, and some of them thrown into vats of boiling oil. Many of the priests and preachers were crucified.

"I could go on and on. But it is all the same horrible story. I got back to Constantinople from Beirut and thence into Switzerland, through the kind offices of our school missionary teachers, all of whom were driven out when the United States and Germany went to war. And now I have arrived in free America. And here I shall remain, hoping and longing and praying for the day when the oppressed of my poor Armenia will be oppressed no more."

ANOTHER CANADIAN V. C. Charged the Enemy Single-Handed and Captured Prisoners.

The Victoria Cross was to-night gazetted to Lieut. George Burdon McKean, Canadian infantry, aged 30, says a London despatch of June 30. He enlisted at Edmonton as private in January, 1916. He won the Military Medal and was wounded in 1916 and received a commission in May, 1917. He is still in France. His mother lives in Calgary. McKean's party was held up in a communication trench by a most intense fire from machine guns. Realizing this block unless destroyed might mar the success of the whole operation, McKean ran into the open, leaped over the blockhead on top of the enemy. When a man rushed at him with a bayonet McKean shot him through the body, then shot the man underneath him who was struggling violently. This gallant action enabled the capture of the position.

McKean's supply of bombs ran out and whilst waiting a further supply he engaged the enemy single-handed. On bombs arriving he fearlessly rushed a second block, killing two and capturing four and driving the remainder, with a machine gun, into a dogout, which was destroyed. This officer's splendid dash and bravery undoubtedly saved many lives.

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