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The events of the last few years must have seriously disturbed many thoughtful people who have been wont to regard History as a trustworthy Court of Appeal. Many accepted notions have been displaced of late, this among the number. When we reflect upon the liability of even the wisest to err, either by excess or defect, and realise to some extent the deflecting influences that make impartial conclusions almost impossible, we are apt to give up all dependence upon human testimony in this permanent form. Patriotism beclands the brightest minds when describing present day occurrences; can it be supposed that historians are more unprejudiced than jour-

Some of us remember of hearing of the discussions which agitated magazine writers and readers a generation ago as to whether a Science of History were possible. Writers of the day decided one way or the other according to their temperament and modes of study. The picturesque school - Macauley, Froude, Green, and others-who sought to make their histories readable and interesting, dismissed the idea of scientific accuracy as absurd; Freeman, Gardiner, Stubbs, and the rest, more or less sacrificed literary attractiveness to minute detail, emphasising social and economical movements that wrought beneath the surface of the common life.

History formed a more important branch of learning in the days when the novel was a rare but often a forbidden fruit in many households. Our educated forefathers had at least a smattering of classical literature; they knew that Herodotus and Tuncydides were well worth reading, not merely because they dealt with the earlier Greek annals, but also for their lively descriptive style. Livy and Tacitus interested them in the same way when dealing with Roman affairs in after days.

Carlyle spent many laborious years over his Life of Frederick the Great: he spent other years on his History of the French Revolution; can it be said that his account of the forces which lay behind those thrilling events and outstanding personalities have been displayed in their fulness, or that the genius of that great writer has cleared the way for a correct estimate of German and French character? The truth is that infalli-bility is not a human attribute, and nothing that needs to be impressed no tribunal exists from which verpresent-day history has to be comof Appeal than our contemporaries of this age have been. We shall back upon the more credible uses of History in moulding the minds of intelligent students.

Lord Morley once spoke of History as." an epic art, a source of bright and living popular influence." There is much to be said for this view, which is more concerned with the story of human progress as literature than with exactitude in matters of detail. We may also assume that for ordinary purposes the general verdict of History will be fairly ac- that is!" curate: it is when great men and women who have played distin. of guished parts on the public stage are judged by partial reviewers of their acts, that praise or blame is dealt sideration would justify. There are portion.

torical verdicts when passion and reason and good sense.-E. C. R. prejudice color the outlook. It illustrates the necessity of cultivatmarched at the head of movements men seek to hedge it in.

gone generations. Then the element of Romance cannot safely be ignored, IRELAND SEEN THROUGH IRISH when the posture of the chronicler is duly considered. The enchantments of the Muse extend to scenes in which heroic character stands out boldly against the dull background Poesy and avowed Fiction only does imagination work to scale and pattern; History confesses the charm of eloquent description - if the Northeast form a distinct would indeed lie inert on the shelves of libraries if its materials were lumped together without art, as too many neglected treatises on the most sacred subjects prove in their dusty graves. Why is it that certain personalities retain a perennial interest for mankind, while others have faded into comparative insignificance as years rolled by? Not their supereminent virtues alone account for the selection of names to adorn the roll of fame ; rather has fancy seized upon the striking qualities of men and women who have drawn all eyes by their courage and cleverly simulated greatness, the contemplation of which has uplifted the observing crowd. Thus a Casar magnetising successive generations mentalism critics like Matthew Arnold waged incessant war, mostly student; its plea for impartiality, the deepest note in this serious cut off contention for naked truth in the review of great events.

## THE COURTS-AND SENATORS

Mr. Justice Latchford does well to emphasize the equality of all citizens before the law. Despatches from Ottawa, which tell of the alleged claim of Senator George W. Fowler that he is entitled to decline to obay the summons of the court to attend defendant because he is a member of the cost of his railway ticket the Senate, make rather remarkable and remain at home. And threereading. It is satisfactory to note that His Lordship dismissed the of the incident to impress upon the Waterford have only to wake up to Senator, and upon the public, that their opportunities, and Baltaet will courts have no more respect for a not be missed from the commercial Senator than for an ordinary indiand and industrial life of the Scuth.

There is nothing that this country needs more at the present time than confidence in the justice and absolute more upon the public mind than the assurance that all men are equal in dicts of truth in right proportion can the eyes of the law. The impudent be reasonably expected. We know presumption that, by reason of his that the crude material out of which position, any individual can claim special privilege ought to be dealt present day history has to be com-pounded represents discordant facts His Lordship was right when he and dublous inferences; the succeed- went further and pointed out that ing generations will be no more the fact that a man was a Senator competent to act as a Supreme Court was all the more reason why he

should respect and obey the courts. The case in question was billed for have to speak less confidently than Senator Fowler was in the city and our predecessors used to do on the in good health. The Senate in the subject of historical verdicts, falling present Parliamentary session has had as yet practically nothing to do. It has adjourned for nearly three weeks at a time. Yet one of its members has the audacity to claim the privilege of having a case in the which was Ontario Supreme Court heard at his convenience simply because he is a

"Because I am a Senator I do not have to attend the court." declared learned Justice characterized the impertinent declaration in a sound, healthy, bluntly spoken, Canadian

"Rot" is right - and it is the kind that this country cannot and must not tolerate.-The Globe.

Senators and Members of Parliament seem disposed to question out more lavishly than calm con- Judge Latchford's decision in the matter. Senator Fowler was in modify hasty verdicts in such cases; Ottawa Court. The Senate was not partizanship carries with it a secret even in session. It may be hoped bias which throws things out of pro- that if parliamentary privileges and immunities cover such a case that This is a crucial instance of the these survivals of another age will uncertainty which attaches to his. be modified in accordance with

" God's truth is mighty, and it has ing a critical sense of values when envisaging the careers of those who

EYES

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ULSTER TRADE AFRAID OF PARTITION Bill, reports that there is rapidly growing in commercial circles high commercial props, may get from under. The Commissioner intimates that it is only the terror of the Orange machine which is curbing the Belfast tradesmen, and keeping them trom coming into the open. He says that only for the Orange machine the divergence of interest between the wholesale merchant, tobacco manufacturer, distiller, and flour merchant on the one hand, and "the masters of the nut throwers," the Orange politicians, on the other, would cause open rupture in the ranks. The Belfast bankers feel the position more keenly than others, he finds-because in recent years, at great cost of labor, time, and money, they have built up capacity, by some trick or pose that a large connection with farmers and has arrested attention, by real or traders of the South and set up branches in practically every Irish county outside Carsonia. They foresee after the mutilation of the country all their Southern customers and a Napoleon reach heroic stature, turning to institutions in the Irish part of Ireland. Ninety-three prinof students. Against this false senti. cipal Branches of the three big Belfast banks and 125 sub-Branches, in the other three quarters of Ireland Arnold waged incessant war, mostly have been conduit pips through in vain. Arnold's Essay on the which the financial resources of the Function of Criticism should be read | South East and West were, for years, carefully by every budding historical steadily and continuously drained away from those parts to turn the wheels of Belfast's boasted indusenforced by many forcible examples tries-which will now be crippled, it of blundering interpretation, strikes not stopped soon, as the supplies are

more deadly blow at the commercial growing an angry determination to at the authors of the North's undoing. "The day that the Partition Bill reaches the Statute Book, the Belin a civil case in which he is the fast commercial traveller may save fourths of the Southern people will turn their back upon the Northern claim summarily and availed himself banks. Dublin, Cork, Limerick and

Belfast, as shown by the customs statistics, has been receiving, for purpose of distribution to all Ireland, two thirds of all goods imported into Ireland. Not only did Belfast wax but the Belfast wholesale merchants got their percentage off almost every nound of it, before it passed to Con-Munster, Almost all the whiskey and tobacco manufactured for Ireland have been manufactured in Belfast and the Northeast. So the distillers and tobacco manufacturers see lots of trouble ahead, too. These fellows deserve no sympathy. They have spared no trouble pickling the rod that is soon to be applied to their own hereafters.

The Irish farm laborers' agitation for higher pay and shorter hours begun a couple of year ago, is still proceeding throughout Ireland-very much to the disloca tion and the hindering of Irish farm work. Irish farm laborers have always been shamefully under paid for Mr. Fowler in his affidavit. And the hard work during very long hours so the time is overripe for an adjust During the past two years ment. they have succeeded in obtaining several successive raises in pay an reductions of hours. The County farm laborers are nov asking for what they term a final mind. adjustment. They are asking for of heal since when in my county of Donega

SHORTER HOURS AND RETTER PAY

THE OUTSPOKEN ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

of seventy hours.

Australia, Most Rev. Dr. Mannix,

which have deeply impressed by WEEKLY IRISHREVIEW He asks them to turn their eyes I went over myself and spent 12 days ran. Witness also stated that before inward, count the crimes of Austra-lia, and see if Ireland could possibly begin to match the n. He says: "A great deal of this crime in Ireland is simply invented crime-nothing more than downright lying. We all remember the awful Sinn Fein out-A journalist Commissioner, sent rage recently which turned out to either die in Eugland or be driven in be a case of a timid, panic stricken of commonplace living. Not in vestigate the attitude of Belfast English soldier shooting one of his Poesy and avowed Fiction only does toward the threatened Home Rule own comrades. The trouble about these statements is that while we always hear of the alleged outrages uneasiness amounting to dread, lest we do not hear of the corrections. if the Northeast form a distinct I am quite ready to believe that country, Carsonia, the other three at present, in Ireland, some of the parts of Ireland which were Belfast's tools of the English Government are manufacturing crime for their own purposes. They did it in the past as history tells us and they have not changed their policy."

The Irish trouble long since of course, spread to Australia. The Irish it is known were the root of the opposition to conscription there.
And the Irish defeated conscription. Now it is announced from Sydney that an Irish-Australian Revolutionary Club has been discovered whose aim was that in case conscription had gone into force a Republic of Australia would have been declared. One Australian member of Parliament save Premier Hughes, inaugur time because the local police force had either been corrupted or was entirely with the revolutionists. All the leaders among the Australian agitators he says were Irish.

THE SECRETS OF THE MAIL BAG

It is only now, nearly two months

after the event, that is leaking out the seriousness of the Dublin Castle mail-bag capture so cleverly done by Sinn Fein. The London Sunday Chronicle issues a wail, saying that the raiders who captured and carried off the Dublin Castle mail scored more effectively over the Govern-ment than if they had won a pitched battle. The strategic value of knowing what the other fellow is thinking now lies with the revolutionaries. Incidentally they know the names of the parties helpful to the police and One moderate Unionist talking of the authorities as revealed by the the partition project said to this seized correspondence. Consequently journalist: "Never in the course of those who have any relations with England's dealings with Ireland has the Government, in any form (and the English Government struck a there is a large secret service organization now in Ireland) and who may and industrial prospects of all the people of Ireland." Outside the reports are now in a state of frank Orange and Unionist circles he finds terror. They feel that swift and vengeance is hanging over hit back commercially and financially them and its execution may take place anywhere and at any But it is said that the gay old Lord Lieutenant feels worst over the fact that some of his love secrets fell boys are printing and circulating in leaflet form some very ardent epistles which they found in Lord French's bag. One of the most ardent is from the titled wife of a titled husband in England. Altogether it is being said in Dublin that more than one divorce case may ensue from the mail-bag

SECRET SERVICE VS. SECRET SERVICE

The fact is that Sinn Fein has purpose of overwhelming or Sinn Fein has moved just ahead of it and that the Government's blow falls upon empty air. The Government is realizing that its whole service is honeycombed by the Sinn Fein secret service. Lately the Government made move to seize Sinn Fein bank deposits-and summoned the bankers to a hearing in Dublin Castle for purpose of compelling them to disclose information regarding Sinn Fein deposits. Next day it was given out that Sinn Fein knew of the move six days ahead and withdrew its bank deposits-and the laugh was on Dublin Castle.

'CRIMES BY MEANS OF THE LAW"

An idea of the treatment meted out to the best in Ireland is shown in a private letter which I have from one of my good friends in Dublin. You know that poor Tom Kellyrecently elected our Lord Mayorwas just before Christmas dragged from his home in the middle of the night and sent to Wormwood Scrubs prison, London, and there held with-out charge. The imprisonment told sadly both upon his health and his (He was in a very poor state adjustment. They are asking for of health for a length of time before 45 shillings per week's work of fifty. they dragged him from his home shillings for the same fifty-four hours. They have reached a dead-lock. I recall the time and the same fitty four hours. who would take charge of him, and always unseen factors that would Ottawa when his case came up in the the poor fellows got just one fifth of be responsible for his remaining in England. If he set foot in Irelandwhat the Dublin farm laborers are broken in body and mind though he now asking-and for a week's work he would be instantly arrested and sent to prison again. On account of his mental condition he had either to be released or sent to That fine militant Irishman in fering from delusions. On his release he was taken to a nursing home Archbishop of Melbourne, by his habit of speaking his mind unfearingly has put a new spirit into Irish Australians. He had just taken to task the Australian daily papers for their outcry against Irish "crime." heave to a latering none in London in charge of two nurses, a day nurse, and a day nurse. A came to where she was, and told her to "clear." She was unable to say what class of man he was. He him and took him to Bournemouth. When the man told her to clear she in London in charge of two nurses, and told where she was, and told her to "clear." She was unable to say what class of man he was. He him and took him to Bournemouth. When the man told her to clear she is the care to a latering none of the wall until he she was unable to "creative and a day nurse." As the care to a latering none of the wall until he she was, and told her to "clear." She was unable to wore a black belted coat and cap. When the man told her to clear she was a came to where she was, and told her to "clear." She was unable to wore a black belted coat and cap. When the man told her to clear she was a cap.

helping to care for him. His physical health is now much better, but motor car drawn up not far away. mentally he is not improving. He would undoubtedly improve at once if he could return home. But Dublin Castle wanting its pound of flesh is an asylum there.'

SEUMAS MACMANUS, Of Donegal

THE CORK INQUEST

STARTLING EVIDENCE GIVEN BY LAMPLIGHTER

The Derry Journal, March 26 Cork, March 24th.-There was no in the inquest which was resumed by Coroner M'Cabe at the City Hall to night into the circumstances con-

Lord Mayor's sister in law, who resided with him. She told how about was awakened by general knocking first, and then as it someone was breaking in the door. She jumped out of bed, and calling to her brother, said, "Jim, Jim, a raid by the police." She described the incidents which followed the entry of the armed and when the raiders got upstairs a voice shouted, "Come out, Curtain," and shots followed almost immediately. higher up in the house opened the window and screamed, "We are being murdered by the police." The voices she heard were like policemen's voices, and she had often heard such voices on previous occasions when the police raided the place. Witness next gave evidence as to the visit of not, she said, hear any of the party ask who had killed him, or how he had been killed. Witness said the baby was crying, and she said, "Let The men replied, "Get back out of that."

Asked by counsel if the Lord Mayor had told her of having received a threatening letter, she said No.

Mr. Wylie, K. C., for the Crown-Did you hear of any member of the household having received a threat-ening letter? I did not.

Have you heard that such a letter vas received by him? I saw something in the press about it. "And I think," said Mr. Wylie, "a

copy of the letter-" Mr. Lyncb, K. C, said he did not like to object to the question, but they had no concern in what hap-

pened in the press.

Miss Annie Walsh, another sisterin law, who was also in the house great advantage over the Govern-ment in the effectiveness of its secret that the voice that shouted loudly service. Each time that the Government makes a new secret move for Curtain," was a regular policeman's baulking Sinn Fein it is found that the person who used these words. She, too, screamed for help, crying out that they were being murdered, and Afterwards when the raiding party left she attended with others of the family to the dving man, and saw him expire. Into Thy Hands, O Lord, I com my spirit." Subsequently when the military entered the house witness said to the officer in charge

"You are late. He is dead, but if you want one alive, take me." He said he had orders to search the house and did so. Describing the incidents before the death witness said the Lord Mayor kissed the crucifix she held to his lips, and he repeated the prayer, "Lord Jesus have mercy on me," and said, "I am done: my feet are cold." He asked her not to leave him, but she would not leave him if they riddled her with bullets. She called on the Sacred Heart to spare him till the priest arrived, and shortly afterwards someone said the priest was

Mrs. Mary Holloran, who resides to the rear of the Lord Mayor's house, and quite close to it, in answer to Mr. Lynch, K.C., said shortly after one o'clock there was a terrific crash, and a few minutes later she heard a woman's voice from the Lord Mayor's house calling out "Murder." She asked who was murdered, and the voice said, "Thomas MacCur-

the same voice replied, "By the police." Miss Walsh was the person who thus called out, and in reply to her appeals for the priest and as usual, next year. The reason for doctor, witness got up, and, accomstreet. She observed three men etc., which are necessary for the outside. One standing in a doorway performance; also the players prob-

Replying to Mr. Wylie, K. C., she stated she was not able to say what particular kind of car it was. The engine was not humming, and she did not see the car go away. Andrew Thomson, a lamp lighter, stated, in answer to Mr. Lynch, K. C.

that at 1.35 on Saturday morning he was in York Street, which ran into King Street, in which a few doors from the corner the police barracks was situate. In York Street he saw a body of men. He was approached by a tall man, whose face was blackened, and who wore a dark frieze like overcoat. That man had his hand in the right-hand pocket of the overcoat, in a position which witness indicated, and pointing in a apparent lessening of public interest | certain direction said, "You go that That direction was away way." That direction was away from King Street. In addition to this the map, who had a cap pulled nected with the shooting of the Lord down over his eyes, were seven others Mayor of Cork. The attendance of lined up with their backs to the the public was again large, and as on the preceding nights a force of armed police occupied the vestibule of the these were a dirty sort of dark drab The night's proceedings began with the examination by counsel for the next-of kin of Miss Susie Walsb, the Lord Mayor's sister in law, who resided with him. She told how about one o'clock on Saturday morning she hands, and when he did this the man who stopped him said to the others. "Don't shoot." As far as witness could see all the men had blackened faces. This took place about sixty yards from the police station. witness was told to go in a certain direction he went as directed, leaving his sticks on the road. The follow ing night when on his rounds again was going along his rounds it was back. He got the second only on

What, asked the same juror, was the description of the voice of the man who spoke to you? It was the military to the house after the Lord Mayor had been shot. She did plain Irish, the same as myself, was the reply.

lighter, said he was near the Colisseum in King Street, opposite the police barracks on Saturday morning about He had been there for ten minutes waiting for another lamp lighter, when he saw a party of eight men quick marching in single file. Some of them wore raincoats, more of them black coats, with their right hands by their sides carrying rifles.

As witness said this there was some applause in the Hall, and the Coroner called for order, remarking it should not occur again

A jaror asked how did the men Witness said their left hands were

Mr. Lynch, K. C .- Where did they go? They turned up the steps of
King Street Barracks, and with a
Paris Figaro, gives an account of

Replying to further questions he Marash said there were three electric lamps Bishop of Diabskir was buried alive, in the immediate vicinity of the barracks.

Witness was not further questioned.

The inquest was then adjourned until this morning.

The Bishop of Cork again asked the citizens to exercise control. The proceedings at the inquest, he said, were much calculated to excite the people as the murder itself, and he advised everyone to go home quickly and quietly.

ANTON LANG NOT DEAD; TELLS OF PASSION PLAY

Catholic News Service

London, March 5.-Anton Lang, writing to a British friend from Patrick J. Hayes celebrated the Mass, Oberammergau, gives some interesting news of the performers who enact the Passion Play of that Bavar ian village. It will be remembered that Mr. Lang was the "Christ" of the play in 1910, and that the decade is past, and this is the year for the

reproduction of the play.

Lang states that he has never instead of three children. "Judas" of three successive plays, Zwink, is dead, and so is the "Laz-

There will be no play this year, but it is hoped to have the play, the postponement is that it is im-

## CATHOLIC NOTES

In Holland more than a thousand young Catholic men are being prepared for the missions of the Church The Catholic Educational Conven-York City.

The Catholic Union in England is preparing a bill for the repeal of all surviving penal laws affecting English Catholics and English relig ious institutions.

Rome, March 25 .-- Pope Benedict has decided to mark the 400th anniversary of the death of Raphael by the publication of a volume containing reproductions of his paintings, frescoes and cartoons in the Papal

The late General Ignacio de Venientemilla, former President of Eucador and a Free Mason, died in the Church. After receiving the last Sacraments, he said to his best

It is learned with pleasure that at one of the last meetings of the Italian Chambers, Hon. Filippo Meda, of the Popular Party, was appointed a member of the Supreme Council of public education. This is the first time a distinguished Catholic has been called to be a member of the technical and consultive council of public education.

On Sunday, April 11.-Admiral Benson, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, will receive Gregory the Great. Admiral Benson he got one of the sticks. As he is the first American to receive this highest decoration in the military flung after him, but he did not look division of the Order. Cardinal Gibbons will officiate at the

Wednesday evening in a house near where he dropped it.

A juror asked it witness when halted was ordered to put up his hands, he said No.

What asked the same juyor was sixty years ago, when she came here from Ireland and started as a working girl to overcome the barriers across the path of fortune, Miss Sarah Switzer made a will before she Desmond, another lamp | \$500,000 estate to the Switzer Home for Working Girls, it was learned today, when the will was filed. Miss Switzer and her sister ten years ago founded the Home with a \$300,000

Mrs. Frances Christine Fisher Tiernan, known throughout the literary world of America as " Christian Reid," one of the most distinguished citizens of North Carolina and a woman who represented Southern refinement of ante-bellum days in the highest and purest type, died March 24, at her home in Salisbury, N.C. Under the nom de plunge of "Christian Reid" she achieved enviable success as a writer of elegant fiction. More than forty swinging free and in their right elegant fiction. More than forty hands were rifles held by their novels in addition to numerous articles have been published from the pen of Mrs. Tiernan.

light knock were admitted. He heard the lock and chain taken off the door. Witness added that he looked at his watch, and it was then during the War. The Bishop of disappeared. has the Bishop of Malakia was burned at the stake, and the Bishop of Mardin was shot. The same fate was met by 140 priests, and out of 140,000 Armenian Catholics, only 50,000 survive.

> A beautiful and inspiring evidence of the piety and religious devotion of the Catholic members of the Police Department of the City of New York was given when 2,800 stalwart policemen in uniform marched into St. Patrick's Cathedral for the 8 o'clock Mass and every one of them received Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. The occasion was the annual Communion Mass of the Police Department Holy Name Society. His Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop and, assisted by Monsignor Lavelle and seven other priests, gave Holy Communion to the men. All during the Mass the men approached the of | Holy Table.

The conditions of the devastated areas in France necessitate many strange expedients. In the diocese been to the War at all - he was of Soissons, the bishop has confided several times reported killed-and the care of five ruined parishes, that his family now numbers six where there is no church, to an abbé The of the naval division, who has a boat which he used to go about among the fishermen on the coast. arus" of 1910. The villagers of He has brought this boat up the Witness inquired by whom, and Oberammergau find it difficult to get river, and it now constitutes the parish church of these five desolated villages. It has been approved by the Holy Father for the administration of the Sacraments, and upon it Mass is said, baptisms are performed, marriages are solemnized and a solemn First Communion was held this week. The Association of Notre brave priest a portable altar, and with this help he has been able to say Mass also in the four great cemeteries, which are within his extensive and desclated parish.