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Home Rule Not Delayed a Single Hour,

SO SAYS JOHN REDMOND.

In an interview cabled from London, John Redmond, the Irish leader, holds that the Irish convention's decision in rejecting the Irish Council Bill had three weighty effects—the devolution idea, he says, has gone by the board, the influence of the Roseberyite group in the Cabinet has been killed, and the strength and cohesion of the Irish party has been secured. He says Ireland has won a veto on British legislation.

Interviewed on the future of the Home Rule movement, Mr. Redmond declared his conviction that the convention's action would not delay Home Rule a single hour. He said a powerful and friendly government had endeavored to embody the devolution idea in the bill and had failed, and that no future government would renew the attempt.

Mr. Redmond said he anticipated the present parliament would be dissolved close to 1908 to enable the government to appeal to the country against the House of Lords. The Liberal party's Irish programme must now be Home Rule, while, had the convention accepted the devolution bill, it would have been rejected by the House of Lords, and devolution would have remained the high water mark of liberal politics.

This, he held, would have been the case, not merely in the present parliament, but in the next.

Division of the party, Mr. Redmond said, had been avoided, and the bill might have been carried, but only by a majority, and, however large that majority, disension and the rupture of the movement and of the party would have followed. Now, on the contrary, he looked for

a great rally to the Nationalist opinion and a consolidation of the movement.

Relations with the Liberals, Mr. Redmond said, will not necessarily be ruptured immediately. He expects the government to proceed forthwith with the evicted tenants bill and probably with the national university bill.

Mr. Redmond declared that an overwhelming majority of the members of the Cabinet and the Liberals disapproved the limitations of the Irish Council bill imposed by the Roseberyites; and the latter threatened to resign, and that their resignation might have broken the government.

One effect of the Irish action, he continued, would be finally to fill the influence of the Roseberyite group. The immediate effect in Ireland was a certain amount of irritation whilst Irish voters in bye-elections would refuse to vote for Liberals unless they were out and out for Home Rule. There was a possibility of a deal of trouble in the west of Ireland not directly due to disappointment at the council bill but from the delay in action by the Lord Dudley commission in dealing with the congested districts in Ireland.

"Meanwhile the power and influence of Irish public opinion grows steadily," concluded Mr. Redmond. "For the first time in history the decision of a convention of nationalists decided the fate of a government bill at Westminster. It was a noteworthy incident. Ireland won at least a veto on British legislation to which she objects, and from a negative to a positive influence is but a step."

Imposters From the Orient May Come to Canada.

Archbishop Farley, of New York, has sent out the following warning: "The following information has been received by Archbishop Farley from Monsignor Leslie, Apostolic Delegate to Persia:

"A few years ago two young Chaldeans named Petrus and Mirza came to the United States and Canada to collect for the Catholic missions of Persia. As credentials they presented photographs of the Sisters of Charity of Ourimiah, Persia.

"These photographs of the Sisters, orphan asylums, etc., were procured by fraud. These two men collected a very large sum of money—a million francs—and are now living in princely style in Persia.

"A younger brother, Abirza, is now on his way to the United States to work the same scheme which proved so successful for his brothers.

"This Abirza is an imposter, and should be treated accordingly. He pretends to have a letter from Monsignor Oludo, a Catholic Chaldean Bishop.

"Another imposter on his way is Euvia Nisan, who goes under the name of Father Joseph, and who has letters forged with the seal of Monsignor Oludo, and of the Apostolic Delegate. He should be turned over to the police.

"No priest or layman is authorized to collect money for the Catholic missions of Persia."

"The Archbishop of New York takes this occasion to warn the Catholic people of this city and diocese and the public at large against giving easy credence to applicants for charitable contributions who cannot show a written approbation of their work from the authorities of the diocese.

"It is well known to us all that this city is never without imposters of this character, who prey upon the benevolent public. These imposters do not hesitate to assume any garb, of either priest or nun.

"Let no one be deceived by the dress or demeanor of such despicable members of society. Let all on whom solicitors call demand the certificate of their good standing, and since forgery is so often resorted to, as in the case of these collectors, should any doubt exist, let application be made to the authorities of the diocese for better information."

The Lie from "Gill Blas" Father Boardman on "Yellow" Paris Paper.

Some weeks ago the True Witness commented upon the salacious article reprinted by some Canadian papers from "Gill Blas," one of the many yellow journals of Paris, chronicling an alleged demand of Catholic priests for the abolition of the celibacy of the clergy. Rev. Marshall I. Boardman, the Jesuit missionary, thus discusses the matter:

"It is an old axiom amongst liars," writes Father Boardman, "that, when you lie, tell a good one. Now, this is a good one. The whole article is absurd in itself, and has all the earmarks of a Parisian canard. The writer keeps close to his cover. He is anonymous. He does not give his own name, and, doubtless, if put to the oath, could not give the name of any one of the three thousand immortals. But he gives extracts from the petition itself. Why not? Doubtless he wrote it all himself for a penny-a-line.

"Things are all awry in France. The present French regime is infidel and rotten from skin to core. It is reeking with venality, and probably will soon be reeking again with blood. This mob in power has robbed the Church of all her possessions, has banished her aged priests, has thrust her young clergy into the army, has exiled religious women whose only crime was charity, and has now engaged in a fierce and bitter propaganda of calumnies against whatever remains of religion. Why are 'Gill Blas' and the infidel press of France so anxious for the marriage of the French clergy? To improve the clergy? Why, the French government is bent on their extermination. The bias behind an attempt to marry the clergy is a wish to destroy their power and prestige. Christ presented Himself as the model and bright exemplar of His ministers. His life was single and the beau-ideal of all chastity. St. Paul and the apostles modeled themselves after His example. And we learn from the early councils and the fathers that the Church has from the beginning insisted on receiving as candidates for her sacred ministry those only who voluntarily promise to lead single and chaste lives. The wisdom of her course is apparent to the world. It is the bright example of a chaste clergy that proves the possibility of virtue, encourages morality and builds up Christianity.

"Christ instituted the sacrament of holy orders for the purpose of strengthening the clergy with those special graces necessary for the exercise of the sacred ministry. The few who fall, spurn grace, and these doubtless would have spurned grace had they been perpetually bound in lawful wedlock to one wife or united for a time to many in a sort of American progressive polygamy. Sound Catholic clergy, whether in France or abroad, are satisfied with their condition of self-imposed chastity. Those who berate their condition are old-time enemies who seek their destruction. The world at large loses nothing from the fact that priests choose a single life. The advancement and happiness of the human race consists not so much in the number of individuals as it does in the possession of morality and the enjoyment of higher ideals of perfection.

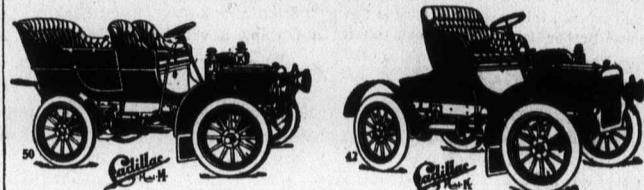
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MR. DANIEL KEARNEY.

Mr. Daniel Kearney, chief engineer in the employ of the city water department, died on Saturday afternoon last. The deceased gentleman had been in the employ of the city for thirty-eight years. The end came very suddenly. The deceased was talking to an employe when he was suddenly taken ill. A doctor was sent for, but Mr. Kearney died without regaining consciousness. Mr. Kearney had not been in good health for some months. The deceased was known as one of the most faithful employes of the city.

The funeral was held on Tuesday from the family residence to St. Gabriel's Church, where a requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Fahey, with Rev. Father Polan as deacon and Rev. Father Singleton as sub-deacon. Subsequently interment took place in Cote des Neiges Cemetery. In the cortege were many representatives of St. Patrick's Society and of the Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association, as well as a number of civic employes.

Mr. Kearney is survived by his widow, five sons—Messrs. W. P. Kearney, D. J. Kearney, Harold and Victor and J. C. Kearney, of Chicago—and by Mrs. D. Kiely, Mrs. Maurice McLaughlin, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Misses May and Eleanor Kearney.

COMMENCEMENT AT MOUNT ST. LOUIS.

The closing exercises at Mount St. Louis are taking place today. This college has had a very successful year in every way, as also has St. Mary's College. A full list of the honor prizes and those who are granted medals and diplomas at the different colleges will be given in next week's issue.

PILGRIMAGE OF ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.

As customary, the parishioners of St. Patrick's will hold their annual pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre. The date has been fixed for the 20th of July, and the steamer Beupre is chartered. Preparations are in full swing, and with the help, always assured, of the pastor, whose work in this direction is well-represented and highly appreciated. Rev. Father Killoran, director of the pilgrimage, may hope to have every success attend this praiseworthy undertaking.

To Rebuild Sacred Heart Church

Ottawa, June 17.—The congregation of the Sacred Heart will be systematically canvassed with a view to ascertain how much the people will contribute to its restoration. The parish will be divided into districts, and canvassers will be appointed to each, and the whole work will be accomplished in two days. Subscriptions totaling \$8000 have been received to date.

Clever Detective Work by a Dominican Father.

\$15,000 Convent Money Stolen in Cuba.

New York, June 14.—When Jose Sanches, of Havana, and his wife, Maria, arrested in Naples last Sunday charged with the theft of more than \$40,000 from the Gas & Electric Company of Havana, and more than \$15,000 from the Dominican Convent in Havana, arrive back in New York on their way to Havana to explain why they did it, they will be in charge of Father Jose M. Rodriguez, of the Dominican Convent. It was Father Rodriguez who traced the fugitives to New York and thence across the Atlantic to Italy, finally landing the fugitives when they disembarked from the Italian liner Lazio at Naples last Sunday.

Father Rodriguez is one of the best known Catholic priests in the Cuban capital. When it was discovered that something was wrong with the Gas & Electric Company's books, and it was whispered in business circles that Sanches might be able to clear the matter up, Father Rodriguez, who knows Sanches well, as a matter of precaution, went over his accounts. He discovered that \$15,000 of the convent's money was missing. Then he found that Sanches had access to the missing funds, and went out to find Sanches and ask him about it.

The city of Havana was searched from end to end, but the missing man could not be found. Maria, his wife, was also among the missing, and the shutters of his fine house were closed tight. Then Father Rodriguez visited the steamship offices. He knew everybody of prominence in Havana, and when he saw the list of saloon passengers who had sailed for New York on the Ward liner Merida, he noted among them the names of Senor and Senora E. Lopez.

Father Rodriguez was soon convinced that the Lopez were the Sanches, and he was among the passengers who sailed for New York on the Ward liner that followed the Merida three days later. Arriving in New York, Father Rodriguez, who was accompanied by Juan Rivas, a young sub-inspector of police of Havana, went to headquarters and in-

formed Police Commissioner Bingham of the nature of his mission.

General Bingham told the priest-detective to call on him for any assistance necessary. Father Rodriguez next visited the offices of the Spanish steamship lines, but among the passengers there was none who answered in any way the description of the missing Sanches and his wife.

Next the offices of the Italian lines were visited, and among those who sailed for Naples on the steamship Lazio, Father Rodriguez saw on the passenger manifest the names of Senor and Senora E. Gomez.

"That's my man," he said, and a few minutes later he was on his way to the North-German Lloyd Steamship office in lower Broadway. There he was told that the Kaiser Wilhelm II., the fastest of ocean steamers, would sail the next day. Luckily, there was a vacant cabin, and Father Rodriguez engaged it. Next day the priest and Rivas were on their way to Cherbourg, France.

Arriving at Cherbourg, Father Rodriguez and Rivas hustled ashore and caught the first train for the Italian frontier. Two days before the Lazio arrived at Naples, Father Rodriguez and Rivas were encamped near the transatlantic piers in Naples. Sunday morning the Lazio steamed into port, and among the first of the passengers to land were Sanches and his wife. An Italian emigration officer arrested them, and as soon as they were locked up Father Rodriguez left for Rome to have his requisition papers honored by the Italian foreign secretary. Father Rodriguez is now on the Atlantic with his prisoners, and will arrive in New York in the latter part of next week.

When they were arrested in Naples Sanches had \$20,000 in his luggage and \$17,000 on his person. Senora Sanches had bonds valued at \$20,000 on her person. They refused to make any explanation concerning how they came into possession of the money and securities.

A beautiful cope of Irish white silk, with a clasp of Irish gold in Celtic design, is being made in Dublin for presentation to His Holiness Pius X. on the occasion of his coming jubilee. The design of the clasp is purely Irish, as everything about the cope and clasp will be. A jeweled spectacle case is being wrought of Irish materials also for the Holy Father.

The C. O. F. Convention.

The biennial convention of the Provincial Court, Catholic Order of Foresters, which has just concluded its deliberations at Valleyfield, was one of the most successful in the history of the court. The following officers were elected for the next two years: E. F. Grise, provincial chief ranger; J. A. Comeau, provincial vice-chief ranger; F. X. Biledeau, provincial secretary; W. J. Proulx, provincial treasurer; Dr. J. U. Lalonde, provincial medical adviser; H. C. McCallum, Thomas Monahan, N. U. Lacasse, J. E. Brosseau, A. P. Vanasse and Ed. Richer, directors. The next convention will be held in Moncton, N.B. The convention elected thirty-four delegates to the international convention, which will be held in St. Paul, Minn., on August 6 next. The burning question before the convention was the scale of rates, which was discussed at length, and finally left, with recommendations, in the hands of the international delegates.

ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY BOYS VS. CHOIR MEMBERS.

A friendly game of baseball was played a few days ago between the sanctuary boys and the junior members of the choir, resulting in victory for the sanctuary boys. A large number of the supporters of both teams was present, and much satisfaction was freely expressed. Friendly intercourse of this nature among the members of the different associations cannot be too highly encouraged.

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St. Anthony's Elocutionary Contest.

There took place last Friday evening, in St. Anthony's Hall, a contest in elocution by members of the Juvenile Total Abstinence and Beneficent Society. Eight competitors took part. The judges were: Messrs. William Kearney, T. W. Reynolds and J. J. Davis. The first prize, a silver medal, was awarded to Master Joseph O'Brien, who obtain-