

**IRISHMEN IN TRANSVAAL.**  
**An Interview Held With a Leading Irishman in Pretoria.**  
**The Work of National Organizations in the District—The Great Kruger Favorable to the Sons of the Old Land.**

The London correspondent of the Dublin Weekly Freeman had an interesting interview recently with Mr. Alfred Flynn, a leading Irishman in Pretoria, South African Republic, on the feeling of Irishmen in that part of the world concerning the present state of the Irish movement and Irish parties. He says:

Mr. Flynn, as president both of the Pretoria Amnesty Association and of the Irish Association of that city, is particularly well qualified to speak on these subjects. He wears on his watch chain a massive gold shamrock, presented to him by his fellow Irishmen at Pretoria, in recognition of his services in the latter capacity, while a handsome gold medal, with a complimentary inscription, records his good work on the Amnesty Association.

**TRANSVAAL IRISHMEN SUPPORT THE MAJORITY.**

"Then you are for majority rule in Pretoria?"  
"Most decidedly. We are unanimous in upholding Mr. Dillon as the chairman of the Irish Party, chosen and supported by the majority of that party. I need hardly say that we have been disgusted and disheartened to a great extent by the growth of factionism in Ireland, but we hope that at the next general election—which is unhappily some distance off—Ireland will wipe out the factionists."

"What about Mr. Redmond and his party?"  
"In the past we had a certain respect for Mr. Redmond, as we believed he was standing on principle, but since Mr. Harrington's proposals for unity have been explained Mr. Redmond has forfeited our respect by his refusal to accept them. We regard Mr. Harrington's action as thoroughly patriotic, and as pointing the best, in fact the only, way in which Ireland can achieve success for herself."

"Are your organizations in Pretoria prepared to support the majority of the Irish Party in its attempt to maintain an efficient parliamentary movement?"  
"Certainly we are. For a time we believed that by withholding support from all sections we were aiding in bringing about reunion; but we now realize that that line of action is simply playing the game of the factionists, who want to destroy the party by starving it out. We will subscribe to the Parliamentary Fund, but we look forward to the next election as the time when Ireland will return one strong, united, pledge-bound party to represent her, and will put an end to faction."

**PRESIDENT KRUGER FRIENDLY TO IRISHMEN.**  
Turning to the position of Irishmen in Pretoria, Mr. Flynn said, in reply to my questions:

"Oh, President Kruger is very friendly disposed toward us Irishmen. I often see the president at his house, and he always receives me with great cordiality. I may mention, by the way, that he has parts of the Weekly Freeman translated to him every week. He has often spoken to me on the subject of Irish dimensions, and he has expressed amazement at the foolishness of our people. 'You should remember,' he said to me on one of the last occasions I saw him, 'that in the English House of Commons you Irishmen are in a foreign assembly, and that you will never get anything as long as you are divided.'"

"If we Boers had been disarmed, we should never have held our own here in South Africa. You will never get any reforms until you can show an unbroken front to your opponents." This was the burden of many a chat I have had with the president. He takes an interest in all branches of the Irish question, and is always seeking information upon it. Recently a distinguished representative of the British Government waited on the president, saying that he had come, not in his official capacity, but as a citizen, to plead on behalf of the two reformers now in prison. "Let them sign the condition the same as the others," said Com Paul, and they will at once be liberated. It lies in their own hands."

"But," rejoined his visitor, "I want you to show them mercy."  
KRUGER'S WITHERING REPLY TO A BRITISH OFFICIAL.

The president's reply was—"It lies entirely in their own hands." "Do you expect them to ask you for mercy?" asked the British official. "Do you remember that of the two thieves on the cross one asked for mercy and received it, the other did not and was damned?" asked the president. "But," answered the official, "it is the custom for civilizers to pardon political offenders after a certain period of punishment." "Is that so?" rejoined the president. "How do you then keep England still keeps the Irish political prisoners in jail after fourteen years' punishment?" "The con-

versation stopped right there, the English official having no reply to make."  
"What is your view, Mr. Flynn, on the question of war in South Africa?"  
"I am convinced there will be no war. It would be a race war, and there would be 100,000 Boers in arms from the Cape to Pretoria. They don't want war here, and they don't want it at the Cape to either. The Irishmen in Pretoria, excepting a few loyalists, all sympathize with President Kruger. I believe he will grant reprieves in his own good time, but no one can expect him to hand over the control of his country to the English immigrants, who rarely stay here more than three or four years, and who would vote as their capitalist bosses told them."

**IRISH NEWS.**

The choice of the Nationalists for the high office of Lord Mayor of Dublin for next year is Mr. Daniel Tallon, T.O. He has been in business all his life in Dublin. He was elected a member of the Corporation seven years ago, and has taken a large share in the work of civil government since then. He is a member of the Richmond Asylum Board. He was high sheriff of the city in 1896. He has been chairman of the Licensed Vintners' Association, and is at present chairman of the Central Committee of the Licensed Trade of Ireland, which embraces the 32 counties, and has a constituency of 20,000 members, probably the largest in Ireland. He has also been a zealous promoter and organizer of charities, and there are no institutions or societies for the relief of poverty, illness or suffering that have not benefited by his generosity.

**A FLUCKY IRISHMAN.**  
Mr. Gubbins of Bruree and Knockany, near Kilmallock, the owner of the famous Galtee More, the first Irish winner of the Derby, has refused £125,000 for his fine horse rather than forfeit the honor of capturing the blue ribbon. He is Master of the County Limerick Foxhounds.

**A PATRIOTIC LURGAN MAN.**  
A great many years ago a Lurgan man, named James Darragh, who had amassed a large amount of money in America and India, returned to his native town, and made a bequest of \$20,000 to the local branch of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Immediately afterwards he was advised by a medical practitioner to travel on account of his health, and he died shortly after his departure at Cairo, Egypt, whence his remains were brought to Lurgan and interred in Dougher Cemetery. While the bequest was made in Ireland the money was still in America and the result of the suit in the New York courts was made known by wire in Lurgan on the 4th instant. The sum of £5,500 is to be placed at the disposal of the charity referred to for the benefit of the local poor.

**ORDINATIONS IN WEXFORD.**  
His Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, conferred the Order of Priesthood on Rev. Robert Fitzhenry (son of Mr. C. Fitzhenry, Skeeter Park, Wexford) and Rev. Daniel J. Lyne, (son of Mr. John Lyne, T.C., manager of the Wexford Gas Works). The interesting ceremonies took place in the chapel attached to St. Peter's College, Wexford. His Lordship was assisted by Rev. J. Lennon, Superior, Mission House, Ennis-corney; Rev. E. Aylward, Adm., Wexford; and Rev. N. T. Sheridan, president St. Peter's College. The Rev. Fathers King and Cloney supported the postulants for Holy Orders. After the ceremony Fathers Fitzhenry and Lyne imparted their blessing to the assembled congregation, which included many of their relatives and friends. Father Fitzhenry completed his ecclesiastical studies at the Irish College, Rome, and Father Lyne at Salamanca. Father Fitzhenry will join the Mission Home, Ennis-corney, and Father Lyne will go on to the Diocesan Mission.

**THE FIRST PREPARATIONS FOR THE '98 CENTENARY.**  
The Old Guards of Dublin, says the London Universe, a political association, mostly consisting of former Fenians, paid a visit to Vinegar Hill by rail on Sunday, headed by the Shamrock of Erin Band. There were a throng of upwards of 2000 persons present at the historic eminence where a gallant phalanx of Wexford men made a light in the insurrection about 100 years ago. There were spirited addresses, amongst others by Mr. Keane, of Ballycarney, who boasted that he was descended from united Irishmen. The Irish nation were preparing to arrange to view the scenes of the heroic struggles of '98 in their native land next year, and were already arranging preliminaries for the anniversary gathering in America and Great Britain.

**THE ERECTION OF CHURCHES.**  
The Dublin correspondent of the Catholic Times, Liverpool, says: "The number of churches recently erected, or in the course of erection, throughout the country is simply marvellous considering the poverty of the people. Scarcely a week passes by that it is not my pleasing duty to record the dedication or consecration of some new edifice erected by the joint efforts of the priests and people of the locality, nobly aided by their kith and kin in exile." Castlebar, in the far west, may be taken as typical of the immense progress which has been made in the erection of ecclesiastical and educational edifices in recent years in Ireland. A new church is now being built here and will, it is expected, be completed in less than 18 months. It will be one of the handsomest buildings of its kind in Connaught. It is computed that when it is finished fully \$30,000 will have been expended on religious and educational institutions by the Rev. P. Lyons, P.P., since 1883. The reverend gentleman has issued a circular in which after describing the great necessity of a new church in the town he says: "Towards the attainment of this great object my parishioners, of whose fidelity I have received so many and such touching examples, are prepared to tax themselves to their utmost strength; but the magnitude of the undertaking compels me, in order to accomplish this arduous

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**SOME GRIM FEATURES OF DEMOCRACY.**

**The Sway of the Millionaires.**  
The Rapidity With Which They Accumulate Millions. Rockefeller's Fabulous Wealth.  
One of the grim features of democracy of which we read so much on this continent, and particularly on that portion of it over which the Stars and Stripes floats, is that peculiar one of the rich man. Some journals unceasingly fill their columns with gossip regarding the measure of the wealth which this or that individual possesses.  
Here is a sample of the nonsensical twaddle taken from an American weekly: John D. Rockefeller stands at the head of the list of millionaires, not only of this country, but of the world. Li Hung Chang was reputed to be the richest man at one time, but his fortune was greatly exaggerated, and it is said that he is not worth over \$100,000,000. Rockefeller's wealth is estimated at \$244,000,000. It is not all locked up in the Standard Oil Company, in which his holdings amount to \$150,000,000. He has nearly \$100,000,000 invested in many enterprises of vast magnitude.  
Some idea of Mr. Rockefeller's vast wealth may be gained from the following figures. He sleeps eight and one-half hours every night, retiring at 10:30 and rising at 7. Every morning when he gets up he is \$17,705 richer than he was when he went to bed. He sits down to breakfast at 8 o'clock and leaves his table at 8:30, and in that short time his wealth has grown \$1,041.50. On Sunday he goes to church, and in the two hours that he is away from home his riches have grown \$4,166. His nightly amusement is playing the violin. Every evening when he picks up the instrument he is \$50,000 richer than he was when he laid it down the previous night.  
Jay Gould achieved world-wide fame as a money-maker. When he died he left \$72,000,000, and the world stood aghast at the wonderful achievement of the man—\$72,000,000 in 40 years, almost \$2,000,000 a year! But here is a man whose wealth has grown at the rate of \$6,000,000 a month, and the outside world scarcely dreams of it; a man who earned his first quarter of a dollar hoeing potatoes on a Tioga county farm, in the lower part of this State; a man who, 35 years old, did not have \$1,000 to his name.  
Some people say that money is not made as easily or as rapidly nowadays as it used to be. This may be true as far as the generality of money-makers is concerned, but the chosen few, of which Rockefeller is the premier, are piling up riches to-day faster than ever. Where in the history of the world did any man ever make \$65,000,000 in nine months? The luck of the bonanza kings of early California days dwindles to pigmy proportions compared with it. Nothing like it was ever heard of among the diamond mine princes of South Africa. Wallstreet or Lombard street furnishes no parallel. The histories of the financiers of Europe, or of the potentates of the east, could be ransacked without unearthing its duplicate.

**A PROULIAB CASE.**  
How Surgeons Have Worked on the Anatomy of a Patient.

The news comes from Chicago of one of the queerest cases known to medical science, that of George Burns, who is now in a hospital in that city. Surgeons who have examined him report him in the following condition:

"Loss of the entire bony vault of the skull, the top of the head being covered with a silver plate.  
"Five ribs gone from the left side of the body, having been removed by surgeons in an operation.  
"Heart shifted from its natural position to the right side in order to secure a firm resting place for that organ.  
"Both legs fractured in two places and the right arm broken twice.  
"Both elbow joints gone and the cap of the right knee twisted around to the back of the leg.  
"Large piece of the breastbone taken out in the removal of a riffl ball.  
"Part of the windpipe missing."

Burns is a man of 65 years. He was born in Massachusetts and served during the war as a captain. At the battle of Antietam he was shot in the breast. After the war he became a marine engineer. While employed on the steamship Savannah he was jammed in a wreck of the machinery and when taken out was only a part of his former self. Surgeons put him together, or, rather, they assembled as much of him as could be found. When his wounds had healed he was fitted out with a silver skull in place of the natural one torn off in the wreck, and a few months later was back at his old line of work. Surgeons wondered at the man's vitality. He had gone through a lot of injuries, almost any one of which was serious enough to prove fatal, but he was in all outward signs reasonably sound and healthy. Some time ago the ball which was shot into his breast at Antietam began to cause him annoyance, and Burns came to Chicago from his home in Cincinnati for treatment. In cutting out the ball a section of his breastbone 2 x 4 inches in size was removed and it was then that the full extent of Burns' other injuries was discovered.

Although affected as already stated Burns is no helpless cripple. He is taking things easy while recovering from the last operation and will soon be able to leave the hospital and move around again.

**WHEN TO EAT THE HEARTY MEAL.**

A man of science who gives a society woman pepain tablets at \$5 a call says that call, pepain, money and necessity for any of them would be saved if women—and men—would learn to eat properly. He is himself an epicure and eats rich viands, but he knows how these are prepared and can prepare them himself on occasion, and he selects the proper time to eat them. He considers it nothing less than suicidal for the brain worker, for instance, to eat a hearty lunch. People who are much in the open air and who exercise freely can eat about what they please, so that they satisfy their hunger at stated periods and are punctual about it. But he thinks it all but criminal for a woman who has to use her brain and who must be on the alert with a vigorous mentality to divert the blood from her brain, where it is most needed, to the stomach, by setting it to work on a promiscuous lot of food. He is of the opinion that the brain worker should eat most heartily after the day's work is done. Breakfast may be moderately hearty, or quite hearty, if taken an hour or more before beginning work. Lunch, however, should be exceedingly light, just a little to sustain nature till dinner time—a cup of beef tea and a cracker or two, fruit of some kind or a cup of cocoa. Dinner may be what you please if properly prepared.—Washington Star.

**NEW ROOFING AND FLOORING MATERIAL.**

A new roofing and flooring material, said to be both fireproof and waterproof, has been developed in Zurich, Switzerland. The principal ingredients are waste paper, sawdust and certain chemicals which make the mass a sort of artificial stone. The substance is mixed like mortar and spread on the place to be covered, where it dries and hardens in one or two days. While very hard, it is also elastic and will stand some bending without cracking or breaking. As laid for roofing it weighs about 20 pounds per square yard in a layer of five-eighths of an inch thick and costs, laid, about \$1 per yard square. It is a nonconductor of heat and is noiseless, which commends it for flooring purposes as compared with tile or concrete. Several schoolhouses in Zurich are said to have been floored with the material.—Engineering News.

**HOUSE PLUMBING.**

"There is nothing about a residence plumbing system," says an authority, "that a child may not understand and there is every reason why a housewife should be able to make her own periodical inspection of all the fixtures of her home." The kitchen sink should be frequently inspected. It is often connected directly with washbuds, its pipes receiving double waste. Traps under sinks and closets should have a thumbscrew at their lowest turn, so that they can be readily examined and cleaned out. A test for the presence of sewer gas is sugar of lead sprinkled on blotting paper. If this is held near pipes of closets and washrooms it will quickly discolor if sewer gas is present.

Some wealthy Catholic widows in New York city, including Mrs. Thomas Francis Meagher, widow of the famous Gen. Meagher, and Mrs. George V. Hecker, sister in law of Father Hecker, founder of the Paulists, have founded an association called the Women of Calvary, whose object is the nursing of sick and destitute in their homes.

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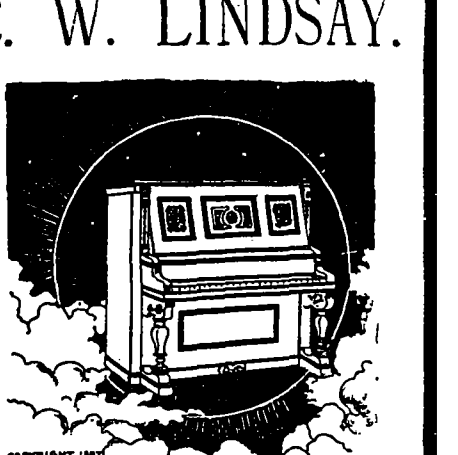
MADOC, Ont., June 22.—Sixteen factories boarded 1,000 cheese, all white, sold to Mr. Carter, 130; Ayer, 250; Watkins, 325; Hodgson, 400; at 8 1/2c.  
BELLVILLE, Ont., June 22.—Thirty-one factories boarded 1255 white and 350 colored cheese here to-day; sales: 500 white; 250 colored at 8 1/2c; 655 white at 8 1/2c; 50 white at 8 1/2c.  
CAMPBELLFORD, Ont., June 22.—At the cheese board held here to-night, 1,060 white and 70 colored were boarded. Watkins bought 420 at 8 1/2c; Ayer, 240 at 8 1/2c; 8 1/2c offered for balance, which was refused. Buyers present: Thompson, Bailey, Whitton. Next meeting, June 29th.

**LIVE STOCK MARKETS.**

LONDON, June 21.—Owing to a shorter supply of cattle pro tem, both here and at Liverpool a slight advance in price has taken place. At Liverpool choice Canadian cows sold at 10 1/2c, choice Steaks at 11 1/2c, and sheep were unchanged.  
LIVERPOOL, June 21.—A private cable received from Liverpool reported the market weaker, and noted a decline of 3c to 1c per lb. in price for Canadians, and 1c for Americans. Choice Canadian cows sold at 10c middling at 9c, and Americans at 10 1/2c.  
GLASGOW, June 21.—A private cable from Glasgow reported the market firm, with a good demand.

Messrs. John Olds & Son, live stock salesmen, of London, Eng., write W. H. Beaman, live stock agent of the Board of Trade, as follows, under date of June 10: "The supply of beasts placed on the market to-day was again heavy for a Thursday's market, but as the enquiry in the dead meat markets has improved, a better demand was experienced at Deptford, but prices are still low. Steaks cattle made 5 1/2d to 5 3/4d, Canadian 4 1/2d to 5 1/2d, and South American 4 1/2d to 5 1/2d. There were 2,627 head on sale, of which 1,565 came from the States, 418 from Canada, and 644 from South America. The sheep made a better enquiry at 5 1/2d to 5 3/4d for States sheep, and 5 1/2d to 6 1/2d for South American sheep."  
MONTREAL, June 21.—The advance in prices noted in the Liverpool and London cattle markets last week has not been maintained in the former named place, while cables today from the latter point note a further rise, owing to small supplies. Advances generally to-day were somewhat conflicting and consequently shippers did not look upon them as being altogether satisfactory, as private cables received on Saturday reporting actual sales of Canadian cattle were at prices which showed the shippers a loss. The recent trouble in Glasgow has been settled and private cables to hand to day report the market firm with prospects encouraging for next week. Locally the market to-day was extremely quiet, it being purely a holiday, and few local buyers put in an appearance. In an export way trade was also slow, but prices rule steady at 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c.

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