

FATHER GILLIGAN.

A Legend told by the People of Castle Island, Kerry.

The old priest Peter Gilligan Was weary night and day, For half his flock were in their beds Or under green sods lay. Once while he nodded on a chair, At the moth hour of eve, Another poor man sent for him, And he began to grieve. "I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace, For people die and die?" An older cried he, "God forgive! My body spake, not I!" And then, half-living on the chair, He knelt, prayed, fell asleep; And the moth-hour went from the fields, And stars began to peep. They slowly into millions grew, And leaves shook in the wind; And God covered the world with shade, And whispered to mankind. Upon the time of sparrow-chirp, When the moths came once more, The old priest Peter Gilligan, Stood upright on the floor. "Ochone, ochone! the man has died, While I slept on the chair?" He roused his horse out of its sleep, And rode with little care. He rode now as he never rode, By rocky lane and fen; The sick man's wife opened his door, "Father! you come again!" "And is the poor man dead?" he cried, "He died an hour ago." The old priest Peter Gilligan, In grief swayed to and fro. "When you were gone he turned and died, As merry as a bird." The old priest Peter Gilligan, He knelt him at that word. "He who hath made the night of stars For souls who tire and bleed, Sent one of His great angels down To help me in my need." "He who is wrapped in purple robes, With planets in his care, Had pity on the rest of things, Asleep upon a chair."

DECREPIT NATIONALITIES.

THE CONTINENTAL "REPUBLICS."

A Review of the Political Pandora's Box Opened on the Noble South American Hemispheres.

America is the home of republics, yet how many of the citizens of the United States can give a correct historical or geographical idea of our neighboring nations? The total area of the American Republics is 11,668,867 square miles, while the Spanish, British, French, Dutch, and Danish possessions in America amount to 3,777,510 square miles. The total population of the American Republics is about 123,000,000, while Germany, France, Austria, and Belgium have a combined population of 121,000,000. Therefore there are ten citizens of the Republics of the New World, and in Germany, France, Austria, and Belgium, 152 persons for each square mile.

Of the American nations, 61,000,000 people are enrolled to the United States, 2,500,000 to the Republic of Mexico, 3,800,000 to Central America, 1,500,000 to the Republics of Haiti, and 42,000,000 to the South American nations.

The largest republic on the American Continent is Brazil; that is if we do not count Alaska as part of the States. Give Brazil a territory equal to Texas and Arkansas, and she is equal to all of the U. S. This great

Southern Republic can give to each of its citizens 100 acres of coffee, cotton, or sugar estates, and throw in 110 acres of Amazon jungle with their rubber supply. It Uncle Sam would banish 10,265,000 of his subjects to Alaska, where each could have 30 acres of gold mines and 6 acres of seal islands; the remainder of his children would be entitled to 36 acres of our farm-lands, under the Henry George doctrine. The smallest republic of the New World is San Salvador. Her area equals Massachusetts, and she has a population of twice the inhabitants of Boston. Guatemala, the country she has been endeavoring to conquer, is seven times larger and has twice her population. Among the great nations of this Continent, the Argentine Republic ranks third in importance and in area. This nation is about one-third the size of the United States, and if placed on our map would cover all the region east of the Mississippi River and extend beyond over Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and Indian Territory. She extends from 2 degrees north of the tropic of Capricorn, to 55 degrees south or more than 2,200 miles in length. If we were to invert her southern portion and place it in the corresponding latitude of the north temperate zone, the island of Terre del Fuego would be in the vicinity of Hudson Bay, the home of the reindeer. This island is now rented by an Englishman, from the Argentines, who has placed 8,000,000 in sheep and put them on the island. They are seen grazing here every month in the year. Temperate South America, owing to the open seas surrounding it, has the

equitable climate. A person can travel the whole width of this zone in mid-winter (July) and never see a snow flake except in the highlands. On the other hand excessive heat never prevails. The temperature in January (mid-summer) seldom passes above 80 degrees. The nights are cool. I cannot remember the time when one or two light blankets were not necessary for comfort.

If the Argentine should make an equal division of her acres, each one of her 6,000,000 people would be entitled to a ranch of 100 acres, upon which his cattle, sheep, and horses could graze throughout

the entire year, and 80 acres for the raising of wheat. Ten years ago these people were importing wheat from the States. To-day they are our greatest American competitors in the European markets, exporting millions of bushels per annum. Chili is unfortunate in not having a great amount of tillable ground. However, her mountains afford fine pasturage for sheep, goats, and cattle. She is the England of South America, while the Argentine claims to be the "United States" of South America. Chili takes great pride in boasting of her Armada and her conquests. She endeavors to imitate John Bull in all his grasping ideas of gaining colonial possessions, and in doing so she has bankrupted her treasury and lowered her credit. The national debt of Chili is the greatest of all the American nations, and is increasing each year owing to the great cost of supporting her navy. Combinations of governments and the "Monroe Doctrine" make

THE CHILIAN NAVY a useless toy for this titular Englishman. There is one country she is desirous of whipping—that is the Argentine Republic. But the Andes are not as yet impassable, and the Chilians are afraid of invasions by land forces. If the Argentines would agree to remain on their side of the Andes, the Chilians would be pleased to find an excuse for waging war. The large army of the Argentines could soon exterminate the Chilians and leave their fleet out at sea. Chili, as well as the Argentine, has made rapid advancement during the last ten years, and there has been a development in the fine arts, manufacturing, and agriculture. Chili can only afford each of her citizens 75 acres on the side of a mountain, where he can graze his cattle while he is mining for coal, copper, or silver. Oh yes! in place of the mountain-side a Chiliano might have 75 acres of the desert nitrate-lands or guano deposits his nation stole from Peru and Bolivia during the late "unpleasantness." Chili occupies the same area as Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana, and has 2,500,000 of inhabitants, while the above States have a population of 16,000,000, (over two miles above New York, away to the far south, there is a Republic in the clouds, having a population of 2,000,000 of souls and occupying a territory equal to one-seventh of the area of the United States. Robbed of her southeast by Chili, Bolivia gained in elevation what she lost in area. By equal division each one of these highlanders is entitled to a fruit ranch of 60 acres, and a barley or corn-field of 100 acres, or 160 acres

While Bolivia is situated in the tropics, on account of her elevation she has a temperate climate. Bolivia was formerly a part of Peru and was known as "Upper Peru." When the Washington of South America, Simon Bolivar, traversed the Andes with his liberators and wrenched from the Spanish their American possessions and formed them into republics, Upper Peru formed itself into a separate nation, and took the name of Bolivia in honor of the greatest hero South America ever produced. Peru is about the same size as Bolivia, and each of its 2,600,000 inhabitants are entitled to 111 acres of land, which they can select in any climate from the extreme torrid to the frigid zone, or in humidity from a desert to a region visited by the most terrific thunder-storm known. On the coast most of the natives have grown into manhood without ever having seen rain, snow, or ice, except the white canopy of the distant Andes. Every known fruit and vegetable can be raised in Peru. In the mountains of this country the Incas first utilized the potato, and their descendants are using several tuberous plants of the potato family which are entirely unknown to the outside world. From this wonderful country, and its ancient inhabitants came three very important drugs, the adoption of each in its time having quite revolutionized the science of therapeutics. What would our physicians do to-day without quinine, sassafras, and cocaine? Upon the pages of Peruvian history are written

THE HARVEST FEELS of the Spanish Conquest. Her 20,000,000 of people, occupying a territory two-thirds the size of the United States, were subjugated under the villainous pretensions of friendship. Here Pizarro, under a mock title held by a coat with a tongue sticking out, strangled Atahualpa, a king who could have taught his conquerors an advanced civilization. Here the children of the sun have chafed under the Spanish yoke for over 250 years, and have suffered every known indignity from the tortures of the Inquisition to the solitary confinements of the mines. The Incas Empire embraced Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, and the northern part of Chili. It was 3,000 miles long and averaged some 700 miles in width. One third of Ecuador is a vast coast plain, one third mountains and valleys, one third dense forest. Therefore she can give each of her citizens 132 acres of choice sugar and cotton lands, mines, or wooden lands, where grows the large and small coconut, ivory-nuts, cocao, and all the tropical fruits. The United States of Colombia is the third largest republic of South America. It has a diversified climate, and a population of some 3,800,000 of people consisting of a mixture of all the races of the world. It is not an uncommon occurrence to see a Colombian with the high cheek-bones of the Indian, the flat nose of the African, eyes of the Chinaman, and lips of the Spaniard. To her citizens, Colombia can afford 44 acres of coffee and sugar plantation, and 40 acres of gold and silver territory. Venezuela is the area of Virginia and West Virginia.

SMALLER THAN COLOMBIA. If this country was spread out on our map, she would cover all the Northern States east of the Mississippi River with Kentucky counted in. Each citizen of this country is entitled to 100 acres of coffee and sugar plantation, or of banana or forests of the Orinoco. She has the honor of giving to the nations of South America the "liberator" Bolivar. After the great general had finished his work, he returned to his native city, Caracas, from which place he was expelled by General Pez. He fled to Colombia, where he died December 17, 1830. His remains now lie in the Pantheon, at

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HAYTI is known as the "Negro Republic" of America. It is the most densely populated nation of the New World, having about 800,000 inhabitants, and an area equal to Vermont, 10,204 square miles. Natives are entitled to only eight acres of land. Foreigners cannot own real estate, but many of the coffee estates are rented by Germans. I asked one of the landlords of Hayti, once, why they did not allow foreigners to own real estate. He said, "We are now a happy people, not over-taxed or over-worked; but if we should allow the Anglo-Saxon races to purchase our lands, it would not be long before we would be reduced to serfs, the same as our brethren in the States. They intend to control their country and utilize the rich soil and mineral land only as they need it to eke out an existence. There are no schools that amount to anything, and only about 10 per cent of the people can read and write. Morality is quite unknown. Of the children born in Hayti and San Domingo (which is only a tribe better off than its western neighbor, 50 per cent are illegitimate."—Humboldt.

THE SILENT ELECTION.

Michael Davitt led his adherents, all ducking their heads and some covering themselves with rugs to avoid the fusillade of stones. Mr. Pinkerton, M.P. for Galway, had his head cut and several others were injured. On trying to enter Easky the anti-Parnellites found the road barred by a formidable array of Parnellites, and on the advice of the police they retraced in the direction of Sligo and another shower of stones and other missiles. The party reached Sligo in the evening, where they addressed a large meeting. They gave an account of the day's happenings and the treatment they had received, which they declared the Parnellite leaders organized on the previous night in Sligo. They all vowed vengeance. The fusillade of stones continued until the party was half a mile from Easky. A car with a couple of newspaper men following 100 yards behind the Davitt party were attacked by Parnellites and the occupants were thrown to the ground and were seriously hurt. They were obliged to stop at a village to have their wounds dressed. On learning who the wounded men were the assailants expressed contrition. A telegram from Ballina reports that Dr. Tanner was seriously assaulted by a hostile mob today, being laid down and dragged through the mud. Mr. Morrough, M.P. for the South-east division of Cork, in a speech at Youghal today, denounced his colleague, Dr. Kenny, to seek

A RE-ELECTION WITH HIM. Mr. Parnell made a triumphal entry into Sligo yesterday. He was escorted by fifty cartloads of supporters from the rural districts armed with blackthorn. He was received with jeers by the townspeople. Mr. Davitt and his supporters afterwards made a counter-display. Three hundred police and a squadron of cavalry were in readiness to prevent any collision between the opposing factions. Previous to the arrival at Sligo of Mr. Davitt a fight with blackthorn sticks took place on the steps of the town hall. Subsequently Mr. Parnell complained that he had been assaulted during the progress of the rally by one of the residents of the town. This place was crowded all day yesterday with persons who had come to attend the market held here. Mr. Parnell visited outlying friendly districts in the morning with the object of gathering his supporters together for the purpose of accompanying him in his formal entry into the town. The voting classes here were unmistakably hostile to Mr. Parnell. The struggle which took place on the steps of the town hall, in which Mr. Parnell claimed to have been assaulted, was a contest between the two factions for the possession of the hall. Each side fought fiercely, but the Parnellites being assisted by the police finally overcame their opponents and victoriously entered the building. When his friends got inside Mr. Parnell made a speech in which he described a "cowardly attack" which had been made on him by a townsman named McHugh, who Mr. Parnell claimed, had threatened to "swab the streets with his body." The remainder of the speech was a mass of vituperation of the seceders from his ranks.

On returning to his hotel Mr. Parnell attempted to deliver a speech from a window, but was compelled to desist owing to the howling and yelling of a body of McHughites, who drowned the speaker's voice. DUBLIN, March 20.—Michael O'Brien Dalton has written to Timothy Healy apologizing for the assault which he made on the latter at Cork. Dalton does not say that any one had instigated the assault and begs Mr. Healy to remember that he (the writer) had just been released from jail and was smoldering under an unjust accusation.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

At a meeting on Wednesday of last week, Mr. Pollotier was deposed as president and political director of La Justice.

It is rumored that the Quebec ship carpenters will this season demand \$2.50 a day while working in the graving dock, and \$3 outside.

Soft weather is driving lumber operations out of the woods in New Brunswick. They report a short cut this winter throughout the province.

Harvey Wry, a brakeman on the Bue-touche and Moncton Railway, slipped on the ice while shunting cars on Saturday and received fatal injuries.

The bye-election in Portage La Prairie took place last week. Honble. Joseph Martin, Attorney-General, being returned again by a majority of 61.

Steps are being taken at Ottawa to organize a Canadian branch of the United Empire Trade League, for the purpose of advocating British commercial union.

A meeting of gentlemen interested in the formation of a naval corps in Toronto was held on Thursday night, at which the project was considerably advanced.

The Quebec Government evening classes at Hull were closed on Tuesday night. They were attended by about 700 pupils, some of whom were aged men.

Quebec ship carpenters are making a move for shorter hours and more pay. They have been getting \$1.50 per day of ten hours. They now want eight hours and \$2 per day.

John D. Lewis, a colored lawyer of Philadelphia, who recently died, bequeathed \$100,000 as a fund to aid in securing to colored persons in the United States their civil rights.

It is said that the military school at Winnipeg is to be abandoned and the belief in the report is strengthened by the fact that one of the senior officers is to be removed to Kingston.

The report for South Grey closed last week, and resulted in bringing down Dr. Landrekin's majority from 21 to 3. Dr. Landrekin's majority at the last Dominion election was over 400.

It is understood that the firm of John Birrell & Co., London, Ont., whose temporary suspension has been in announced, have made a satisfactory arrangement with their Canadian creditors.

Very Rev. Dean Wagner, of Windsor, is the possessor of some very old and very valuable pictures, sent him to sell in all of his church, which he has consented to exhibit in Montreal, at the request of Archbishop Fabry.

Herz Bail, a prominent National Liberal member of the Reichstag, had paid a visit to Prince Bismarck. Herz Bail says that if Bismarck is elected to the Reichstag he will immediately afterwards appear in that body.

The Workmen's Congress, now in session at Madrid, has approved of the proposition to declare a general strike throughout Spain, should such a step be found necessary, to secure the adoption of the eight hours system.

The South Grey Conservatives have nominated Mr. W. T. Patrie, miller of Hudson, to contest the riding for the seat in the Ontario Legislature made vacant by the death of Mr. Hunter. The election takes place April 8.

Staff-Sergeant Lester of the First Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment was found dead on Saturday morning in the Wellington Barracks, Halifax. His death is a mystery. He had been missing from the barracks for twenty-four hours.

An enquiry has been begun into the death of Annie Morrison, the girl who died at the Victoria Hospital, Halifax, from, it is alleged, poor treatment and neglect in childbirth. It is also charged that no record of her death was kept by the city authorities.

Robert Clarke, of Fredericton, aged 21, and a student of the New Brunswick University, who visited New York last autumn and underwent the Koch lymph treatment there with injurious results, died at home on Sunday. He never recovered from the effects of the lymph.

At the assizes at Kingston last week, a true bill was returned against Peter Sharbot, the Sharbot Lake Indian, accused of murdering his wife's illegitimate child near that place last September. No bill was returned in the case of Sharbot's wife, charged with complicity in her husband's crime.

A new law just promulgated empowers the French criminal courts, in dealing with certain transgressions, to postpone sentences for first offences five years in the hope of the offender's reformation, and if there is no second offence the sentence is then void. Second offences are to be visited with severity.

The Conroy's inquest respecting the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Kane, of Belleville, who was murdered by her husband, James Kane, on Monday of last week, was concluded Thursday night. The verdict was "that James Kane did feloniously, wilfully and of malice aforethought, kill and murder one Elizabeth Kane." The murderer will be tried some time this month.

The steamer Don has landed at Plymouth the crew of the German barque Humboldt, who when rescued had suffered terrible hardships and were in a dying condition. The Humboldt sailed from Altata, Mexico, in the Gulf of California, in September last, bound to Falmouth. On the voyage the crew were stricken with scurvy and became so weak that they were almost insensible. Their teeth loosened and their skins became swollen and livid. When spoken by the Don the Humboldt was disabled and sinking and all her boats had been smashed. Two of her crews were already dead. The survivors were so exhausted that they had to be hoisted aboard the Don. They had been ill for three months.

COMPLETED TO DEADWOOD. The Burlington Route, C., B. & Q. R. R., from Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis, is now completed, and daily passenger trains are running through Lincoln, Neb., and Custer, S.D., to Deadwood. Also to Newcastle, Wyoming. Sleeping cars to Deadwood.



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