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ORANGE GUERRILLAS IN BELFAST

For weeks our Irish exchanges have been filled with alarming reports of recurrent outbreaks of Orange ruffianism in Belfast. The lives of Catholic workmen in the shipyards are not considered safe, and many mob murders have been attempted in open day.

We do not take the reports in the Irish papers as the basis of our opinions in this respect. We give the Parliamentary debate in which the Irish Chief Secretary confesses his weakness and does not hide the cause of it.

Mr. John Redmond asked the Chief Secretary the following question, of which he had given private notice: Whether he can state whether the rioting still continues in Queen's Island Shipbuilding Yard; and whether the Catholic workmen are still maltreated or driven from their work, and what measures the Government propose to take to maintain order?

The Chief Secretary said—Since I came to the House this morning I have received a telegram that all is quiet. The men at work in Musgrave Channel were picketed yesterday from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. by military pickets and a force of Royal Irish Constabulary.

Mr. Redmond—Can the right hon. gentleman say whether the military are still in occupation of the shipbuilding yard at Queen's Island? Are they in occupation to-day?

Mr. Redmond—In view of the seriousness of the present position of affairs, and in view of the fact that permanent measures are not to be taken at present for the maintenance of order, will the right hon. gentleman consider the desirability of putting a police barracks in the Queen's Island for the maintenance of peace in the future?

question before the end of the session, for it is of enormous importance that something should be done before Parliament separates (hear, hear).

Mr. Healy asked—Why are the proposals rejected which were made when the Belfast Harbor Bill was before the House?

The Chief Secretary—There was a proposal to put a police barracks in the shipbuilding yard. I did reject that proposal at the time, and I still think it would be a most unwise one.

Anyone reading the Chief Secretary's remarks must realize the seriousness of the situation. He is afraid to promise a permanent provision for the maintenance of law and order, but he knows that the guerillas are only marking time to attempt the perpetration of acts which the Government cannot evade responsibility for.

DEATH OF CRISPI.

Francesco Crispi, the last of the makers of what is called "Modern Italy," is dead. Pope Leo is said to have fallen upon his knees and prayed for him upon hearing the news.

It is a difficult thing to draw a picture of Crispi that would represent him with approximate truthfulness to readers in the country. It would not be a wide shot, however, to call him the Joe Chamberlain of Italian politics. Of course this description makes allowance for the substantial differences between Italian and British institutions.

The parallel ends at the religious line. Chamberlain has not, so far, found it necessary to use the weapon which Crispi considered most serviceable. The Italian ex-premier was an inveterate anti-Catholic politician.

The venerable Pontiff, by nine years the senior of Crispi, lives after him, and exercises an influence upon the civilized world compared with which the legacy of Victor Emmanuel is but an infant's breath. It was to the aged Pontiff in his veritable prison that the Kingdom of Italy, the member of the Triple Alliance, had to turn to supplicate for the word that secured the release of the Italian army from the grip of King Menelik.

LESSON OF THE CENSUS.

Several months ago when the newspapers were anticipating with more optimism than at present the announcement of the census returns, we heard that the population of Canada was at the very least 6,000,000.

in the provincial statistics of schools. The population of Quebec has advanced in the past ten years, the population of Ontario, if it has not fallen back, has remained stationary.

It has become the habit of journalists and others to blink the obvious truth of this problem of population in Canada. Administrations are blamed by partisans, but the united record of twenty years under two administrations should silence hypocritical criticisms.

FATHER BERGIN RESIGNS.

The people of St. Cecilia's were extremely grieved by the announcement made on Sunday last that ill health had compelled Rev. Father Bergin to resign his charge.

The departure of Father Bergin leaves a gap in the ranks of the Ontario clergy, among whom he modestly held the reputation of an exceptionally brilliant theologian. When Dean of Barrie he was widely known in the northern section of the country as a man of rare abilities and exquisite qualities.

There is one side of Father Bergin's character that upon his departure for his native country may be spoken of without indelicacy. He is an ardent patriotic Irishman who holds his patriotism very near his heart and dislikes to make parade of it.

CATHOLIC UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND THE DECLARATION.

In connection with the debate in the House of Lords on the King's declaration which appears elsewhere in this issue, we have received a copy of the statement presented to a Committee of the House of Lords by the Duke of Norfolk, President of the Catholic Union of Great Britain.

text of all vows ever taken by Jesuits. Father Gerard confesses that the "widespread and persistent belief in the iniquities of the wily Jesuits is to him inexplicable; it is no more to be accounted for than 'foreign ideas about the perfidiousness of Albion and the profound Machiavellism of his policy.'"

MISS MEEHAN'S PROMOTION. Miss Matilda Meehan, for a long time on the teaching staff of the girl's department of the Model School, and being next to the mistress in seniority, has been promoted to that office vacated by Miss Jones.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Extremes met at the recent conferring of degrees at the University of Melbourne. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York received his D. C. L., and an engine-driver in the employ of the Victorian Railway Department, James Horatio O'Connell, took the degree of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Science.

The results of the Irish Royal University summer examinations have been published. They show once more the superiority of Irish Catholics colleges, not one of which receives a penny of State aid, over the endowed Queen's colleges.

The spirit of prophecy has re-possessed our old friend Dr. Wild at Kingston this week he definitely fixed the date of Armageddon in 1930. In the nature of things the doctor will have been gathered to his fathers long before the arrival of the fateful year.

Mr. Edward C. Strutt in The Monthly Review for August gives a picture of Italy which is not pleasant to look upon. Having investigated the distress amongst the peasants of Apulia and other parts of the country, he finds the destitution appalling.

In the current number of The Monthly Review, Father Gerard, S. J., remonstrated mildly with his countrymen on the universal prejudice against the Jesuit Order. He publishes, "in its naked simplicity," the most solemn and comprehensive of the vows taken by members of the Society.

The Dublin Daily Independent, of August 2, contains a long interview with Mr. Henri Bourassa, M. P., on the general attitude of Canada towards Imperialism and with particular reference to the South African war.

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PRESENTATION TO FATHER O'MALLEY.

Uxbridge, Aug. 8.—Rev. Father O'Malley, who has been appointed to the Oshawa-Whitby parish, was welcomed at the Presbytery here Tuesday evening by deputations from Uxbridge and Port Perry and presented with kindly worded addresses, expressive of the esteem in which he is held, accompanied by mementos of a useful character.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. P. Murray is ill. Rev. William Hart, formerly of East Toronto parish, and for several years parish priest of one of the churches in St. Paul, Minn., is visiting his father, Mr. Lawrence Hart, and sister, Miss M. L. Hart, in the city at present.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK. Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. Gospel: Luke x. 23-27. St. 18 St. Joachim, Father M. 10 St. Louisa, B. C. T. 20 St. Bernard, Ab. W. 21 St. John Francis de O Th 22 St. Symphorian, M F. 23 St. Philip Beniti, C S. 24 St. Bartholomew, Ap

German Catholics and the Press

The German Catholics display wisdom worthy of imitation in the policy they pursue with regard to the press. They make it an essential point of their programme to support their own papers and to extend their influence. In most Catholic districts they have flourishing Catholic organs, and two of their daily papers, the Kölnische Volkszeitung and the Germania, are amongst the most powerful factors in moulding public life.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF REV. FATHER LARKIN Peterborough, Aug. 9.—A telegram was received Thursday at St. Peter's Cathedral announcing the death at 12.30 that afternoon of Rev. Michael Larkin, parish priest of Grafton, at that place. The deceased's gentleman's illness, of a pulmonary nature, was of about a year's duration.

Peterborough, Aug. 12.—The funeral of the late Rev. Father Larkin, parish priest of Grafton, took place on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. The remains were conveyed from the residence to the church, where solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Right Rev. Monsignor Laurent of Lindsay, assisted by Rev. Father Twohey, of Picton, deacon, and Rev. Father McCloskey of Campbellford, sub-deacon.

Interment took place in St. Mary's Cemetery, Grafton, a number of the clergy acting as bearers. DRATH OF MRS. O'CONNOR. Mrs. John O'Connor, wife of the proprietor of the Nealon House, 197 King street east, died at her home Saturday morning. The deceased lady was a native of the County of Peel, but had been for many years a resident of the city.