

## The Southern Soldier Boy.

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Young as the youngest who donned the gray,  
True as the truest that wore it—  
Brave as the bravest, he marched away,  
(Hot tears on the cheeks of his mother lay.)  
Triumphant waved our flag one day,  
He fell in the front before it.

Firm as the firmest, where duty led,  
He hurried without a falter,  
Bold as the boldest he fought and bled,  
And the day was won, but the field was red,  
And the blood of his fresh young heart was  
shed.

On his country's hallowed altar,  
On the trampled breast of the battle plain,  
Where the foremost ranks had wrestled,  
On his pale, pure face, not a mark of pain,  
(His mother dreams they will meet again.)  
The fairest form amid all the slain,  
Like a child asleep—he nestled.

In the solemn shade of the woods that swept  
The field where his comrades found him,  
They buried him there—and the hot tears  
crept  
Into strong men's eyes that had seldom wept  
(His mother—God pity her—smiled and slept  
Dreaming her arms were around him.)

A grave in the woods with the grass o'er-  
grown,  
A grave in the heart of his mother—  
His clay in the one lies lifeless and lone:  
There is not a name, there is not a stone—  
And only the voice of the wind maketh  
moan  
Over the grave where never a flower is strewn,  
But his memory lies in the other.

## NEWS FROM IRELAND.

## DUBLIN.

An awfully sudden death occurred in the Four Courts on July 22d. While about, with his son-in-law, Dr. O'Leary, M.P., and a solicitor, to make an affidavit, James Rogers, Professor of Music, dropped dead, from heart disease, as he was kissing the Testament.

On July 22d, while a workman named Michael McKewen was engaged in pulling down some houses in George's street, Dublin, on the site to be occupied by the South City Markets, a portion of the masonry fell upon and severely injured him. He was conveyed to hospital where he died shortly afterwards.

A laborer named Newman was burned to death while asleep in a lay-loft in Blackhorse lane, Phoenix Park, on July 19th. It is believed that the lay was set on fire by a spark from his pipe.

## QUEEN'S COUNTY.

On July 25th a poor woman named Mary Shea met with a very sudden death. Her son left Abbeyfeale early in the morning for Maryborough with the intention of enlisting. She, learning of his departure, hurried to the railway station to follow him. Unfortunately she missed the train and ran away from the station in a very excited state, taking the road for Maryborough. She had accomplished some five miles of her journey, and was about two miles from the latter town, when she met a drayman who knew her son. He told her he had seen him in Maryborough speaking to a staff sergeant. She hurried on and had passed the dray some 200 yards when she fell suddenly down on the path. The drayman, who saw her fall, ran back, but on reaching the woman he found her quite dead.

## KING'S COUNTY.

The greatest rain storm experienced for many years visited King's County on Sunday, July 20th, and inflicted considerable damage on the growing crops and other property. The rivers and streams overflowed their banks, and rushed forth with marvellous rapidity, inundating the low-lying districts in their course. The cereals are almost everywhere "flooded" and a large tract of fallow meadow is submerged. Agriculturalists are really desponding, and misgivings are entertained regarding the safety of the crops. After divine service in Birr church, special prayers were offered, asking for fine weather.

An accident of a very singular nature, unhappily attended with fatal result, occurred at Banagher on July 19th, when a Mr. McCavley, an officer of excise, lost his life. It seems that on the previous day deceased complained of not feeling very well, but he attended at the usual hour. About midnight his son, who slept near him, heard a noise outside his bedroom door, and going out found his father lying almost unconscious. Medical aid was procured, and when able to speak he explained that on leaving his room he missed his footing and fell down a short flight of stairs, his head coming in contact with the balustrade, although everything they could do was done for him, the man died next morning.

## WESTMEATH.

Philip Mahon, stationmaster, Mullingar, recently obtained leave of absence for some time, as he had some important business to attend to. The leave extended from Tuesday till Friday, and when he did not return on the latter day, or on Saturday, inquiries were made about him, but no trace of his whereabouts could be obtained. The authorities then thought there was something wrong. Mahon's accounts were examined, and it was found that a large sum of money was missing. Besides this, the fugitive appears to have raised money by every possible means, and several persons in humble circumstances in life will suffer severely by the transaction. Mahon's destination is supposed to be America. He has left a wife behind. The occurrence has caused the utmost surprise and indignation, especially as Mahon was supposed always to be a very steady man, and attentive to his business.

## MEATH.

On July 22d a very sudden death occurred in the coffee-room of Keppock's White Horse Hotel, Drogheda. Mr. Abraham Colles, J. P., of Corballis, Laytown, county Meath, brother to Mr. Colles, of the firm of Meade & Colles, solicitors, Dublin, went into the coffee room of the hotel, after arriving from Liverpool per the Drogheda steamer. He was sitting there after partaking of some refreshment, when he took a fit and died in a short time.

## CORK.

On July 22d it was reported to the Constabulary at Killyvallen that insects answering the description of the Colorado beetle had appeared in a potato field near Killyvallen. Sergeant Griffin proceeded to the place, and found that the leaves and stalks of the potato called "American Champions" were covered over with insects, which no person in that locality had

ever seen the like of. He collected over two dozen of the insects, and put them with the potato stalk into a box. They were shown to several persons in Mallow, who asserted that the insects have a strong resemblance to the much-dreaded Colorado beetle. There are several kinds of potatoes in the field, but the beetles were only found on the "American Champions."

On July 15th, a young lad named King, aged 10, was drowned at Passage. He was missed from home about four o'clock, and was not seen afterwards until his dead body was found about ten o'clock at night lying on the strand outside the Custom House, between two boats. It is supposed that the deceased, in stepping from one boat to the other, when the tide was in, fell into the water and was drowned. He was the son of a ship carpenter residing in Passage.

Coroner Hogan held an inquest on July 19th, at Blackrock, on the body of a young man named Henry Ross, who was drowned on the previous evening accidentally. It appeared in the evidence that the deceased, who was only twenty-two years of age, went with four or five other young fellows to bathe in the Douglas Channel, near Mr. Pike's boat-house. He was the only one of the party able to swim. He swam across the channel with ease, but when returning he raised his hands in the air and screamed, and shortly afterwards sank beneath the surface of the water. Search was promptly made for the body, but it was not recovered for several hours. Dr. O'Connor, of Blackrock, was examined, and deposed that the deceased must have got cramps while in the water. His death was caused, in his opinion, by accidental drowning. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony. Ross was a sober, well-conducted, intelligent young man, and occupied for some time past the position of gardener to Mr. Ebenezer Pike, of Besborough.

The Grand Jury awarded £100, as compensation to Martin John O'Brien, for personal injuries sustained by being shot at and wounded near Lisacarril, in April last. It was alleged that the offence was of an agrarian character, and that important evidence relating to the charge had been withheld by the people of the locality, and the Grand Jury were unanimously of this opinion.

At the Cork assizes, on July 22nd, the twenty-two persons who were returned for trial for the Mallow school disturbance, pleaded guilty to having been in riotous assembly, and were left out on their own recognizances. A telegram was sent from Cork giving this information. The intelligence pleased everyone in Mallow. The life and drum band played through the town. They were followed by a vast concourse, numbers of the people carrying green boughs, and all cheering as they went along. There was a large house in New street. It was intended to have made a great demonstration, but the death of Mr. John Byrne, an old and respected inhabitant, prevented it. The schools have been closed for eighteen weeks, and are still occupied by the constabulary.

## LIMERICK.

At Foynes, county Limerick, on July 23d, Michael Walsh, aged 20, a blacksmith, residing midway between Foynes and Shanagolden, was laboring under some mental aberration, and as Mrs. Honora Madigan, a respectable dairywoman, residing in the neighborhood, went into Walsh's house, Walsh took up a large iron bar, and striking her a tremendous blow on the head, killed her on the spot. He next proceeded to ill-use his children, and would probably have murdered them but that his friends brought a number of people to the place, who secured the man, and prevented him from doing any further injury. The police were shortly afterwards sent for, and Walsh was taken into custody and lodged in the county jail. Walsh was always looked upon in the locality as a sober, hardworking, industrious young man, and has a wife and large family of young children dependent on him.

## CLARE.

The potato blight has become widespread, and may be noticed in every potato garden and field throughout the county. Mr. Marcus Keane, Beach Park, Ennis, has made abatement of 10 per cent. in their present rents to his tenants on the Mountmannon estate, Killysart, and will, should the harvest prove a turn out unfavorable, give a still further reduction. Negotiations are on foot, with the consent of the landlord, one of the largest landed proprietors in the county Clare, to make a reduction of from 20 to 25 per cent. on his various estates, and as evidence of such the rent falling due in May has not yet been demanded.

## ANTRIM.

On July 23d, an accident of a very serious nature occurred at the lime-stone quarries on the estate of Lord Templemore, near Templepatrick. The men were, as usual, engaged in their daily labor, and were ordered to withdraw an old charge of powder for blasting. The powder, however, unfortunately exploded just as the men had bored for and reached it, and two of them—Robert Adair and Hugh Connor—were thrown ten feet into the air. Adair was seriously hurt about the face, and his left hand was completely cut off. Connor also suffers from burns and contusions. Another man also received some injuries. The injured men were brought to the Belfast Royal Hospital. Adair is in a critical condition.

## DOWN.

The riots which took place in Newry on the 12th of July, were renewed on July 19th. Two men had a shooting affray on Sugar Island, and the police were stoned in Boat Street and Chapel Street, two densely-populated districts. A lady was recently driving her carriage along Newham-place, Newry, when an aged lady—Mrs. Hugh Thompson, formerly of Ballycross, Banbridge, but recently resident in Newry—was crossing the street. Being somewhat deaf she did not hear the sound of the advancing carriage, or the yell of those in it, and was knocked down and injured. The lady at once stopped the horses, and sent three medical men to the residence of the injured lady. After suffering some days Mrs. Thompson died on July 24th.

The Irish Times of July 25th, says of the potato and hay crops in North Down:—  
"It is the opinion of some of the best

and most experienced farmers in this part of the county, that the potato crop this season will be the worst that has been known since the year of the blight. In sandy, gravelly, high, or well-drained lands, the yield promises to be about half an average; but in low-lying fields the tubers have been reduced to rotten masses by the extreme wet. In the ordinary way an acre of good potatoes is, in a good year worth from £18 to £20, and even more, but at present there are numerous fields in the Ards and Castle-reagh baronies that would not at the outside bring more than £2 per acre. That potatoes will be unusually dear this season there can be no doubt. The hay crop is turning out a great deal better than was expected. The wet weather was very unfavorable for the saving of seed, and in this respect growers will sustain a loss. The dry, windy, and sunny weather that has been experienced since Monday morning was all that could be desired by haymakers, and should it continue till the end of the week all the hay in this large district will be in a position of comparative safety. Much of it is already in "laps," and in few places ricks are to be seen in the fields."

## DERBY.

The London and Grand Jury, on July 23rd, heard the claim of Ellen Doherty, the girl who was injured by an explosion at the outrage perpetrated upon the Catholic soiree party, on the 17th of March last. They awarded her £250 under the Peace Preservation Act. She was maintained for life.

Two fishermen named Frizzle and McGowan, belonging to Portstewart, were drowned, July 23rd, while out fishing. They went out early in the morning, and were engaged some time at their occupation when the boat was overturned by the heavy sea. One of the men clung to the boat for some time, but finally disappeared. Another boat some distance off saw the accident, but could render no assistance.

## DONEGAL.

Chief Justice May sat in the Crown Court at Lifford, on July 19th, and opened the Assizes. In addressing the Grand Jury he said there were only two bills to go before them, not at all of a serious character. From the return of offences committed in the county since the last Assizes, he observed a very remarkable absence of offences of a very serious nature. He was happy to be able on this, his first visit to the county, to congratulate the Grand Jury on the very satisfactory state of the county. He had the same observations to make in all the counties on the circuit which he had visited, for in all of them there was a very marked absence of serious crimes, which was very gratifying.

On July 19th, an explosion, supposed to be of dynamite, took place close to the door of a house occupied by Robert Moore, a bailiff on the Leslie estate, near Manor-Cunningham, in the county of Donegal. The house was torn up, but no serious injury was done to the house. It is believed that the object of the outrage was to intimidate Moore from assisting to build a limekiln which Captain Leslie is erecting for the convenience of his tenants, and at their request.

## MAYO.

At Mayo assizes on July 21st, three men named Hopkins, Murphy, and Ruane were indicted for an assault on a process server, and obstruction of the police in the discharge of their duty. The process server went to serve eight writs for rent, amounting to £700, due on the estate of Mr. Nolan Farrell, some of it due since last November, and some even for a much longer period. The people assembled to the number of 600 and prevented the police, two occasions, even defying the police, who were obliged to load their rifles and threaten to fire. The jury were discharged without being able to agree to a verdict.

On July 24th, the flour store of Mr. Durkan, Ballyhenry, was found on fire. Owing to the exertions of several townsmen it was prevented from spreading. Mr. Durkan, his two brothers, and a cousin have been arrested and charged with incendiarism.

## ROSCOMMON.

Notice to quit, on the first of November, has been given to Mr. Patrick Nealon of Curtermore, by his landlord, Mr. Roger McCarrick, Kilglass, Enniscrone. Nealon has been tenant for several years, and some five years ago, at a cost of £200, erected a house on the farm, the old house being in a very dilapidated condition. Subsequently a revision in the valuation took place, and the valuator increased the valuation by £2 5s. The tenant twice tendered his rent less half the poor rate on the revised valuation, and it was rejected, unless he consented to deduct only the moiety of the rate, according to the former valuation. At the end of March Sessions, at Ballymore, the landlord proposed the tenant for the rent, and the decision was that the latter was legally justified in refusing the payment of this sum of one shilling and nine pence.

Pope Sixtus V. had been a poor swine-herd when a boy. Though the first of men, he was humble, and never forgot his low origin. A little while after his accession to the pontifical throne, his sister, who was a peasant, came to see him; but she thought she must look very grand to appear before her brother, so she spent the little money she had in fine clothes, and dressing herself up, she went to the palace of the Holy Father. Good Sixtus V. passed by and appeared not to recognize her, and said he had some sisters who were peasants, but he did not remember her having any rich relations. The poor woman, much confused, went home, and came back the next day in her usual dress, when the Pope received her kindly, and sent her away with suitable presents for all his family.

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