

The Southern Soldier Boy.

BY REV. A. J. EVAN.
Young as the youngest who donned the gray.
True as the truest that wore it—

On the morning of the battle plain,
Where the foremost ranks had wrestled,
On his pale, pure face, not a mark of pain,

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.,

On July 22d, while a workman named Michael McKeown was engaged in pulling down some houses in George's street, Dublin, on the site to be occupied by the South City Markets,

A laborer named Newman was burned to death while asleep in a lay-loft in Blackhorse lane, Phoenix Park, on July 19th.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

On July 25th a poor woman named Mary Shea met with a very sudden death. Her son left Abbeycloyly early in the morning for Maryborough with the intention of enlisting.

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.

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 one day to his house, Walsh took up a large iron bar, and striking her a tremendous blow on the head, killed her on the spot.

CLARE.

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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.

MEATH.

On July 23d a very sudden death occurred in the coffee-room of Kenepock's White Horse Hotel, Drogheda. Mr. Abraham Colles, J. P., of Cobhills, Laytown, county Meath, brother to Mr. Colles, 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 23d it was reported to the Constabulary at Killavullen that insects appeared in a potato field near Killavullen. 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 had 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 Ryan, 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 until about half-past five, P.M., at 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.

Ren 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 Lisacroll, 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 bonfire 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.

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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 burnt about the face, and his leg 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 call 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 £29, and even more, but at present there are numerous fields in the Ards and Castlereagh 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 to 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."

DEBBY.

The Londonderry 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 married 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. 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 policeman, 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 him on 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.

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, Enniscorthy. 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 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 assizes of last year, Ballymore, the landlord proposed to sue 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.

Pope Sixtus V. had been a poor swimmer 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 poor, but he did not remember her. 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. They are strange things, those long solitary hours in the time of youth, such ceaseless thoughts about self with such small self-knowledge, such deep thinking with so little reflection, such abstraction of mind with such sensibility to outward impressions. Times of greatest calmity and confusion have ever been productive of great minds. The purest ore is produced from the hottest furnace and the brightest thunderbolt is elicited from the darkest storm.

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