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IRELAND

The announcement of the death of the Rev. Thomas Kelly, S. J., will call forth very genuine and widespread regret. Throughout Dublin many people...

SCOTLAND

The address of His Lordship the Bishop of Aberdeen is, and it has been decided to remove him to Edinburgh so that he might have the best medical advice.

Spanish Side of The Cuban Question.

In Massey Hall, on Thursday evening, Senator Du Boso, late First Secretary of the Spanish legation in Washington, lectured on the causes of the Cuban revolution and the present Spanish-American war.

I may say in parentheses that the yellow press and the jingo Senators, like Gallio, care for none of these things.

Table with 2 columns: United States imports, United States exports, United States exports.

I think that for a population largely composed of negroes, mulattoes, and Chincos, this is not a bad showing, and that an Administration under whose rule such results are obtainable cannot be wholly bad.

Table with 2 columns: A total trade of, Difference in favor of Cuba.

The taxation per capita, as compared with other South American countries, was as follows:—Chili, \$21; Brazil, \$22; Uruguay, \$20; Costa Rica, \$19; Argentina, \$16; Cuba, \$15.

A new factor had, however, to be taken into account, and without which no insurance would have been possible. As you are doubtless aware, the wealth of Cuba is due primarily to the sugar crop.

grossmen and Senators, whose personal interests were in peril, to stand up for truth and justice. Time and again have these lying reports of the yellow press been refuted, but unfortunately, only the respectable newspapers in the States have published these denials.

To prove the truth of what I say. One of the worst of the many atrocious rascals and glotted over by the sensational press was the case of Evangelina Ocasio y Cisneros. This is what General Lee, an ardent sympathizer with the insurgents, and American Consul-General in Havana, said on the subject upon his arrival in New York on the 8th of last September:

"There is one thing that I am at liberty to speak about, and I do it cheerfully and anxiously, as I wish to correct a false and stupid impression which has been created by some newspapers. I refer to Senatora Cisneros. This young woman has two children, both in the Casa Recojidas, and is well clothed and fed. It is all tommyrot about her scrubbing floors and being subjected to cruelties and indignities. She would have been pardoned long ago if it had not been for the husband created by American newspapers."

"I do not believe the Spanish Government ever for a moment intended to send her to the penal colony in Africa or elsewhere. I believe her name is now upon the roll for pardon. That she was implicated in the insurrection on the Isle of Pines there can be no question. She herself, in a note to me, acknowledged the fact, and stated that she was betrayed by an accomplice named Aras."

Do you imagine the sensational press published this denial? On the contrary, they completely ignored it, and proceeded to invent new horrors. The proprietor of one of the most respectable journals in the world, so personal and even obscene that it is banished from the reading-room of every respectable club in America, the property of a youth cursed with an immense fortune, imagined the most extraordinary advertisement that this age has seen.

Is there any other country in the world, ladies and gentlemen, where such a thing would be possible, and yet these paid hirings of a disreputable newspaper are the statements, save the mark, who shape to-day the destinies of the United States. Another of these amiable legislators, one William Mason, annoyed, I imagine, at not having been included in the invitation to visit Cuba free of cost, and determined to prove that at any rate he was as good an American orator as the rest of the gang, made a speech so loud, and in words so coarse, that he could not be asked to get up to call him to order, and said: "In that pertentious and slums" he had picked up his ideas.

But, let me pass, ladies and gentlemen, from the contemplation of these border ruffians, whose illiterate boorishness is only equalled by their venality and ludicrously pompous conceit, to the consideration of the steps which the American Government, yielding to the pressure brought to bear, thought fit to take to coerce Spain into the surrender of part of her territory.

The Maine question was brought forward, and the report of the American Board of Investigation published, stating that the cause of the explosion was the want of maintenance. This conclusion was founded upon the following pieces of logic. The evidence of Captain Sigbee and the officers of the ill-fated ship, the parties principally concerned, showed that every precaution had been taken, therefore the explosion could not have been from the interior, therefore it must have been from the outside; therefore it must have been done by the Spaniards—Q. E. D. We offered to submit the question to the judgment of naval experts of the maritime powers, agreeing in advance to abide by their verdict.

Finally, the American Government suggested that an armistice should be proclaimed for a few months, and if by that time the island were not completely pacified, that President McKinley should be appointed as arbitrator of the whole Cuban question between Spain and the insurgents, and that his decision should be without appeal. This was a last straw. All that a self-respecting nation could do to avert war had been done. Do that a self-respecting nation could do to avert war was impossible; Spain might not conquer; but she could die in defence of her rights. Then came the ultimatum and the declaration of war.

Europe, Canada and Mexico are to-day confronted by a most dangerous problem. If the United States should triumph, which God forbid, whose will be the next turn? What real proofs have the States given their theoretically friendly foreign neighboring nations? Are the zenas, even of this fair Dominión, allowed to work in the merchant marts of the United States? Or are they treated as Chinese coolies? Is only the American Government is anxious to obtain their services in ships of war. It is possible to be pre-judged on the subject, but it seems that before very long it will be incumbent on the nations to combine opposition to this dangerous extension of the so-called Monroe doctrine, which threatened to crush out of the western hemisphere the interests and authority of the constitutional Governments of Europe. Must we submit to see the sacred traditions and the rights which centuries have honored trampled upon by the feet of the most bloated and corrupt body politics of modern times? I cannot believe this possible.

"Ladies and gentlemen," concluded the speaker, "a vision rises before me—on my right I see a throne, and on its steps a widowed Queen, holding by the hand a boy, upon whose youthful brow presides the weight of a once mighty empire. Your noble dignity she lifts her hands in prayer to the chivalry of Europe. On my left I see a crowd of bloated politicians, whose evil countenances reflect the evils just that is in their souls—let Europe choose.

"I have been too long intimately associated with England and Englishmen not to know that your own intense loyalty to that most generous lady and sovereign whose dominions encircle the globe, not to know, I repeat, that that loyalty will sympathize with me when I give utterance to the prayer that burns to-day in the heart of every loyal Spaniard, 'God Save the King.' (Applause.)

On the conclusion of the address a vote of thanks was tendered Senator Du Boso, on motion of Mr. E. E. Sheppard, seconded by Mr. O. A. Howland.

OUT OF SORTS.—Symptoms, Headache, loss of appetite, furred tongue, and general indigestion. These symptoms, if neglected, develop into acute disease. It is a trick saying that a ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and a little attention at this point may save months of sickness and large doctor's bills. For this complaint take from two to three of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills on going to bed, and one or two for three nights in succession, and a cure will be effected.

SCHOOL TESTIMONIALS.—The following pupils of St. Michael's School received testimonials of merit for April, 1898:

- Form IV.—Excellent—W. O'Connor, J. Doyle, G. O'Leary, L. McGinn, C. Callen. Good—W. Burke, E. Thomson, F. Annett, F. O'Leary, H. Baker.
Form III.—Excellent—E. McMillan, L. Lee, F. O'Halloran, J. Millan, A. Grant, M. Ryan. Good—R. Dowling, P. Enfold, Thos. Wheeler, G. Murphy, J. Brazill, R. Oregan.
Form II.—Excellent—O. Bazeman, J. Kenney, B. Johnson, E. Foley, J. Kenny. Good—F. Murphy, H. Jackson, O. Duggan, C. Flannery, J. Wells.
Form I.—Excellent—J. Dee, J. Madigan, Leo O'Connor, F. Kelly, W. Oler, R. Murray, J. Maloney, A. Drotter, H. Haines, F. Walsh. Good—O. O'Brien, E. Read, F. Carlan, O. Smailie, B. McGeachie.
Form III.—Good—B. Breen, J. Fennell, H. Lavells, A. McDonald, A. Landreville, J. Landreville, A. Grossi, T. Cain, W. Lynnd, J. Donovan, P. Kennedy.
Form II.—Excellent—A. McNeill, E. McCaffrey, G. Roe, A. Shea, T. O'Hanley, J. Olney, W. Wylie, A. Murphy, Good—T. Cunerty, E. Zeagman, J. Cahughin, J. Haggerty, J. Kyle, T. Hanson, F. Brozen.
Form II.—Excellent—M. Keating, F. Murphy, O. Grossi, F. Walsh, J. Madigan, L. Chappelle. Good—E. Duffy, W. Bennett, E. Fennell, M. Montone, G. Kennedy.
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Form IV.—Excellent—Joseph O'Brien, Cornelius Mahoney, William Kelly.
Form III.—Good—Francis Doyle, James Gracy.
Form IV.—Excellent—E. Kelly, T. Donovan, W. Quinn, F. Mulhall, J. Harris. Good—J. Tracy, J. Diester, E. Ward, R. Turner.
Form III.—Excellent—W. Skelton, J. Cooney. Good—W. Slack.
Free and easy expectoration immediately relieve and free the throat and lungs from viscid phlegm, and a medicine that promotes this is the best medicine to use for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs and all affections of the throat and chest. This is precisely what Bidell's Anti-Consumptive Syrup is a specific for, and wherever used it has given unbounded satisfaction. Children like it because it is pleasant; adults like it because it relieves and cures the disease.

This fund is mounting up but slowly, caused a little, no doubt, by the attitude taken up by a few proprietors, who thought that the Lord Provost's fund was not good enough for them, and therefore started funds on their own account, which funds they allocated as they thought fit. There is no gauging the harm this free-lance attitude has done in the Scotch Catholic subscriptions.

COULDN'T WRITE HIS NAME.

Never Satisfied.—Business done—Hospital Work—Restored completely by South American Nettle. "Two years ago I was completely prostrated with nervous debility. I was so completely wrecked that I had to quit business. I tried best physicians, and numerous treatments and proprietary remedies, but in vain. Finally, I got a bottle of South American Nettle and I decided to give it a trial. Before I had taken half a bottle I received great benefit. I have taken several bottles, and feel justified in stating that it has cured me. Before taking it my nerves were so badly shattered I could not sign my name legibly. I feel that too much cannot be said in praise of it." E. E. Merrick, Villio, Ont.

A. O. H. Strafford.

STRAFFORD, May 5.—On Monday May 2nd, Div. No. 2, Ancient Order of Hibernians of this city, held a meeting for the purpose of organizing a division of the Ladies Auxiliary, and the Rev. vicar of this diocese, assisted by Mr. Hugh Kelly, president of Div. No. 5. Great enthusiasm was manifested by the ladies of Strafford who turned out in large numbers. The society was organized, and a pledge was given of eighty-six with good prospects of reaching the hundred mark within a few weeks. The ladies auxiliary has in the person of Miss Kelly a very clever woman under whose able management the society will flourish. In the order in this section of the province. Wishing the Ladies' Auxiliary and our noble order every success. Yours respectfully, "HIBERNIAN."

Guelph Is Prosperous.

GUELPH, April 27.—Gratifying in every respect was the statement which president J. McDillroy was enabled to make to the Board of Trade at its annual meeting on Tuesday evening. That the business of Guelph is progressing, and that the organization is evidenced by the fact that the membership rose numbers 129. We think, however, the president might well have coupled with this satisfactory announcement an admission for the year of the attendance at some of the regular meetings. In a live business centre like Guelph there are surely always subjects which are beneficially engage the attention of its business men once a month. The president's reference to the fire and the gas sewerage works, will be most satisfactory a re-statement of the wise position the board long since took upon these questions. The city council has at last made a move to meet the necessary requirements for protection. It is hoped something tangible will also be accomplished this year in the promotion of a proper sewerage system. The statistical portion of the report must afford pleasure and satisfaction to every citizen. It is, however, conclusively that Guelph has not been bereft of any thing of advantage of the fresh stimulus to trade which came with the passing away of the world-wide depression a couple of years ago. The figures quoted so fully by the president are, with their own content and make excellent reading for the people of this good city who have been sharers in the labor and are surely sharers in the advantages which improved trade has brought. One of the most interesting of the proceedings of the meeting was the well-earned recognition by the Board of the services rendered by its indefatigable secretary, Mr. Andrew Scott. Mr. Scott has certainly made the business of the Board one of its chief features. With a natural enthusiasm for the work of his office he has brought to its execution excellent judgment and business acumen and a never failing fund of kindness and cordiality. All work and no play makes the girl with the piano player next door. What English river has the most crooked course?—The Trent; for miles of its course it is altogether in Notes.

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