

ng on Monday, the Rome correspondent of the "Daily Mail" says—Monsignor Tacchi, Papal Nuncio to Belgium, has been sent from Vatican to Brussels, from Havre, staying with the rest of the Corps accredited to Belgium. It is the Vatican that the Nuncio has been sent by the Pope, expressly to investigate the arrest of Cardinal Mercier; he is unable to believe the official statement regarding the case.

LISHED CONDUCT AWARDS.

TO BRAVE IRISHMEN.

London, Saturday Night.
Supplement to the "London Gazette" following:

January 16th. His Majesty the King pleased to approve of the grant of distinguished conduct in the field mentioned:

Sergeant, 5396, 2nd Battalion Royal Fusiliers—For gallantry and coolness in holding gun on the 20th October under fire, by his ability securing an unbroken supply of ammunition for the troops throughout

private, 8715, 2nd Battalion Royal Fusiliers—For gallantry on the 20th carrying messages under very heavy fire.

Lance-Corporal, 2853, 1st Battalion Royal Fusiliers, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion during the fight for Reutel Ridge on 17th November, when his untiring efforts were to the wounded, who, no doubt, owe their recovery to him.

Sergeant, 2535, 1st Battalion Royal Fusiliers, for conspicuous courage on the 1st Zillebeke, in voluntarily undertaking a dangerous journey without any apparent getting safely through.

private, 8086, 2nd Battalion Royal Fusiliers, for conspicuous gallantry in carrying messages over dangerous ground, all of the messengers being killed on this duty. An example in devotion.

Co. Sergeant-Major, 777, 42nd Connaught Rangers, for conspicuous gallantry in carrying urgent messages over very difficult ground, 20 per cent of the messengers being wounded on this duty. An example in devotion to duty.

private, 4015, 1st Battalion Irish Guards, for conspicuous gallantry at rear of Klien on 17th November, in endeavouring to find a comrade under very dangerous circumstances, but was immediately badly himself.

Lance-Sergeant, 1664, 1st Battalion Royal Fusiliers, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion during the fight for Reutel Ridge, on 17th November, when his untiring efforts were to the wounded, who, no doubt, owe his gallant behavior.

private, 7102, 2nd Battalion Royal Fusiliers, for gallantry on the 7th after section-leader had been wounded, men in a charge on a German trench under fire.

private, 3539, 3rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers, attached to the 2nd Battalion Royal Fusiliers, for conspicuous gallantry in carrying messages over very dangerous ground, 20 per cent of the messengers being killed on this duty. An example in devotion to duty.

modulated voice, and was the recipient of a well-deserved encore. As "Dudley" Miss B. Quinlan was a smart and captivating maid. Her histrionic gifts were evident, while her vocalism showed to advantage in the capital song where she tells of the pagoda her friend "Rhoda" ran in the Strand. Mr John Cahill was again top-notch among the masculine element. He played the role of "Captain Bobbie Preston" very effectively, and everything he did bore the hallmark of finish and clearness. He was in good voice and sang with taste and expression. His rendering of "Lotus Land" was particularly good and eminently pleasing. Mr John Shannon supplied a characteristic study of "Yen How"—a mandarin. He played the role as to the manner born and sing his music with happy effect. His most popular number was "I Mean to Introduce it into China," each verse of which was a tit-bit, and spiced with topical allusions which took the audience. The sun-pivot of the play was Mr C. O'Conor, whose pourtrayal of "Lil" was about as clever and taking as could be conceived. He was the myth-creator of the evening, and never lost an opportunity of displaying his versatility. His acting was a little masterpiece, while his singing was capital, particularly in the song "Chinese Super-man," a twisted trifles. As "Sir Bingo Preston," Mr. Joseph O'Connell made a fine impression, his hit about railway concessions, in which he introduced the dock gates, being received with great applause. The minor parts were all entrusted to capable hands, and received excellent treatment.

"San Toy" will again be produced to-night, and will be repeated every night during the week, and at a matinee on Saturday. It deserves bumper houses during, and no one should miss seeing this delightful opera.

SUDDEN DEATH IN THE CITY.

An old man named Edward Corbin died suddenly in Gerald Griffin-street on Sunday at about 3 o'clock. The deceased was standing with others at Messrs Tinsley's coroner as a funeral was passing by, when he collapsed on the street. Dr. Graham and Father Carroll were at once requisitioned, but on their arrival life was extinct. Deceased was employed at Mountkennett Mill. He had been in the union hospital for some time, and was suffering from heart disease. An inquest was not deemed necessary.

ATHENÆUM PICTUREDROME.

A very attractive and varied programme has been arranged for the Athenæum Picturedrome, and last night there was a large house at both performances. The pictures (to-night as well) include a drama in two parts, entitled "His Mother's Portrait"; a comedy "Accomplished Mrs Thompson," and a "Mysterious Liz," comic. Pictures are changed three times a week.

NEW LORD JUSTICE OF APPEAL.

It is stated, though not officially, that Mr Stephen Ronan, K.C., has been appointed to succeed Lord Justice Holmes as one of the judges of the Court of Appeal.

Mr Ronan was called to the Irish Bar in Michaelmas Term in 1870, almost forty-five years ago, and eighteen years later he was admitted to the English Bar. At the Irish Bar he obtained silk in 1889, and a similar distinction was conferred on him by the English Benchers in 1909. He was further honoured by being appointed King's Advocate in Ireland, to which,

each. Winner, £6. Mr Newport White vs Little Lloyd aged Bourke vs Ivy Lad. Mr T. O'Brien's Rubio's Fancy, a bye. THE COOGA STAKES for Five All £1 10s each, that never won more than courses in any one stake. Winner second, £1 10s. Mr J. McInerney's Hurlers' Cross aged Hanly vs Barry Friary.

Mr M. Dwyer's Little Nancy III aged O'Conor vs Doctor's Double. Mr James O'Neill vs Riverside Boy, a bye. The meet is at Kilmoylan, on Thursday a.m.; Mr G. D. Smith, judge; P. Mori slipper.

The Chairman said it is a great pleasure to preside at the Draw for the Doon in Had. Mr Newport White made this meet enclosure the entries would not be less than twenty, but three times that number—He believes, as I do, in open coursing, and be a consolation for him to know, that we the County Limerick meeting with 27 dogs we grew into an Irish Cup—There is enough in Mr Newport White to bring an Irish Doon, and when he looks for it, he will have a vote—it is to me, a great pleasure to County Limerick, a wide open meeting like Doon.

COMING SESSION.

UNIONIST LEADERS AND WELSH POLICY.

The Lobby correspondent of the "Star" writes—In the short interval between the reassembling of Parliament on Tuesday the Unionist leaders will consult together the attitude to be assumed on several important matters arising out of the war. It may be said at once that there is no intention of withdrawing any of the 8 which has been so loyally exerted by Ministers since the commencement of the war. Nor would any mere political criticism from the Opposition benches be tolerated by Mr Bonar Law and his colleagues. But this is said, a large number of Unionists feel the Government should be pressed to define policy more clearly on some urgent points. These include the vast problem of raising and training an Army sufficiently large to lead the issue on the Continent in no doubt, the relations and duties of the civil population in case of invasion, the question of espionage, especially on the coast, and the vital issue of the search and contraband raised in the Am Note.

THE PRICE OF WHEAT.

NEED OF GOVERNMENT CO-OPERATION.

Professor W. J. Ashley, in an article in "Times" on the price of wheat, says there is reason for grave alarm. There is as yet no spread anxiety among the people, certainly not approaching the perturbation in the early days of August over the rise in the price of sugar. The reason is that the great majority of the working population are earning unprecedented wages. There should be an expert examination by the Government of the wheat position closer co-operation between the War Office and the Board of Trade.

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