

Many thousands of pilgrims travelled to Knock shrine yesterday. They came from Tralee, Abbeyfeale, Newcastle West, Clare, Cork and Dublin.

Rev. J. Houlihan, C.C., Abbeyfeale, accompanied the southern pilgrims, while special provision was made for the many invalids, including stretcher cases, from the County Home, Newcastle West.

Rev. P. Madden, C.S.Sp., in the course of a sermon, referred to the power of the Blessed Virgin in the conversion of slaves of Africa. Dealing with the present crisis, he appealed to the people to turn to the Blessed Virgin and the country.

The devotions were concluded with the recitation of the Blessed Sacrament, conducted by Father Madden. In the evening the Knock Society presented to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Houlihan a suitable gift in recognition of the very excellent work done by them during Mr. Houlihan's five years as secretary of the society.

It was announced on yesterday that the Society had over 7,000 Mass cards already printed, and hope is expressed that by August 15th, when a peace pilgrimage will be made to the shrine, a Mass will be celebrated in every parish in Ireland for universal peace and for the protection of Ireland in the present crisis.

HUNGRY NATIONS!

The approaching famine in Europe is a stark reality at this hemisphere," writes the "New York Post." "We may be sure that shortly the hungry nations will appeal to us on humane grounds to feed their starving women and children. We shall then be in a terrible plight. We shall realize that food has become a war material."

DIED IN SYDNEY

The death has occurred in Sydney of Mr. J. H. Cass (80), a former Speaker of the New South Wales Parliament. He arrived in New South Wales in 1887 and worked as a miner and four years later was elected to Parliament.

starting of any work is always good news, and it is anticipated that some couple of hundred men will find employment. The schemes are being finally drafted and it is very likely that work will begin next week.

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WARDENS ACTIVE.

More than 100 air raid wardens were addressed in the Town Hall yesterday by the Mayor (Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.), the City Manager (Mr. J. J. Berkery) and the City Engineer (Mr. C. E. Stenson). Definite arrangements were made for the allocation of men to the various air-raid posts in the city. In the course of a few weeks it is hoped to stage a trial demonstration of all air-raid warden services.

ROOF COLLAPSES

On Saturday night the residents of Glentworth Street were alarmed by a loud crash and many of them ran into the street. The cause of the scare was the collapse of the upper storey and roof of one of the houses. Over a ton of masonry fell on to the footpath and road but, fortunately, nobody was passing at the time. The only occupants of the house were two old ladies who lived on the ground floor. They were not aware of what had happened until roused by neighbours and removed to safer accommodation. The affected portion of Glentworth Street was later railed off by the Gardai and the Fire Brigade.

DEATH.

Horrigan—On July 22nd, at Milford Convalescent Home, Nan Horrigan, Alphonsus Terrace, daughter of the late James Horrigan. Remains will be removed from Milford Home to-night (Monday) at 7 o'clock to St. Michael's Church. Funeral after 10.30 Mass and Office to-morrow (Tuesday) morning to Mount St. Lawrence.