

The prominent Madrid newspaper, "A.B.C.," published a statement to-day from its Rome correspondent to the effect that German troops had arrived in Italy

is emphasised, he adds, that he has decided to act as soon as possible before further American help reaches Britain.

## PROMINENT FIGURE FRIEND OF THE

### An Ex-Mayor Passes Away

#### DEATH OF MR. B. O'DONNELL

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Bryan O'Donnell, an esteemed and highly respected citizen, which took place at his residence, William Street, Limerick, this morning.

The late Mr. O'Donnell, who was in his 93rd year, was son of Mr. James O'Donnell, Ballyruan, Kildimo, a 48 man, and was uncle of Mr. L. O'Donnell, Secretary, Limerick County Council.

At the time of his death Mr. O'Donnell was Chairman of the Limerick Race Company and in his hey-day he kept a first class racing stable at Ballyclough. Amongst his best known chasers were Lady Ronald, Cherry Blossom, Prince Charlie, Belle Item, Roxboro, etc. His principal jockey was Stephen Regan, senior.

#### FIRST PARNELLITE MAYOR OF LIMERICK.

In 1893, Mr. O'Donnell was elected the first Parnellite Mayor of Limerick. He was re-elected in 1894-'95, when he retired on his appointment as City Rate Collector, a position from which he resigned some ten years ago.

As a young man he became a member of the Fenian Brotherhood, but for many years past he took no part in politics.

He took a great interest in sport, especially in racing and rowing. At different periods he was President of the Shannon Rowing Club and was a member of the famous Shannon Rowing Club senior four, who annexed trophies all over the country fifty years ago. The members of the crew were O'Donnell, O'Carroll, Mackey, Madigan, with Blue as cox.

Deep sympathy will be extended to the widow and other members of the family in their bereavement.

#### VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

To-day, at the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board, the Mayor (Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.), presiding, referred to the death of Mr. Bryan O'Donnell, and said that by his demise the city had lost a great citizen. Mr. O'Donnell had been Mayor of the city for three years and held the office of City Rate Collector. Mr. O'Donnell was also a great sportsman. He proposed that the sympathy of the Board be extended to the widow and family in their bereavement.

### Fifty-Six Years

#### MEMBER OF MERCY

There was a very large gathering of the general public at the funeral which took place at the Convent of the Abbeyfeale, in her 76th year, of her religious profession. In our Abbeyfeale correspondent's report of 1934 she celebrated her Golden Jubilee. She entered her Novitiate 18 years after the foundation of the convent. She was sister of the late Brother Peter Curtin, Assistant General of the Presentation Order, and of Rev. Mother Alacoque. She has been also a Jubilarian of the Mercy Order. She was a member of a well-known and highly respected Cork family of Rockchapel.

#### NEVER-FAILING FRIEND OF THE POOR.

Sister Agnes held an affectionate place in the hearts of the people, and was beloved of the poor, who her true disciple of St. Vincent. She was a never failing friend of the poor who will sorely miss her.

Requiem High Mass commenced at 12 o'clock, and in the years past have the public gathered in such large numbers at the Presentation Community cemetery attached to the convent grounds.

Of the High Mass the Canon Hogan, P.P., V.F., was officiating. Very Rev. Dr. R. A. Hall, Kimmage Manor, Dublin, and M. O'Connor, Aus.M., substituted. W. J. Meade, C.C., master of ceremonies.

In the choir were:—Rev. J. C.C.; Rev. J. McDonnell, chapel; Rev. J. J. O'Kelly, glantine; Rev. T. Wall, garry; Rev. Michael O'Castlemahon; Rev. T. C. Athea; Rev. D. Rea, C.C.; Rev. J. O'Connor, C.C.; Michael Kelly, C.C., Askeaton.

The Presentation Brothers were represented by Rev. Paul Cassian, Christopher

#### CHIEF MOURNER.

The chief mourners were William Butler, Cork (son of Curtin, Ballypierce) (brother) and Jim Buter, Madge Curran, Mrs. Wilson, Cork; Mr. Stigmoun!; Mrs. O'Callaghan.