

that a ball of fire in the heavens, and sounds of turmoil and shouting filled the air. Women were weeping and fear was on every face. Past the crowds went the Romans and their Irish friend. The appearance of the beautifully-clad Ulster chief must have caused wonder in that eastern city. He wore his "wide-spreading scarlet cloak, fastened with a large brooch of gold across his breast, and his ruddy hair fell down in many plaits to his broad shoulders." Up the steep and rugged road that led to Calvary he hurried with his companions. The way was marked with drops of Blood. They came to a weeping woman, who held in her hand a towel bearing the imprint of a "most sad and weary face." A bystander told them that it was the face of Him Who was being crucified, and that the woman had wiped the sweat from His brow as He passed yielding under the terrible cross. A great anger overcame Conal Cearnach, and he burst away from the Roman soldiers with the intention of rescuing this Man. But it was too late, for it was a crucified Saviour that met his eyes on the mount.

Ethna Carberry gives a beautiful description of what happened then in "The Sorrowing of Conal Cearnach."

"Yet, alas, and alas! it was a bleeding and dying Christ that hung upon the cross when the Chieftain of Dunseverick drew near and stood beneath. And as he gazed in horror at the dastard deed a soldier coming up in haste pierced the Victim's side with a spear, so that the Blood shot forth and trickled down the rough wood upon which they had nailed Him. And a drop touched the brow of Conal Cearnach ere he knew, and the fury left him for a marvellous and unwonted peace while he watched the Saviour die. Then rocks were rent and graves opened, so that the dead came forth in their cerements in that most awful hour; and lightnings flashed from the black thick clouds that had suddenly covered the sky, and all was dread and unearthly, so that the people shrieked and crouched upon the ground repentant and sore afraid.

"It was, indeed, a God Who died," said the chieftain sadly and slowly, "this cruel and untimely death. My grief, oh, my grief, that the Red Branch Knights are afar, else a sure and fierce revenge would overtake those Jews; aye, their city should be levelled, and their names effaced had the chivalry of Uladh been here this day, with sword and skian and blue-black lance to hold the battle straight with me."

It is, indeed, a pity that this, one of the loveliest of all the tales connected with the Red Branch Knights of Ulster, should be so little known. It never appears in a school book, though another Ulster legend, also connected with the Crucifixion—The Death of King Conor Mac Nessa—is found in many school readers. The one thing about this story of Conal Cearnach's presence at the Crucifixion is that it is not an improbable one. Here is no wild flight of Celtic imagination about struggles with dragons, or combats with the gods, but a tale so beautiful, so reasonable and likely that we find it easier to believe than to disbelieve.

## CASTLETOWN CREAMERY

Castletown Creamery (Cork and Kerry Branch), recently taken over by the Dairy Disposals Board under the Creameries Acquisition Act, has now been acquired by Ballyagran Co-Operative Dairy Society, Ltd., under whose management the branch will operate as from April

pouring over the Raba river. Soviet aircraft is attacking German armour and infantry concentrations massed inside the border. The main Soviet drive seems to be through the valley between Nedusleber in Austria and the Danube. Soviet guns are rolling within 50 miles south-east of Vienna.

## RADIO EIREANN VIOLINIST BEREAVED

We regret to record the death of Mr. Patrick Clifford, Ballycullane, Kilmallock, which took place on Friday, March 9th, after a brief illness. The deceased was deservedly popular with all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and his passing has occasioned sincere and genuine regret.

The late Mr. Clifford was father of Mr. Gerard Clifford, the well-known violinist, and Dublin Feis Ceoil Medalist, who is familiar to Radio Eireann listeners. Two other sons, Patrick and James, are well known in G.A.A. circles. The funeral took place on Sunday, March 11th, and the remains were followed to their last resting place at Ardkilmartin by a large concourse of mourners and the general public.

The clergy who officiated were: Right Rev. C. Dean Mulcahy, P.P., V.F., Kilmallock; Very Rev. Father Mortell, P.P., Banogue; Rev. Father Condon, C.C., Kilmallock.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. Clifford (widow), William, Gerard, Patrick, James and Thomas Clifford (sons), Mary, Kathleen, Bridie and Peggy Clifford (daughters).—R.I.P.

## CAPPAGH DRAMATIC CLASS

The St. James's Dramatic Class, Cappagh, staged the "Able Dealer" (J. B. McCarthy) before a full house at Coolcappa on Friday, 23rd March. The play and a number of select concert items that made a nice addition had a most enthusiastic reception from an appreciative audience. The following made up the cast:—Messrs. P. Cregan, M. Duggan, M. Hayes, J. Cregan, J. Stokes, Misses N. Shanahan, K. Stokes and R. Heffernan. The concert programme included selections on the violin and pipes by Mr. T. Cregan, vocal items by Mrs. O'Grady, Messrs. J. Cregan, M. O'Neill and W. Murphy, and exhibitions of step-dancing by Messrs. M. O'Neill and W. Murphy.

Mr. J. Normoyle, N.T., producer of the play, was a very capable stage manager.

## PLAYS AND CONCERT AT HOSPITAL

On Sunday last at the Hall, Hospital, before a very large crowd (writes our Hospital correspondent) Ballylanders C.Y.M.S. presented that well-known and popular two-act comedy—"When a Man Marries"—and also a very enjoyable and laughable farce in one act—"Fledged and Flown." Both play and comedy got a most enthusiastic and appreciative reception by the large number of patrons present, as did also the supporting concert items. Those taking part included:—Misses K. Leahy, P. Fitzgerald and C. Gubbins and Messrs. J. Clifford, J. Walsh, W. Leahy, P. English, T. Moynihan. Songs were contributed by Messrs. John Maguire and Patrick Crawford. Mrs. J. O'Callaghan was at the piano.

## DROMCOLLOHER SOCIAL CLUB

request was made for an early meeting as between the Federation and the Carmen's Society. To that communication a reply was received in which it was stated that the Federation did not see any necessity whatever for a discussion on the matter at issue. In view of the refusal of the Employers' Federation to meet the men the solicitors acting for the Federation were informed that until such time as an answer was received from the Minister to an application put up for an increased rate the men would do no further work for the merchants, as they (the hired carters) considered that they had been treated extremely badly by the Federation by their refusal to meet them after the Minister had given his sanction to such a procedure.

At no time was any suggestion made to the merchants that they should enter a joint application with the men to the Minister for an increased rate, as they were fully aware of the legal position from their own legal adviser.

The statement added that the procedure proposed to the Employers' Federation by the Carmen's Society had been adopted by the Condensed Milk Co. with highly satisfactory results to the parties concerned.

## POPULAR NEWCASTLE WEST FIGURE

Mr. James Nash, of Church St., Newcastle West, who died on Tuesday morning after a short illness, was proprietor of Nash's Bakery, one of the most progressive and successful concerns of its kind in West Limerick. Son of the late Mr. Richard Nash, founder of Nash's Mineral Water Factory, deceased belonged to a family that has been prominently associated with the commercial and social life of the town for four generations. He was one of the town's most popular and esteemed citizens, and as a breeder of first-class greyhounds was well known to sporting "fans" all over the city and county. Mr. Nash himself was a well-known and progressive business man, and never missed an opportunity of assisting every movement intended for the promotion of the welfare of the town. The news of his passing occasioned widespread sympathy amongst all classes and sympathy will be tendered to the bereaved widow, family and other relatives. The remains were removed to the local Parish Church on Tuesday evening and the funeral took place to Churchtown Cemetery on Wednesday.

## HOSPITAL CARNIVAL

Elaborate preparations have been made for Hospital Muintir na Tire Carnival, which will open on Sunday next. Readers will see from our advertising columns that all kinds of amusements, side-shows and games will be provided, as well as a marquee, with a first-class dance band. Bruff L.S.F. Band has been engaged to attend at the fancy dress parades on Thursday and Sunday afternoons. Amongst other attractions are a road cycle race, old age pensioners' race, sack race, egg and spoon race and a children's fancy dress parade and sports, which will be held on Wednesday evening. A Ladies Committee has been appointed to deal with the question of catering and a special room has been provided on the grounds for tea and other refreshments.

## CONSTITUTION HOCKEY CLUB

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