

since the guns became altogether silenced! In view of these interesting circumstances, it seems difficult to maintain that war has a direct and inevitable effect on the weather.

### VISITOR FROM U.S.A.

Capt. Downey, U.S. Army, and cousin of Mr. David Fenton, Ballina, Killaloe, arrived in Ballina last week-end (writes our Killaloe correspondent). He called to see the Fenton family and enjoyed a very pleasant evening in their company. His aged aunt, Mrs. Fenton, was delighted to meet her gallant young nephew. This was the distinguished officer's first visit to Ireland and he was delighted with the Irish people and with the charming scenery of Killaloe. He landed in Normandy on D Day and was Military Governor in Germany on V Day. He has two brothers, a major and a sergeant, serving in the Far East. Those who were fortunate enough to have met the young American officer were charmed with his personality, culture and modesty.

### SOLDIER DROWNED NEAR LIMERICK

While bathing on the Shannon at the Railway Bridge, near Limerick, yesterday morning, Private T. McCarthy, of the Irish Army, was drowned.

The deceased, who was stationed in Limerick, was a native of Mallow. He was apparently a non-swimmer, and was bathing in the water when he got out of depth and disappeared before aid could reach him. He was aged about twenty.

Companions immediately dived to his rescue but were unsuccessful.

After exhaustive dragging operations the body was recovered last evening by Mr. Madigan, a Board of Works diver.

### GUARD TRANSFERRED

Garda P. Carroll has been transferred from Kilfinane to Kilconnell, Co. Galway.

Miss P. Connolly, Chiropodist, will be absent from 87, O'Connell Street, Limerick, until Wednesday, August 15th.

could not stir from his room to meet the people who met him, because of the helplessness of his clothes. He often went out at two or three o'clock in the afternoon in spite of an empty stomach and affection of the lungs and irritation of the heart.

At length he obtained employment as a book reviewer and a reviser of manuscripts for a publishing house, and became a frequent contributor to magazines under the pseudonym "Oscar" and "G. Joseph." He succeeded in having published "The Tides," a series of tales, and this was so successful that a second series, entitled "The Munster Festivals," appeared the same year. He was disappointed for the latter, but would not give up. In 1828, when he was 25, his greatest novel, and often called the best of his novels, "The Collegiate," was published, and it proved a moderate success. It dealt with the murder of Ellen Hanly, which he had reported at the age of sixteen, and was later turned into a drama by Dion Boucicault, "Colleen Bawn," and an opera by Vincent Wallace, "The Killarney."

In 1829 he began to write, and the moral effect his work had on people and his own mind took on a religious colour. It seemed to foreshadow his conversion into religion. He returned to Pallaskenry, where his brother, William, was a priest, and having considered the matter fully, burned all his manuscripts and entered the ranks of the Christian Brothers. Perhaps, even then, he had a nostalgia for the old life, which led him to adopt his old pseudonym, "Joseph," and to return to religion.

In June, 1839, he was transferred to the North Monastery, and after teaching for a few years died of typhus fever on 14th June, 1840. He was buried in the graveyard of the monastery.

In 1842, "Gisippus," a novel published in London, which was a general destruction of manuscripts, was founded by Macready at the time. It was an endeavour to revive classical tradition to the modern world, and was an immediate success. It gained for Brother Joseph posthumous success as a writer, which he had tried so hard to achieve in his youth.