

TO IRELAND

Spellman's

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WELCOME FOR DESIGNATE

The Mayor and members of the Corporation attended in state. They were accompanied by units of the Fire Brigade, wearing burnished helmets, the Sergeant-at-Mace, and senior executive officers. It was with considerable difficulty that his Grace reached the Cathedral door, as everyone in the great gathering seemed to be anxious to kiss his episcopal ring. Again and again his Grace smiled good humouredly, and, with uplifted hand, gave his blessing to the people.

It should be mentioned here that the Fire Brigade, under the charge of Capt. P. J. Diskin, B.E., looked extremely smart in their new uniforms.

The Chinese Archbishop on his arrival at the Franciscan Church was received by the Guardian, Very Rev. Fr. Ephrem O'Shea, O.F.M. The space outside the church was densely packed by a great gathering who gave the Cardinal-Designate a most vociferous welcome.

The following Bishops, who accompanied the Archbishops, celebrated Mass in other City churches: Most Rev. Dr. Bergan, Bishop of Des Moines; Most Rev. Dr. O'Hara, Bishop of Buffalo; Most Rev. Dr. McCarthy, C.S.S.R., Bishop of Ananea, and Most Rev. Dr. Kelleher, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston.

The scenes of enthusiasm with which the Cardinals-Elect were greeted when they arrived in the city were repeated when they left at 2 p.m. in a special train for Killarney. Their Graces Archbishops Spellman and Tien drove to the station with Mr. de Valera. They were met by a guard of honour of Gardai under Supt. Colleran, the Mayor and Acting City Manager, and a large body of clergy and public.

The Cardinals-Elect stood at the windows and repeatedly gave their rings to be kissed. Just as the train steamed out, Dr. O'Neill bent over to kiss Dr. Spellman's ring, and in return the latter stooped down and kissed Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill's hand.

The carriage in which they travelled was the old State coach formerly used for Viceregal journeys. It had been brought specially from Dublin. The engine was profusely decorated with Papal and Eire flags and bunting. At every station through which it proceeded crowds gathered to cheer the visiting prelates.

BISHOP BEREAVED

Death Of His Sister

CITY COUNCIL'S SYMPATHY

Deep and heartfelt sympathy will be extended to the Lord Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, on the death of his sister, Mrs. Mary A. McCarthy, Glenogra, Fedamore, which took place in St. John's Hospital, on Monday evening. The deceased, who was relict of the late Mr. P. McCarthy, an extensive farmer, was a lady of many charming traits of character. A charitable and kindly woman, she was held in high esteem and regard and her death, following an illness borne with true Christian fortitude, has occasioned widespread regret and sorrow.

Following Requiem High Mass to-day in Meanus Church the interment took place in the adjoining cemetery. The Mass was celebrated by the Lord Bishop and there were over forty priests in the sanctuary.

The church was filled to capacity by mourners covering a very wide area.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNS.

The meeting of the City Council summoned for last night adjourned without transacting any business, as a mark of sympathy to the Lord Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, on the death of his sister, Mrs. McCarthy.

The Mayor (Ald. M. J. Hartney), who presided, said that the news of the bereavement in the family of the Lord Bishop had been learned of with very deep regret by the citizens. It was only fitting that the City Council should express deep sympathy with his Lordship in his bereavement and as a mark of respect to adjourn without transacting any business. The bereavement was all the more poignant by reason of the fact that the consecration of his Lordship was so near at hand.

The Mayor then proposed a vote of sympathy with his Lordship, and moved the adjournment of the meeting.

Ald. D. Bourke, T.D., seconded both propositions, and said that he felt deeply for the Bishop on the sorrow that had come upon him.

Ald. Reidy, T.D., associated himself with the expressions of sympathy with the Bishop, and said that the sentiments expressed echoed the feelings of the citizens as a whole.

Ald. Carew, Mr. Keyes, T.D.; Mr. Donnellan, Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Connery, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Dillon, and Mr. Hickey, also expressed sympathy with the Bishop.

The Mayor then declared the meeting adjourned.

The Acting Manager (Mr. M. F. Donnellan) said that on his own behalf and on behalf of the officers he wished to be associated with the vote of sympathy to the Bishop.

It was decided to hold the adjourned meeting next Monday night.

TOWN TOPICS

AN HONOURED NAME.

Archbishop Samuel Stritch, of Chicago, Cardinal-designate, remarked on arrival at Rineanna on Monday evening that it was like coming to another home to land in Ireland, particularly in this part of the country, where his name was recognised as Irish. As pointed out recently in this column the name of Stritch holds an honoured place in the annals of this ancient city. They originally came from Italy early in the tenth century—the Italian name being Strochio. One branch settled in Limerick and in the course of time the Stritches became leaders in Church, State and Commerce.

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THE MARTYR'S CROWN.

Thomas Stritch, who was Mayor of Limerick in 1650, earned for himself the martyr's crown because he would not abjure the Catholic Faith to Cromwell. Not only did he sacrifice his life, but his property, as well. Another member of the family—James Stritch—was Vicar-General of the Diocese from 1702 to 1720. He was Parish Priest of Rathkeale, but as the diocese was without a Bishop at this period owing to persecution and tyranny, Dr. Stritch was obliged to assume episcopal duties in the capacity of Vicar-General.

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GREAT FAMILIES.

The stritches intermarried with members of two very old Limerick families—the Whites and Creaghs, and all three occupy a conspicuous and honoured place in Limerick's noble history. In the Arthur Manuscripts frequent reference is made to the Stritches, who in the course of time spread to Clonmel, Clare, Kerry and Waterford. The founder of the family was Richard Stritch. He had to flee from Genoa following excesses by the Saracens and other infidels. Down the centuries this family has remained true to Faith and Fatherland. The branch to which the Cardinal-designate belongs has given many men and women to religion.

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UNDER THE HAMMER.

Limerick's oldest hotel—Cruise's—will go under the hammer on Friday week; in other words this