

Soon we have climbed to the smoother regions, where we unloosen our belts and enjoy a whiff of the soothing weed! The whole woolly clouds are few and far between on this leg of the journey, and the picture is not near as good as on the trip from Chicago to New York. This time the Pan American hostess caters to our needs, and, about noontime, serves us a very appetising lunch of roast chicken.

THE GANDER REGION.

The picture is rather tame until approaching Gander; then, as we descend to lower levels, we can distinguish a wild, desolate looking region, interspersed with lakes—the land portion thinly covered with stunted growths of pine and birchwood. After journeying miles over this desolate tract, we can discover neither human habitation nor animal of any kind. Tiring of this view, we are glad to be back to civilisation again, for now we sight a group of huts that look like a camp, and that inviting span of cement again comes to view. After

beauty still stays. The golden cones are transformed into mounds of hay; the doll houses become magnified to human habitations. Our plane now hovers over a white cement span, descending lower and lower. So smoothly does it glide along that we have no conception as to when land is touched. We taxi along for a short distance, then to a standstill. We go through the Customs and are treated with courtesy. The baggage boys are there to take our luggage. Our airline serves us an appetising breakfast and our happy group breaks up, each eager to get to his or her own destination. All grateful to Providence for a safe and speedy voyage.

Each of us has in our heart the poet's emotion:—

"Oh, Ireland, isn't it grand you look,
Like a bride in her rich adornin';
And with all the pent-up love of my heart,
I bid you the top of the mornin'."

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DEATH OF MR. J. REIDY, KILREADY

Widespread regret has been occasioned throughout West Limerick by the news of the death of Mr. John Reidy, of Kilready, Newcastle West, which occurred on Friday of last week, after a comparatively brief illness (writes our Newcastle West correspondent). Member of a very old and esteemed farming family, deceased, who had reached an advanced age, enjoyed the confidence and respect of all. The late Mr. Reidy was one of the pioneers of the Gaelic movement in the district. Sincere sympathy will be tendered to the bereaved widow and family. There was a large and representative attendance at the funeral to Castlemahon on Saturday.

Rev. M. O'Brien, P.P., Castlemahon, officiated, and the other clergy in attendance were:—Right Rev. Monsignor Hannan, P.P., V.G.; Rev. M. O'Grady, C.C.; Rev. M. Kelly, C.C. and Rev. Dr. Casey, C.C.

Chief mourners:—Mrs. Reidy (widow), Maureen and Ita Reidy (daughters), James Barrett (relative), etc.

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FOYNES IRISH CLASS

On Thursday night, 3rd inst. (writes our Foynes correspondent) Risteard MacSiacus opened an Irish Class in St. Senan's Hall, Foynes, at which there was a very good attendance of young people. These classes, which will be held every Thursday night, will enable those who attend them to get very good practice in their national tongue. They will also be taught Irish choral singing and ceilidhe dancing. It is hoped that Mr. Jackson's effort in the work to cultivate the Irish language will meet with an excellent response here and that the young people of the town and district will attend these classes well.

STONEHALL HARRIER CLUB DANCE

The Stonehall Harrier Club held their annual dance in the Village Hall, Adare, on Sunday, 6th inst. (writes our Adare correspondent). There was a very large attendance, over 500, which goes to show how extremely popular this event is with the general public. Great credit is due to their secretary, Mr. James Nash, Kilbreedy, who left nothing undone to give the patrons a good night's enjoyment. Music was supplied by John Driscoll's Band.

fairly good view of the Kildimo road coming to the cross.

The Justice imposed a fine of 5/- on a charge of not exercising reasonable care, and dismissed the charge of dangerous driving. Expenses were 15/-.

WINSOME LITTLE GIRL'S DEATH

The death of little Bridget Teresa O'Connor, which took place at the County Hospital, Croom, on Sunday, has cast a gloom over the district. Daughter of Joseph and Bridget O'Connor, Blossomhill, Rathkeale, she was the darling of all who knew her, young and old. Her loving smile and innocent childish ways endeared her to everybody. Her funeral to St. Mary's Cemetery, Rathkeale, on Tuesday, was the largest ever seen here at a child's funeral. The officiating clergy were—Rev. Father Costello, C.C., and Rev. Father Enright, C.C.

The chief mourners were—Joseph and Bridget O'Connor (parents); Miss Molly O'Connor (sister); Mrs. Kate O'Connor (grandmother); Dan and Michael O'Connor, John and Jim Gayer (uncles); Dan Gayer, John O'Connor, Pat O'Connor, Miss Alice O'Connor and Mrs. Pat O'Connor (cousins).

NEWCASTLE WEST FIRE FIGHTERS

Members of the Newcastle West Auxiliary Fire Fighting Service (writes our Newcastle West correspondent) are expressing growing dissatisfaction and disappointment over the delay on the part of the county authorities in according them permanent status as promised when they agreed to continue at the time the emergency services were disbanded in January last. Since then the members of the brigade have maintained the service in a fully effective and efficient condition, but they feel that time has now arrived when they cannot continue in their present unofficial and uncertain rate. Having given six emergency years of voluntary service they also feel that they should be allowed some small remuneration for the time and attention they devote to the work.

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