

calumnies as I: calumnies denied a hundred times but stubbornly repeated. I continue my work for God, for the church and for my country; devotion to my solitary Hungarian people requires this of me. My own fate does not matter in comparison with that of my people.

IN ORDER THAT TRUTH MAY BE DEFENDED

To make accusations is not the purpose I have in view. I am compelled to throw light now and then on the situation because of the profound sorrow of my people, because of their tears and in order that truth may be defended.

I am praying for the world of justice and truth and for those who, in the words of The Master, "know not what they do."

I forgive them with all my heart.
JOSEPH MINDSZENTY,
Cardinal Prince-Primate,
Archbishop of Esztergom.
Esztergom, November 16th, 1948.

Defendant was given the benefit of the Probation Act.

MASS IN THE AIR

NO LONGER AUTHORISED

Recently there have been reports of Mass being celebrated aboard aircraft in flight. The Sacred Congregation of Sacraments has now ruled that such celebration of the Holy Sacrifice is no longer authorised.

The reasons given are, that because of the short time involved in flights, priests can, with little difficulty, celebrate Masses before or afterwards, and that frequent sudden motions of the aircraft hamper the celebrant. The Congregation also points out that under Canon Law special permission is required for Masses on ocean voyages.

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PRIESTLESS

DEARTH OF VIOLETS FRANCE

It is estimated that 13,000 parishes in a priest (says "Catholic" issued by the Catholic Bureau in Dublin). sent dearth of priests this critical need is for some time to come.

Bishop Theas, of Lourdes, has made two priests were of diocese last year. Diocese had only the and the Archdiocese 16.

Bishop Patrick France, who was brought 12 priests work in France.

RE-STOCKING PARK BIRDS

The only bird left Green, Dublin, is a The Board of Works to re-stock the Park of colourful birds.

HUGE CORN

Canada's 1948 wheat 393,300,000 bushels, 336,800,000 for 1947. was 357,700,000 bushels of 79 million bushels for 1947.

MONSTER

A turnip grown Denieffe, Carrickmore town, weighed 21 lb and a half.

LEADERS OF HIGH CULTURE

RETIRED TEACHER PASSES AWAY

After a brief illness, Miss Mary Ryan, ex-N.T., Main St., Rathkeale, died in Barrington's Hospital, Limerick, on December 21st. Coming unexpectedly on the eve of the festive season of Christmas, the sad news of her death was a cause of deep sorrow to her relatives and friends. The deceased lady was a highly qualified and successful teacher. She was principal at Ardagh Girls National School for a number of years up to the time of her retirement. Gifted with a glorious voice, often heard to advantage in the Church, she was a lady of much refinement and culture and her passing recalls other days when Rathkeale was prominent in the musical world.

The remains were brought to St. Mary's Church, Rathkeale, on Wednesday, 22nd December, and the funeral, which was large and representative, took place next day to the adjoining cemetery.

The officiating clergy were:—Very Rev. W. J. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F.; Very Rev. T. Canon Murphy, P.P.; Rev. T. Costello, C.C.; Rev. G. Enright, C.C., and Rev. W. O'Grady, Adm., St. John's, Limerick.

BROADCAST OF IRISH POEMS

A programme of beautiful poems dealing with school and country life was broadcast from Radio Eireann on Monday, 27th of December (writes a correspondent). The poems came from the pen of Mr. Seamus Kelleher, whose work has been highly commended by authorities on the language. Mr. Kelleher is a born, natural poet. He has attained lyric perfection almost without effort. He is at home with the fields and the fields are at home with him. His poetry has the quality of porousness—it has absorbed the colour, fragrance and hushed tranquillity of an autumn day. Mr. Kelleher is a native of Cork and now teaches in Caherea N.S. in Co. Clare.

DEATH OF PIONEER NUN

One of the pioneer community which reached Victoria, Australia, from Abbeyleigh, in 1888, and founded there the fourth house of the Order, Mother Paul Barron, Senior Brigidine Sister of the State, died at the Convent of the Order at Albert Park, Melbourne, recently. She was 83 years of age and in the 64th year of her religious profession.