

the Fianna Fail effort produced wonderfully valuable results up to the change of government last February. The danger now is that much of what it did will be undone, or that at least there will be a ruinous slowing up of the splendid rate of progress that had been going on. Beyond vague phrases that mean very little or nothing, those at the head of our affairs at present are very slow to give any convincing assurance that the policy of building up native industries will be pursued in any earnest or wholehearted way.

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At one period after the war, of course, it was necessary to allow in certain previously tariffed goods in order to help in speedily building up the much depleted supplies here at home. That step, however, was only a temporary measure and was by no means intended as any departure from the general policy of protection. Since the Coalition came into office, however, there seems to be something of a definite change of front. A certain amount of dumping has again begun and Irish industrialists are becoming genuinely alarmed, and quite naturally.

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Britain is at present engaged and will be for a long time to come in a special export drive. She was in the past well able to flood this country with manufactured goods because of her huge output, and she will certainly try to do so again. For these reasons our people should be on their guard against certain false economic doctrines based on purely shortsighted and selfish views. The movement for the full development of Irish manufacture must be carried on, for there is no other satisfactory way of building up a healthy country that will be able to employ all

court office, and on investigation, it was discovered that some of the flooring boards were on fire and a box containing refuse was almost burned out. Sergeant Duggan, who with Garda Kennedy and other volunteers were quickly on the scene, obtained buckets of water from an adjacent tank and poured the contents on the smouldering timber, portions of which the Sergeant hacked off with a hatchet. The outbreak was extinguished within an hour of the discovery. The fire would probably not have been detected were it not for the fact that a meeting was being held in the courtroom on Monday night, as the premises were closed since Christmas Eve.

DEATH OF FORMER C.P.S.

Mr. Theo Curry, draper, Glin, and former Clerk of Petty Sessions there, passed away unexpectedly after early Mass on Christmas morning (writes our Glin correspondent). His death caused a great shock to his wife, who had been at the early Masses, and to Glin people generally, with whom he was extremely popular. Mr. Curry is the last member of a family of eleven children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Curry, drapers and farmers, Glin. He succeeded his father and brother, the late Messrs. Michael and Daniel Curry, as Petty Sessions Clerk. He was uncle of Professor O'Rahilly, U.C.C., of Messrs. Phil and John Culhane and Thomas Curry, N.T., to whom and the other members of his family deepest sympathy is offered.

ANNUAL CHARITY SERMON

Very Rev. Hugh Byrne, O.D.C., St. Teresa's, Clarendon St., Dublin, will preach the annual charity sermon on behalf of the Good Shepherd Convent in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday, 9th January. Fr. Byrne, a distinguished member of the Order of Discalced Carmelites, is a preacher of a wide reputation. At 12 o'clock High Mass will be celebrated and at the conclusion of the first gospel Father Byrne will ascend the pulpit. It is hardly necessary for us to commend the work of the Good Shepherd nuns to the charitable public. Their activities on behalf of friendless girls is beyond all praise, but, of course, they cannot continue their endeavours without financial support. It is to be hoped, therefore, that there will be a crowded congregation for the annual charity sermon.

THIS BAG WAS NOT EMPTY

An unlocked battered suitcase, which was found to-day on the East Pier in Dun Laoghaire, contained £188 18s. in notes and silver.

Mindszenty. A statement was issued by other exiled Hungarians in which they protested against the arrest of the Cardinal, which they described as a move to terrorise the people. A Budapest message says that the "trial" of the Cardinal will probably take place in the first week of February.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

Mr. Tom Corbett (62), Newtown Killaloe, was found dead in his bed at 9 o'clock on Monday morning last (writes our Killaloe correspondent). He visited Killaloe on Christmas Eve and appeared to be in his usual good health. On Sunday night he retired as usual and did not complain of anything. The deceased was very popular and sincere sympathy is extended to his bereaved children. As the deceased was under medical care, an inquest was not deemed necessary.

CALL FOR BAN ON HONEY IMPORTS

At the annual Congress of the Federation of Irish Beekeepers Association, held in Dublin on Wednesday, a resolution was passed asking the Government to ban the importation of foreign honey, the President of the Association, Mr. G. E. Webb, remarking that many people were so disgusted with the foreign honey that they refused to buy Irish honey afterwards.

A STRIKE THAT COST OVER £13,000,000

France lost nearly one-eighth of her normal year's output of coal as a result of the October and November coal strike, it was disclosed at the National Assembly last night in Paris. A Parliamentary report put the total loss arising from the strike at £13,600,000 sterling. Loss of coal was estimated at 5,600,000 tons.

SACRED CINCTURE

The first monthly meeting in the New Year for the men attached to the Arch-Confraternity of the Sacred Cincture will take place at the Augustinian Church next Sunday, January 2nd, at 7 p.m., after the General Holy Communion at 8 o'clock on Sunday at the 8 o'clock Mass.

STILL IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Patrick Barrett, Coonagh, who was knocked down at the William Street crossing on Monday evening last when his bicycle collided with a motor car, is still in a critical condition in the Co. Infirmery.

GAVE 900 TRANSFUSIONS OF BLOOD

Forty-eight year old Wilhel