

Counsel to prove that we had no right to the annuities! One of these Counsel was Mr. John Costello, our present Taoiseach. Part of the settlement of the economic war, in addition to saving us huge sums of money annually, was the handing back of the ports retained by England under the Treaty of 1921. If Mr. Costello and his legal colleagues had succeeded in securing victory for England in that struggle our powers of national resistance and recuperation would have been irretrievably damaged and we would have found ourselves automatically in the last war.

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Even though Monday's celebrations indicate to a certain extent a very notable conversion, it is more than doubtful that at this stage in our history they were wise. They are likely to create abroad—and in some quarters have actually done so—the erroneous impression that we have at last finally settled our account with England. English statesmen themselves, indeed, go out of their way to encourage this wrong idea, and herein mainly lies the explanation of all the "boosting" done by the B.B.C. of "Eire's" declaration of a Republic.

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In a message to President O'Kelly, the Council of the Welsh Republican Movement conveyed its congratulations on what it calls "the consummation of Ireland's Republican struggle." This is an interesting example of how well-meaning and friendly outsiders can be deceived by celebrations that ought in all commonsense be reserved for the day when England takes her troops out of our territory and our Republican Government can function for the whole Thirty-Two Counties. So far as our existing status is concerned, the contents of the bottle have not been changed an iota—all that has been done is to put a label on the bottle itself. It is all to the good, however, that the foolish and pointless sneers about a "Dictionary Republic" have been called off. That those who used them now recognise that same Republic,

The Justice imposed a fine of 10/- on Ryan and 2/6 on Quane.

DEATH OF MRS. MARY RYAN

The death of Mrs. Mary Ryan, 25 Upper Cecil Street, Limerick, which took place on Holy Thursday after a long illness, has occasioned widespread sorrow. The deceased, who was relict of Thomas Ryan (Matterson and Sons) and mother of Mr. G. T. Ryan, reporting staff, "Limerick Leader," was a lady of many outstanding traits of character. Deeply religious, she was an ideal mother, a kindly neighbour and imbued with principles and characteristics of an unusually high order. She bore her long illness with a fortitude that denoted full resignation to the will of God. Having received the final ministrations of the Church, she passed away, as she had lived, peacefully and heroically.

At the removal of the remains to St. Michael's Church and again at the funeral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery there was a very large attendance of the general public.

The chief mourners were:—Gerard, Patrick and Timothy (sons), Mary, Rosaleen, Doris and Philomena (daughters), Mrs. L. O'Farrell and Mrs. B. Lynch (sisters), C. O'Donovan and Michael Lynch (nephews), Mrs. K. McMahon and Mrs. T. Clarke (nieces), Mr. P. O'Farrell, Mr. R. Ryan and Mr. J. Lynch (brothers-in-law).

The officiating clergy were:—Very Rev. J. White, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. R. O'Sullivan, C.C., do.; Rev. M. Minihan, C.C., do., and Rev. T. J. Lyons, C.C., do.

MASS CARDS

Mass cards were received from the following:—Mary, Rosie, Doris, Phil, Ger., Paddy, Tim, Lily and Paddy, Bridget, Hugh and Desmond, Miss L. Ryan, St. Michael's Rowing Club, Mrs. Carey and family, Mrs. Kelly and family, Michael Cronin, Joe Gleeson, Frank and Josephine Haugh, Frank and Aggie Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. M. Ryan, Mrs. O'Donovan and family, Danny and Edie Sherlock, The "Limerick Leader" Staff, Leahy family, J. Collopy, Mrs. McCarthy and family, Tucker family, Bernie and Gertie O'Brien, Christy Bannon, Thomas and Kitty Murphy, Ann and Paul, Windrim family, Alfie Jones.

DROMIN FIANNA FAIL CUMANN

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter which appeared in your issue of the 2nd inst., concerning land division in Dromin, I am instructed by the Cumann to refute same, as I had no authority from the Cumann (the letter I sent being my own personal views and without giving the matter due consideration). I am further instructed to add that the Cumann decided unanimously

evoked from the laity of the whole world a cry of horror and compassion.

Those who wish to deepen this fellowship which should exist between clergy and laity will derive from Father Nash's new book much light, inspiration and strength.

M. O'C.

USEFUL VOLUME WORK OF EDUCATIONAL VALUE

When parts one and two of "Question Time," by Mr. William J. Maguire, M.A., LL.D., B.L., were published they created a very favourable impression. Even more welcome will be volume three, just issued, because it is even more interesting, which is saying a great deal, than its two predecessors. Dr. Maguire's latest work covers an amazingly wide variety of topics and is of high educational value. It is packed with accurate and authoritative information bearing on very many subjects and is thus a decidedly valuable source of enlightenment. The purpose of the book, as the author modestly states in a foreword, "is primarily entertainment," but something more than that is to be said about it. The questions and answers cover such a broad field as to be of interest to everyone. They provide material which is well calculated to provoke thought and awaken new interests. In that way the work should be a great agency in stimulating powers of observation and widening the reader's general outlook. Well turned out by Dollard Printinghouse, Dublin, it is excellent value for the modest price, 2/6, at which it is on sale.

WRONG TAX

CORK DRIVER FINED IN LIMERICK

The carriage of passengers from Cork to Limerick for the Munster senior rugby cup-tie between Garryowen and U.C.C. on St. Patrick's Day, had a sequel in the City District Court to-day, before Justice D. F. Gleeson, when Patrick J. Twomey, 18, Shandon Street, Cork, was summoned for using a vehicle for private purposes while it was taxed as a commercial motor vehicle.

Guard Enright said that he questioned the defendant at Kileely Road on the 17th March, and saw that he was driving a van which contained four passengers. The van had a £10 tax, and as it was being used for private purposes the tax should have been £12. The van was being used for the conveyance of passengers to the Garryowen v. U.C.C. rugby cup match at Thomond Park.

Mr. W. Leahy, solr., who defended, said that the difference in the taxes had since been adjusted.

A fine of 10/- was imposed.

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