

ant Charles Langley a native of Somersetshire, who, placing himself at the head of the dismounted cavalry, with Colonels Cooke, Sankey and Culin, led the final abortive assault, in which thousands of the famous Ironsides fell, including Culin and many other officers. While striving to mount the wall, Langley had his hand cut off by a scythe, wielded, for want of a better weapon, by one of the defenders. A smith made for him an iron hand in which, when riding, he held the bridle. Ever after, he was called "Langley of the iron hand." Cromwell rewarded his gallant efforts by settling on the family extensive estates in East Tipperary, mainly round Coalbrook, Ballingarry, where as an honoured memento, the iron hand was preserved by his descendants. They also retained a copy of serio-comic verses apparently written much later by an admirer.

### LANGLEY OF THE IRON HAND

When Erin before Cromwell fell,  
A man of whom I'll tell you,  
As they advanced to stormy  
Clonmel  
Was foremost in the melee.

Charles Langley Light, a man of  
power,  
Of all the troops the best.  
For when they stormed the  
western tower,  
He towered above the rest.

A mower, standing in the breach,  
With scythe to guard the pass,  
His hand cut off, as if to teach  
That flesh is but as grass.

But yet a gallant warrior's boast,  
Might to his wounds be balm;  
For though his hand the hero lost,  
He bore away the palm.

He could aver that in the fray,  
Where balls and bullets fly,  
He had on that eventful day

### RADIO PLAY OF MUNSTER INTEREST

Radio players present "Cluain Meala na Sarfhear" next Saturday at 8.45 p.m., an item of interest to all Munster people, portraying the stand of "Rare Clonmel" against "Public Enemy No. 1" of the days (around 1650 A.D.), Oliver Cromwell, despoiler of Ireland, and Killer of his own King in England. Aodh Dubh O'Neill, a military genius of those days, with Mayor White, and the slick Major Fennel (diplomat to the Earl of Ormond) are portrayed in this Gaelic script from the pen of Sean Toibin, M.A.—known to the Gaels of the Shannon-side as co-founder, with Neili Ni Bhriain, of O'Curry College at Carraig an Chobhaltaigh.

### DEATH.

**RYAN**—September 5, 1950, at the County Infirmary, Michael Ryan, 2 Ballysimon Road, Limerick; deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and sons. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Patrick's Church this (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 2 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence.

takes for granted, but Langley's was a novel way of implementing the old imperial diction "Divide and rule," ancient as Athens, modern as yesterday, in Ireland. At all stages and in all her territories, whether through religion in India, clashing of clans or factions in Ireland, selfishness and greed were everywhere. In Cromwell's day, the deplorable differences made his campaign easy. Even among the staunchest and most patriotic Celtic clans you had "the Queen's O'Neill," "the Queen's O'Reilly," etc. Titles and bribes succeeded in getting a servile Irish Parliament to pass the Union.

Between landowner and peasant, England dug a deep gulf leading to absentees, exorbitant rents, the fleecing of tenants, perpetual poverty, periodic famine. O'Connell and the Young Irelanders were forced into opposing camps, as well as the Parliamentarians and Sinn Feiners in more recent times. Religious differences were availed of to wean the North, with its traditional Republican outlook, from the conservative South. England had its finger in the Parnell split.

### APPLE OF DISCORD IN LATER TIMES.

And when John Bull decided to clear out from Southern Ireland, Churchill and his colleagues flung among united patriotic comrades the apple of discord and, in imitation of Yellow Jack, provided guns for the one side and in the various military barracks being evacuated left supplies of arms easily accessible to these he hated most. Will we politically ever cease to be immature? There are monkey glands for physical growth. But we need them for development in wisdom and foresight, in citizenship and statesmanship.

"'Twas fate, they say, a wayward fate, our web of discord wove,  
And while our tyrants joined in hate, we never joined in love."

### HOUSING SCHEME OPENED

Mr. M. J. Keyes, Minister for Local Government, formally opened the Ballinacurra Weston housing scheme this evening. Heavy rain seriously interfered with the ceremony, which had to be curtailed. To-night the Minister will be the guest of the Corporation at Cruise's Hotel, when, it is expected, he will make an important speech. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

### FOOTBALL AT ABBEYFEALE

An excellent senior football contest, well and strenuously played, with strict adherence to the rules, between Ballydonoughue (Kerry), and the local team, on the Abbeyfeale Sports Field, resulting in a win for the visiting team by 2-3 to 0-2. Mr. J. J. Cotter refereed with his usual ability. The Kerry men played with the customary vim of their fellow county men, and the game was thoroughly enjoyed by the large attendance.

was not paid twice between 26th September and the 15th October, and he never got a sum of money twice for the same week's work. He agreed that the plaintiff gave him a loan of £3, but he denied that the plaintiff said that he (witness) was paid twice for the one week's work. Witness remembered paying the plaintiff £1 on foot of the £3 loan.

Cross-examined, witness agreed that he got a letter from the plaintiff's solicitor looking for the £9 and he did nothing about it.

The Justice said that there were only two issues in the case. The first issue of fact was whether the £1 was on foot of the shop account or to be taken off the £3 loan. On the evidence of Mr. O'Sullivan and his son it was made quite clear that it was made for the shop account and, therefore, the £3 was still due and nothing had been done about it. The second issue was that of the £6. It was one man's word against the other, but he was prepared to come to the conclusion that the plaintiff would not deliberately come into Court and say he paid the £6 if he did not do so. He believed that the plaintiff did make the payment of £6 and he would give a decree for the full amount.

Expenses (£1) were allowed to the plaintiff's son.

### REQUIEM MASS FOR PRIEST

A very large congregation attended the Solemn Requiem High Mass, held in St. Mary's Church, Abbeyfeale, for the late Very Rev. John O'Sullivan, P.P., of Mobile, Alabama U.S.A., a native of Mountmahon, Abbeyfeale. Father O'Sullivan's death, due to a motor-accident, is widely regretted by numerous relatives and friends. Son of Mrs. O'Sullivan, and the late Patrick O'Sullivan, he was about to return to Ireland on a visit to his mother when the accident occurred.

Chief mourners present at the Mass were:—Miss Nora O'Sullivan and Mr. Dan O'Sullivan (brother and sister).

The clergy present included:—Very Rev. P. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Denis McEniry, C.C., C.C., Duluth (cousin); deacon, Rev. Thomas Greaney, C.C., Los Angeles; sub-deacon, Rev. Patrick Harnett, C.S.Sp., Kenya; Rev. J. Halpin, C.C. (M.C.); Rev. D. F. Murphy, C.C., Tournafulla; Rev. C. Harnett, C.S.Sp., Nairobi; Rev. Dan Collins, P.P., Los Angeles; Rev. P. Collins, C.C., do.; Rev. T. O'Donoghue, C.C., Duluth (cousin); Rev. G. Fahy, C.C., Christchurch, and Rev. Dermot McCarthy, C.C., Knockaderry.

### WON £120 SCHOLARSHIP

Master James Kelly, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly, Church View, Adare, Co. Limerick, has won a Limerick County Council Scholarship value £120. He was a pupil of the Christian Brothers Schools, Adare.

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