

WOMEN AND LITTLE CHILDREN ARE DYING OF STARVATION IN FAMINE-STRIKEN IRELAND

WM. O'MALLEY, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, WRITES OF TERRIBLE CONDITIONS DUE TO FAILURE OF POTATO CROP—LANDLORDS' SWINE AND CATTLE GROW FAT PASTURING ON RICH LANDS WHILE HUMAN BEINGS MUST STARVE ON BARREN GROUND, HE DECLARES

BY WM. O'MALLEY, Member of Parliament for the Connemara District, in the Midst of the Famine Area.

LIMERICK—The western seaboard of Ireland is a land of actual starvation. In an area comprising one-fifth of the whole of that island, having a population of 750,000 souls, a condition of affairs has come to pass almost as bad as that of the Cuban reconqueradores, under the rule of General Weyler. In the counties Mayo, Galway, Donegal and Kerry, but more especially in the first two, tens of thousands of heads of families are out of work, and the women and children depending on them for support are suffering and dying.

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has seen since the dreadful scourge of 1847. The potato crop has failed, and without potatoes the Irish farmers cannot live. I have just returned to London from a tour of inspection through the Connemara district, where there are 40,000 inhabitants, and 40,000 persons suffering from starvation. There were people gaunt and pinched through lack of nourishment; there were empty store bins everywhere. I could describe scenes in the little two-roomed thatched cottages of Connemara that would not be believed were they to be told on the authority of Gen. Washington, but the drama can be summed up in one word—starvation. Not the starvation that exists in a city slum district, where there are always some



IRISH PEASANT'S HUT IN FAMINE DISTRICT.

among the neighbors with a little to spare for their hungry friends, but the starvation that comes to a beleaguered garrison when it is blockaded by its foe. The garrison, however, can surrender and end its sufferings, but the people of Ireland have no such alternative. Their enemy has no pity, and they are compelled to battle on, hoping against hope that the day will come when they will receive mercy and justice.

The west coast Irish are almost entirely small farmers. They have small plots or holdings scattered among the rocky hills, half-road here and half-road there, on which they grow potatoes almost entirely. They raise just enough each year to provide them with present necessities, for they cannot afford to pay for more land than this. Even with what they earn themselves they often have not

SWEENEY SELLS OUT HIS MINES

SPOKANE, March 29.—Advice from New York says Charles Sweeney, of Spokane, has sold his stock in the Federal Mining & Smelting Company for \$2,560,000. There seems little doubt that Mr. Sweeney has sold his stock, although there is some uncertainty as to the figure.

It is believed that control of the Federal has passed to the Guggenheim interests, which dominate the American Smelting & Refining Company. The annual meeting was held Monday, March 20, in New York City, and there was not apparently much of a radical change in the personnel of the directorate. Federal common stock, which carries the voting power, disappeared off the New York stock exchange the same day. The inference is that it has been picked up by the new control. Its disappearance from the stock list is the climax of an extraordinary boom in Federal common, during which the stock has been forced upwards from about \$40 to \$110 a share. The nominal cause for the advance was the change in the dividend rate on common from 6 to 10 per cent. It has been felt here, however, that the explanation was not sufficient.

With the closing of Mr. Sweeney's connection with the Federal, the last important vestige of interest in the big Coeur d'Alene combine passes away from Spokane. At the present dividend rate it is paying \$1,500,000 a year. The Coeur d'Alene produced in 1904 50 per cent of all the desilverized lead in the United States. The Federal company produces about 40 per cent of the Coeur d'Alene output. It is thus an important factor in the lead market, and close con-

nection with it is vital to the interests of the American Smelting & Refining Company in its efforts to form a monopoly of the lead trade. In 1904 the Coeur d'Alene produced 217,900,000 pounds of lead and 6,250,000 ounces of silver. Of that the Federal produced 94,300,000 pounds of lead and 3,032,000 ounces of silver. A suit to test the constitutionality of the present law taxing fees for the probate of wills, was begun Tuesday, C. M. Nettleton, executor for the estate of Dr. McL. Brown, against County Clerk Otto Case. Nettleton claims that under the present system the inventory fees are excessive.

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will be famine in Ireland. The unpropitious soil on which the farmers are forced to raise their crops is becoming less productive each year, and the poverty of the tenants is growing constantly greater. With the finest agricultural land in the world on all sides of them, the Irishmen are compelled to sow their seeds on rocky ground, so that place may be made for soilless beasts.

Mrs. Maudie Dawson will fight in the supreme court for the custody of her children, which was eight years ago awarded her husband by decree of divorce. Her motion for a rehearing of the decree in Judge Morris' court was refused by the court for the purpose, it is understood, of hastening the case to the supreme court, to which it must ultimately go.

WASHINGTON DOINGS

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Ad-

miral Schley is telling this story on himself: The other day he was at the Army and Navy club, and encountered a fellow officer who had just arrived at the retiring age and had been formally shelved.

"Well," inquired Schley, slapping him on the back, "what are you going to do, now that you are retired?" "Can't say," replied the old tar, "but one thing I can say," he added with emphasis, "I'm not going to write any more books!" Then suddenly he happened to think of something which made his face very red, and he remembered an engagement demanding immediate attention.

The navy has just issued the new annual uniform regulation book. It differs from previous volumes, in that the uniforms are illustrated by half-tone reproductions of photographs of officers clad in the regulation garments. The uniform of an admiral is illustrated by Gen. Dewey, of a lieutenant by Bulwer, recently married, of a captain by Burnett, and so on down to the able seaman. The portraits are not labeled, but are easily recognized by one familiar with the personnel

WILL ERECT STATUE TO WASHINGTON

A statue of George Washington, designed and carved by one of the most eminent sculptors in America, will soon adorn the campus of the University of Washington, if plans formulated yesterday by Rainier chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, bear fruit. The matter was brought before the chapter by Mrs. John Leary.

It is hoped to secure the co-operation of the various chapters of the order throughout the United States in procuring funds for the project. A committee, consisting of Mrs. Leary, Mrs. F. A. Thorne, Mrs. E. E. Heg and Mrs. Edmund Bowden, was appointed to handle the details of the work. Prof. Moany will add his services.

of the navy.

That remarkable man, Alvey A. Adee, second assistant secretary of state, is planning a trip through Europe on a bicycle. Those who know him will recall that Adee is a deaf mute who has learned to speak and who has had his hearing partially restored, enough so that a person may be understood who shouts into one ear at close range. Adee entered the state department as a translator. He is master of a dozen languages, and is the best posted man in the department on all matters of history and precedent. He is very eccentric, and very brilliant. He is engaged in his office these days in brewing sassafras tea, of which he partakes in the intervals of his official labors. In the absence of Secretary Hay and Assistant Secretary Loomis he is acting secretary of state.

The government has just advertised for bids on two new scout ships. These are "long, low, rakish looking craft," built for speed, and are the first thing of the sort the government has ever built. They carry no guns and are merely to spy and scout, trusting for safety to their superior speed.

GARDNER.

BOSSY SCARED THE "HOBO"

Things were doing on the Great Northern train from Spokane yesterday. The train was well loaded and left a little behind time. When a few miles out of Spokane the engineer was greatly surprised by the appearance of a ragged, wildly gesticulating apparition on the front of his engine, making frantic endeavors to climb the end of the boiler and the smokestack, as if trying to get out of harm's way.

The noise of the train drowned the cries of the animated scarecrow on the pilot, but the cause was quickly discovered by the appearance of a crew on the track ahead. When the train was brought to a standstill the tramp rolled off the pilot, showing patches of paleness through rifts in the dirt on his face. Giving his overalls a hitch he remarked to the engineer: "Wot 'ud become o' me if y'es 'ud hit the bast'rd, and made for the rear of the Pullman, paying not only his fare, but purchasing a buffet ticket as well."

The passengers had settled back in their seats and three drummers from Spokane had resumed their game of cards. As the train pulled out of another town, a young man rushed into the car, snatched up an overcoat and hopped for the platform, disappearing down the main street on the run. A moment later one of the card players remarked to another: "Wasn't that your overcoat?" With a hasty glance at his vacant seat he ejaculated, "By gum! it is," pulled the bell cord, and started on the run through the coaches enumerating the things he proposed to do to the thief when he caught him.

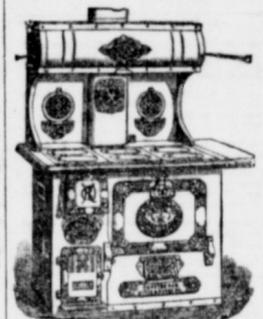
Leaping from the rear platform, bare-headed, hat and coat tails flying, the Spokane drug house drummer started in hot pursuit of the thief, who was hurrying down the street, both pursuer and pursued being in plain view of the train, every

window and platform of which was filled with passengers in keen anticipation of what was going to happen. The thief turned; the drummer came up on the run to seize his overcoat. "Is that your overcoat?" asked the young man. "No," answered the drummer, and slowly wended his way back to the waiting train, where he was met by his own overcoat in the hands of one of his friends. Without so much as "Thank you" for his overcoat, he slipped it on and took a seat with the "wandering Willie" on the rear end of the Pullman, where he watched the receding rails all the way to his destination.

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