

Latest Irish News. From Our Exchanges.

Antrim. In an engine room at the Queen's island, Belfast, William Brown, 32 years old of Everton street, Belfast, met with an accident by a fall and sustained fractured ribs and contusions to his back. He was removed in the ambulance to the Royal hospital.

Additional information of a sensational character connected with the deaths of the late Antrim Magill and James McKeown is now forthcoming. The circumstances connected with the said tragedy, which is one of the most sensational that has ever taken place in the district, seem such as to buffet the ingenuity of the police.

The Press association is officially informed by the honorable secretary of the Grand Orange lodge of Belfast that the resignation of grand master, Mr. McKeown, will probably be accepted at the next meeting of the lodge. The resignation is alleged to be due to the attitude of the members of the brethren at the South Belfast election.

Armagh. James McEvoy of Ballinamore, a waiter about 24 years old, was run over by a train and killed near his home recently.

Mrs. Margaret McAnallen Carr, who had attained the age of 100 years, died at the Mandeville Arms, Portadown, on Dec. 31 and was buried in Tullysarron on Christmas day. Mrs. Carr, who was born on Christmas eve, 1802, possessed a remarkable memory up to her death.

Galway. The Galway trustees committed to the Assests for the Bridget Brennan, 22 years old, who shot her mother and attempted suicide on Dec. 12. The girl had been confined for some time in the lunatic asylum, but three years ago was taken home by her mother, contrary to the advice of the medical superintendent. The prisoner did not seem to realize 'r' position.

Cavan. Matthew Gillick, of Termon, near Virginia, was returned for trial on the 10th ult. for killing Henry Owens of Corradet, at Corradet.

Clare. Mrs. Catherine Hogan of Lakeview, Confin, died on the 24th ult. She was the widow of Timothy Hogan and was 30 years old.

Daniel McNamara of Kilkishen has lodged a claim for £60 compensation for the malicious burning of about twenty tons of hay. The act is highly condemned, as Mr. McNamara is much respected.

Cork. In the magistrate's room of the Cork police court, before Mr. A. G. W. Harcourt, B. M., Andrew Moore, the man who stands charged with the willful murder of the Rev. Mr. Bell, at Killmean, on Nov. 1 last, was again put forward, and on the application of District Inspector George Dunnamway, he was further remanded to Ballinacorney petty sessions.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Greater Cork International exhibition, 1903, was held at the Municipal buildings. The lord mayor, who presided, said that they should think first on the date on which they would open the exhibition in Cork. It was unanimously decided to fix the opening on Monday, June 1, for the opening to take place. Alderman Phair and Mr. Henry L. Tivy, J. P., were appointed treasurers of the new association.

At the weekly meeting of the Cork Guardians, the chairman, Alderman O'Connor, drew attention to the increased number of inmates in the house, the total of the inmates now reaching 2,000, which was unprecedented. Mr. Fitzgerald said there was a great dearth of employment in Cork. The master said there were fifty-three tramps since the last board day, and there had been four tons of stone broken. He had to turn away 150 tramps recently. It was decided that a strict eye be kept on admissions for the future.

Derry. At a meeting of the South ward Derry Nationalist electors, held on Dec. 20, the following were nominated for the forthcoming municipal election: James E. O'Doherty, as alderman, and Neal McCarron and William J. Smith, as councillors.

Donegal. Through the exertions of Canon Walker, an evening school for young men has been started at Burtonport National school, under the management and tuition of John Doherty, a national teacher.

Down. On the 27th ult., in the John Street hall, Downpatrick, John Denbri, J. P., presiding, Henry McGrath, county councillor for the Downpatrick division, was presented with £20 by his Nationalist friends in recognition of his services.

Dublin. A special meeting of the public health committee was held at the city hall, under the presidency of the lord mayor, to consider the situation created by the discovery of another case of smallpox in Dublin.

His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin has made the following parochial appointments: Rev. Terrence O'Donnell, to be parish priest of Fairview; Rev. Stephen Fennelly, C. C., Blanchardstown, to be parish priest at Blanchardstown.

The honorable recorder, Sir Frederick Pollock, sat in the court house, Glass street, and proceeded with the trial of prisoners. James Corbett, alias 'Wally', was indicted for having on Dec. 1 and on other dates, falsely represented himself as a Catholic clergyman, and by such false representation, procured from Maria Brett, that he was believed to be the Dominican order, obtained money from her. He was also charged with obtaining by similar misrepresentations to Michael Henry, money and lodgings. The prisoner had alleged that his name was Father Walsh of Philadelphia. The prisoner, who spoke with an American accent, pleaded guilty and said: 'I came here from America last July, having had the time a good position, and I had with me £100, all of which I spent in drink.' The recorder said he would be glad if he could send the prisoner out of the country again. If he were sent up again he would receive a very severe sentence, but at present he would allow him off with two months' imprisonment, and he could then go back to America in the spring.

Fermanagh. Thomas O'Hara has resigned from the rural district council of Lisnakea on account of ill health.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Nationalists of the parish of Derrygonnell was held on Jan. 1 to organize the local branch of the United Irish League. The Rev. P. Hackett, curate, presided, and among those present were the Rev. Eugene McMahon, pastor of Arney; Father Jeremiah Jordan, M. P.; John Carroll, county councillor; M. E.

Flanagan, chairman of the Lisnakea board of guardians, and J. C. Leonard. Addresses were made by Father McMahon, Mr. Jordan and Mr. Flanagan. The organization was firmly re-established.

Galway. Edward J. Lee of Galway, whose death was announced last week, was during the parliamentary contest last year, which resulted in the return of Colonel Lynch, one of the most earnest helpers of William Redmond, M. P. He was for some years a prominent figure in political circles in his native city. He served on the urban district council and poor law board and was at one time vice chairman of the latter. He was an active member of the United Irish League.

Kerry. Michael O'Sullivan, a prominent citizen of Killarney, died at St. Ann's Hill, Killarney, on the 24th ult. He was a magistrate and chairman of the urban council of Killarney.

Kildare. Two sudden deaths occurred in Naas recently. A washerwoman named Elizabeth Kelly, living in Bank Lane, and aged 68, died suddenly on Dec. 29, and on the following day an army pensioner and laborer, Patrick Dowling, was found dead in bed.

Kilkenny. The Rev. Walter Walsh, pastor of Ballyhale, died on Jan. 2. He was one of the most popular and patriotic priests in the diocese of Ossory, and his appointment some years ago as the parson of Ballyhale was hailed in Kilkenny with delight. Father Walsh was the president of the Ballyhale branch of the United Irish League.

King's County. At a special court of petty sessions held at Fahy court house before Messrs. J. Wolfe Flanagan, R. M., in the chair, and Samuel R. Kerr, J. E., Peter Bermingham, a middle-aged man of the farming class, was charged on remand with the willful murder of his father, Patrick Bermingham, an old man aged 88 years, by kicking him to death on Christmas day at their residence, Ballybrien, a lonely country district between Philipstown and Edenderry. The court sat until a late hour and concluded the taking of depositions. The defense was reserved, and the prisoner was returned for trial on the capital charge to the spring assizes.

Leitrim. At a meeting of the Arigna branch of the United Irish League, held on Dec. 21, J. Keavney, J. P., presiding, over 150 members were enrolled.

Limerick. Rev. Thomas Mulqueen, curate for the last seventeen years in Colock, was called to his reward recently. He was a native of County Limerick, and was in his forty-ninth year.

Lisburn. Mr. Timothy Flanagan, J. P., chairman of the Corone district court, a coercion prisoner, who was removed from Limerick prison suffering from typhoid fever, and subsequently put into the lunatic asylum, was discharged today.

News has reached Limerick of the death at his residence, Tower Cressy, Camden Hill, London, of Mr. William Materson, chairman of the well known bacon curing firm of Messrs. J. Materson & Sons, Ltd. The deceased, who had reached his 71st year, was elder brother of Mr. Joseph Materson, J. P., and fourth son of Mr. Joseph Materson, who settled in Ireland in 1820 and founded the bacon curing business. He was chairman of the provision trade association of the London chamber of commerce.

Longford. A concert in aid of the Presbytery fund was held in the schools of St. Joseph's Convent of Mercy, Longford, on the 29th ult. Rev. F. Dolan, Adm., in the chair, presided, and the success which attended this annual concert organized by him.

Louth. The Dundalk branch of the United Irish League on the 23th ult. chose the following officers: James McCourt, president; T. S. Murphy, vice president; Patrick Hughes, treasurer; James Hughes, secretary. President McCourt held the same office last year. He is a member of the county council. Mr. Murphy is a poor law guardian. James Hughes served as secretary last year. During 1902 325 members were enrolled in the branch.

Mayo. The death occurred on the 27th ult., at Turlough Park, Castlebar, of one of the oldest magistrates and deputy lieutenants of the county, C. L. Fitzgerald. He was one of the descendants of the ancient line of the Fitzgibbons, and was very popular.

Relieving Officer Higgins on Dec. 31 was served with notices for eviction, at the suit of Lord De Freyne, in the cases of Charles Gordon, of Cloonmangh, John Keenan, sr., and John Keenan, jr., both of Kilsgriff. The number now under notice of eviction on the Murphy and De Freyne estates is twenty. Forty other evictions are pending on the Murphy estate.

At the opening of the Mayo criminal sessions his honor, Judge Dane, C. C., addressing the grand jury, said he wished them all a happy and a prosperous new year. He was glad to inform them that there were only three cases to go before them, none of which would give them any trouble. One of them was dated so far back as 1901, so bounty allowed, and he was very glad that had practically a very clean calendar.

Meath. The ceremony of celebrating the first public mass in the new church of St. Patrick, Trim, took place on Christmas day, the celebrant being the Very Rev. M. Woods, V. F. Father Woods also preached.

Monaghan. Laurence Markey of New street, Carrickmacross, aged 65 years, died suddenly at his residence on Dec. 23. He leaves a family.

At Monaghan petty sessions on Dec. 23 Francis Drummond, ticket collector at Monaghan station, summoned Thomas McAleer of Monaghan, for assaulting him and abusive language. For the assault McAleer was fined five shillings. The case for abusive language was withdrawn.

Queen's County. Mary Daly was hanged in Tallamore prison for the murder of her husband, John Daly, at Clonbrock, Queen's County, on the 16th of June last. The woman's fortitude at the last moment was remarkable. On the way the unfortunate woman prayed loudly and composedly answering the responses to the litany on the scaffold. Death was instantaneous. She was attended in her last moments by the Catholic chaplain, Father Gleason, who was assisted by Father Fitzsimons. Since sentence of death was passed upon her, Mrs. Daly had fully co-operated with the ministrations of both chaplains, and was completely resigned to her sad fate. The last execution took place in Tallamore jail five years ago, when Hector was hanged for shooting his father-in-law in County Westmeath.

Roscommon. Mr. Terence Glancy, late secretary of the County Roscommon grand jury, died of severe illness, at his residence, Frenchman house, Ballinabuber, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Egan, wife of Michael Egan of Cloonahilly, Strakestown, died on Dec. 22. She was 61 years of age. Besides her husband she leaves a family.

The death has occurred, much to the regret of all the people of the surrounding districts, of the Very Rev. P. H. Canon Kelly of Cootehall, County Roscommon, after an illness of a very brief duration. By his demise his flock suffers an irreparable loss.

Sligo. In the chapel of the convent of Mercy, Sligo, on Dec. 19, Dr. Glancy, bishop of Elphin, ordained the Rev. Joseph Leonard, C. C., a priest of the Vincentian order. Father Leonard is the son of Mrs. Leonard of Sligo.

Michael Henry, a young man living in the suburbs of Sligo, died in the Sligo county infirmary on Saturday from the effects of a wound said to be inflicted on him the night before. At an inquest held by Coroner Fitzgerald, the jury found, according to the medical evidence, that death was due to fracture of the skull. William Callaghan has been arrested.

Tipperary. Mr. M. Hogan, Cullen, who was until recently chairman of the Tipperary Teachers' association, received from them a few days ago an address in recognition of his valuable and lifelong services to the Tipperary association. Mr. Hogan having suitably replied, the deputation presenting the address, which was read by Mr. McKeeown of Tankerstown, spent a pleasant evening.

A very sad affair is reported from Kilkenny, and appears that a quarrel arose between a man named Cooke, in the employment of Mr. R. Hemphill, J. P., and an emergency man named Ryan, near Kilkenny railway station. It is alleged that Cooke, but unfortunately struck his child, 5 years old, on the head, killing it. Cooke was subsequently arrested.

Tyrone. A special court of sessions was held in Omagh on the 27th ult., when Joseph Moan was charged with the murder of Rose Anne McCann at Bandonry, near Coleraine, on Nov. 20. He was remanded until Jan. 5.

Waterford. On Sunday night a child belonging to Mr. George Croker, The Mall, Waterford, was fatally burned.

The Rev. Edmund Mooney, pastor of Carrickbeg and the second eldest pastor in the diocese of Waterford, has passed away. He was 84 years of age, and he was educated subsequently at Maynooth, where he had a most distinguished course. Thirty years ago he was appointed from the curacy of Ballyneal pastor of Carrickbeg. He was a fluent Gaelic speaker, and many of his sermons and addresses were delivered in the native tongue.

Wicklow. Mrs. Susan McDonnell of 13 Main street, Bray, died suddenly of apoplexy recently.

At Greystones on Dec. 20, while a servant in the employment of the Rev. Mr. Bulet of Delany, named Emily Kelly, was walking with her sweetheart, she fell dead.

Thomas King, a tramp laborer, will be tried at the quarter sessions to be held in Wicklow on the 26th inst. for stealing the sheep of James Murphy. Murphy is in a critical condition.

Near New Ross, Thomas Quigley, a farmer and mill owner, was killed on St. Stephen's day by being dragged in between the spurs and crown wheels of his mill while in motion.

Following on the news of the approaching sale of the Ely estate under the provisions of the 40th section of the act of '96, comes the announcement of the Rogers Mackesy estate in South Wexford, also being placed in the land judges' market. It comprises about 3,200 acres.

At the quarter sessions at Mullingar on Monday for the County Westmeath, County Court Judge Curran, K. C., addressing the grand jury, said: 'Mr. Foreman and gentlemen of the grand jury, there are only some five or six cases to go before you, all of which are ordinary crimes which will occur in a large county like Westmeath. I must congratulate you on this condition.'

The storms recently resulted in the flooding of several Irish towns and country districts. In Newry, Athlone and Mullingar the Saturday market had to be postponed by reason of the floods. Some miles from Mullingar the Royal canal burst its banks, and a young man named James McGrath, who left his home with a lantern to assist his brother, missed his way, and was drowned. On either side of the Shannon the country is submerged for a considerable distance. In Coleraine district there have been heavy floods.

HIS FATAL MALADY. Admiral Sampson Suffered From Aphasia for Years.

PENSION of \$30 a month was recently granted to the widow of Admiral W. T. Sampson of the navy, says the Washington Post. That was done under the law of congress governing the commissioner of pensions in such cases. It is the same rate of bounty allowed according to rank to the widows of all military officers who lose their lives from causes arising out of the performance of duty in the service of their country.

The medical record of the case, however, is not without interest to all those who have followed the stirring events that began with the blowing up of the Maine in Havana harbor and culminated in the Spanish war.

For fully five years prior to his death Admiral Sampson was afflicted with aphasia, according to the medical records upon which the pension was granted. This has been duly certified to, and the facts were compiled from official records made by surgeons of the navy who attended the distinguished officer during various illnesses of that malady when it came upon him in a form more or less acute.

First Attacked in April, 1897. The first record of such illness of Admiral (then Captain) Sampson was in April, 1897, when he was incapacitated for some time and a patient at the naval dispensary in Philadelphia.

The rigid rules of the service as to such matters made it imperative that information about his illness should be forwarded to the navy department, where it was undoubtedly known, because of Admiral Sampson's prominence as an officer, not only to the navy, but likewise to the secretary of the navy and his several chiefs of bureaus,

who keep informed as to the personal business of officers for various important duties.

Some ten months later—in January, 1898—while he was in command of the battleship Iowa of the North Atlantic squadron, Captain Sampson was again incapacitated by the same malady, which seized him with sufficient violence to prevent his performance of duties.

Important Duty While Mentally Failing. Within a month after he had recovered from the attack of aphasia, while in command of the Iowa, Captain Sampson was detailed as president of the commission which examined the destruction of the Maine. For weeks the country and congress awaited with expectancy the verdict of Captain Sampson and his colleagues, which it was fully realized, meant either war or peace for two nations, and results that were important to all the civilized world.

Lives of thousands of men—for aught any one knew then the lives of hundreds of thousands of men—depended on the decision, not to mention expenditures of millions upon millions of dollars, and the destinies of Spain and the United States.

While the knowledge of that insidious mental disease was fresh in the minds of officers of the navy department, another important assignment was bestowed upon Captain Sampson, who was promoted temporarily to the rank of rear admiral and assigned to the command of the entire naval fleet on the Atlantic.

The Century dictionary gives the following definition of aphasia: 'In pathology the impairment or abolition of the faculty of using and understanding written and spoken language, independently of any failure of the intellectual processes or any disease or paralysis of the vocal organs. Ataxic aphasia, when uncomplicated, is inability to express one's ideas in spoken words, while the patient understands perfectly what is said to him, and reads and writes. The name amnesic aphasia has been applied to cases where the patient is unable to recall the things which he has, though able to speak it when found.'

Sensory aphasia is where the patient fails to comprehend spoken or written words, which he misperceives word deafness and word blindness.

Aphasia, especially ataxic aphasia, seems to depend in most cases on a lesion of the anterior frontal convolution, almost always on the left side of the brain.

Organic Brain Disease. Dr. A. B. Richardson, the superintendent at St. Elizabeth's, where there are always a considerable number of patients suffering from aphasia, said last evening that it was a serious organic brain disease.

'Aphasia primarily impairs the facilities for speech,' added Dr. Richardson.

'Would two or three attacks of it affect one's capacity for performing responsible duties?'

'I have never seen a case yet,' he replied. 'Sensory aphasia in adults did not affect the judgment. Patients are also aware of their inability to speak correctly and it irritates them. The disease is almost invariably fatal, but the time for which it runs varies with different patients.'

Physicians are agreed that among patients past middle life aphasia is, save in exceedingly rare instances, incurable. It is a disease which, if not eventually ending in death, aphasia is almost always accompanied by agnaphia, a form of the disease in which the patient is unable to write correctly.

At the pension office the records of Admiral Sampson's illness are most carefully guarded, and no information about them is divulged. The details of the aphasia cannot be stated, as to how acute or how mild it was in the first two serious attacks upon him prior to the Spanish war.

With patients well along in years the disease is generally accompanied by other complications. It is known that the medical record shows Admiral Sampson—as having suffered from a severe form of aphasia, which is headache not traceable to any immediate causes. The inability of sufferers from aphasia, following one or two severe attacks of it after fifty years of age, to safely perform important mental work is universally recognized by the medical profession.

Pathetic Attention to Duty. The painful efforts which Admiral Sampson must at times certainly have been put to in trying to perform his duty make a pathetic feature of his naval career. The story of Captain Chadwick in coming to his assistance at intervals when the admiral's indisposition was pronounced has been emphasized more than once long ago, and to safely perform important mental work is universally recognized by the medical profession.

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A case of aphasia with which Washington was familiar not long since was of Representative Boutelle of Maine, whose aberrations in the house were for two or three years the surprise of his colleagues. Some of these almost unaccountable acts occurred on the floor while he was in charge of the great naval appropriation bills. About three years before his death the work of the committee was really performed by the ranking Republican member, even before it was generally known that Captain Boutelle was mentally incapacitated. He was one of the three or four violent attacks here in Washington, and was removed to a hospital near Boston. There he lived for something over a year till his death.

A contemporary case was that of Representative Sprague of Massachusetts, during his service probably the wealthiest member of the house, and, like Captain Boutelle, universally popular. His affliction probably necessitated his removal to a hospital in New England, where, after something more than a year of illness, the end came.

A Composition on Washington. (New York Times.) A little Brooklyn school girl who was told to write a composition on 'The Father of His Country,' turned in this: 'Washington had a good mamma she was always kind and got her son a good example. They had some wild horses. One morning George wood train he be jump on the train in a horse and angry. It jump into the lake and brok a blood vessel and fell dead. when George went into the house and mamma ask him what the horse, George said, 'I kill him mamma.' but she fit give him.

Has Its Laughable Features. (Chicago Tribune.) 'You recently remarked the chairman of the commissioners engaged in investigating the beef trust, "I'm not kidding you, you see how I'm holding my sides?'

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