

**RICH AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE**



gh, Co. Waterford, and Miss C. Y. Tierney, Salisbury House, Athy, Co. f the Holy Family, Auhrim Street, Dublin, after their marriage

**LIMERICK AND EASTER WEEK 1916**

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")

DEAR SIR — I must ask your kind permission to revert to the subject of Easter Week, 1916, in Limerick, as discussed in your columns some weeks ago. I would have done so sooner but that I considered it necessary to make certain enquiries in the matter.

Anyone who had not read my comments on Stephen J. Dineen's report to John Devoy would deduce from the tone of his letter which appeared in your issue of the 6th ult. that I had vilified him and cast doubts on his bona fides, whereas I made it perfectly clear that I was but questioning the accuracy of certain statements made in it. Well, once and for all I desire to state that though I had very little direct contact with him I always held Mr. Dineen in high esteem as being a loyal and true Irish Volunteer, and a staunch Republican. Higher praise than that I could not give any of my old comrades of the Limerick City Regiment. But obviously I owe him an apology for stating—as I did on what I considered reliable authority—that he did not participate in the meetings that led up to the decisions not to take action in Easter Week, and to surrender the guns, and accept his assurance that he did so.

But all that does not affect my views as to the incorrectness of certain details set down in the report, and I consider it a matter of very great importance that so far as it is humanly possible to do so, every effort should be made to put the actual truth on record, and for this reason—it is neither competent nor possible for us who were contemporaries of the Men of Easter Week to decide whether Munster was in any sense to blame for its inaction while the battle raged in Dublin. That judgment will be given by future generations. All we can do is to leave them correct data.

It is implied in Mr. Dineen's letter that he adheres to the statement that the Limerick City Battalion held 178 rifles. Now the officer who went to England, purchased the guns, and by his astuteness, outwitting the British Authorities, had them safely delivered in Limerick, is (D.G.) still very much alive amongst us, in the person of Mr. John Grant, and he estimates the number of rifles we held at 130. Surely if anyone can offer an authoritative opinion on the matter it is he, especially as every single one of them literally passed through his hands before distribution. I consider that should settle the matter once and for all.

If, then, Mr. Dineen is right in asserting that 178 Volunteers paraded at the Fianna Hall on Easter Sunday morning there were no less than 48 of them without guns! Certainly I recollect seeing a few carrying pikes, but they were literally only a few. In this connection I must point out again that some years ago the surviving officers, after devoting a great deal of time to the matter, were satisfied that not more than about 130 did parade on that morning.

Mr. Dineen expresses surprise that my "superior officers" did not tell me about his mission to the U.S.A. Well in view of the fact that they did not inform the Colonel of the Regiment, Mr. M. P. Colivet, until some time after his departure, I cannot conceive any reason as to why they should have told me!

I would like to state in conclusion that as I had no voice in the decision not to take action in Easter Week, and to surrender the guns, I am not animated by any motive save one—that is, to put the truth on record.

With apologies for trespassing on your valuable space.  
Your's faithfully,

**WHAT'S GOING ON**  
**Notes, News And Views**

**PILGRIMS COMING.**

A BIG party of pilgrims from the United States is due to arrive in Limerick on Sunday, 19th inst. from Killarney. After visiting several parts of Ireland the pilgrims will go on to Rome, where they will be received by His Holiness the Pope. The party is being led by Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Flannelly, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, who has family ties with Limerick, where his grandmother, Mary Corbett, was born. The pilgrims will spend two nights in the city 19th and 20th inst. before proceeding to Galway and the West on 21st. They will have one free day in Limerick, which will be occupied in meeting friends and in doing some shopping. Arrangements are being made to conduct the visitors on a tour of historic parts of the city and to places of interest within a radius of twenty miles or so.

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**"SOLDIERS' DAY."**

The Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen (O.N.E.) are staging a great parade in different centres—including Limerick—on Sunday next, 12th inst. The Limerick ceremonies will begin with the celebration of Mass at 12 o'clock in the square of the Sarsfield Barracks, after which a parade, in which different emergency services will be represented, will take place through the city. Next Sunday's turn-out will commemorate the 32nd anniversary of the Anglo-Irish Truce of 1921—a momentous date in Irish history. To honour the occasion the anniversary day is to be known as "Soldiers' Day," but, of course, all the people will be associated in spirit with the celebration that is being organised by the promoters—Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen, a body that was set up for the special purpose of protecting the interests of men who have served in the defence forces of the country.

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**THREE FLAG DAYS.**

In connection with Sunday's parade, national flag days are to be held on 10th, 11th, 12th, and in this connection it is to be hoped that the vendors will be kept busy. O.N.E., a comparatively new body, has little or no funds and, obviously, without funds it can do little to improve the lot of members in need of assistance. The men who joined the defence forces during the emergency deserve the gratitude of the whole community, but gratitude to be effective, should be practical. The buying of flags is one way in which the public can show their sympathy for our ex-servicemen. No one would miss a few pence,

**Castleconnell**  
**Shoulders Heavy**  
**Commitments**

As announced over Radio Eireann on Tuesday, Castleconnell Parish is now building a Parochial Hall by voluntary labour and plans for the building of a National School are now completed.

Two hundred and twenty children are at present attending school there under the most appalling conditions, having neither playing space nor any sanitation.

To help remedy these conditions the Parish subscribes weekly to the Building Fund. Horse and pony races will also be held in Castleconnell on Thursday, 16th inst., to help provide funds for this worthy cause. A bus service will leave Limerick Station at 2 p.m. for the races on that day and return again after the races.

**DROMCOLLOGHER**  
**BRANCH, I.N.T.O.**

The quarterly meeting of the above was held in the Parochial Hall, Dromcollogher, and presided over by Mr. P. Long.

Mr. P. O'Riordan, C.E.C., was in attendance and dwelt at length on the various activities of the C.E.C. It was the considered opinion of the meeting that in the matter of salaries, national teachers should at least have parity with the other teaching services.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. O'Riordan for his elaborate

**Co. Limerick**  
**Foxhound**  
**Puppy Show**

A large gathering of hunt followers, puppy walkers, farmers and friends attended the County Limerick Foxhound Puppy Show at Clonshire Kennels, Adare, to witness the judging of the 1952 puppies.

The judges—Mr. Russell, M.F.H., Waterford, and Captain R. Wallace, Master of the Haythorpe Hounds—had a difficult task before them as the Master, Lord Daresbury, put 7 couples of dogs and 14 couples of bitches in the ring to be judged.

The following were awarded prizes:—

Doghounds—1st, "Crasher", walked by Major P. Dennis; 2nd, "Sparton", walked by Miss Hamilton; 3rd, "Primate", walked by Mr. W. Mullins.

Bitches—1st, "Credit", walked by Miss Sheppard; 2nd, "Spitfire", walked by Mrs. Magner; 3rd, "Canopy", walked by Mr. P. J. Lynch.

Couples—1st, "Speedy" and "Spitfire", walked by Mrs. Magner; 2nd, "Dalesman" and "Destiny", walked by Major Johnston.

After the judging Lord Daresbury entertained over 150 guests to tea and refreshments. He thanked the puppy walkers for the splendid condition of the puppies on show and he hoped they would see their puppies in action this season. It was very interesting to note that Mrs. Magner, Riddlestown, was again in the prize list as she has been in years past. He concluded by saying that although the last cub season was very dry and scent bad the packs killed 111 foxes as against 117 the previous season, which was a