

should have some property to call his own. But most significant of all, he insisted on the right of workers to form Trade Unions for the defence of their legitimate demands, and he warned the State that it cannot except for the very gravest reasons unduly interfere with them.

GREAT SHOCK TO ENEMIES OF THE CHURCH.

From what I have told you, you can well imagine what a great shock Rerum Novarum was to the enemies of the Catholic Church. Some had claimed that social questions were none of the Church's business while others more maliciously still claimed that she was the opponent of the workers, that she cared nothing for their material sufferings, that she even favoured the rich by discouraging the efforts of the workers to better their conditions. Pope Leo XIII gave the lie to both these falsehoods. The Church has every right to speak on social questions; she even has the duty to do so—and let nobody, politician or anybody else, tell you differently. Social questions are not mere matters of politics or business; they are concerned with duties of charity and justice, with man's eternal destiny and the salvation of his immortal soul (13). And, my dear men, always remember that the Church is the greatest friend the worker has; whatever is for the true and genuine good of the worker will have her full support. Trust the Catholic Church and you will find that her co-operation will never be lacking to you (45).

WORKERS HAVE THEIR OBLIGATIONS AS WELL AS THEIR RIGHTS.

My dear men, the greatest tribute we can pay to Rerum Novarum in this year of its Diamond Jubilee is to examine how far we as Catholic men are putting its doctrine into practice in our lives. Times have changed much since the days of Leo XIII, and the workers, thanks in no small way to his efforts, have come into their own. But never forget that workers have their obligations as well as their rights; let us be careful to control that tendency in human nature, that in our efforts to secure our rights we grow heedless of our obligations.

Leo XIII lays it down that it is up to you, to see that Catholic principles prevail in your unions. Never become the slaves of your unions no more than you wish to become the slaves of the State. See to it that your leaders have Catholic social principles and accept no other leaders. "Choose wise guide," warns Leo XIII, "and have nothing to do with men of evil principles" (44, 16). If there are men of evil principles in control in your unions then, in God's name, remedy it by all means in your power.

SPIRIT OF MATERIALISM.

Above all, never fall victims to the spirit of materialism. This world can never be made a paradise; only in heaven is the vision

1915, he took part in live-turking gallops for Hill. He rode Peaceful William and won with him. He did not see the horse again until asked by the police to identify him.

Yesterday Kenneth Alfred Getain said that he rode Peaceful William, won, and had been given a £100 present by Morris.

(Proceeding).

Shannon Is Six Years Old To-Day

TO-DAY marks the sixth anniversary of the inauguration of scheduled transatlantic air services by land planes and the opening of Shannon (writes our special correspondent at the Airport).

The first land plane to cross the Atlantic on commercial service was an American Overseas Airlines Sky-master, Flagship "America," piloted by Captain Charles Blair. A.O.A. has since been acquired by Pan American World Airways, with whom Capt. Blair is now flying. Earlier this year the veteran pilot set up a new record for a non-stop west to east flight in his own converted single-engined Mustang. He had waited almost a year for perfect conditions for the flight and as he crossed over Ireland on his non-stop to England he called Shannon tower from an altitude of almost six miles.

Capt. Blair also brought the last flying boat out of Foynes.

During the six years of Shannon's operation the airlines using the airport have paid out many millions of pounds in landing fees and service charges. Nearly every air company operating through Shannon have taken over 20,000 passengers each through the Airport in the six years.

LOST TARA BROOCH

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")

A Chara—A Tara brooch was lost on Sunday morning, June 3rd last, between Mungret St. and Patrick St. Same was the property of an old lady, who treasured it for a number of years.

In case any person found it, a reward will be offered to same by leaving the brooch in question with Mrs. Fitzgerald, 57 New Road, Thomondgate, Limerick. See advertising column also.

Yours sincerely,

"MUIRCHU."

Limerick, October 22nd, 1951.

PAST PUPILS' BALL

The formal dancing season will be ushered in within the next week when St. Munchin's College Past Pupils hold their annual ball at the Stella Ballroom. A first-class hot supper will be served and music

carried out at a cost of £1,260. The public will wonder why city money is to be spent on a job immediately outside the Borough Boundary. The explanation is to be found in the fact that Athlunkard Bridge is vested in the Corporation. Furthermore, the stone steps, by means of which access to the riverside is made possible, provide what is known as a city amenity. The Clare Co. Council has no interest in this stairway and, so far as that body is concerned, it may disintegrate and moulder away.

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WANTON DAMAGE.

The citizens will endorse the indignant protest voiced by Ald. James Reidy, T.D., at the meeting of the City Council on Monday night apropos wanton damage to the Swimming Baths at Corbally. According to the Deputy, some vandals, on a recent occasion, made a descent on the Swimming Baths and proceeded to pull down eye-shoots and cause other extensive damage. Are the persons responsible for these criminal acts really normal? Prima facie, they would appear not to be, for people in their senses would not proceed to destroy that which was erected for their own benefit and enjoyment. But vandalism in Limerick is all too prevalent—it has really become a social problem.

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FUEL SUPPLIES.

The news item in last Friday's *Limerick Leader* to the effect that the city's fuel supply for the winter was quiet good was reinforced by the City Manager at the meeting of the Corporation on Monday night. Mr. Macken, in reply to a number of questions, stated that he felt very happy about the fuel supply position. Fuel Importers, he said, had undertaken to keep up the stocks in the merchants' yards. In addition, Mr. Macken added, he was