

## Irish Military Mission to U.S.A.

### Officers Return Home.

Major-General MacNeill, Irish Free State Forces, who, with the other members of the Irish Military Mission to the United States, arrived at Cobh aboard the Hamburg-American liner Westphalia on Monday night, is spending a few days in Limerick, prior to taking up duty at General Headquarters, Dublin.

Interviewed yesterday, Major-General MacNeill said that the officers of the Mission during their fifteen months in America, had completed a course of training in the Cavalry Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; the Infantry School of Fort Benning, Georgia; the Field Artillery Schools at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and the United States Cavalry School at Camp Meade, Maryland. Major-General MacNeill and Col. Costello, who were ranked as Colonel and Captain, respectively, during this period, were at Fort Leavenworth, while their comrades were distributed among the other schools. All went through the usual course prescribed for United States Army officers, and in addition to this general training, the Mission officers had tours of observation to the various 'summer camps' headquarters throughout the States.

Members of the Mission also were attached to duty with American regiments and other organisations to enable them to gain practical experience.

Major-General MacNeill paid a very high tribute to the courtesy and hospitality of the officers of the United States Army and the American people in general. "The military authorities," he said, "afforded us every possible assistance, and did everything in their power to make our tour of duty profitable and pleasant. Everywhere we found an extraordinary interest manifested in Ireland, and there is no doubt about it that this country occupies more space in the American Press than any other small country. Generally speaking, the American people realise that we are working out our destiny, and are quite confident that we shall be successful."

The party consisted of Major-General MacNeill, in command; Colonel Michael J. Costello, General Staff; Major Joseph MacNeill, Adjutant-General's Department; Major Patrick Berry, Quartermaster-General's Department; Lieutenant Sean MacNeill, Infantry; and Second Lieutenant James Trodden, Field Artillery.

## FUNERAL OF FATHER MCCOY, P.P.

The funeral took place yesterday at Ardpatrick of the Rev. Mortimer McCoy, P.P., for nine years the highly esteemed and respected pastor of the parish. The cortege was fully representative of clergy and laity, and signs of mourning were everywhere in evidence.

The celebrant at the Solemn Requiem High Mass was Very Rev. Canon Fitzgerald, P.P., Effin; deacon, Rev. C. Moriarty, C.C., St. Michael's, Limerick; sub-deacon, Father Casey, C.C., Castlemahon; master of ceremonies, Father Brazil, C.C., St. John's, Limerick. Right Rev. Monsignor O'Donnell, P.P., V.G., Rathkeale, presided.

The chief mourners were—Messrs Mortimer Reynolds McCoy, Major R. P. McCoy, T. D. McCoy, solr, John and Patrick Quinlan (nephews of the deceased clergyman); Miss Annie McCoy, Miss Queenie McCoy (nieces); Arthur McCoy, Duncaha; Matthew McCoy, Duncaha; R. D. F. Johnson, manager of National Bank (retired); R. D. F. Johnson, D.J. Tralee; E. J. Johnson, Rathkeale; D. P. Johnson, Rathkeale; Mrs Philomena Johnson, Rathkeale; Mr John Quinlan, Kilmanahan (brother-in-law); Miss Annie Quinlan (niece); Mrs Quinlan, Patrick Nolan, Shanagolden; Dr Agnes Nolan, do.; Miss Mary Nolan, do. (cousine); Mr O'Flynn, manager, National Bank, Bruff, and Mrs O'Flynn, Mrs Sheehy, Ballingarry; Mr and Mrs Fitzgibbon, Knockaderry; Robert Cussen, solr., Newcastle West; Thomas Nolan, Waterpark (cousin); Patrick Nolan, John Nolan, T.D., Cappa; Mr and Mrs Fitzgerald, Granagh; Mr John M. Donovan, Grouse Lodge (cousins).

There was an extremely large congregation, there being a representative attendance of the people from Kilmallock, Kilfinane, and other West Limerick centres, as well, indeed, as from all over the diocese and the city.

### PRICE OF GAS REDUCED.

The Corporation Gas Committee has reduced the price of gas in the city, and on Saturday last the reduction came into operation. This is the second that has occurred within the present year, and the Committee would have done much better for the consumers were it not for the protracted coal strike last year. The price has now been cut down by a penny per therm, which is a considerable saving.

## CIVIL BILL CO

Mr J. M. Flood, B.L., District Judge, presided at the Limerick Civil Bill Court yesterday.

Messrs Thompson and Son, Messrs McCarthy, Baker Place, for goods supplied and work done.

Mr Darby, book-keeper, stated that work was done for the defendant and the goods were ordered by the firm.

In reply to Mr P. E. O'Donnell, who appeared for the defendant, witness stated that he did not know that the defendant was in partnership with a Mr H. McCarthy. Witness admitted that an amount due was debited in the books of McCarthy. Witness admitted that a letter (produced) was from the firm of Thompson and Sons, and which had the effect that repeated applications to Mr Hollins for payment of the due.

In answer to Mr J. Stack, who appeared for Messrs Thompson and Sons, witness stated that the work was done for McCarthy, and the letters were sent to him because he was a member of the firm. Witness became book-keeper in the firm to Messrs Thompson.

Mr McCarthy stated that his business with Mr Hollins, and that the partnership was dissolved on the 9th of the month. Mr Hollins, at dissolution, undertook to pay all debts. He (Mr McCarthy) stated that Messrs Thompson of the dissolution there was also a notice published in a newspaper of the dissolving of the partnership. The work done by Messrs Thompson was in connection with the liquidation of the firm.

Mr Flood held that Mr McCarthy was entitled to everything he could when he was in the firm and put the notice in the liquidation to the dissolving of the partnership. He thought that it should be Mr McCarthy who should be sued. Therefore, he gave judgment for the plaintiff.

Edmond O'Donnell, publican, was examined in connection with the case due to John D. Heelan, Mailer, for goods supplied.

Mr Flood—Why did you not appear in your statement as regards your financial statement?

Defendant—Because I did not think it worth while, as next week the case will be dismissed. Moran, Registrar, will be dismissed.

Mr Flood—You had a right to appear in your statement.

In reply to Mr J. Darcy, who appeared for the defendant, witness stated that he was carrying on the business of the firm.