

In most parts of Ireland the roadways were disused, or about to be disused; and from what the newspapers said, he and a motorist knew that there would be considerable difficulty and delay before any general scheme of road repair is taken in hand. And the third reason why in this country, as distinct from Great Britain, the tax should not be imposed at present was that touring and driving cars for other than absolutely business was impossible.

These points the Automobile Club, on behalf of all Ireland had been urging upon the Government as a reason why, until conditions in Ireland become normal, the taxes which the more favoured countries have to pay should not be imposed upon this country.

FERMOY FINED £100

For Damaging Proclamations

Mr Thomas O'Mahony, J.P., Chairman of Fermoy Urban Council, and Mr J J Broderick, U.D.C., were, writes a Fermoy correspondent, both taken to the military barracks, Fermoy, on Sunday morning. They were informed that the town had been fined £100 in connection with the tearing down of the proclamations which had been posted during the week at the Post Office and certain shop windows. It appears that either gentleman was given the option of remaining under arrest until the fine was paid. Mr O'Mahony decided that as he was Chairman of the Council he would remain. Mr Broderick demurred on account of his colleague's health. Mr O'Mahony was subsequently visited by his medical adviser, Dr Magnier, and in the evening he was taken to the Military Hospital, where he now is.

TWO MEN SHOT

At Ballylanders.

A report issued yesterday from Dublin Castle states that on Saturday last David Tobin and Thomas Murphy, two men who were wanted by the authorities, on seeing a military car approaching them at Ballylanders, in the Bruff district of County Limerick, ran away. When Tobin had run about one hundred yards he took shelter behind a bank, with a revolver in his hand. He was outflanked and shot dead. Murphy, who continued to run and refused to halt, was fired at and wounded, and died later.

THE BISHOP OF ROSS AND CRIME.

Preaching at first Mass in Skibbereen on Sunday morning, the Most Rev Dr Kelly, Roman Catholic Bishop of Ross, said that the lessons to be learned from the Circumcision of Our Lord were obedience and suffering. Dr Kelly said that he would be very glad if he could promise them on that New Year's morning a year of prosperity and cheerfulness, but he could not. The prospects were not bright, but he could promise them happiness if they had good conduct and observed God's Law. If they did that they would have a good conscience, and if they found that they stood well with Almighty God they would be happy, no matter what trouble might be going on around them. Their Catechism told them that no motive however good, could excuse a lie, and it followed that no motive however good, could excuse a sin. If they committed crime or sin they could not have good consciences. Let them keep their conscience clear, and if they did the year 1921 would be a happy year for them, and they would have progressed in the great work of

is suffering from hernia will shortly undergo operative treatment.

CABINET FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Cabinet Finance Committee to-day discussed the air estimates.

FLOODS IN WALES.

During the floods traffic on the Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway was to-day held up.

SIR E CABLE'S NEW TITLE.

Sir Ernest Cable has decided to adopt the title of Baron Cable of Ideford, in the county of Devon

LIMERICK MARKETS TO RE-OPEN.

We have been informed that the officer commanding the troops in Limerick has given permission for the re-opening of the Limerick markets. It will be recalled that the markets were prohibited by order of the Competent Military Authority on the 4th December in consequence of the firing at a military touring car in O'Connell Avenue on the morning of the 30th November.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION DISCOVERED IN COUNTY.

Two Arrests.

A party of police and military, under Sergeant Horan, proceeded from Limerick this morning to Grange and Holy Cross, in the Bruff district, and in a disused limekiln near Holy Cross they discovered a number of rifles, shotguns, and ammunition. The seizure embraced twenty rifles and shotguns, and about a thousand rounds of ammunition, all of which were taken to Williamstreet Police Barracks. Two arrests have been made in connection with the affair.

THE BALLYBROOD FATAL SHOOTING CASE.

The reported arrest of three persons in connexion with the fatal shooting, on Thursday night or in the small hours of Friday morning, at Ballybrood, of Richard Leonard, school attendance officer to Limerick No. 1 District Council, and the subsequent release of two of those taken into custody by the constabulary, has been confirmed. The authorities continue engaged inquiring into the facts of the case, which will not be proceeded with against the prisoner, for some days to come.

A report from Cahereenish this evening states that the body of the deceased, Richard Leonard, is to be exhumed, by order of the authorities.

THE ATHENEUM.

At the Athenaeum last night large audiences enjoyed the bill of fare provided by the management. The entertaining film "The Blueive Pimpernel," by the Baroness Orczy, was the outstanding feature of the programme, and before it is withdrawn, after to-morrow night, it should be seen by all who enjoy a really good picture story. The authoress is well-known, and her novels have

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