

There would be a great saving in point of time, so that where really important letters were concerned the air service would be fully availed of as a business man in Dublin or Belfast could in the morning communicate with London by "air" and have a reply before nightfall. And, doubtless, the time would come when the provinces would also benefit by the linking up of the scheme with the country districts. At present the vista that is opened up to us is an interesting one. Apart from mails there is the matter of passenger traffic, and the possibility is suggested that in the near future the Dublin or Northern business man will be able to leave his office in the morning, travel by air express to London, Birmingham, or Liverpool, and return to his home the same evening. And so also with regard to the London commercial traveller, who has urgent business to do with this country. It is also said that an air service between Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Ireland is under consideration. Our forefathers would rub their eyes with amazement were even the possibility of an air service so much as hinted at. But we live in an age of marvellous scientific development, and it need not surprise us if a regular system of air communication between the two countries were soon to become "a fait accompli." Meantime, the details of the Irish airway scheme will be awaited with keen interest by the public in this country.

### PRESENTATION TO THE BISHOP OF LIMERICK.

The Archbishop of Dublin presided at a meeting on Wednesday of the Executive Committee of the Bishop of Limerick Fund. The Dean of Christ Church, hon. secretary, and the Rev. W. W. Dungan gave favourable reports of the progress of the movement. It was arranged to close the subscription list on the 31st inst. and to make the presentation to the Bishop, Right Rev. H. Vere White, M.A., in the boardroom of the A.P.C.K., 37, Dawson street, Dublin, on Friday, 6th January, at 3.30 o'clock, when the Archbishop of Dublin will preside, and will be supported by the Provost of Trinity College.

### BOISTEROUS WEATHER.

A violent gale visited Limerick and district on Tuesday night, and was accompanied by a drenching downpour, which hurried pedestrians off the streets at an earlier hour than usual. The wind was from the north-west, the point from which it has been blowing since Monday. Reports show that little damage was done to property, and fortunately no accidents appear to have occurred. In Thomondgate a small look-up shop, the property of Mr Sexton, had the chimney stack blown through the roof with little consequent damage. Ships arriving in port report heavy weather on the western seaboard. The Shannon presents a swollen appearance as the result of the heavy downfalls, and the weather remains unsettled.

### CORPORATION COMMITTEES.

There was no meeting of the Corporation Committees held last night in consequence of the Xmas holidays, and a circular to this effect was sent to the members yesterday morning.

### MR M P COLIVET, T.D.

Mr M P Colivet, T.D., who was suffering from a severe cold, contracted while in Dublin for the meeting of Dail Eireann, was confined to his house during the Christmas holidays. He is now convalescent, and is out at his business as usual again.

A sum of £30 has been collected in Glin by Volunteers for the poor of the parish. The Knight of Glin kindly subscribed £5 to the fund.

Three men from Banagher have been arrested by

doing. The holidays came to a close last night, and to-day business was resumed in all the city establishments and offices.

## OBITUARY.

### MR JOHN COLEMAN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr John Coleman, which took place at his residence, 4 Killoran Terrace, on Tuesday morning. The deceased, who was in his fifty-ninth year, had only been ailing a short time, and his demise came as a shock to his many friends in the city. He was for a number of years employed as a Commissioner for the bacon-curing firm of Messrs W J Shaw & Sons, Ltd., and in that capacity he earned the respect and good-will of his employers. He was well known in the pig-buying trade throughout the South and West of Ireland, and in his business he was always straightforward and upright. His death coming so unexpectedly has been learned with sorrow by the citizens whose sympathy will be extended to his widow in her bereavement. The funeral took place at 11 o'clock this morning from St Michael's Church for Mount St Lawrence, and its representative character testified to the esteem and respect in which the late Mr Coleman was held.

The chief mourners were—John, Thade, Bryan, and Jas O'Connor, and Charles Harty (nephews), Thos Lane, James O'Halloran, David Gilligan, Daniel Gleeson, and James Harty (brothers-in-law); Joseph Lane, Patrick and John Gilligan, Michael, Patrick, and John Gleeson, James Dooley (nephews-law).

The clergy present were—Rev Fr Dwane, Adm St Michael's; Rev Fr Carroll, O.O, do; Rev Fr Thornhill, C.O; Rev Fr Hannon, C.O; Rev Fr Tracey, C.O; Rev Fr Fitzpatrick, C.O; Rev Fr Kelly, S.J.

Fr Dwane officiated at the grave.

### MR P FRANKLIN.

The death, which we record with regret, occurred at his residence, Patrick street, on Tuesday of Mr Patrick Franklin at a rather advanced age. The deceased had been engaged for a long number of years in the grocery and spirit business in the city, where he was well-known and respected. He was for some years a member of the Limerick Corporation prior to the passing of the Local Government Act, 1899, and in this connection he represented the citizens with fidelity and trustworthiness. The late Mr Franklin was a great favourite with his fellow citizens, who regret his death and sympathise with his family in the affliction that has befallen them.

### THE LATE MR JOHN C. HOLLAND

The late Mr John Callanan Holland, a veteran journalist, whose death at Upper Gladstone street, Clonmel, we announced in our last Saturday's issue, had reached the fine old age of 90 years, for forty years of which up to his retirement in 1911 he was chief of the reporting staff of the "Clonmel Chronicle." He was a native of Cork city, and a man of extraordinary power and vitality. He was studying medicine originally, but subsequently gave it up and turned to journalism. He was connected with the old "Cork Daily Herald" for a long time, and had been Editor of the "Limerick Chronicle" for some years. In his capacity of Editor he was presented with a beautiful gold watch and chain and a purse of sovereigns in 1868 as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the staff. He was regarded as one of the most competent law reporters in the country in his day. But his capacity was not confined to this particular branch of his profession, as he was an all-round, able journalist. He was kind-hearted, genial and straightforward, and justly esteemed and respected in whatever circles he moved. Socially, he was most entertaining, and his reminiscences of his long connection with newspaper work from the days of the Liberator were always interesting and educative to his young journalistic friends, in whom he evinced a paternal concern. In the older circles of Irish journalism, where he was well and favourably known, the news of his death has been received with genuine feelings of regret.

The late Mr Holland was a nephew of the late Father Callanan, a former P.P. of Clonmel, and a relative of the poet Callanan (author of Gougane Barra). He was a brother of late Dr Jas Holland, of the North Infirmary, Cork, and of the late Mr Denis Holland (Sch. Q.C.C) formerly proprietor of "The Ulsterman," Belfast, and founder and proprietor of "The Irishman" newspaper, and "The Shamrock" magazines, Dublin. The latter was author of the novels "Donal Dun O'Byrne," "Ulick O'Donnell," "Pardoned, yet Guiltless," and the brochure "The Priest in the Dark Ages."

Mr Holland was uncle of the late Commander Holland, C.B., C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., a naval officer with distinguished career, who held the rank of Brig-Gen. in the Royal Engineers, when acting as Director of Inland Water Transport at the front during the late war. He was also uncle of the late Dr James Callanan Holland, J.P.

representative government.

"No man or group of men has the right to lead the country into a ruinous war against the considered judgment of the nation. It a Deputy finds himself, in such a decision as is now at stake, conscientiously in conflict with what he knows to be the national will, his duty is very plain.

"I would solemnly impress on the people in their private discussions of this subject not to talk lightly or bitterly, but calmly and deliberately, with a deep sense of the dreadful consequences involved in our decision."

### Mr Lloyd George and the Treaty.

Mr Lloyd George in a message regarding the Irish situation says that no British statesman could consider any proposal involving Ireland being out of the Empire. The Treaty would give Ireland membership of the League of Nations. Not even merely the rejection, but even the alteration of the Treaty by Ireland or Great Britain would render it null and void. It is the intention of the British Government to hand over without delay their responsibilities to the Irish Provisional Government, following the ratification of the Treaty.

### Optimism in Dublin.

A Central News message from Dublin speaks of optimism amounting almost to certainty that the Treaty will be ratified, and the correspondent all-goes that an agreement to that effect has been reached.

### Cobh Takes Action.

At a largely attended meeting of the Cobh (Queenstown) branch of the Sinn Fein organisation, held in the Town Hall last night, at which the Sinn Fein representatives on the Urban District Council were present, it was decided to support ratification of the Treaty, as signed by the Irish Plenipotentiaries.

A special meeting of the Urban Council has been summoned to consider the advisability of passing a resolution in support of ratification of the Treaty. The decision was practically unanimous.

### Limerick and the Treaty.

A special meeting of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce is convened for 12 o'clock to-morrow to consider the proposed Peace Treaty as affecting so greatly the commerce and industry of the country. It is understood that the city Trades Council will be represented at the meeting, also the Employers' Federation, and the views of the meeting on the subject, which is of vital importance to the well-being of the nation, are awaited with interest.

The Limerick County Council meets on Saturday, and although the agenda contains no allusion to the political situation, it is the general opinion that the Treaty will be discussed and the views of the members elicited.

In the city, conviction in favour of ratification is growing amongst all sections.

### Meeting at Clonlara.

At a meeting immediately after Mass on Christmas Day at Clonlara, Rev. James Kennedy, P.P., who presided, said under the Treaty Ireland (1) would become a Free State, having her own Parliament; (2) would get complete fiscal control; (3) the whole English garrison would quit the country, and Ireland would have her own army; (4) Irish political prisoners, even those under sentence of death, would be set free. It was then unanimously resolved by all present to appeal to all the T.D.'s of Clare, viz., President de Valera, Mr P Brennan, Mr Lyddy, and Mr Higgins to vote for the ratification of the Treaty.

### IRISH RAILWAY CRISIS

The intense feeling among Irish railwaymen over the recent arbitration award on hours and conditions may lead to an unofficial stoppage of work. The Executive of the National Union of Railwaymen will meet in London on January 2nd to consider the situation. The Committee cannot meet earlier, as its constitution will be changed at the end of the year.

At Unity House, London, yesterday, an official stated that there was reason to believe that many of the Irish members were determined to have a fight over the hours question, and a belief was expressed that there might be developments in the direction of a strike on New Year's Eve, of which there has been a good deal of talk, but it was explained that such a movement would be without the authority of the union.

The later award on wages, which increases the "stop" rates in connection with the operation of the sliding scale, is regarded as not unfavourable, and if trouble arises it is stated that it will probably be entirely over hours of duty.

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