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most remarkable features of the operations of the past few weeks is a policy which is being paid to Naval and military operations. A brilliant American writer has written a valuable work on the operations of the Sea in Wartime, and he has conclusively that the power which rules the sea possesses advantages which cannot be equalled. The great nations of Europe, and of these in the Far East, have learned a lesson, and seem now anxious to put their policy into practice. The student of naval operations is fully acquainted with the idea of the balance of power which has hitherto ruled the shore. The balance of power has been the secret of combinations and the work of diplomatists, and it is that attention has been turned to the balance of power on the sea. The sea has always considered that it was a matter of self defence to maintain a Navy, and at which any two, or perhaps three, could bring against her, and at least a large fleet, no serious effort has been made by the Powers, or any combination of them, to dispute that supremacy. Now when the question of future struggle is transferred to the open waters it is felt that there is a need of larger naval forces than we have at present if they intend to incur the risk of England or of one another.

THE ARCHDEACON OF ARDFERT—We are sincerely happy to be able to announce, says the *Kerry Post*, that the very popular Archdeacon of Ardfert, Incumbent of Tralee, who had been seriously ill and unable to attend to his parochial duties, is almost entirely recovered.

NEW SOLICITOR—Before the Lord Chancellor, Mr James Hehir, second son of Mr Patrick Hehir, of Cranny in the county of Clare was sworn in a solicitor of the supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland. At the final examination in October last Mr Hehir was awarded a special certificate for distinguished answering by the Court of Examiners. He served his apprenticeship with Mr John C Sullivan, solicitor, of Navan, in the county of Meath, and intends practising in Dublin.

DEATH OF THE REV J CONWAY, P P, FEENAGH—This popular clergyman died at the Parochial residence on Tuesday morning, in the seventieth year of his age. He had been in failing health for some time, but so recently as St. Patrick's Day he celebrated Mass in Kilmeedy chapel. Father Conway had been at one time a curate in St John's Cathedral, and since then has been stationed in several parishes in the Diocese. He has been Parish Priest of Feenagh and Kilmeedy for 20 years, and was highly respected by all classes and creeds.

PICK-POCKETS AT THE FOOTBALL MATCH.—It seems that some of the light-fingered fraternity, who had come across the channel for the occasion, made several successful hauls amongst the vast concourse which had assembled to witness the International match on Saturday. We hear that a gentleman who has travelled many countries and been in the centre of many big gatherings was relieved of a large sum, other gentlemen were similarly eased of their cash and railway tickets, and in one or two cases the robbery was effected in a very audacious fashion, but in all the thieves escaped detection.

THE CAHIR MURDER—No communication has as yet been received from the Executive in reference to the man Wilfred Kenny, at present under sentence of death in Clonmel Prison for the murder of his comrade, Albert Goodwin, of the VIII Hussars. It will be remembered that the jury added to their verdict a recommendation to mercy, and Mr Justice Gibson promised to forward it to the Lord Lieutenant, but could not hold out any hopes that the man's life would be spared. If the sentence is not commuted the execution will take place on the 5th April. The prisoner has had several interviews with his solicitor, Mr R J Crean.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—BAZAAR OF THE ZENANA MISSION.—As will be seen by our advertising columns, the annual bazaar in aid of the Zenana Mission, in connection with the Presbyterian Church, will be held next Saturday, at the Havergal Hall, Glentworth street. We understand that the plain and fancy work for sale is of the most attractive and varied description, and comprises articles both useful and ornamental. Another feature will be the ferns and

THE WATERFORD, LIMERICK AND WESTERN RAILWAY

A great deal of interest was created by the developments in the proposed Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway. It was expected to arise out of the meeting of the directors of this Company held to-day. That the offer of the Great Southern Company, which has been discussed, is quite probable, but the excellent authority for stating that the understanding was come to on the variety of rumours are flying about the terms of purchase that have been put forward, it is impossible to obtain any authentic information on this vital point. There is a slight decline on the maximum price.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

A meeting of the Technical Education Committee, and members of the Corporation, was held in the Athenaeum to-day for the purpose of having a conference with Mr Arnold, in reference to financial matters and the progress of the Technical classes generally. Mr Arnold presided. There were also present—Miss Doyle, Ald Hall, Mr Michael J Brophy, Mr J S Gaffney, T C; Mr J J Jeffcoat, Secretary.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

A long discussion took place regarding the amount allowed by the Science and Art Department for the carrying on of the Technical Classes. The Committee in reference to financial matters and the progress of the Technical classes generally, there was any doubt to make the matter, it was for the Department to grant the amount.

Mr Jeffcoat mentioned that an amount of £125 had been made but £64 9s had been allowed. He understood that considerable apprehension existed in the city as to the result which was spent on the Technical Classes. At the Corporation meeting it was stated that the expenditure amounted to £125. From the balance sheet for the year, it appeared that the amount granted £125, the receipts from the Technical Classes were £63 3s, and with other income a total of £283 for the half year. The expenditure was £273.

In the course of a discussion regarding the character of the classes.

Miss Graves said she thought it would be possible to get a grant from the Science and Art Department for type-writing classes. She thought if the type-writing classes were placed under the charge of the committee, and she would be possible to get a grant from the Science and Art Department for type-writing classes.

Mr Graves did not think the Department would make an allowance for these machines in the Technical School, where they put in five machines at £20 each, they did not get a grant.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Department on the subject.

Mr Gaffney observed that the Department had not at all come to the aid of the classes as anticipated it would be, and he was sure any member could suggest any means by which they could bring home to the people the value of the classes were intended originally.