

THE DROMCOLLOGHER DISASTER.

World-Wide Sympathy.

Relief Fund Opened.

Messages of sympathy continue to be received in connection with the Dromcollogher disaster. The Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, has had a visit from the Bishop of Killaloe, and messages from the Bishop of Plymouth, the Kerry County Council, Listowel Urban Council, and Bray Urban Council, expressing deep sympathy with all who have suffered bereavement.

Mental Hospital Committee's Sympathy.

Deep sympathy was expressed at the meeting of the Limerick Mental Hospital Committee yesterday with the relatives of those who had perished in the Dromcollogher cinema fire on Sunday night.

The Mayor presided, and the adjournment was moved by Mr C. D. O'Sullivan, M.C., who extended sympathy on behalf of the joint body of the city and county with the Very Rev. Canon Begley, P.P., and the relatives. It was his duty, he remarked, to refer to the manner in which cinema performances had been conducted in the country. It was the duty of the authorities to see that the public were protected and safeguarded in the course of innocent amusement. Believing that the circumstances of the Dromcollogher tragedy were subjudice, he did not want to dwell further on the subject, but the fact was that a law was tant covering cinematograph shows, and his only comment was that the administration of a law was either to receive respect or disrespect. While Mr O'Sullivan was speaking he was visibly affected.

Mr D. J. Madden, Co.C., in seconding, said how the tragedy appealed to the sympathy of all was exemplified in the messages received from all parts of the world. Their sympathy was also extended to their resident medical superintendent, Dr. Win, whose two nieces had perished, while tribute was due to the heroism of those who sacrificed their lives in an endeavour to save others—a true characteristic of their race.

Declaring the meeting adjourned, the Mayor said that the holocaust was of such character that it had shocked the public conscience. Their sympathy went out wholeheartedly to the people who lost mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters.

The following resolution was adopted:—That we, the members of the Limerick Mental Hospital Committee, beg to tender to the Very Rev. Canon Begley, P.P., Dromcollogher, our heartfelt sympathy on the appalling loss of life sustained in the conflagration on Sunday night. We also tender sympathy to all who lost relatives, and we avail of this opportunity to declare that we shall support any appeal for funds to relieve the distress occasioned by the tragedy.

Councillor P. Bourke referring to the disaster, and mentioned that at recent meetings of the Public Health Committee of the Corporation he had called attention to the question of adequate safeguards at the cinema houses. In his opinion these measures had not been complying in strict conformity with the regulations.

Fever Hospital; Supreme Council, Clanna Fionhla (Irish National Catholic Scouts); Naas Urban Council; Dunlaoghaire Urban Council; Mr James Leddin, T.D.; Mr P. Scanlan; Limerick; Catholic Crusade, London; Kinematograph Renters' Society of Great Britain and Ireland; Munster Football Association; Rev. E. Cahill, S.J.; Rev. P. J. Murphy, C.S.S.R., Dundalk; Miss Lena Butler, Oaklands Park, Dublin; Rev. J. Stack, C.S.S.R., Perth; Mr J. Maguire, Limerick; Rev. E. A. Creagh, C.S.Sp., President Rockwell College; Mr G. Benhett, Co.C., Limerick; Rev. J. McNamara, C.S.S.R., for Redemptorists, Limerick; Rev. W. Enright, St. Francis, Cork; Limerick Trades Council; Rev. P. Sweeney, Rathronan; Mr J. Hennessy, T.D.; Limerick Distributive Workers' Union; the Irish and Catholic People of Huddersfield (through Mr J. Rafigan).

Relief Fund Opened.

A considerable number of subscriptions have already been sent to Dublin or Dromcollogher and there are indications that many fixtures will be held in support of the deserving object.

The following subscriptions are announced:—		
	£	s.
Messrs Jameson and Sons	250	0
H.E. the Governor-General	200	0
Messrs Clery and Co., Ltd.	200	0
Mr Will Rogers	100	0
Mrs Croker	100	0
Mr T. Byrne, 4619 Grand Boulevard, Chicago	100	0
Mr A. O'Shaughnessy, T.D.	100	0
Rt. Rev. Dr. Turner, Bishop of Buffalo (U.S.A.)	30	0
President Cosgrave	25	0
Mr Brennan Tynan (U.S.A.)	20	0
Mr F. J. Sogan (U.S.A.)	20	0
Belfast Rotary Club	10	0

The Saorstát Army has opened an Army Fund for the relief of the distressed.

SUPPLEMENTAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

As a result of a conference between the Harbour Board and Corporation, an arrangement has been come to on the question of the height of the steel standards that are to carry an electric current supply on overhead wires from the Ardnacrusha power station to the city station at O'Curry street. It was agreed that the altitude of the standards at the lie-by, Sarsfield Bridge, should be one hundred feet, so as not to interfere with navigation at that point, and sixty feet high along the quay to the power station. Dr. Sothman, electrical adviser to the Government on the Shannon power scheme, was present at the conference.

IRISH EXPORTED EGGS.

Department to Insist on Grading.

At the annual meeting of the Northern Council of Grocers' Associations, held at Port Sunlight yesterday, at which over three hundred delegates were present, a copy of a letter sent by the Council to the Irish Board of Agriculture was read, asking that there should be a more uniform standard with regard to Irish exported eggs.

The Secretary of the Board had replied to the effect that a circular had been sent out by the Department to egg exporters, bringing the matter before them.

A number of complaints had been investigated, wrote the Secretary, and it had been found that the majority of them had been well founded, and there was still a

COUNTY DISTRICT SESSIONS.

Mr J. M. Flood, D.L., District Justice, presided at the County District Sessions yesterday.

James McLoughlin and Patrick Mason, Clonlara, were charged with being in the illegal possession of a gun.

Mr M. Tynan, solr., defended.

The case against the first defendant was dismissed as he had sold the gun to Mason, who was fined only 5s. and costs, as he told Sergeant Walshe the whereabouts of the gun.

Superintendent Mooney remarked that it always happened in Clare that the gun was restored after a time.

A man named Hodgins, Ardnacrusha, was similarly charged and fined 10s.

John Corbett, publican, Cappamore, was prosecuted for selling drink to non-bona fide travellers on Sunday, 5th September.

Mr J. S. Gaffney, solr., defended.

Mr Flood said that as there was a relative wounded on that day, and that the publican was somewhat upset, he would dismiss the case against him, but would have to pay all costs. He (Mr Flood) would fine the men found on the premises 1s each.

William Moloney, publican, Oola, was charged with selling drink to three non-bona-fide travellers on the 15th August.

Mr M. Tynan, solicitor, appeared for the publican.

The case was dismissed owing to a bona-fide traveller buying the drink on the premises, and giving it out through a window to the three men. The publican did not know the traveller was doing this.

COURT OFFICERS.

Appointment Under New Act.

Dublin, Tuesday.—The following appointments under the Court Officers' Act are announced in the current issue of "Iris Oifigiúil."

High Court Accountants' Office—Mr. Geo. Henderson.

Office of the Registrar to the Chief Justice—Registrar—Mr. J. Muldoon, K.C.

Assistant Registrars—Mr. J. G. Perry and Mr. J. J. Webb.

Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court—Registrar—Mr. James O'Brien, K.C.; Assistant Registrar—Mr. M. P. Mayne.

High Court Central Office—Registrars—Mr. C. P. Curran and Mr. J. W. Rooney.

High Court Probate Office—Probate Officer—Mr. E. H. Keany; Assistant Probate Officer—Mr. A. H. Greene.

High Court Bankruptcy Office, Registrars' Branch—Registrar—Sir Walter Boyle, K.C.; Assistant Registrar—Mr. G. Daniel.

High Court Bankruptcy Office, Official Assignees Branch—Official Assignee, Mr. A. G. Hollinshead; Chief Clerk, Mr. J. J. Doyle.

Examiners' Office—Examiner, Mr. T. W. Ellerker.

High Court Accountants' Office—Accountant—M. E. P. O'Toole.

CONVENTION OF HOME CLEANING EXPERTS.

Delegates From All Over Europe.

The modern woman with a home to clean has few servants so invaluable as the electric cleaner, and of these none is better known than that which "Beats as it sweeps as it cleans"—the internationally famous Hoover.

question of adequate safeguards at the city cinema houses. In his opinion these houses had not been complying in strict conformity with the regulations.

The Mayor said he had interviewed the sanitary officers responsible in this respect, and had received an assurance that all the cinemas in the city complied with the requirements of the statute. There was a doubt in the case of one, and enquiries were being prosecuted.

Mr Bourke said he was not satisfied with the sanitary officers' reports, and added that on a recent occasion when a house was overcrowded he was unable to gain egress and made a protest.

Dr Irwin said his experience was that in the cinemas he found corridors and passages blocked with chairs.

From Limerick Chamber of Commerce

The following message was sent from Limerick Chamber of Commerce:—

"Very Reverend Sir,—The Directors of this Chamber of Commerce desire to express to you their deepest sympathy, and through you to the numerous sorrowing and afflicted families of your parish and district, who have suffered by the appalling tragedy which took place last Sunday night in your midst.

"The event is too awful to dwell on it; it only rests with the merciful Almighty to send a ray of consolation to you and the severely tried people.—I am, Very Reverend Sir,

"Yours very sincerely,

"(Signed) JOHN F. POWER.

"Very Rev. J. Canon Begley, P.P., Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick."

Sympathy of Limerick P.Y.M.A.

At the monthly meeting of the Committee of the Limerick Protestant Young Men's Association on Tuesday night, it was proposed from the chair by the Rev. Chancellor Swain, M.A., Vice President, and seconded in silence, that the sympathy of the Association be conveyed to the Very Canon Begley, P.P., and the people of Dromcollogher in their great and tragic sorrow, and praying that God may comfort and console all those who are bereaved.

Public Health Committee's Condolence.

The meeting of the Public Health Committee adjourned last night as a mark of respect to the memory of the victims of the Dromcollogher tragedy. The Mayor (Councillor O'Brien) who presided, said the disaster had no parallel in the county, and had shocked the world. A resolution of deep and sincere sympathy was passed with the Very Rev. J. Canon Begley, P.P., and the people of Dromcollogher in their great sorrow.

Messages of Sympathy.

Further messages of sympathy include the following—Mr Amery, Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs; H.H. Maharaja Jam Sahab of Nawarajar; Most Rev. Dr. Turner, Bishop of Buffalo; Rev. Harvey Stewart, Dublin (Commissary); Cork District Synod, Methodist Church; the Salvation Army, Belfast; Mons. Blanche, French Consul General, Dublin; Belgian Consul; American Consul General; Mr. H. Brookhaven, Kilkenny Corporation; Newcastle West Town Commissioners; Tuam Town Commissioners; Clonmel, Mental Hospital Committee; County Limerick Committee for Treatment of Tuberculosis; Dublin Trades Council; Sectional Council No. 3 G.S.R. (Locomotive Running Dept.); Columcille Branch of the Gaelic League; Ladies' Flag Day Committee of Cork St.

bringing the matter before them.

A number of complaints had been investigated, wrote the Secretary, and it had been found that the majority of them had been well founded, and there was still a large number of egg exporters from Ireland who did not carry out the regulations. There was no excuse for this laxity, and the offenders had been warned that, unless the regulations as to grading were strictly complied with, the provisions of the Act would be rigidly enforced, and registration would be immediately withdrawn. Registration had already been withdrawn in eighteen cases.

The suggestion was made by the President that the purport of the letter should not be published, but this was overruled by the conference, and one member stated that to his knowledge forty-five licences had already been withdrawn.

THE ABINGTON SHOOTING OUTRAGE.

Alluding to the shooting and wounding of the young farmer, William Holmes, at Abington on Sunday morning, at the County District Sessions yesterday, Mr J. M. Flood, District Justice, said he was greatly perturbed on hearing of the outrage. Holmes was a respectable man, and he (Mr Flood) being in the habit of visiting Abington for the past four years found it to be a peaceable district. The shooting of Holmes was a blackguardly act, and committed under cowardly circumstances, namely from behind a ditch. He hoped the Superintendent of the district would leave nothing undone to bring the offenders to justice. An armed detective force was the only method of dealing with armed men.

NEW FREE STATE PARTY.

Manifesto by Former Nationalist M.P's.

The need in the Free State for a responsible Opposition party which accepts the Treaty, and is inspired by the traditional principles of Irish nationalism, is urged in a manifesto over the signatures of Captain W.A. Redmond, T.D., and Mr Thomas O'Donnell, a former member of the old Nationalist Parliamentary Party.

It states that a Provisional Committee has been formed, and that a series of public meetings will be held—the first takes place at Waterford next Sunday.

Subsequently a national conference will be called to draft a programme, create an organisation and provide funds.

CITY TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

Dr. Boyd Barrett, Medical Inspector to the Ministry of Local Government, attended a meeting of the Public Health Committee last night for the purpose of discussing the question of setting up a scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis patients in the city. The details of the scheme from the point of view of finance and suitability were carefully considered, and it was decided to appoint a sub-committee to visit Waterford with the object of investigating and reporting on the nature of the scheme in operation in that city. The sub-committee appointed were—Councillors J. Reidy, J. Casey, and J. G. O'Brien, with Dr. M. S. McGrath, Superintendent Medical Officer of Health.

BIG SEAL SHOT IN BANTRY BAY.

A seal measuring 8ft. 2ins. long, 4ft. 10ins. in circumference, and weighing 4 cwt., was shot by Mr T. A. Vickery, Bantry, who had already destroyed many. Seals are already causing great destruction amongst fish in the bay.

The modern woman with a home to clean has few servants so invaluable as the electric cleaner, and of these none is better known than that which "Beats as it sweeps as it cleans"—the internationally famous Hoover.

The very keen interest which its manufacturers display in the problems of easier and more thorough house-keeping was well evidenced last month by the great concourse of Hoover representatives which gathered together at Oak Hall, a charming country house near Haslemere, Surrey.

Here, men who have sold the Hoover to housewives in all kinds of lands—in the sun-steeped towns of Switzerland and the Land of the Midnight Sun, on the far west coast of Ireland, in the grimy industrial towns of Northern Britain—compared notes.

This annual Convention, as one of the speakers pointed out, produces results of a very far-reaching nature. For, if we consider how progress comes about, how our standard of living gradually rises, we find that first comes discovery such as that of the motor car, the electric cleaner, the cinema, the wireless. But at this stage there is no widespread desire for such novelties. Then ensues a period during which the public is educated to the desire for them. This is where the salesman plays a vitally important part in our lives. In conjunction with advertising, he brings us to recognise the need we have for these modern improvements. As a result we adopt them, and our standard of living advances one stage further.

The whole process of civilization is, indeed, inseparably bound up with salesmanship. The gathering of men who sell us such a wonderful labour-saving appliance as the Hoover is much more than a sales convention. It does more than create and foster better salesmanship. It is bringing nearer the time when in thousands more homes the standard of living will be automatically advanced by the adoption of the Hoover's easier, more thorough cleansing.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The Munster Rugby football season will open on Saturday next, when the League Competition will be initiated between Bohemians and Young Munster at the Markets Field. The following team will represent Bohemians—Robinson, Wellwood, McGlade, McMahon (capt), McDonnell, Crotty, Stokes, Carmody, Graham, O'Neill, Stokes, W. McMahon, Crean, Quin, and Treacy.

BRITISH NATIONAL INDEBTEDNESS.

A Net Decrease of Over £23,000,000.

A return issued yesterday showed that British national liabilities had decreased during the year ended April 1st by £23,409,928. A reduction of £30,456,039 on the National Debt brought the Internal Debt down to £6,505,147,416, and the External Debt down to £1,110,768,333.

Other internal liabilities advanced by £7,046,111 to a total of £75,078,2023 bringing the internal indebtedness to £6,580,225,619, which, with the External Debt of £1,110,768,333, makes a total of £7,690,993,952.

The review of the troops of the Eastern Command in the Fifteen Acres, Phoenix Park, yesterday, was held in continuous rain.

Reporting the shortage of water in Dungan, Mr Bowen, Waterford Co. Surveyor, points out that there is a daily leakage of 200,000 gallons, when an adequate supply to the town would be 100,000 gallons.