

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents sending in letters or reports for insertion in Saturday's "Chronicle," and these should be brief, are requested to let us have them on Fridays, where at all possible. Otherwise insertion in Saturday's issue cannot, owing to pressure of space, be guaranteed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers will kindly send in all substitutes for standing advertisements on Friday mornings. We cannot guarantee to insert in Saturday's issue any advertisement received after 2 p.m. on that day.

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

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THE IRISH TOURIST TRAFFIC.

The tourist season in Ireland is now drawing to a close, and those who are in a position to speak authoritatively on the subject declare that the traffic has been a fairly satisfactory one, all things considered. One thing which militated against it was the coal strike, now in existence for the abnormal period of four months, and yet remaining unsettled. The great dislocation of trade and the loss of earning power which it has caused in Great Britain naturally tightened the purse-strings of would-be holiday makers. But, withal that, Ireland has had a reasonably good season, and with brighter prospects for that of 1927. A great deal of important work was accomplished by publicity propaganda, in which the Tourist Associations and the British and Irish Railways and Steamship Companies heartily co-operated, and it is safe to say the result was that large numbers of tourists were this season attracted to Ireland who never before enjoyed the charming and varied scenery of this country. And in addition to the summer season, the establishing of an Irish Bureau in London some short time ago will prove valuable in bringing under notice the mild climate of certain parts of this country, which will commend itself to people who usually go to the Continent to winter there. Ireland possesses attractions for its visitors in winter as in the brilliant days of summer. We are noted for our love of hunting, and the fine opportunities for the pursuit of the pastime, which exist in this land. Before the war it was the "happy hunting ground" for English sportsmen, and it is very cheery to remember that the hunting season last year saw many familiar faces from across the Channel once more in the field. There is little doubt that they will again join in the chase during the coming winter and spring. On the whole, we have no reason to be dissatisfied with the result of the tourist traffic this year, especially the months of July and August, when there was a big number of American and cross-Channel tourists in the country, particularly during Horse Show Week, which was a record success in the annals of this great National fixture.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

The advantages of technical education have frequently been emphasised, and brought prominently before the public by educationists and industrial chiefs. To-day the necessity for such training is even more requisite, and countries that have made it practically compulsory have benefited by it to a very great extent. In this country we are still a long way behind in the matter, but within recent years a good deal of leeway has been made up. In Limerick city we have a splendid technical institution, admirably equipped, and with a thoroughly competent staff of teachers, but the support given falls short of what it should be. This is far from creditable, and if the boys and girls of this city are to be successful competitors

DRUMCOLLOGHER CINEMA FIRE.

City Committee Formed.

Generous Subscriptions.

The invitation of the Mayor (Councillor P. A. O'Brien) to the citizens to attend a public meeting in the Town Hall this evening for the purpose of raising funds for the relatives of the victims of the Drumcollogher cinema fire met with a large response.

The Mayor presided, and amongst those present were—Messrs M. McDonagh, M. Gough, B.C.; L. H. Taylor, Manager, Provincial Bank; Very Rev Fr. Hennessy, O.S.A.; Rev Fr. McNamara, Adm.; R. Slattery, P.C.; Rev Fr. Hanman, Adm., St. Michael's; P. Bernard, J. J. McNamara, B.C.; M. Barry, J. Hawkey, G. Morrison, Manager, Ulster Bank; Very Rev Fr. O'Kelly, G.P.; —Cole, P. Moore, B.C.; J. Canty, B.C.; M. Jackson, and P. Conlan, Secretary pro tem.

The Mayor said there was no necessity to dwell on the terrible tragedy at Drumcollogher, by which forty-nine people had lost their lives. The fund opened for the relief of the relatives had been splendidly subscribed to throughout the country. Subscriptions had been coming rapidly. Some people were not, however, satisfied with the line of action adopted and thought that Limerick City and County should do its part independently.

The Secretary read letters of apology for inability to attend the meeting from Mr W. B. Fitt promising a subscription; Senator J. P. Goodbody, who hoped there would be a liberal response to the appeal, and adding that he had forwarded his firm's subscription and his own to the National Fund; Sir Vincent Nash, enclosing £2 2s.; Mr W. M. Nolan, Town Clerk, £1 1s.; Mr B. E. F. Sheehy, C.E.; Limerick Steamship Co., £50; Mr M. Gough, £3 3s.; the Dominican Fathers, £5; Augustinian Fathers, £10; St. Michael's Parochial Clergy, £10; Rev. Fr. McNamara, Adm., £2 2s.; the Mayor, £5; Mr P. Moore, B.C., £1.

Mr P. Bernard, speaking for himself and Mr T. Gough, said they would be pleased to devote the entire proceeds of cinema performances one night next week to the fund.

A committee, with Rev. Fr. McNamara, Adm., as chairman, was then appointed to forward the local fund, to which the Mayor was appointed treasurer, and Mr J. J. McNamara, B.C., secretary.

Some Limerick Subscriptions.

Several Limerick subscriptions have already been sent in for the Drumcollogher relief fund, including £100 from the Most Rev. Dr. Keane, Bishop of Limerick; £100 from Messrs James Bannatyne and Sons, Limited; Messrs O'Mara, Ltd., £50; Limerick Clothing Co., £31 10s. 0d.; Limerick Branch, British Legion, £10 10s.; Messrs Lynch and Spain, £10; Messrs Looney & Co., £10; Messrs Spaight & Sons, £5; Lord Dunraven, £10; Senator J. P. Goodbody, £10; Lady Dunraven, £5; Staff O'Mara Ltd, £5.

Another Victim.

By the death of James Kirwan in the County Hospital, Crum, at eleven o'clock on Tuesday night, the casualty roll in the terrible disaster at Drumcollogher has been increased to forty-nine. From the outset Kirwan's condition was extremely grave, and little hope was entertained for his recovery. He was extensively burned in the face, throat, and hands, and suffered from shock, which was the immediate cause of death. Kirwan was of the labouring class, aged fifty years, and a married man with a family. It was decided not to hold an inquest. The remains were removed last evening for Drumcollogher by motor van, and the interment took place to-day. It is learned that the other patients injured, and in the hospital, are doing as well as could be expected.

William Forde, the lessee of the cinema, has been discharged from Limerick Prison, having procured bail of £100 for his appearance at Drumcollogher District Court on 1st of October, on a charge of manslaughter of Wm. Savage on the night of the 5th instant. Patrick Christopher Downey, the operator, who is similarly charged and remanded to the same court, was admitted to bail last Monday evening.

Enforcement of Regulations.

The Blackrock Urban Council last night, on the motion of Mr T. J. McKenna,

ALARMING ACCIDENT ON SHANNON SCHEME.

Engine Topples Over.

Two Men Scalded.

An alarming accident occurred on the Shannon Power scheme this morning, involving serious injury to two men, one in consequence of his grave condition being unable to be removed to hospital. Sometime about nine o'clock an engine attached to the waggons taking earth along the line at Parteen, O'Briensbridge, toppled over, with the result that the steam gauge burst, and the driver James Shinnars, of Newport, Co. Tipperary, and Thomas Galloway, of Banagher, the fireman, were scalded. The former received extensive head, face and body injuries, and the latter, who was removed in the Corporation Fire Brigade ambulance to the City Hospital, sustained injuries to the face and hands.

A Fatal Result.

Shinnars died this evening, on being conveyed to Limerick. An inquest will be held.

Patrick Connolly, a Shannon scheme worker, was admitted to St. John's Hospital last night suffering from injuries to the arms and left leg caused by being struck by one of the light engines employed on the undertaking at Clonlara. His condition is, it is stated, not serious.

GALWAY MAIL VAN ROBBED.

Bags Seized by Armed Men.

Two men armed with revolvers and disguised, yesterday morning robbed the Galway mail car on its way to Killoolgan and Ballyvaughan. At 4.20 o'clock the car had reached Toureen Hill, about two and a half miles from Kinvara, when the armed men demanded the Kinvara mail bag. The driver, Christopher St. George, drove on, and refused to give up the bag. One of the armed men then fired and wounded the horse in the leg, so that the van had to stop.

The men came and seized the four mail bags from Kinvara, Burren, Bell Harbour, and Ballyvaughan, and telling the driver to stay where he was, they went into a field and disappeared in the darkness.

The driver returned to Killoolgan and reported the matter to the Civic Guards, who found the mail bags in a field near the scene of the robbery. Two packages addressed to the National Bank had been stolen from the Kinvara bag. The other bags were found intact.

IRISH SEA FISHERIES.

Deputation to President Cosgrave.

Yesterday President Cosgrave, who was accompanied by the Minister of Fisheries, received at Government Buildings, Dublin, a deputation from the Irish Fishermen's Association, who asked for the holding of a conference of all the interests connected with sea-fishing with the object of formulating a scheme for the general improvement of the industry.

Having heard statements from several of the deputation, President Cosgrave agreed to the holding of the conference at a date to be arranged later.

CONCRETING OF CLARE STREET.

The Ministry of Local Government has written to the Town Clerk stating that they approved of the proposal of the Corporation to include Clare street in the scheme of concreting to be carried out under the national road grant. Clare street is scheduled as one of the trunk roads leading to the city.

R.A.F. PILOT KILLED.

The Air Ministry regrets to announce that, as a result of an accident near Lahore, India, to a Bristol Fighter, of No 31 Squadron, on September 14th, Pilot Officer Dick Culverwell Sherman, the sole occupant of the aircraft was, was killed.

FOOD PRICES TRIBUNAL.

The Food Prices Tribunal is to sit in Limerick on 4th October and take evidence up to the 8th.

City Improvement Contract.

Fair Wages Question.

At the meeting of the Corporation Improvement Committee last night, a letter was read from Mr J. J. Dundon, Law Adviser, relative to the contract entered into with Mr Thomas Gough for concreting a specified area of streets and footpaths in the city. The Law Adviser pointed out that he had submitted the draft contract to Mr Gough, which contained a condition for payment of wages to labourers at the rate of 1s 3d per hour. Mr Gough replied that this condition was not set out in his accepted tender, and that it represented a new and onerous clause. Mr Dundon went on to say that there seemed to be substance in this complaint, but that the letter from the Ministry of Local Government of the 9th instant directed a clause to be substituted for the payment of fair wages, leaving a blank for the rate per hour or day to be filled in by the Council. It was added that the Ministry could not have contemplated that the wage should be at the rate of 1s 3d an hour, and that being so, Mr Dundon was of opinion that the Ministry should be asked to state the rate of wage which they would be prepared to sanction. After a discussion, it was decided to refer the question to a sub-committee, with a view to an arrangement being come to with Mr Gough for the carrying out of the contract.

FREE STATE

And Council of League of Nations.

The Irish Free State has claimed a seat on the Council of the League of Nations. The following is the text of the Note from the "Irish delegation to the League of Nations," which has been circulated to the delegates of the British Empire:—

"I have been instructed by the Irish delegation to request you to be good enough to inform your delegation that, after careful consideration of the position reviewed at the meeting of the heads of Commonwealth delegations this afternoon, it has definitely decided to proceed with our candidature for a seat on the Council.

"The Irish delegation believe that this step will best serve the interests of the Dominions, and hope that their candidature will meet with the support of your delegation."

"(Signed) J. P. WALSH, Secretary."

This Note was discussed last night at a full meeting of the British Empire delegation. The proceedings were harmonious and friendly (says Reuter's correspondent), and there was general agreement on the principle that the Dominions had a good claim to a seat, but, at the same time, expression was given to the feeling that the present moment was inopportune for pressing it.

The delegations retained complete freedom of action, but, as to the British attitude, it is pointed out that certain promises had been given to various countries before Ireland's claims were put forward.

CANADIAN ELECTIONS.

Liberals Win.

The Canadian General Elections have resulted in a victory for Mr McKenzie King and the Liberal Party. Mr Meighen, the Conservative Premier, was defeated in his Manitoba constituency by his old friend and law partner, Mr McPherson.

The latest returns give the state of the parties as follows:—

Liberals	118
Conservatives	90
Progressives	7
Liberal Progressives	11
United Farmers	11
Labour	4
Independent	1
Not Declared	3

As the Liberals can rely on the close co-operation of most of the Progressives and Liberal Progressives, Mr McKenzie King will have a clear majority. All the Liberal ex-Ministers were returned, but five members of the Conservative Cabinet, in addition to Mr Meighen, were defeated.

SALE OF FARM.

Charge of Intimidation in Co. Clare.

At the Kilkee District Court, before Acting District Justice Conway