

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE
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THE COST OF LIVING.

It is a matter of no ordinary satisfaction to observe that the limit to soaring food prices, as well as the cost of other commodities, has apparently now been reached, and that a downward tendency has at last set in. The reductions that have so far taken place may not as yet be sufficient to make themselves appreciably felt in the retail markets, but the trend as regards easement in the cost of living is apparent, and furthermore, it is recorded that Advisers of the Ministry of Food entertain the view that, speaking generally, food values will have depreciated another 20 per cent by the close of next month. This, if it comes to pass, will be most welcome to the hard-pressed householder, the wage-earner, no matter of what class, who for so long has patiently, if not resignedly, borne the very high cost of the necessities of life. Bread, with the reduced, and still falling price of flour, should be cheaper, and a looked-for reduction cannot be long delayed. Indeed, the London "Daily Express" has shown that flour can be brought from the United States and turned into bread, which can be sold at a profit at a shilling the four-pound loaf, and with a vast number of people unemployed just now the necessity for cheap bread is greater than ever it was. Why then, it is asked, is the benefit of the subsidy withheld? "It is true," we read, "that the control price of flour has been reduced during the last few weeks, but it has been done in a manner least calculated to benefit the consumer—by dribbling of a shilling a time. The total of the reductions made comes to seven shillings a sack. This means nearly a penny in the loaf, but bread is certainly not cheaper by that amount."

The future course of the wheat market in North America seems to be somewhat uncertain, but it is understood that there is good reason for the belief that there will be a considerable break in prices when the Canadian rivers open and spring shipments begin. This must, therefore, have an appreciable effect on the price of flour and consequently of bread. Indeed, the present price of wheat, it is said, would enable bread to be sold at a lower figure than it is, but the probability is that the Government entered into wheat commitments during the war at a higher figure than wheat rules today. These commitments have to be carried out, but while that is so it is not too much to assume that cheaper bread will come in the near future. Easier prices for other food commodities are also predicted, and it is hoped will soon come to pass, while it is announced by a London paper that the prospects of cheaper clothes are now definite. All things considered, the outlook as regards the cost of living is much brighter to-day than it was twelve months ago. Indeed, it is a remarkable fact that 1920 should have got further away from the normal instead of returning towards it. This may be ascribed to various causes associated with the social problem. But it is a fact, according to an official calculation, that food prices have touched the highest figures yet reached since the war, and that there is already a decline in the wholesale prices of most commodities in general use. These might in time have their reflex in the retail prices, so that the future may now be looked to with much more confidence than it has hitherto been. Indeed, a contemporary conveys the cheery intelligence that "prospects of cheaper food are much more hopeful now than they have been at any time during the last four years."

But as opposed to this bright picture is the dismal one of unemployment, a grave and acute problem that is receiving the earnest attention of the Government, and employer and employee. It is earnestly to be hoped that its practical solution will be speedily found, and thus bring relief to large numbers of deserving men and women who so urgently need work but cannot find it.

THE TELEPHONE TAX.

The new and largely increased telephone charges have, as every reader of the newspapers can see, aroused a storm of protest and indignation throughout the country, calculated, as they are, to cause dislocation and the handicapping of industry, already heavily taxed in other directions. Important trade organizations and other representative institutions in Great Britain and Ireland have registered strong disapproval of the new system, and it is evident that plenty will be heard on the subject when Parliament meets next month. Various Irish bodies have already expressed their views clearly and emphatically, and it is satisfactory to observe that Limerick is not behind hand in this respect. The City Medical Association gave a lead by its resolution, which we published in our last issue, and yesterday the Harbour Board availed itself of the first opportunity since the Postmaster General's announcement to protest against the proposals of the Government. The Chairman, Mr. L. Morley, regarded these as absolutely ineptible from a business point of view, and said that if the new charges were insisted on, subscribers would give up using telephones until such time as a satisfactory arrangement is come to. The Board unanimously joined with the commercial bodies in the country in opposition to the new charges, and there is at least ground for hope, in view of the feeling aroused in the country, that the new scheme will be revised and rendered tolerable to telephone users. It is interesting to reproduce a note in the London "Evening Standard" of Saturday. It says:—"The protest against the new telephone charges grew in volume, and the costs to big business concerns are being calculated. Rates, for instance, given at the London Chamber of Commerce protest meeting. There it was stated that the new charges represent an increase of 147 per cent on pre-war rates. As illustrations of what the new charges really mean to individual users, it is calculated that they will cost the Port of London Authority £12,000 a year more, and add 170 per cent to the telephone costs of the London Chamber of Commerce. The telephone 'middle' will probably be one of the subjects discussed at a Cabinet meeting next week."

WILD SCENES IN CORK.

Excise Officer Shot Dead.

There were wild scenes in Cork last Saturday, and unfortunately they culminated in the death of one civilian, the wounding of a police sergeant and a constable and civilians. The injuries of the latter, with one exception, are of a minor description. A little after four o'clock shots were fired in the air with the object of dispersing persons who had assembled, contrary to the terms of the Proclamation, in Washington street, Sergeant John Mallin, and Constable Regan, Intelligence Department, were fired at, and the former was seriously wounded in the abdomen, and the latter was wounded in several places in the body. Lories, with police and military, soon after appeared on the streets. Shops closed, and those abroad were stopped and searched. It was after eight o'clock when Mr. Gerald O. Pring, Excise Officer, was going home, in company with his brother and sister. A shot was fired, the bullet hit Mr. Pring in the mouth, and he died in a short time. At the time he was on the Western road, at a point near the entrance to the Maryvale. A man named Twomey, who lodged at 88, Patrick's Hill, was fired at and wounded about 8 o'clock. The bullet entered between the scapula and the skull, and he had a narrow escape from death. A coloured seaman was shot at and wounded in the thigh. Two constables were also fired at, but escaped without injury. A number of persons received minor injuries.

THE CORK DEATH SENTENCE.

Arguments in Court Adjourned.

In the King's Bench Division yesterday, the application for a writ of certiorari to quash the proceedings at the Court-martial in Cork which tried Joseph Murphy and sentenced him to death, was adjourned until Monday, 24th, and the Court made an order further repelling the execution until Wednesday, the 26th inst.

ATTACKS ON CROWN FORCES IN CORK.

General Strike's Warning.

General Strike's warning has sent a letter to the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork, in the course of which he says:—"The present state of affairs in the city cannot be allowed to continue, and, severe as they may be, I shall feel compelled to take such drastic measures as may seem necessary to make the lives of the Crown forces secure from cowardly attacks by assassins in the streets." There is no improvement in the condition of the wounded Cork detectives in the Mercy Hospital. The injured civilians are doing well.

ATTACK ON CORK POLICE BARRACKS.

About four o'clock yesterday morning the alarm was given of an attack on Tukey Street Barracks, Cork. Reinforcements, including military, came from various parts of the city. There was heavy firing in the streets for some hours, but there were no casualties or arrests.

MUNSTER AND LEINSTER BANK.

Expanding Prosperity.

The balance sheet of the Munster and Leinster Bank for the half-year ending 31st December last, which we published this evening, affords striking evidence of the continued prosperity of the institution, and the marked development of the bank's business during the past twelve months. The total deposits now amount to £26,300,000, an increase of £2,700,000 on the figures shown in the report for the corresponding half-year in 1919. Further comparison with the balance sheet issued a year ago discloses a substantial increase in the holding of cash and immediately convertible securities, the present total of these liquid assets being £16,123,000, a figure which represents over 60 per cent of the bank's entire liability to its clients. The requirements of the customers have evidently been dealt with in a very liberal fashion, as the total of advances on overdrafts and bills stands at £11,475,000, an increase of £4,663,000 during the year under review. The reserve fund of £300,000 exceeds the paid-up capital of £250,000. Owing to the satisfactory earnings for the past half-year the Board are about to recommend the payment of a dividend at the rate of 90 per cent per annum, less income tax, the transfer of £40,000 to investment contingency account, and the allocation of £10,000 in reduction of bank premises account, carrying forward the balance of £30,500. It is worthy to note that the bank's investments, including War Loans are valued at the current prices of 31st December, 1920, with the exception of short-dated premium-bearing National War Bonds, taken at cost.

NEWCASTLE WEST QUARTER SESSIONS.

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning, His Honor County Court Judge Pigot opened the business of Newcastle Quarter Sessions. The officials in attendance were—Sir Francis E. Kearney, Clerk of the Crown and Peace; O. H. Deane, Esq., J. B. Nash, Registrar, and B. K. Lucas, Sub-Sheriff. There was no Crown business for hearing or appeal. The following were granted a confirmation of Ex parte license—Timothy O. Curtin, Ashford, and James Lyons, Bridge street, Newcastle West.

LIMERICK POSTAL TELEGRAPH OFFICIAL PROMOTED.

Mr. P. Nash, who for the past thirty years was connected with the Limerick Postal Telegraphs, has been promoted to the Postmaster's office, Boyle, head office for the County Kilmordogh and district. He is to take up the duties of his new office at an early date, and he will leave Limerick with the best wishes of his colleagues and the public, for the success of a very deserving and courteous official.

OUT AND ABOUT.

The Earl of Dunraven will arrive in London to-day from Adare, Co. Limerick, and Capt. W. A. Redmond, D.S.O., M.P., in Gdn, has relinquished his commission and retains his rank.

There is no truth in the reports published in Monday's newspapers that Hospital Police Barrack, Co. Limerick, was attacked on Friday night. Reports of to-day's Quarter Sessions and yesterday's Limerick Asylum Committee are held over to next issue owing to pressure of space.

Mr. Shanahan, of Sandpits, near Carrick-on-Suir, has died at the age of 102 years. Mr. Mary Ann, a patient in Carrick-on-Suir hospital, is 101 years old.

By direction of the Most Rev. Dr. Hallinan, a collection in aid of the Irish College, Rome and also the starving children of Central Europe was made in all the Catholic churches of the Diocese of Limerick on Sunday.

The successful candidates at the Preliminary Examination of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland include Martin Malone, Lahinch, and at the Pharmaceutical License Examination, Edmund Hayes, Margret.

A number of political pamphlets with reference to the coming election were posted in the city during the overnight, and were torn down by the constabulary on Sunday morning.

A social evening in connection with the Church Missionary Society (Girls' movement), will be held in the Diocesan Hall next Thursday evening between four and eight o'clock. An interesting programme of games, competitions, and addresses, has been prepared.

LIMERICK HARBOUR BOARD.

Mr. L. Morley presided at the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners yesterday. There were also present—Messrs J. H. Roche, G. Ryan, Ald. P. Walsh, P. O'Connell, D.L., and G. E. Ryan. The officials in attendance were—Messrs J. F. Power, Secretary; and J. Fitzmaurice, Harbour Master.

A letter was read from Mr. H. V. Morley, Engineer, regretting that he was unable to attend the meeting owing to illness.

COMMUTED DEBT.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works stating that before dealing with the proposal of the Commissioners to pay off arrears of the commuted debt they would like to be furnished with a copy of the audited accounts of the Commissioners for the year ended December, 1920.

The Secretary said he had written the Board of Works pointing out that immediately the accounts were audited he would forward a copy to the Office of Public Works.

CORK STEAMPAKET CO.

The Secretary of the Cork Steampacket Company wrote stating the Commissioners might now allow their application for storage accommodation at the Docks to rest as they had proposed making other arrangements.

The Secretary—They are not coming here. I had arranged that they could have storage accommodation at the docks.

THE NEW TELEPHONE CHARGES.

A letter was read from the District Manager Telephone Services pointing out that by order of the Postmaster General the present agreement in telephone services would come to an end on the 26th April next, and the new schedule of tariffs would be notified in due course.

Mr. Ryan said the unanimous voice of the country was against the new proposals. Alderman Walsh observed that in every part of the country a protest was being raised against the proposed increase in telephone rates.

Mr. Roche thought the Board should protest against the new rates, and he received from him several complaints of the defective services rendered. The Secretary—Certainly the ladies in the Exchange are doing their best.

Mr. O'Connell—There is a serious increase in the charges for trunk calls. It is monstrous. The Chairman said he considered the proposal of the Board from the point of business to be absolutely impossible. As far as he was concerned, not alone were they going to raise the rentals but a charge was to be made for each call. He did not see that it was possible to keep an account of telephone messages, while the cost to the Government would be enormous. If the Government had any business account, what they should do was to arrange for an actuarial calculation for all purposes. He felt strongly on the matter, and if the Government insisted on these charges the subscribers should give up using telephones until such time as an arrangement was come to.

Mr. Ryan proposed—"That the Board join with the commercial bodies in this country in strongly protesting against the exorbitant charges intended to be made for the use of telephones, which would virtually put an end to these useful services and interfere with trade; that we recommend to the subscribers if the Postmaster-General persists in his increased charges to arrange to do without these instruments."

AID WALSH CONSIDERS THE MOTION, WHICH WAS PASSED.

THE SWING BRIDGE—A COMPLAINT.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, stating that owing to the narrow width of the swing bridge complaints had been received from the public of being splashed with mud while crossing the bridge, and requesting that barriers be erected at either side of the structure.

Mr. Roche—There is no necessity for doing anything like this, as we are going to erect the bridge very soon.

The Chairman—It strikes me there is a certain amount of humour in that suggestion of the Corporation. If we were to carry out what they suggest then barricades would be erected in nearly all the streets and prevent people getting splashed with mud.

Ald. Walsh—The Corporation received complaints about the bridge and drew the attention of the Board to the matter. The Secretary said the position with reference to the bridge was that they had called upon the contractors to carry out their contract and resume its construction. The contractors at first seemed to think that they would get an increase in their price owing to the war and war conditions, but the Board refused them on the terms of the original contract and the stopping of the work at the instance of the Board of Trade. They asked the Commissioners to apply to the Board of Trade, and they replied that they had as Commissioners no standing in the matter, but they would assist the contractors in endeavouring to get relief from the Board of Trade. The contractors had now written to the Board of Trade, and the result of their application would come before the Commissioners in due course.

FLOODING AT THE DOCKS.

The Chairman alluded to the great increase in piling at the docks, and considered that serious steps should be taken by the Board to cope with the matter. He had received a complaint from the master of a vessel of coal being stolen from his ship, and that being so it was up to the Board to do something to prevent the port getting a bad name.

Ald. Walsh said everything stated by the Chairman was quite true. The two watchmen at present employed at the docks were not able to prevent pilfering, and he suggested an additional man should be employed.

Mr. Ryan considered that the docks should be closed to all but those having business there, as a temporary measure.

The Harbour Master said during last night Messrs Glynn's shed was broken into, and £25 worth of tobacco and cigarettes taken.

The Chairman—The Limerick Steamship Company's shed was also broken into.

On the motion of Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Roche, it was decided to close the docks to all but those having business there, and to employ two additional watchmen temporary to do duty there.

TRADE OF PORK.

The Secretary reported that four traders, seven coopers, and one overseas vessel arrived in port since last meeting.

CITY PETTY SESSIONS.

Before Lt.-Col. Williamson and Major Bourke, R.M.s. Mary Fitzgerald, publican, was fined £1 and costs for breach of the Licensing Act, persons not being bona-fide travellers having been found by the police on defendant's licensed premises.

John McDonagh and John Crowe were, on the application of District Inspector Greely, sent for trial to Quarter Sessions on the charge of larceny of clothing and valuables, the property of Mr. Robert Lacey, Patrick street. There was also a charge against McDonagh for larceny of goods valued at £2.

William Barrett and Patrick Weil were also returned for trial at Quarter Sessions for the larceny of property valued at £40 found at a residence at the North Strand during the absence of the owners.

There was a charge of house breaking against the defendants also, who admitted their guilt to the police when arrested.

Moira Meade and Annie Collins were remanded on the charge of illegally cashing cheques. Information in the case of a defendant charged with receiving a watch knowing it to be stolen, was refused.

POLICE AMBUSHED IN CLARE.

It is reported that yesterday a party of police in a motor lorry were proceeding from Kils, where one of their number had a serious leg injury, to Broadford, in that county, they were ambushed and fired at at O'Callaghan's Mills, and had a very narrow escape. A bullet passed through one man's cap, and another through a leg, but none received serious injury. It is further stated that a house near the scene of the attack, and occupied by a man named M'Grath, was subsequently burnt.

POLICEMAN SHOT DEAD IN CAPPAPWHITE.

A report from Cappawhite (Co. Tipperary) states that Constable Boyd, while in a public-house in that village last night, was attacked by armed men and shot dead. No arrests have so far been made.

FALL IN THE PRICE OF EGGS.

Eggs, which a week previously had fetched 5d each, were sold at the Galway market on Saturday at 2d, having fallen from 2s per score to 4s 3d and 4s 6d.

NEWCASTLE-WEST QUARTER SESSIONS.

At Newcastle-West Quarter Sessions, held in Limerick, to-day.

Patrick W. Hartnett, Mount Collins, was awarded £300 compensation for the destruction of a house on the 9th October.

Mary Nolan, a widow, was awarded £480 for the burning of her house at Bellinabane on the 19th of October.

Gideon Rely was awarded £1,000 compensation for the burning of a slated dwelling house, furniture, etc., on the 23rd December at Newcastle West.

Richard D. Wolfe and his wife were awarded £1,350 compensation for the destruction of their business premises on the 18th and 19th September at Abbeyfeale.

Mary Leahy, Gurtinross, was awarded £400 compensation for the destruction of hay and a hay barn on the 24th December.

Andrew J. Hyman, Newcastle-West, was awarded £185 compensation for destruction of hay and personal injury received on 11th December.

Kate O'Keefe, Newcastle, was awarded £23 for the malicious breaking of a plate-glass window on the 19th December.

The Athos Co-operative Oceanside, Ltd., claimed £20, and were awarded £22 for the malicious destruction of belting in the creamery on the 23rd December last.

STREET ACCIDENT.

This afternoon a collision occurred at the Roche's street corner of O'Connell street, and a countryman in charge of a lorry from the County of Clare was seriously injured. The motor car passing through George street struck the lorry, with the result that the driver was of the latter, who, it was stated, was struck violently, sustained a fracture of the leg. The injured man was removed on a military Red Cross ambulance to the County Infirmary for treatment.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

ORDERS AGAINST MORE PUBLIC BODIES.

In the King's Bench Division yesterday, before the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Dalrymple, and Mr. Justice M. Gwynne.

Mr. Wood, K.C., with whom were Mr. Bingham, K.C., and Mr. Lipsett (instructed by Mr. T. T. Meade), for the Local Government Board, applied for, and obtained, orders making absolute conditional orders against several bodies, requiring them to submit their accounts for audit.

Amongst them are Clare County Council, and Limerick Corporation.

CANADIAN EMBARGO TO REMAIN.

There is to be no raising of the embargo upon the importation of Canadian cattle into Great Britain—for the present at any rate.

Last night the English Ministry of Agriculture issued a report of the deputation of Lord Lee on January 12 from the Joint Parliamentary Committee of Co-operative Congress, who urged the removal of the embargo on the importation of Canadian store cattle.

Lord Lee, in reply, said the responsible agricultural bodies were against the removal of the embargo. It would require fresh legislation, although the Ministry had endorsed Canada's clean bill of health.

BIG DISCOVERY OF ARMS IN FERMOY AND GLANWORTH.

Dublin, Monday.—Dublin Castle reports to-day—There have been recently big discoveries of arms in secret storerooms in Fermoyle and Glanworth Castle, both in County Cork (martial law area). At Fermoyle there were found bayonets, gunpowder, ammunition, equipment, and at Glanworth a bag of gunpowder and gelignite, two bombs, a pair of binoculars, detonators, spare parts of Lewis machine gun, bayonets, etc.

LIMERICK MARKETS.

BUTTER—3s 3d to 3s 4d per lb.
Eggs—Hens, 3s 3d to 3s 6d per dozen; ducks, 3s 3d to 3s 6d per dozen.

FISH—Cod, 1s 6d per lb.; haddock, 1s 4d per lb.; fish cake, 1s 4d per lb.

PORK—Cholera, 7s to 11s 6d per pair; young ducks, 6s to 8s per pair.

TUESDAY'S BONTAM MARKET.—There were 267 bonhams in market. They sold at from £1 0s 3d to £1 10s.

BAKERS'—Wholesale Prices at Mill Door
Bakers' Flour, 7s 6d per sack; Retail Flour, 7s 10d per sack; Oatmeal, 8s 6d per sack; White meal, 8s 6d per sack.

MEAT—All roasting joints, beef and mutton, 2s 6d per lb. boiling bone, 1s 8d per lb.; mutton, 1s 10d per lb.; steak and chops, 2s 6d per lb.

CORN—A small supply in market to-day. White oats, 2s 1d to 2s 1d per stone; black oats 1s 8d to 1s 9d.

HAY AND STRAW—A small supply in market. Rye hay sold at from 20s 0d to 25s 10s per ton; upland hay, 24s 10s to 25s 10s; coarsest, 23s 10s to 24s 10s; oatens straw, 25s 10s to 26s 0s; wheatens straw, 21s.

PIGS.

The following are to-day's prices:—
Suitable pigs (1 0 to 1 2 7) 145s 0d
Stout (1 2 8 to 1 3 0) 145s 0d
Overweight (1 3 1 to 1 3 14) 145s 0d
Heavy ditto (over 1 3 14) 130s 0d
Ditto (over 2 0 0) 130s 0d
Unfatted ... Special price.
Berkish ... 16s 0d
"Sixes" ... (bacon pigs under 10st) 145s 0d

CORK BUTTER MARKING.

THIS DAY.

Fresh (A), 300s.
Supply small demand quiet. Weather stormy.
First, —, —, Fresh (A), 300s.
Centrifugal Creamery, 340s to 350s; Factory, 320s to 330s.

FUNERAL OF MR WILLIAM M'GRATH, K.C.

The funeral of Mr. William M'Grath, K.C., who was shot in his residence, 129 North Circular road, Dublin, on Friday last, took place yesterday, the remains being conveyed from Aughrim street Church, after Requiem Mass, to Glasnevin Cemetery. The funeral was private, but the congregation in the church was very large, and included a great number of members of the legal profession, by whom the deceased gentleman was held in high esteem.

Few fishes are finer than that of a great stock alighting, writes H. Hesketh-Prichard, in the "Cornhill Magazine." In the air the glory of their flight lies in its strength and in the wonderful formation of the feathered alighting, but once a single cautious bird has alighted, watch the rest following and swooping in aerial gymnastics which one would fancy all too light and undignified for such grave and revered birds. They swoop and swing like plover, and then, as they begin to alight, dark the short, alert step, and above all, man that, seated in whose care lies the safety of the feathered republic. Often have I lain watching geese for hours at a time. Once I saw a sentinel remain unmoved for forty-five minutes. They may remain longer, certainly, sometimes the period is shorter, but I have never seen the sentinel go back for three times within the hour. There he stood on his point of vantage; presently some other birds came feeding towards him. One of them stood up and the sentinel resigned his duties and vanished into the private life of the flock. I have never seen the sentinel go back for relief by plucking at a comrade with his bill, as some observers record, yet of one thing I am certain, the geese understand each other, and I very believe converse together.

FOOTBALL AN ANCIENT GAME.

Modern football is a direct descendant of an ancient Roman game called "harpastum," in which the object of the players on each side was to seize the ball and carry it, by some means, for a distance, across a line marked on the ground in the rear of the opposing team. So long ago as 1349, Edward III. passed a Statute ordering the sheriffs to suppress football in England, and thirty-five years previously, in 1314, Edward II. issued a proclamation forbidding the "poules" to be burnt in the large halls in the streets of the City of London.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

LATEST NEWS.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Special to the "Chronicle.")

AMBUSH IN CLARE.

Two Raiders Believed Killed or Wounded.

A Press Association telegram says—In an ambush of a police car to-day at Clonlara, Co. Clare, it is believed two raiders were killed or wounded. No police casualties.

USA ARMY.

Washington, Monday.

The Senate to-day voted a resolution fixing the strength of the army at 175,000 men.

PRESIDENT HARDING.

New York, Tuesday.

The "New York Times" correspondent states that President Harding will invite the Powers to discuss the restriction of armaments, and the establishment of an International Tribunal for the settlement of disputes between nations.

LONG TIME CREDITS.

New York, Tuesday.

Colonel Chester Harding, at a meeting, declared that long time credits in European securities were necessary to the rehabilitation of foreign countries.

'SHOULD TAKE GERMANY AT HER WORD.'

Paris, Tuesday.

M. Lathouet, Minister of the Liberated districts, says the Entente should take Germany at her word and take over control. He declines to accept payment exclusively in manufactured articles, but favours payment in gold.

EASTBOURNE MURDER APPEAL.

The appeal was dismissed.

VALLEY OF THE WYE FLOODED.

Owing to continuous heavy rain the Valley of the Wye from Bakewell to Rossley is inundated. House property is damaged.

M.C.C. AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

Adelaide, Tuesday—Australia, 384 for 5 wickets, close of play.

WELCOME FOR BRADFORD DELEGATES.

Roubaix, Monday—Bradford Chamber of Commerce delegates were welcomed by the local Chamber to-day.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MASTER OF HOUNDS.

Major Olive Wilson, Master of the Holderness Hunt, was found dead in bed to-day.

THE CRATLOO AMBUSH.

The two constables wounded in the Cratloo ambush last week are still in the Limerick military hospital. They were reported yesterday to be holding their own in showing symptoms of improvement.

LIMERICK STOCK LIST.

To-day's Prices.

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The Little Coal Depot

"LITTLE AND GOOD."
Small Expenses. Cut Prices. Excellent Value.
WE SOLD IN LIMERICK CITY AND SUBURBS IN DECEMBER, 1920,
2,193 Tons of Coal
DIRECT AND LARGE IMPORTERS
FIRST TO REDUCE PRICES. KEEN TO KEEP THEM DOWN.
Buy, Buy Now. Don't let it a child's "Bye-Bye." Bye and Bye will be too late.
Our Advice, Buy Now. No lower prices this year.

Ruby Arley ... 78s
Kuland ... 76s 6d
Bentwall ... 75s

WALLACE BROS., LTD
Mallow Street, Limerick.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE MUNSTER & LEINSTER BANK, LIMITED.

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE
SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS
To be held at
THE HEAD OFFICE, SOUTH MALL, CORK,
On
TUESDAY, the Twenty-Fifth Day of JANUARY,
1921.

The Directors herewith submit to the Share-
holders a statement of the Bank's affairs for the
Half-year ended 31st December, 1920, with a copy of
the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and
Balance Sheet.

The Profits of the Bank, after de-
ducting Expenses, providing for
Interest on Deposits, Rebate on
Bills, and for all Bad and Doubt-
ful Debts, amount to ... £31,334 13 7
To which has to be added the
Balance from the last account ... 27,227 7 2

Making a total of £108,562 0 9

The Directors recommend the pay-
ment of a Dividend for the Half-
year at the rate of 20 per cent.
per annum ... £40,000 0 0
Less Income Tax ... 12,000 0 0

And after transferring to Invest-
ment Contingency Account ... 40,000 0 0
And applying in reduction of
Premises Account ... 10,000 0 0

There will remain to be carried
to next account ... 30,562 0 9

£108,562 0 9

The Bank's Investments, including War Loans,
are valued at the current prices of 31st December,
1920, with the exception of short dated prem-
ium-bearing National War Bonds, taken at cost.
In compliance with the Articles of Association
of the Bank, the Directors, Messrs John Murphy and
James R. MacMullen, retire from the Board, and
being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.
It will be necessary to elect Auditors for the
coming year; the present Auditors, Messrs Partill
and Company, offer themselves for re-election.
Branches of the Bank have been opened at
Kilkeel, Co. Down; and Westport, Co. Mayo.
By Order of the Board,
T. B. LILLIS,
General Manager

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1920.
LIABILITIES.

Capital—
200,000 Shares
of £5 each, £2
paid ... £400,000 0 0
Reserve Fund ... 900,000 0 0

£1,300,000 0 0

Deposits, Current and other ac-
counts, including Reserve for
doubtful debts ... 28,351,034 12 1

Profit and Loss—
Balance from 30th
June, 1920 ... £27,227 7 2

Net Profit for
half-year
ended 31st
December,
1920 ... 81,334 13 7

108,562 0 0

Less Amount
transferred to
Investment
Contingency
Account, and
Premises Ac-
count ... 60,000 0 0

58,562 0 9

£27,709,646 12 10

ASSETS.

Cash on hand
at Bank of
England, and
with other
Banks ... £2,648,122 11 0

Money at Call
and at Short
Notice ... 9,518,599 9 6

Government
Treasury Bills ... 3,500,000 0 0

£28,706,722 0 6

In Investments—
War Loans and
other Govern-
ment Stocks ... 7,204,894 3 0

Loans and Co-
lateral Voucher
and other Gov-
ernment and
Corporation
Stocks, Rail-
way Debenture
and other Gov-
ernment and
Corporation
Bonds ... 150,673 4 0

Other Invest-
ments ... 895 0 0

7,366,362 7 0

Bills Discounted ... 18,123 084 7 8

Advances on Securities
and Current Accounts ... 10,305,870 18 11

Bank Premises, Head Office and
Branches ... 111,154 13 0

£27,709,646 12 10

C. E. MURPHY,
A. R. MACMULLEN, } Directors.
T. B. LILLIS, Director and General
Manager.
S. G. HARRIS, Secretary.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE AND REPORT.

We have audited the above Balance Sheet,
and the books of the Company and obtained
all the information and explanations we have
required. We have verified the Cash Balance
with the Bank and other Banks, the Investments
of the Bank, and the Securities held against
Money at Call and Short Notice. We have to
report that in our opinion such Balance Sheet is
correctly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and
correct view of the state of the Company's affairs,
according to the best of our information and the
explanations given to us, and as shown by the
books of the Company.

PURILL and COMPANY,
Auditors.

12th January, 1921.

Bills, Annuities, Coupons, and Dividends are
collected in all parts of the United Kingdom and
abroad, and every kind of Banking business is
transacted on the usual terms at the Head Office
and Branches.

The Purchase and Sale of Stocks and Shares are
effected.

Strong Rooms are provided for the custody of
gold, and other property deposited by Customers
at the Bank.

THE BANK HAS THE HONOUR AND TRUSTWORTHINESS.

The Bank has the honour and trustworthiness
to undertake the offices of Executors and
Trustees. Particulars of terms can be obtained
from the Head Office and Branches.

GENTLEMAN'S Second-hand Bicycle wanted.
Good price and particulars to Box No 330
this office.

The Villiers Endowed Boys' School, LIMERICK.

School Will Re-open
After the Holidays,
On Monday, 17th January
AT TEN O'CLOCK.

A Punctual Attendance of all Pupils is
requested.

J. JOHNSTON, B.A.,
HEAD MASTER.

Cook-General Wanted.

WANTED immediately, competent Cook-
General; must be thoroughly reliable and
trustworthy; reference must bear strictest investi-
gation; extra liberal wages to suitable person;
only three in family. Apply, with copies of testi-
monials to No 629 this office. (a2 j18)

Hunters for Sale.

A CHESTNUT HORSE, rising six years old,
about 16 hands, up to 15 stone, perfectly
sound, a beautiful ride, and a ripping jumper.
Also a Bay's Cob, 14 hands, six years old, steady,
and a safe jumper. For particulars apply Box No
330 of this paper. (a4 j18)

FOR SALE

A COB, 15 hands, 7 years, winner of two
A prizes and driving competition Tipperary
Horse Show. Also 2 SEATER GIG, with lamp
and rubber tyres; spare wheels with iron rim.
West Coast Set of Brass Mounted Harness.
Apply, H. Pearson, Creamery Supply Company,
Upper Gerald Griffin Street, Limerick. (a2 j15)

KUDOS PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIOS are
prepared to undertake Printing and
Development of Amateur Films and Plates. Pro-
fessional work at ordinary rates. Give a trial—
17 O'Connell street.

PIANO FOR SALE—Rosewood case; good
order; a bargain for cash. Apply, Box No.
235, this office. (a3 j21)

WANTED—Junior Clerk for City Office;
experienced and well recommended. Apply
Box 334, this office. (a3 j20)

WANTED—Sitting & Bedroom, unfurnished;
nice locality. Quota X.L. "Chronicle"
Office. (a3 j20)

M B WIDDESS, Chemist, Roche's-street, has
a vacancy for youth as Apprentice (out-
door), having preliminary examination passed;
moderate fee.

KEEP YOUR SILVER CLEAN by using
K. Stewart's Plate Liquid, 1s per bottle—H.
L. Stewart & Sons, Ltd, 104 George-street,
Church-street, Ennis. (a6 j27)

A 30 YEARS' REPUTATION for accurate
time-keeping Stewart's Shannon Watches,
£3 10s.—H. L. Stewart & Sons, Ltd, 104 George-
street, Limerick. (a6 j27)

FOR SALE—White Runner Ducks and Drake;
points of laying, 10s each, carriage extra.
Pure-bred White Leghorn hatching eggs, 6s per
doz. carriage extra.—Hunt, Fowl Station, B. off.
(a3 j20)

TO LET—Unfurnished bedroom, kitchen, with
use of bath, in Barrington Street; suit young
married couple. Rater-nos required. Replies to
Box No 330 this office. (a3 j20)

INVAID SHERATON BUREAUX—3ft 6in,
three drawers, in perfect condition, drop
front desk, with falling front, and drawers and
recesses. Apply box No 331 this office. (a3 j21)

SALE—Ladies' Costumes, Millinery, Coats,
much reduced to clear for stocktaking—
J. & E. DALY, 68 69 Thomas-street, Limerick.
(a3 j20)

FOR SALE—A.B. Turkey Cooker, £3 10s
(Abbott's and Rothwell's) Strains, 22 to 24
lbs. Emden Geese and Ganders, 25s, Light
Sussex 13s, and Barred Rocks, Jockers, T.R.
Drakes, 13s each.—Langford, Ardagh. (a3 j18)

THE KUDOS STUDIOS for Artists
Portraits; only first-class work turned
out. 800 specimens. Children Studios a specialty.
—117 O'Connell street

KUDOS PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIOS—
Urgent Passport photographs ready in one
hour. Good productions. Moderate charges.—
117 O'Connell street.

COCKERS—Some very nice all black and
chocolate brown pure-bred Cocker Pups for
sale. Apply, Box No 303, this office. (a3 j22)

WANTED—Young Lady to manage Tobacco
and Stationery shop, and keep accounts;
competent. Apply, Box 325, this office. (a3 j18)

REPRESENTATIVE REQUIRED for Counties
Limerick, Tipperary, and Clare by Company
doing large business in these three counties and all
parts of Ireland. Liberal salary. Apply by
letter to Box No 4900 this office. (a3 j18)

GREAT RUN ON TOY PRAMS.—Only two
left at 19/6, and a few at 37/6 (great value).
Further supplies—if indeed available at all—will
be at least 50/ each.—GALBRAITH'S TOY
SHOP, Upper Cecil Street.

PAINTING—Olla, Paints, Enamels, Varnishes,
all kinds of Brushes, Buckets, Pails, and
general Chandlery.—PEACOCKE, 66 William
street. (a2 j25)

WANTED—General Servant for small house-
hold; no washing; must be a good cook,
and well recommended; good wages to suitable
person. Apply by letter, enclosing copies of re-
ferences to No 20 X this office.

FOR SALE—Ewe's Victor Geyser, pratt
daily new. Apply Box 336 this office. (a3 j27)

FOR SALE—Ordnance Gas Engine, 2 1/2 h.p.,
good running order. Offers to St. Doyle,
Builder. (a2 j22)

THE RAPID RAT REMOVER

No rat can resist the powerful
magnetic force of "Rodine" nor
revive from its effects. Fascinat-
ing and Fatal. Price, 1/6 per bottle.
Send 2/6 for 5/6, post free. H. H. H. H.
Chambers, Perth—Ask for
"RODINE"

F. Lister, Chemist, 108 O'Connell Street,
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M. B. Widdess, Chemist, 65 Roche's St.,
Limerick; E. A. Whelan, Chemist, Rath-
kesh; W. F. Knight, Chemist, Newmarket
West; W. O'Connor, Chemist, Knocknaglog,
Killeshall Stores, Killoshally; M. Demp-
sey, Medical Hall, Croom.

GIBSON'S WINTER SALE!

Commencing MONDAY, 3rd JANUARY.
GENUINE REDUCTIONS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.



MODEL 438. An average figure model in white Coutil, medium low bust. Sizes 21 to 30. Usual Price 10/11. SALE PRICE ... 8s 11d



MODEL 537. A very popular corset in White Coutil, for medium figure, low bust, long skirt. Sizes 20 to 30. Usual Price 18/11. SALE PRICE ... 16s 11d



Every woman knows that a Royal Worcester Kidfitting Corset is anything below the regular price is a REAL BARGAIN.



MODEL 525. A comfortable corset for average figures, low bust, elastic gorges at back, in white. Sizes 21 to 30. Usual Price 29/6. SALE PRICE ... 28s 6d



MODEL 439. An elastic-topped model in White Coutil, for average figures, low bust, four suspenders. Sizes 20 to 28. Usual Price 10/11. SALE PRICE ... 8s 11d

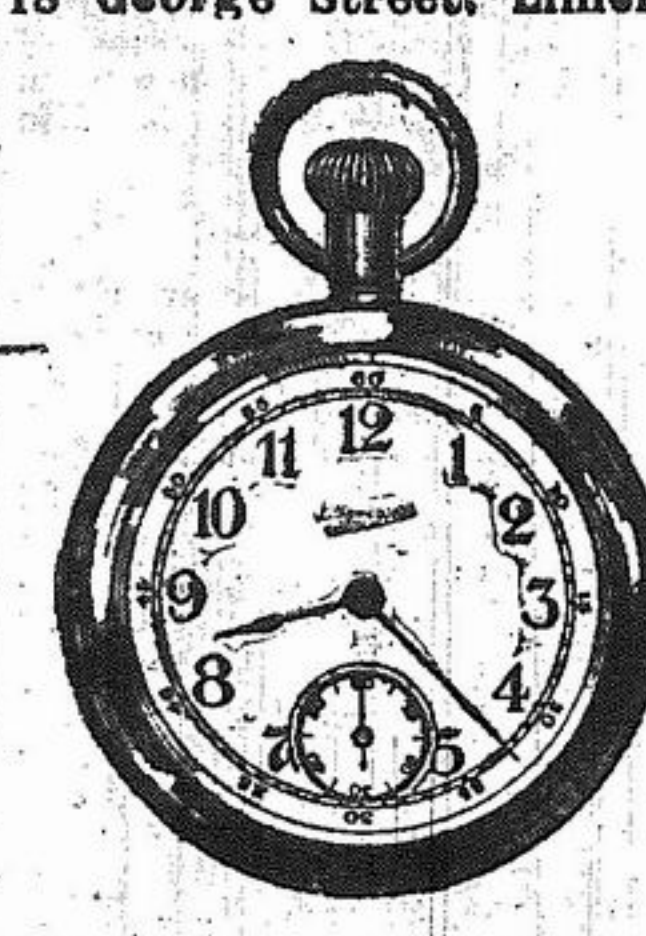
If you have hitherto been accustomed to pay high prices for corsets that have not proved satisfactory, take this opportunity of trying the ROYAL WORCESTER Corsets—compare them with corsets costing three or four times as much, and you will quickly realize that for shapeliness, comfort, and value, the ROYAL WORCESTER KID-FITTING CORSETS have no equal.

The special prices are available only during the period of our Sale. After the Sale regular prices will again be charged for these models.

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Millinery Costumes, Blouses,
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High Grade Gentleman's Pocket
Watch fully jewelled, keyless lever
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SECOND HAND AND NEW
FURNITURE
52 Thomas Street.

WM. B. FITT'S LIST OF SALES.

Cattle and Sheep.
THE PADDocks, LIMERICK—On to-morrow
Wednesday, January 19th, at 12 o'clock,
Weekly Auction for Fat and Store Cattle,
Dairy Stock and Sheep.
SPECIAL
For Mr. Jeffrey Lane (who is changing his
residence).
16 FRESH YOUNG DAIRY COWS
Calving usual dates.
12 24 YEAR OLD BULLOCKS,
in forward condition.
For other Accounts: 1
SHEEP (mixed).
60
Order of Sale—Sheep, Store Stock,
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Damaged Wheat and Maize

At MESSRS BANNATYNE'S, DOCK STORES
—On Saturday next, January 22nd, at
12 o'clock,
35 TONS DAMAGED WHEAT.
12 TONS DAMAGED MAIZE.
In Lots to suit Purchasers.
Usual commission of 5 per cent. Conditions at
sale.

Second-Hand Sleepers.

At the Tramway Field, Roxboro' Road, on
Saturday next, January 22, at 12 o'clock,
for the Great Southern and Western
Railway, sale by auction of
2500
SECOND-HAND SLEEPERS.
In Lots to suit Purchasers. Usual commission
of 5 per cent. Conditions at sale.

Lost Property.

THE REPOSITORY, O'CONNELL STREET, LIME-
RICK—On Friday next, January 21st, at
12 o'clock, for the G.S. and W.R. sale by
auction of Lost, Belonged and Unclaimed
Property, left in the Company's pos-
session.

Grazing Lettings

TO BE LET BY AUCTION
At the Salesrooms, 46 O'Connell Street,
Saturday, January 29th, at 12 o'clock
BALLYNAUGRA, FOYNES—For Mrs
O'Brien, 72 acres in 3 suitable divisions.
BOHORA, CROOM—For Mr D. Cagney, about
65 acres, in suitable divisions.
SUMMERHILL and LISDUFF (Vicinity Estabul
—About 50 acres, in suitable divisions.
OLD ABBEY—For Mrs Wardell, 3 1/2 & 1 1/2, in
one lot.
FALLASBEE, OAPPAMORE—For Mr James
Lane, about 17 1/2 acres, in one lot.

Kilkee Lodge

At THE SALESROOMS, 46 O'Connell-street,
Limerick, on Saturday, January 29th, at
12 o'clock, for Mrs Wardell—Sale by
auction of this well-built and charmingly
situated Lodge, known as No 1 Corrig-
more, West End, Kilkee, with ample
residential accommodation, held under
lease 999 years. Yearly rent, £25 2s 6d;
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P. T. LISTON, Solicitor, Rathkeale.

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Motor Cars Gas and Oil
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ALL ACCESSORIES STOCKED
MOTORS FOR HIRE,
All Makes of New and Second-Hand Cars
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For free maps, pamphlets and official
information, apply to the Canadian Govt.
Emigration Agent, 44, Dawson St., Dublin,
or to the Dept. of Emigration, 1, St. Charles
Square, London, E.C. 4, or any Canadian
Booking Agent.

SECRETARIAL COURSE FOR GIRLS.

THIS course (MORNING CLASS) which
completes the following subjects—
Shorthand, Typewriting, Book-keeping,
Business Methods, Commercial Arithmetic
and Notes, Spelling, Dictation and
Punctuation, Handwriting, English Com-
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be taken by all young ladies on business bent.
It will not only thoroughly fit them for the
posts of Shorthand-Typists, but will qualify
them for entrance to Examinations such as
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Secretaries, etc. AFTERNOON CLASS
held on every day of the week except Satur-
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Glentworth Street, Limerick

TO LET

Canal Bank, Limerick.
EXTENSIVE PREMISES, adjoining
Lock Mills, to be Let. Suitable for Store,
Warehouse, or Manufactory. Excellent
situation on Canal.

BUILDING GROUND at Corner of One Street and Dromedary Road. Valuable building material on ground.

PARTHEN HOUSE, BIRDBILL

(One mile from Station).
HOUSE contains 13 rooms, lavatory, bath
room (in, and out); stable, out-buildings, 3
acres of land, kitchen, etc. Rent and particulars on application.
James Nash & Son
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as in the other furnishing of the home

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NOTICE.

THE City of Dublin Assurance Society hereby
gives notice that Messrs J. P. O'Dwyer, John
F. Tooleberry, J. C. O'Flynn, and D. D. O'Neill
(until recently in the service of the Society to the
Munster Division) are not now in the service of
this Society, and have no authority to collect
premiums, or in any way transact business for or
on behalf of this Society.—By order of the Board,
O. W. GUEST, General Manager & Secretary.

Griffin's Nursery/Ballynacorra

— FOR —
PALMS, Flowering Plants, Out Flower
C. Wreaths, and Bouquets. Over two thousand
Chrysanthemums have been planted under glass
to supply cut blooms during the winter; large
stock of Fruit Trees, Forest Trees, Shrubs and
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