





NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

In consequence of the earlier departure of the morning train from Limerick, and the curtailment of the hour for posting to the General Post Office, it has been found necessary to issue the editions of the *Chronicle* at an earlier hour than hitherto. Advertisers will, therefore, please note that the latest hour at which advertisements can be received at this office on issue days is 3.30 p.m. Publication of any notices received after that hour cannot be guaranteed on that evening.

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THE COAL CRISIS.

More than a month has now elapsed since the coal strike began but the end is not yet in sight. Indeed, so far as can be observed at the moment, the outlook is as gloomy as could well be seening that a deadlock has been reached with no prospect of its immediate removal. The Government offer has been turned down by the miners much to the surprise of the public, but there is apparently no unanimity on the part of the men in that course of action, seeing that, as stated, there is in certain districts a growing desire among the miners to return to work on the terms that have been offered. How far this feeling may materialise cannot just now be guessed with anything approaching definiteness, but it can only be hoped that before the present week has passed away wise counsels will be found predominating, and that some way will be found for terminating the long a dispute which is causing deplorable consequences to trade and industry. In a big dispute like this one can never foretell what changes may take place in the situation from day to day or hour to hour, and though the week-end brought no developments of a reassuring nature, still one can only hope that the area of differences may soon be satisfactorily bridged. The best interests of the country have tried hard to find a way out of the difficulty, but so far without success. The old maxim, however, "try again" may still be applied with, perhaps, more hopeful results, and it is for all concerned to strain every nerve that will lead to conciliation and contentment. Sir Robert Horne has stated in the House of Commons that the Government have struggled hard to reach terms acceptable to both sides. A ballot is the most feasible course of eliciting the individual opinions of the miners on the terms offered by the owners and the Government, and it would not be surprising if the feeling already in evidence in favour of this step should materially develop before many days. The Government's offer remains open, but, it is said, likely to be withdrawn in a week or two. Meanwhile the strike continues, causing a steady increase in unemployment outside the coalfields altogether. Many big industries across the Channel have had to close down, and both in Ireland and Great Britain train services have been severely restricted in order to conserve the existing supplies of coal. Draconic steps are being taken by the Government to conserve fuel and light, and it is some consolation to know that the advent of summer-like weather will, from a domestic point of view, very materially help in that direction. But not so as regards industry. This is the really serious feature of the situation with which the country is confronted. So far as Ireland is concerned, the announcement is made that two cargoes of best United States steam and gas coal are now en voyage to this country, and no doubt more will follow.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Irish Cattle Embargo.

Exhaustive inquiry, and diligent examination of Irish heads by experts of the Department of Agriculture have failed to discover any evidence of the existence of foot and mouth disease in Ireland, or that the case among a few Irish cattle, alleged to have been discovered in England, could have had an Irish origin. The only conclusion, therefore, is that the disease was contracted in England, where it has been prevalent for some time. The prohibition by the English Board of Agriculture against the export of Ireland of Irish cattle, pigs, and sheep, is imposing a continuous heavy loss upon Irish stock raisers, and all connected with the export trade. It is, however, some relief to find in to-day's papers the announcement that an order will be made by the Ministry of Agriculture admitting fat cattle for slaughter to some English and Scottish ports as from midnight on Thursday next.

THE NEW VICEROY,

A Link with Limerick.

Lord Edmund Talbot, the new Viceroy of Ireland, has been given a passage, and has taken the title of Viscount Fitzalan of Derwent. His nephew, the Duke of Norfolk, is Baron Fitzalan, a passage which dates from 1330 and is the oldest title in the Howard family. Lord Edmund, in 1876, assumed by royal licence the surname and arms of Talbot, as his father, who was M.P. for Limerick in 1851-2, assumed that of Fitzalan. Talbot is the family name of the Earls of Shrewsbury, and their connection with the Duke of Norfolk is rather remote. (Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel and Surrey, who was created the first Duke of Norfolk, was the fourth Duke of Norfolk, but by attainder, the fourth Duke of Norfolk, last by attainder, was married Lady Alice Talbot, 3rd daughter and eventually sole heir of Gilbert, seventh Earl of Shrewsbury. One branch of the Talbot family settled in Ireland, and the Marquess of Eland's mother was a member of this family.)

SEARCHES AND ARRESTS.

During the past few days Crown forces have been active in making searches in several county and city districts, and effecting arrests in some instances. These arrests include Mr. Henry Morgan, Patrick Cregan, M.O'Connor, Timothy Murphy, and Edward Peneh.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place early in June, between Cecil Cleave, younger son of the late Sir Thomas Cleave, D.C., and Lady Cleave, of Beechwood, Limerick, and Miss, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Russell, of Milford House, Limerick.

POLICE ATTACKED IN THE CITY.

Encounter in Bridge Street

People living in the lower part of the city were startled on Saturday night by intensive firing. It appears that a party of police, stated to be five in number, were chasing some young women at the head of Bridge-street at about a quarter to ten, they were attacked by armed civilians. A bomb was, it is stated, first thrown at the police, and then a second, which was directed at them. The Constabulary, who were by this time joined by eight police on stables, who had arrived from another station with despatches, engaged the attackers, who were beaten off. In the course of the encounter four persons were wounded, one Constable Morarty, rather seriously. Two young women and two men named Ryan and O'Sullivan, were also wounded. Ryan was treated at Barrington's Hospital and then discharged. O'Sullivan, who was wounded in the right leg, being attended by his mother. His condition to-day was favourable. At the time the shooting occurred considerable alarm in the neighbourhood, and people who were on the streets hurried home. Some, however, who were in the Corbally district, were unable to reach their homes before curfew hour, and had to remain with friends for the night. Later police searched the district, but made no arrests.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

An official report states that five unnamed constables in the R.I.O. standing together at a street corner in Limerick about 50 yards from their barracks, were attacked shortly before 10 o'clock by five civilians, who wheeled round suddenly and fired ten shots at the group, and then ran away. At the same time a bomb was thrown at the police from inside the enclosed grounds of the Protestant Cathedral. One constable was badly wounded in the leg by a revolver bullet. A police patrol coming along the street was also fired upon, three constables being slightly wounded by stray bullets. The police were then joined by two men and a woman were accidentally wounded by stray bullets.

Extension of the Curfew In City Area

A proclamation extensively posted throughout the city was issued last evening by Colonel A. R. Cameron, Commanding the 18th Infantry Brigade and Military Governor, under date the 2nd May, 1921, extending the curfew to the undermentioned areas from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. and during which time all persons living in that area shall be within doors. Area—All that area lying within a line drawn from Ballisbridge along the Abbey River to the River Shannon, thence along the River Shannon to the Custom House, thence along the Canal to Ballisbridge, "because on the night of the 30th April, 1921, certain rebels attacked the police with bombs and revolvers."

AMBUSH NEAR MITCHELS-TOWN.

Two Civilians Dead.

Six Prisoners Taken. General Military Headquarters in Dublin issued the following report yesterday evening:— "Two dead and five wounded, and four captured, morning Crown forces driving in Crossley road were fired on while in the neighbourhood of Deragh, near Mitchelstown, County Cork. The fire was returned and, after an engagement lasting about an hour and a half, the rebels fled. Two dead and five wounded were found in the rebels' position. Some rifles, ammunition, and equipment were captured. One soldier was slightly wounded."

REPORTED FATAL ENCOUNTER NEAR GALBALLY.

A report received in the city early this morning stated that a serious encounter was after occurring between Crown forces and Crown forces, near Galbally. There appears to have been large numbers engaged at both sides, and the report adds that six civilians were killed and fourteen wounded. Two soldiers were wounded, one, it is stated, seriously.

AMERICAN SHIPPING ACTIVITIES.

The United States Mail Steamship Company are making huge strides to capture the world's passenger carrying trade. In addition to their services between New York, London, Boulogne, Cherbourg, Havre, Danzig, Bremen, Italy, and Greece, they have arranged a number of special services for the Irish trade. The first of these, the "Centennial State" (10,500 tons), will call at Queenstown for New York on the 24th June next, followed by the "America" (22,621 tons), as George Washington (25,570 tons), and "Buenos Aires" (20,000 tons), establishing weekly service between Queenstown and New York. These vessels have just been fitted out at considerable expense, and the accommodation provided for passengers is second to none. No detail has been overlooked to provide safety and comfort for passengers, and the majority of which contains two berths only, and writing, smoking, and social rooms are provided. The Limerick Steamship Co., Ltd. have been appointed General Passenger Agents for Ireland.

LIMERICK MAN WOUNDED

Near Carey's Road.

William Allen, a painter, and unmarried, was fired at on Sunday night while in a field off the railway near Carey's road curfew area. The bullet passed through the abdomen, and his condition is critical. Allen, who is aged about thirty years, was removed to Barrington's Hospital. He is stated to be an ex-Irish Guardsman. Enquiries made at Barrington's Hospital this morning showed that William Allen was still in a precarious condition, and the hopes for his recovery are rather slender. The condition of O'Sullivan, who was wounded on Saturday night in the Mary street district, is favourable. He received a bullet wound in the collar bone.

CITY ARREST.

A man named O'neigh was arrested by a party of police in Saxon-street last night and taken to William-street barracks. The charge, if any, preferred against him is unknown.

FX-SOLDIER SHOT.

On Saturday evening, an ex-soldier, named Michael O'Keefe, Carrigrohilly, was found lying dead in a field near the village. His body bore several bullet marks, and attached to his clothing was a card on which were some words.

RAID ON BOARDROOM.

Military raided the Berhaven Boardroom on Wednesday, and remained about three-quarters of an hour. The quarterly meeting was adjourned for that day, but there was no attendance of members.

LIMERICK CORPORATION.

A special meeting of the Corporation will be held on Thursday evening at half-past six, in the Town Hall. The business consists of striking a Poor Rate of 7s 10d in the £ for the ensuing year; to consider applications for the position of City Analyst; and to elect a letter from Aldermen W. Ford, M.P. Colver, M.P. and Councilors J. A. Moloney and T. A. Moloney, resigning their seats on the Council.

CARDINAL BOURNE'S SILVER JUBILEE.

Cardinal Bourne on Sunday celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his episcopal consecration, and received thousands of messages of congratulation. The Pope sent a letter of commendation upon the Cardinal and all consigned to his care the Apostolic Benediction. A telegram from Mr. Lloyd George expressed the hope that Cardinal Bourne would continue for many years to render devoted service in the religious and social life of Great Britain. The death had occurred at Kensington, Australia, of Mrs. Winifred Dunne, a native of Shalloe, Nengah.

LIMERICK HARBOUR BOARD

Mr. G. E. Goodbody presided at the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board, yesterday. Those present were:—Messrs G. E. Goodbody, F. J. Cleave, D. Griffin, B.O.; Aid P. Walsh, and P. O'Brien, E.C.

The officials in attendance were:—Messrs J. F. Power, Secretary, and J. W. Morony, Engineer, and Captain J. Fitzpatrick, Harbour Master.

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STOP PRESS NEWS

ALLIES PROPOSALS TO GERMANY.

The Press Association learns from authoritative sources that the proposals outlined yesterday for submission to the German Government were practically completed to-day and approved in their general lines.

The Council unanimously approved sending an ultimatum, the terms of which it is understood were drafted to-day.

ATTACK ON CROWN FORCES NEAR DUBLIN.

Our Dublin correspondent wires:—Another daring daylight attack on armed forces of the Crown was made near Dublin this morning. About eight o'clock two lorries with Crown forces proceeding towards the city were ambushed at Whitehall, a few hundred yards beyond the tram terminus. Bombs and bullets were showered on the lorries, and a fierce fight ensued, lasting about six minutes. Although the struggle was short-lived, it was intense while it lasted.

It is not known if there were any casualties.

The attackers are said to have been seen going away carrying arms and equipment, but the report is not confirmed.

Wires were out, and the attack made from a house on the right-hand side of the road, which was barbed wire. Auxiliary police found bicycles, a bomb, and ammunition.

A DEESIDE SENSATION.

In the Deeside village of Banohory a madman ran amok with a stolen gun threatening to shoot those he encountered. A cordon was drawn round the man, who thereupon jumped into the Dee and was drowned.

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