

## ANCE IN LONDON



Limerick city and county who attended the Packham Club reunion recently.

## DEATH OF FORMER MAYOR OF LIMERICK

NEWS was received to-day of the death in Monte Carlo yesterday of Mr. Alphonsus M. O'Mara, youngest son of the late Senator Stephen O'Mara, Strand House, Limerick. He was in his seventieth year.

The late Mr. O'Mara was Mayor of Limerick for two years—1918 and 1919—years that marked the rise of Sinn Fein to power. Actively identified with the new movement, he took a leading part in the famous General Election of 1918. For some years he was a Director of O'Mara Ltd., the bacon-curing firm; that was founded by his grandfather, but some thirty years ago, following the death of his brother, Mr. James O'Mara, who was, for a period, a member of the Irish Parliamentary Party with John Redmond, he went to Dublin to take over control of the bacon-curing factory of Messrs. Donnelly, an enterprise that has flourished and expanded under his directorship. In addition, he established a number of retail stores known as Bacon Shops Ltd. and soon he succeeded in establishing a nationwide reputation for a particular brand of sausages.

Of his five brothers, all but two—Rev. Patrick O'Mara, S.J., and Mr. Stephen M. O'Mara—Chairman, O'Mara Ltd.—have passed away.



THE LATE MR. O'MARA IN HIS MAYORAL ROBES.

Mr. O'Mara was married to a Limerick lady, a daughter of the late James J. Delany, merchant tailor. He is survived by his widow and two sons—Stephen and James, who control and direct the big business interests of Donnelly Ltd. and Bacon Shops Ltd.

The news of Mr. O'Mara's death will be learned of with genuine regret in his native city. Though of a somewhat retiring disposition, his personality was such as not only to command attention, but to establish friendships as well. During his mayoralty he was outspoken in his criticisms and condemnation of British misrule.

Following the signing of the Treaty in 1921 he supported the newly-established Free State, an issue on which he was to differ from his brother Stephen, who was an ardent adherent of the anti-Treaty party.

## Turn Has Taken Place In Shipping Dispute

General situation in the Irish shipping dispute has taken a turn for the worse to-day, when the dockers refused to unload coal cargoes at Dublin.

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### SEA SHIPS IDLE.

The dockers would have started work at 8.30 a.m. but the Stevedores' Association refused to work any deeper because of their dispute with the P. and G.W.U. The Association is evening the Association to consider a request for the Court not to take any action until the Court met to consider a recommendation for a

### FOR RETURN OF LABOUR.

The Importers' Association sent a telegram to the P. and G.W.U. protesting against the withdrawal of labour from the coal boats. It was pointed out that no warning had been given and that the decision to withdraw labour was illegal as the coal industry was not affected by the dispute. The M.P. asked the Government to furnish labour and to allow the coal cargoes to be unloaded.

## Traders And Staffs At Function: A Commendable Spirit

The fourth annual dinner and dance of the Patrick Street Traders' Association was held at Cruise's Hotel on Saturday night. There was a very large attendance of traders and their staffs and the guest of honour was Mr. C. Keyes, N.T., Mayor of Limerick.

Mr. M. Hartmann, Chairman of the Association, welcomed the guests and said that he was glad to see such a large attendance of both the traders of Patrick Street and their staffs present. It was good to see the employers and employees gathered together and it really manifested the spirit of co-operation and understanding that was placing Patrick Street to the fore as one of the leading

## The Case For Local Patriotism

THE case for more local patriotism in the shape of fuller and more Limerick manufacture, is emphasized in two letters to the Editor:—

Dear Sir—The letter of Mr. Michael J. Barry, in your columns last week, is like a cleansing breeze in the fog of verbiage usually read on the unemployment problem. His reasoning follows closely on that of Mr. Joseph Griffin, one of our most enlightened industrialists, who, in a recent article, stated that the unemployment problem was so vast as to intimidate the average man into doing nothing about it. The problem can be tackled only by realising that Johnny down the street is unemployed and has five children, and that everyone in the street must do what he can to put Johnny working.

Limerick shops carry stocks of foreign made shirts, knitwear, biscuits, etc. The drapery and other "buyers" are trade unionists who should honour the trade union (and Christian) principle—"all for one, one for all." However, they prefer their "spiffs" or bonuses on foreign goods to keeping Johnny in employment. Their employers, and all shopkeepers who promote the sale of foreign goods, are un-Christian and anti-national. They are also economically stupid in the long view because we must maintain Johnny, his wife and five children, as semi-naupers, and with little consuming capacity.

**PAROCHIAL COUNCILS.** Trade Union leaders and ordinary workers in Limerick are very blameworthy in failing to urge constantly the support of local goods. Parochial Councils, on the Muintir na Tire style, should be established at once. The Councils should list the unemployed in each parish and endeavour to place them in employment locally. If we can't place Johnny, he will know that, at any rate, we have not forgotten him.

The teachers might occasionally urge pupils to support local industries. Mothers and wives, who spend most of the family income, could help enormously if they understood the position properly. Individual effort is what counts. Finally, in this Marian year, we should ask Mary to intercede for our country, and particularly for our city, that peace and prosperity may prevail.

Yours faithfully,  
"LUMINEACH."

### SECOND LETTER.

Dear Sir—The letter from "Up Cork" in last week-end's issue of the "Leader" is surely timely, if anything is ever timely in Limerick. Does it not contain a few telling home-truths, and even if it takes a Corkman to tell us, can we doubt the concern he is good enough to express when, perhaps, he needn't have done so if enough public-spirited Limerickmen were there to do it.

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