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TELEPHONE CHARGES.

Top of increased postal and telegraph which have lately come into operation, the prospect of advances in the tele-tariff. This is by no means welcome news for the public, especially the less portion of it, which relies on the service so much for the conduct of its daily business. A Select Committee has for some time been considering the question, and its report was recently issued. Its leading recommendation or proposal is the abolition of the present flat inclusive rate payment, and the substitution of a charge of three halfpence for local calls. This proposal has provoked a great deal of adverse criticism throughout the country, it being held to be contrary to economic principles. The business community across the Channel is vigorously protesting against it. And amongst influential public bodies opposed to the new scheme are the London Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of British Industries. The Newspaper Conference, too, is of opinion that the proposed increases would be a serious handicap to the conduct of business. The whole question is, therefore, to be vigorously debated, and it remains to be seen whether the system as proposed will emerge from the House of Commons without undergoing some modification.

The man detained in connection with the fatal shooting of Mr Richard Leonard, school attendance officer, at Ballybrood last Friday morning, is described as a machine gun corps officer, aged 30, an Englishman, with ten years service. Three arrests had been made, of which two were released.

A remarkable sequel (writes a Hospital correspondent) to the death of Richard Leonard took place on Monday. A party of soldiers, with a lorry and an ambulance van, accompanied by four men in civilian clothes, took possession of Hospital graveyard, where the young man was buried on Sunday. Having provided themselves with spades, they exhumed the remains, which they carried away with them. Shortly afterwards, some of Mr Leonard's relatives arrived at the graveyard, with the intention of enclosing the grave with netting. Their surprise can be better imagined than described when they found that the remains had been carried off.

It is understood there was a medical examination. The remains were taken to St John's Cathedral, whence they were removed for re-interment yesterday.

BOMB THROWN IN CORK,

Six Policemen and Several Civilians Injured.

A Press Association message says:—A bomb was thrown at police crossing the Parnell Bridge, Cork, about 7.30 o'clock on Tuesday evening, and six constables were wounded.

The incident occurred near the chief police headquarters in the city, and the men there turned out with rifles and machine guns. These are stated to have been used on the quays and neighbouring streets, with the result that several persons were wounded.

Several innocent people, a Cork Correspondent says, were wounded. Two of them were sailors belonging to a vessel at the docks, name John Owen and John Hughes. A man named George Bouchier was also wounded, as well as two women, one of whom, Mrs Burke, sustained a bullet wound in the thigh.

The official report of the ambush in Cork states that a party of ten policemen was ambushed at Parnell Bridge, Cork, within the martial law area, about 7.30 o'clock on Tuesday night. Seven policemen were wounded, one seriously, and at least five civilians, who happened to be passing at

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