

ponding quarter of 1917. The great majority of these were for Great Britain. The meteorological notes are an interesting feature of the report. Summarising the three months under review we read that the temperature was 0.5° above the normal both in the North and in the South. The rainfall also was excessive, the northern half of the country, having an aggregate of 338 mm, which represented an excess of 40 mm, above the normal; while the southern half had 353 mm, which was 33 mm above the normal. In the North there were 69 rain-days (5 above normal), and in the South 68 (7 above normal). Sunshine differed but little from the normal, and in both districts the daily mean was 2.1 hours, there being a slight excess of 0.1 in the North and a slight deficiency of 0.2 hour in the South.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

### About U-Boats.

At the Harbour Board meeting, on Monday, Mr L Morley, who presided, made the announcement that he had received an inquiry as to the Graving Dock being hired for the purpose of dismantling U-Boats. Since the cessation of war some of these craft have been on view at certain Irish ports. The first and last visit of one of them to Limerick would be of more than passing interest. What is more important, there is the industrial aspect of the matter to be borne in mind, for the dismantling of a U-Boat would provide much employment locally. Further inquiries, we see, are to be made in reference to the subject.

### Light Calendars.

Yesterday his Honor County Court Judge Law-Smith opened the Easter Quarter Sessions for the city, where the criminal business was confined to one solitary case; that was a charge of obtaining goods by false pretences, and in no way could it be said to reflect on the peaceful condition prevailing in the city. Opening the Sessions for the eastern division of the county today, his Honor told the Grand Jury that they also would have only one case to investigate, in which the accused was charged with the offence of discharging firearms. That the evidence was inconclusive was shown by the fact that the Grand Jury threw out the bill. It is a satisfactory condition of things to find that in a wide area like the eastern division of the county only one case was listed for hearing before the Chairman of Quarter Sessions, who was, at both City and County Sessions, very near receiving white gloves.

## THE CITY STRIKES.

The situation with regard to the strike at Messrs J McBirney's and the various coachbuilding establishments in the city has undergone no change within the past day or two. The employes are still engaged in picketing in front of the premises of the various firms affected by the strikes. This evening a demonstration in support of the strikers was held, and was largely attended.

## GS & W RAILWAY WORKERS

The annual meeting of the workers on the Great Southern and Western Railway system was

ask to have arrangements made that youths of school-going age should be precluded from cinema evening exhibitions, whether accompanied by their parents or not. It was decided by the Committee to recommend the suggestion made for adoption by the Borough Council.

## ALDERMAN JOYCE AND HINDENBURG LINE.

Alderman Joyce has returned to Limerick after three weeks in France, first while attending the International Seafaring Conference in Paris as President of the Pilots' Association, and afterwards on a tour of the battlefields, arranged by French Government for delegates to the Conference, who visited six cities, and slept a night on the Hindenburg line.

## CLONMEL ROWING CLUB.

The 48th annual meeting of the Clonmel Rowing Club was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall. Mr T Beary, President, presided. The annual report and statement of accounts was of a satisfactory nature. The former referred to the renewal of rowing in the coming year, and expressed the hope that the club colours would be successful in Dublin, Cork, Limerick, etc. The report was adopted.

## DEATH OF MR BARTHOLOMEW O'BRIEN.

The death took place yesterday at his residence in the city of Mr Bartholomew O'Brien, who was for a long number of years in the employment of the Corporation as road steward. He was a quiet and inoffensive man, and discharged his duties with care and impartiality. The remains will be removed to St John's Cathedral at 7.30 to-night, the funeral starting for Pallasgreen at 12.30 p.m. to-morrow.

## FOURPENNY POST.

It is not likely, I believe, says a London correspondent, that there will be any increase in "Inland" postal rates, but there is a report that the International Postal Bureau has suggested the advisability of a uniform foreign postage of 4d.

## OUT AND ABOUT.

The Countess of Donoughmore has returned to London from Knocklofty, Clonmel.

"Truth" understands that the King has decided to place his racing yacht *Britannia* in commission next season. She has been laid up at Cowes since August, 1914.

Mr T J Rafter has been appointed Superintendent of the G.P.O., Waterford. Mr Rafter has been on the staff at the G.P.O. for some years, and the appointment is a popular one.

Summer time comes into operation on Sunday next, so that it will be necessary, in order to conform with the requirements of the Act to put all clocks and watches forward one hour on Saturday night.

Capt James F J Carroll, 4th Batt R.D.F., died on Monday last from influenza, at the Depot of the regiment, Naas. He was in Sierra at the outbreak of war, and returned voluntarily to rejoin his battalion.

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At 11 o'clock this n Easter Quarter Session of the County was open Court Judge Law-Smith

The Grand Jury were Sir Francis Kearney, Peace:—Michael Reo Cleary, John Duhig McCarthy, Jeremiah E Jeremiah H Shine, Dundon, James Ryan McCarthy, Denis Oregan

His Honor, address: there was only one e that was a case in w charged with discharg 13th of this month, a tholomew O'Brien wit That was the only ca their duty was, if there go before them which answer to a petty jur bill.

Mr Blood-Smyth, son of John O'Neill, Eyon, Sessions. Mr P E O case, was ill, and wouk His Honour adjot Sessions,

John Rabilly, Blac decision of the magistra Sessions fining him 10s maliciously breaking a O'Sullivan's house of January.

Mr J S Gaffney, Cro the respondents, and M fer the appellant.

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assaulting the police, a The defence was tha a sore leg at the time, when the alleged offal

His Honor said he with the decision of th the penalty inflicted in Michael Lewis was t the Limerick Fishery duty of 20s on long Shannon district.

Mr P Kelly (inarrt son), appeared for th Holmes (instructed b the Fishery Conservat

The appeal was adj the city defended, cas understanding that th witnesses would be p

The grand jury in McGrath, charged y Grace and Bartholo found no bill.

His Honor—Is ther