

**To-day's Weather**  
A cold North air stream covers Ireland. It will be mainly dry, but there will be snow showers in North areas, chiefly near exposed coasts. Cold, with sharp severe frost at first again after dark. (See page 13).

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## One of the worst winter week-ends of the century IRELAND IN ARCTIC GRIP

To All Our Readers  
A Happy New Year  
**Our 1962 Salute**

SETTING the standard for 1962 the Irish Independent presents to-day—New Year's Day—a series of the attractions which keep this newspaper well at the head of the field in Irish journalism.

Pride of place goes to our **SPECIAL SPORTS** Page to join Tatler's Parade. To-day they are on page 8.

**SUPPLEMENT FOR 1961**

which contains comprehensive records of Irish sport in 1961 fully reviewed in a series of articles by M. V. Cogley, J. D. Hickey, W. P. Murphy, Tom MacGinty and, in two pages of sports thrills, by every member on the sports staff.

**IF YOU ARE LATE**

THE demand for this issue will be very considerable and it may happen that you are just too late to get a copy of this magnificent free record of the events of the sporting year.

In which case—if you act promptly—you may obtain a copy by writing to the Circulation Manager, Independent House, and enclosing sixpence in stamps.

**NEW PARADE GROUND**

TO-DAY your old friend "Tatler" takes his ever popular Parade to page 8. Look out for him in the future as his new parade-ground, lighter, more personal and more topical than ever.

**ADVENT OF TV**

THE birth of Irish Television has created new demands and new challenges. On page 11 you will find a full report of last night's impressive inauguration proceedings, with a critical view of the programmes by our TV Correspondent, Gerard McCreesh.

Incidentally, for the rest of the week—in TELE-TALK—Gerard McCreesh will have something to say daily about the Kippure transmissions.

To provide more space for the new extended Television and Radio programmes these will move from the Women's

**LATE NEWS**

**CLIMBERS MISSING ON MOUNTAIN**

An R.A.F. mountain rescue team were called upon last night by Inverness police to try to rescue two climbers in danger from exposure as they were lying exhausted on a mountain in the Cairngorms.

Four men climbing in the Cairngorms reached shelter at Stone in an exhausted state. They rested for a while and then left. Two collapsed later.

**IRELAND BEATEN AT TENNIS**

Ireland were beaten 3-0 by the United States in the International Junior Lawn Tennis team tournament at Miami.

**HAPPENINGS OF 1961**

TO supplement the Sports Record, the big news happenings of 1961 are noted for you to-day on page 6. With the sports section, they will provide a comprehensive and invaluable reference to clip out and keep.

Just one more point. To-day, with the holiday atmosphere still with us, we have held over our usual Monday feature, "Women Who Make News" and in more light-hearted vein present the Stars of the Dublin Pantomimes.

● And now—good reading, good viewing and good listening in the New Year.

**Five died in Lebanon coup bid**

THE Lebanese army crushed an attempted revolt by members of a Right-Wing political party yesterday and freed several high ranking officers held by the rebels as hostages.

A communique announcing the mop up in a mountain stronghold above Beirut also revealed the arrest of the chief of the popular Social Party. The communique said five people were killed and 50 arrested.

Members of the party tried and failed to seize power in a holiday coup with an assault on Lebanon's Defence Ministry.

**HOSTAGES**

Held throughout the day in a mountain monastery after being seized by the rebels in their Beirut homes before dawn yesterday were several key members of Lebanese security forces.

They included Lieutenant-Colonel Yussef Shmeit, Chief of Army Staff; Lieutenant-Colonel Abdel Kadar Chehab, Commander of the Beirut garrison and cousin of President Faud Chehab; Commander Toufic Jalbout, Chief of Security, and Colonel Nowfal, Chief of Gendarmerie. Tanks, armoured cars and truckloads of troops took part in the operation that freed them.

**Eichmann Appeal Time Extended**

JERUSALEM, Sunday—The Israel Supreme Court to-day granted Adolf Eichmann a one-month extension of the time limit for filing grounds of his appeal against his conviction and sentence. The closing date was originally set for yesterday. The Israeli Attorney-General did not oppose the petition.

**BOMB DAMAGES U.S. SYNAGOGUE**

An explosion, believed to have been caused by a bomb damaged a Chicago synagogue yesterday.

**Cold Snap Likely To Continue**

AFTER a week-end of extreme frost in which temperatures in some parts of the country dropped to the lowest in 80 years, the last hours of 1961 departed in a flurry of snow, burst pipes, frozen water tanks and ice-bound roads.

Snow fell in many parts of the country, heavy falls taking place in Sligo and Longford, and many main roads were so iced-up that motorists were advised not to use them. Cork and Killarney were also badly hit.

In Dublin thousands of pipes and water tanks were frozen. Plumbers were kept busy throughout the week-end and one city firm stated that it would take weeks to repair the damage caused by the arctic conditions.

Similar reports were received from other cities in the Republic. Sporting fixtures in many parts of the country were abandoned.

The wave of cold really became general on Saturday night with the extreme frost reducing temperatures to seven degrees below freezing point. Reports from all over the

country told of snowfalls and iced-up roads. In Dublin after a day of arctic cold, snow fell for more than an hour and traffic was reduced to a snail pace. Many motorists did not take out their cars and many others found their radiators frozen.

Weather experts last night forecast that the severe weather would probably continue until at least to-night.

Canals and rivers in various parts of the country were frozen over and there were many parties of people skating for the first time in many years. On the mountains near Dublin, tobogganing groups were out to enjoy a run down the hills.

**COLDEST PLACES**  
Coldest places in the country were Dublin Airport  
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**THE FIRST BABY OF 1962**



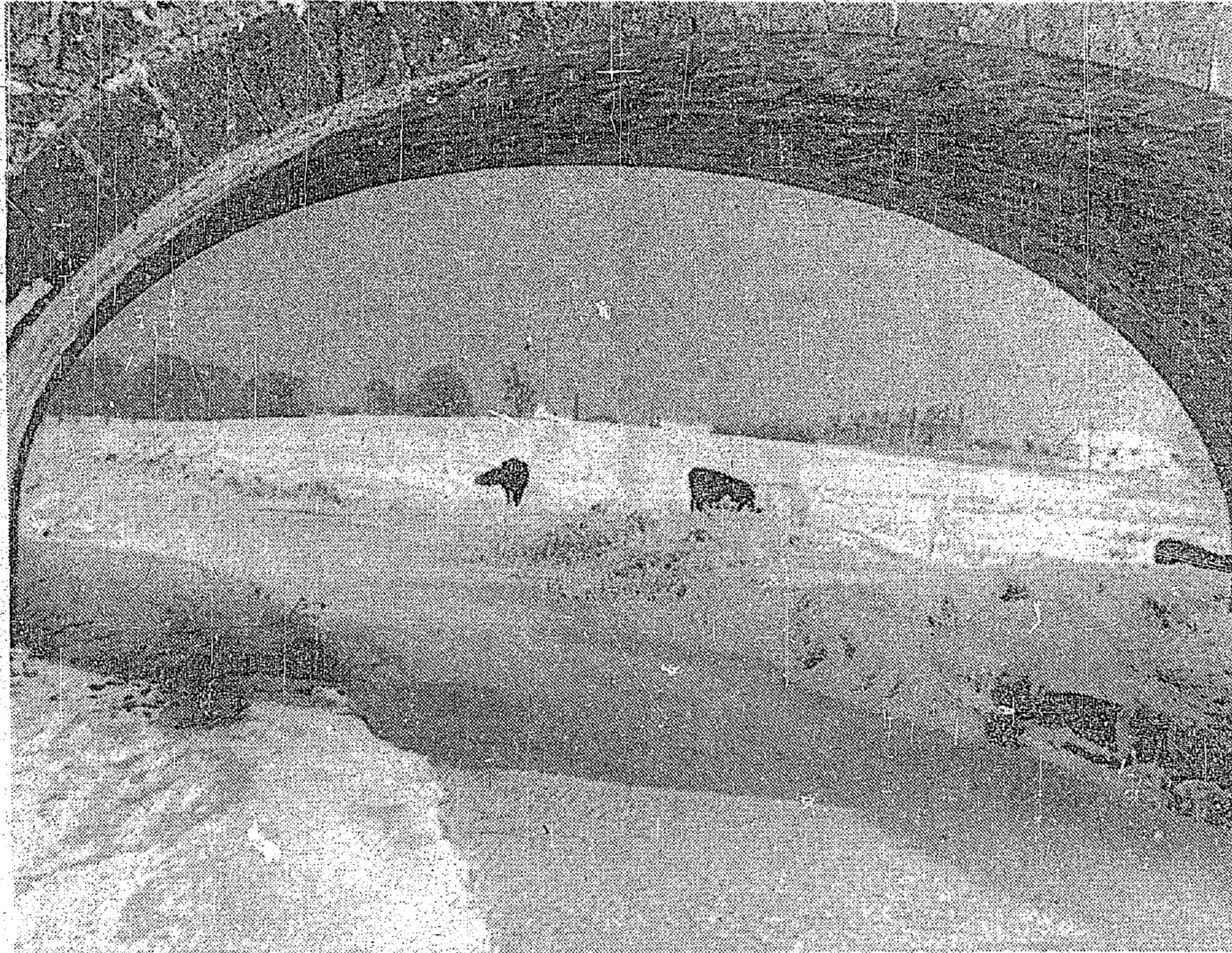
Sister Peggy Grant (Tipperary) with a 7 lb. 4 ozs. daughter born to Mrs. Joan Treacher, 41, Belvedere Place, Dublin, in the Rotunda Hospital at one minute past midnight.

Mrs. Treacher is aged 22, and this is her first child. It weighed 7lbs. 4ozs.

At five minutes past midnight a girl was born to Mrs. Angela Carroll, of Ballymore-Eustace, Co. Kildare, in the Coombe Hospital. It is her first child. It weighed 7lbs. 14ozs.

**BABES IN THE SNOW**

Two babies were found in the snow last night—one in London, the other in Staffordshire. A sound of whimpering from a shopping bag half-buried in snow led a 34-year-old woman and her three-year-old son to find a newly-born girl, baby at Boleyn Road, Hammersmith.



A wintry scene near the Naas-Newbridge road.

**PRESIDENT:—Give Us The Good And The True  
IRISH TV OPENS ON HIGH NOTE**

HISTORY was made in Dublin last night when President de Valera formally inaugurated Telefís Éireann from Aras an Uachtaráin. Simultaneously, at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin, 600 guests were entertained to an inauguration banquet by the Radio Éireann Authority.

Hundreds of thousands of viewers within a 90-mile radius of Kippure heard the President tell the Irish people to insist on having presented to them by Telefís Éireann "the good, the true and the beautiful."

Later Cardinal D'Alton, in a message to the Irish people, hoped that: "Parents would not allow their children to become addicts to television. Viewers would ensure that their criticism was fair and intelligent and constructive. He prayed God's blessing on the directors and service, so that the new important venture might become 'an asset and an ornament to our country.'"

Michael Barry, Controller of Programmes. His Grace was assisted by Benedictine by Very Rev. T. B. Condon, P.P., Donnybrook, as deacon; Rev. Dr. J. M. McMahon, Archbishop's House, sub-deacon, and Rev. E. Haulinhan, master of ceremonies.

Sacred music was rendered by the Clonliffe College Choir under Rev. J. Peart.

QUICK CHANGE The ceremonies took place in a temporary oratory set up in one of the studios. The studio staff had only eight minutes to restore the room as a normal studio for the next programme—and they did it within that time.

Then the cameras returned to the Gresham Hotel where commentator Mr. Michael O'Hehir interviewed personalities.

After the interviews the cameras recorded the scene outside the hotel where hundreds of people stood in the bitter cold to watch the guests arriving and to view the television screens which had been set up outside.

Four Army searchlights stabbed the city sky and at midnight a fireworks display welcomed the New Year.

The first news cast from Montrose included a film report of the inaugural luncheon in the Shelbourne Hotel earlier in the day. The attendance included the Taoiseach, members of the Council of State, Irish Lord Mayors, and representatives of National bodies and foreign broadcasting organisations.

**NO PANIC BUYING OF BREAD**

The managers of a retail branch of one of the largest city bakeries stated that there had not been any "scare" buying of bread at the week-end. "Bakeries sent out supplies early and most grocery shops had sufficient bread."

A statement issued by RGDATA says that grocers in the unenviable and unpopular position of having to ration their supplies of bread, and the Association hopes that the public "will bear with food retailers until supplies return to normal."

**Store Destroyed**

The store rooms of Merrion Cricket Club, adjacent to their pavilion, at Anglessea Rd., Dublin, was destroyed by fire and ground equipment was lost. The pavilion, however, was undamaged.

**Still No Trace Of Woman Missing In Lourdes**

LOURDES, Sun.—Ten frogmen searched the icy waters of the Gave de Lourdes River here to-day for 30-year-old Mrs. Mary Whittaker, of Willow Lane, Firgrove, Lancashire, who has been missing since Christmas Day.

Mr. Harry Whittaker, 35, a metal worker, drove to the scene in time to hear the frogmen report they had found no trace of her.

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