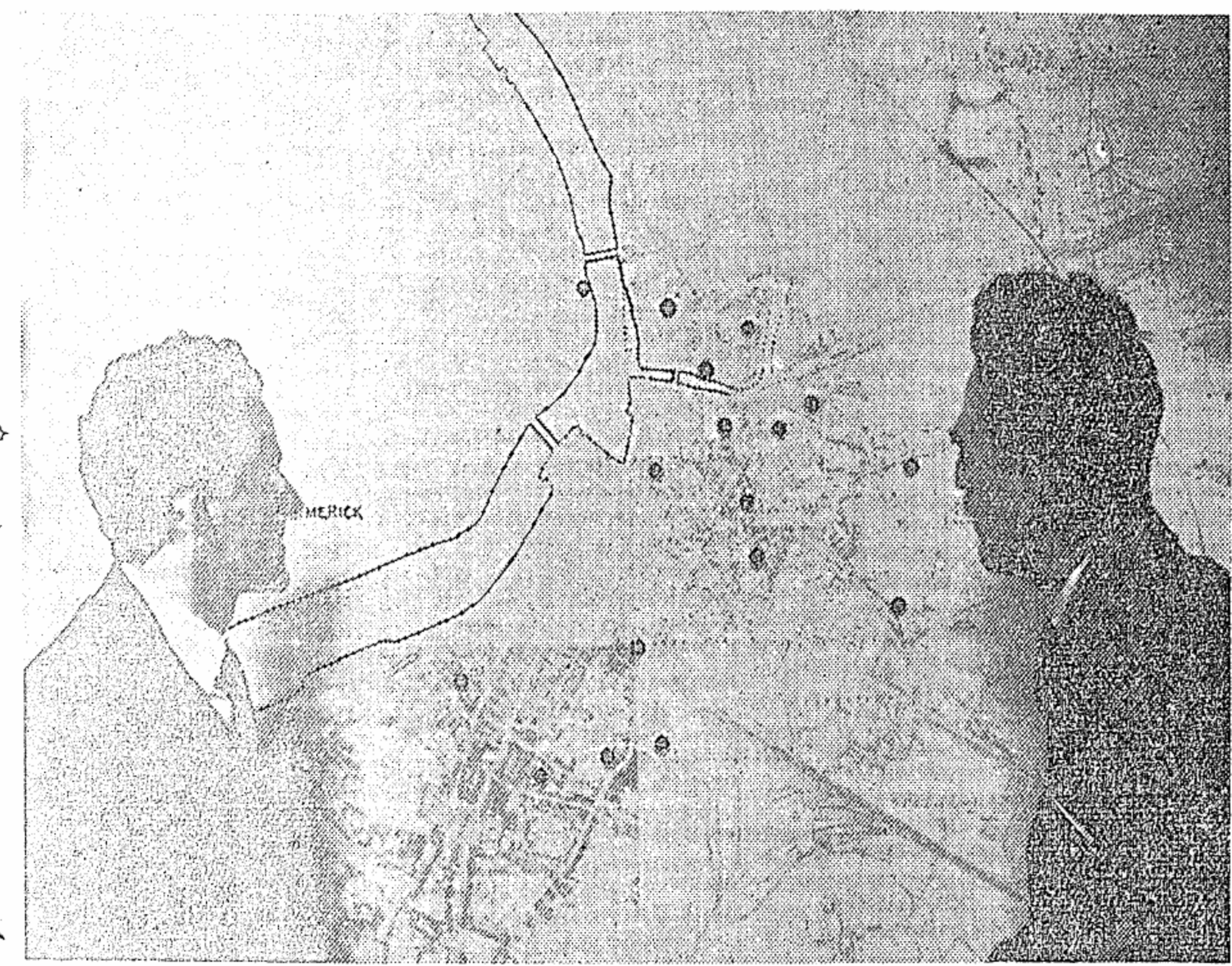


LIMERICK CITY ACTS—AGAIN



Mr. T. C. O'Mahony, Limerick's City Manager, is here shown examining, with Mr. Stenson, Surveyor, the Limerick slum clearance problem. The picture was taken by our Special Investigator in October.

CALL FOR EXPERT AID

Limerick Slum Clearance

TOWN PLANNERS WANTED

REALIZING the hopelessness of expecting solution of the local slum problem at the present speed which will involve eight years to rehouse 10,000 slum dwellers, Limerick City to-day publishes

a call for expert aid for development of the city within the existing boundary and preparation of a scheme of borough extension along modern lines.

The call for expert aid for Limerick, appearing in our Public Notice columns to-day, says:—

"The development scheme within the city will have special reference to the clearance of unhealthy areas and the subsequent utilisation of the sites."

Mr. T. C. O'Mahony, City Manager, who officially issues the appeal, told our Special Representative on October 22 that there were at least 2,000 slum houses to be eliminated.

"This programme of 2,000 can never be carried out within the existing city boundary," he said then.

"The Corporation is, naturally, apprehensive of the financial implications of such a housing programme in view of the fact that the present rate is £1 5s. 9d. in the £, but

"they are conscious of the necessity of attacking the problem, and they are prepared to do it."

BIG WORK PROGRAMME.

Such a project, as Mr. O'Mahony has now envisaged, lifts new hopes in the estimated 3,000 workers now unemployed in Limerick, as a plan of such scope must use up virtually all the skilled and unskilled labour available in the building trades in that city.

TECHNICIANS WANTED.

Engineers, architects and building technicians all over Ireland will be keenly interested in to-day's announcement.

Applications are invited from engineers and architects or companies of such, competent to render such assistance and provide all requisite plans and documents.

Skating Tragedy: Two Lives Lost

Two boys lost their lives during lunch hour play on an ice-covered pond near Ashton Road, Denton, Manchester, yesterday. The ice broke and they were drowned.

The boys were Joseph Whitworth (15), and Earl Smith (15).

A third boy, Charles Wheat (15), who was rescued by Superintendent O'Reilly, Bray, for driving a motor car near Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, without having the necessary insurance certificate.

Mr. Price said he was inclined to take a serious view of the case, as Gray had already been convicted of being drunk while in charge of a car, driving a car without having a driver's licence, and causing the death of a man for whom he had appeared before a jury.

However, on account of his licence having been suspended for five years at the Circuit Court, and his agreement to make provision for the next-of-kin, he would not imprison him.

EX-SOLDIER SENTENCED SIX MONTHS FOR FRAUD AND FORGERY

John McHugh, no fixed address, a native of Derry and an ex-private of the National Army, was in Dublin Circuit Criminal Court, yesterday, sentenced to six months imprisonment, when he pleaded guilty to the fraudulent conversion of sums amounting to £25, while employed as a supervisor and salesman for Messrs. Hoover, Ltd., and of having forged and uttered an agreement between Messrs. Pim Brothers, Dublin, and Ita McCusker, in respect of Hoover cleaners.

He also pleaded guilty to the larceny of an attaché case and contents, the property of Mr. V. Jones, Dublin.

Mr. M. J. Lennon, K.C. (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor), prosecuted.

Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Executive Council provided for the conclusion of the debate on the Second Reading at 8.30 p.m. and the conclusion of all other stages at 10.30 p.m.

In connection with the Executive Authority (External Relations) Bill, the motion provided that the debate on the second stage should begin at 10.30 a.m. to-day and should be concluded at 5 p.m. The Committee Stage should conclude at 10 p.m. to-night and all other stages should be taken immediately and completed after that hour.

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THE CLOSURE MOTION

The Closure motion moved by the



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IRISH HOSPITALS' SWEEP

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TOLL OF THE ROAD

MR. G. C. V. BRITAIN SUPPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN

POINTS FOR SOLUTION

SUPPORTING the views already expressed in THE IRISH PRESS Roads Safety campaign, Mr. G. C. V. Britain, managing director of G. A. Britain, Limited, Portobello, Dublin, pointed to a record increase in road deaths and casualties in the Free State in recent years.

"Human life is worth a great deal of money to the nation, yet last year, on our roads, 3,317 persons were injured as against 3,330 in 1934, a percentage increase far greater than the percentage of increase in vehicles on the road.

"We must take serious account of this, for it means an increasing hazard

What the Bills Mean

Monarch Removed From Internal Affairs

His External Functions

THE text of the two measures—Constitution (Amendment No. 27) Bill and Executive Authority (External Relations) Bill were circulated yesterday with the Order Papers for the meeting of the Dail, says our Political Correspondent.

Broadly speaking, the purpose of the first Bill, which is the ninth amendment of the Constitution proposed by the present Government, is to remove from the Constitution all the remaining references to the King and the Governor-General.

It abolishes the office of Governor-General by deleting in its entirety the Article providing for his appointment and remuneration.

In the Executive Authority (External Relations) Bill, it is provided that the king recognised by Australia, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, and South Africa is authorised to act on behalf of the Free State for the purposes of the appointment of diplomatic and consular representatives and the conclusion of international agreements when advised by the Executive Council to do so.

The king referred to is defined as the person who, if King Edward VIII had died on 10th December, unmarried, would for the time being be his successor under the law of the Free State.

THE PROPOSALS IN DETAIL

Constitution (Amendment No. 27) Bill amends ten articles of the Constitution as follows:—

Article 2A—Members of the Military Tribunal will be appointed by the Executive Council instead of by the Governor-General on the advice of the Executive Council.

Article 12—The Oireachtas shall consist of the Dail only instead of the King and the Dail.

Article 24—The Oireachtas will be summoned and dissolved by the Ceann Comhairle on the direction in writing of the Executive Council signed by the President instead of by the Representative of the Crown in the name of the King.

Article 41—Bills will be signed by the Ceann Comhairle and will become law immediately on receiving his signature, instead of being presented to the Governor-General for signature.

Article 42—The amendment of this Article which relates to the depositing of signed copies of bills in the Supreme Court is consequential on the amendment of Article 41.

Article 61—The amendment of this Article proposes the deletion of the provisions for the exercise of the executive authority by the Governor-General on the same lines as in Canada. It is proposed to insert the following clause in the Article:

"Provided that it shall be lawful for the Executive Council, to the extent and subject to any conditions which may be determined by law to avail, for the purposes of the appointment of diplomatic and consular agents and the conclusion of international agreements of any organ used as a constitutional organ for the like purposes by any of the Nations referred to in Article 1 of this Constitution."

(Article 1 declares the Free State to be a co-equal member of the Community of Nations forming the British Commonwealth of Nations).

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Article 53—The Dail will elect the President of the Executive Council, and he in turn will nominate Ministers with the assent of the Dail. The old practice was that the Dail nominated the President and that his appointment and that of the Ministers was made by the Governor-General.

Article 65—External Ministers will be appointed by Dail Eireann after selection by a Committee of the House.

Article 66—This provides for the office and payment of the Governor-General and is being deleted in its entirety.

Article 68—Judges will be appointed by the Executive Council instead of by the Governor-General on its advice.

The Article of the Constitution (60) providing for the office of the Governor-General which is now being removed reads:

"The Representative of the Crown who shall be styled the Governor-General of the Irish Free State (Saorstát Eireann) shall be appointed in like manner as the Governor-General of Canada and in accordance with the practice observed in the making of such appointments. His salary shall be the like amount as that now payable to the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and shall be charged on the public funds of the Irish Free State (Saorstát Eireann) and suitable provision shall be made out of these funds for the maintenance of his official residence and establishment."

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External Relations The Executive Authority (External Relations) Bill is entitled an Act to make provision, in accordance with the Constitution, for the exercise of the Executive Authority of Saorstát Eireann in relation to certain matters in the domain of external relations and for other matters connected with the matters aforesaid.

It declares:— Be it enacted by the Oireachtas of Saorstát Eireann as follows:— 1.—(1) The diplomatic representatives of Saorstát Eireann in other countries shall be appointed on the authority of the Executive Council; (2) The consular representatives of Saorstát Eireann in other countries shall be appointed by or on the authority of the Executive Council. 2.—Every international agreement concluded on behalf of Saorstát Eireann shall be concluded by or on the authority of the Executive Council. 3.—(1) It is hereby declared and enacted that, so long as Saorstát Eireann is associated with the following nations, that is to say, Australia, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, and South Africa, and so long as the king recognised by those nations as the symbol of their co-operation continues to act on behalf of each of those nations (on the advice of the several Governments thereof) for the purposes of the appointment of diplomatic and consular representatives and the conclusion of international agreements, the king so recognised may, and is hereby authorised to, act on behalf of Saorstát Eireann for the like purposes as and when advised by the Executive Council so to do; (2) The king referred to in the foregoing subsection of this section, shall, for the purposes of that sub-section, be the person who, if His Majesty King Edward the Eighth had died on the 10th day of December, 1936, unmarried, would for the time being be his successor under the law of Saorstát Eireann. 4.—This Act may be cited as the Executive Authority (External Relations) Act, 1936.



Mr. G. C. V. Britain

for all at large, whether at the wheel or otherwise," Mr. Britain stated. The following are points in his solution of this lethal traffic situation:—

Cyclists should be registered. Pedestrians should be controlled just as motorists are. Automatic traffic signals should be installed.

School children should be trained to read and traffic consciousness.

Country drivers should completely halt approaching a main road, drive slowly around blind bends and keep to proper side, dim lights to oncoming traffic, slow down.

Main slogans for all drivers:—"Caution—courtesy."

ELECTRICAL TRADERS

Approval was expressed at the increased membership reported by Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Secretary, in his report to a meeting of the Executive Council of the Society of Irish Electrical Traders, held in Dublin.

A number of applications were dealt with for registration in the Society's list of approved traders, and the following were admitted to membership: The Coleman Quick-Lite Co., 38 Cole St., Dublin; Messrs. D. Thompson and Sons, Ltd., 4 Lower Canal St., Limerick; Messrs. Brady and Co., Clonmel; Mr. J. Byrne, Main St., Tulla, Co. Clare; and Mr. J. Maguire, Burtonport, Co. Donegal.

Mr. W. T. Roper (Vice-President) presided, and the other members present were: Messrs. F. Abels (Beween Importing Co.), Mr. J. Fitzgerald (Cork), H. Garner (Roskilde and Co. Ltd.), T. J. Gallagher (Gallagher Bros.), E. C. Hart (Bristol Co.), R. J. Leonard (Electric Electrical Co.), J. A. McConnell (Glenis and McConnell), L. D. Whitwright (Glenis and McConnell), Thornton (British Thomson-Houston Co. Ltd.).

BUILDING TRADE WAGES

The general demand drawn up by the Building Trades Group in the Dublin Trades Union Council, and submitted to the affiliated unions for consideration, has been served on the Master Builders' Association.

It will be followed by demands from the individual unions.

It is estimated that about 5,000 workers will benefit by any concessions made.

FUNERAL OF REV. C. WHITESIDE, C.P.

LARGE ATTENDANCE OF CLERGY AND LAITY

A large number of clergy, friends and the general public attended yesterday at the obsequies of Father Celestine Whiteside, C.P., at Mount Argus. Very Rev. Canon Sheehan, P.P., Terenure, presided at the Office.

The celebrant of the Requiem Mass was Rev. Seamus Caraher (cousin), St. Patrick's, Kiltegan; deacon, Rev. Father Richard, C.P.; sub-deacon, Rev. Father Gerald, C.P.; master of ceremonies, Rev. T. W. O'Ryan, P.P. St. Audono's; Rev. Columba O'S.D., Rev. J. O'Hare, O.Carm.; Rev. R. Walsh, O.S.A., John's Lane; Rev. J. Phair, O.M.I., Elmliore; Rev. C. Cowman, S.S.A.; Rev. Dowling, C.S.Sp.; Rev. J. Lynch, O.M.I.; Rev. Vincent Smyth, O.Carm.; Rev. Father Kevin, O.S.D.; Rev. F. Green, C.C., Harold's Cross; Rev. Father Prosper, O.S.J.D., Stillorgan.

The following Passionist Fathers were present: Very Rev. Father Adrian, Provincial, Mount Argus; Very Rev. Father Kieran, Provincial-Consultor; Very Rev. Father Colman, Provincial-Consultor; Very Rev. Father Leo, Provincial-Consultor, Highgate, London; Dr. T. J. O'Connell, Cronin, Rector, Mount Argus; Very Rev. Father Alexis, Rector, St. Gabriel's Retreat, Binniskilly; Very Rev. Fr. Dominic, Rector, Retreat of Mary Immaculate, Mussaburg; Very Rev. Father Thomas, Superior, Wheatland; Very Rev. Father Frederic, Vice-Rector, Mount Argus; Rev. Father Francis, Rev. Father Sebastian, Rev. Father Bertram, Rev. Father Constantine, Rev. Father Boniface, Rev. Father Ambrose, Arroyne, Belfast; Rev. Father Herman, Rev. Father Charles, Rev. Father John, Rev. Father Daniel, Rev. Father Oliver, Rev. Father Christopher, Rev. Father Edmund, Rev. Father Aidan, Rev. Father Ulan, Rev. Father Hilary, Enniskillen; Rev. Father Patrick, Belfast.

Others present included: Rev. Bro. Denis, C.P.; Rev. Bro. Columba, C.P.; Rev. Bro. Mike, C.P.; Rev. Bro. Patrick, C.P.; Brother Gregory, O.S.J.D.; Brother Paul Donlon, O.S.J.D.; Stillorgan; Brother Ambrose, Provincial-Consultor; Very Rev. Messrs. R. V. Murphy, Martin J. Geoghegan, James J. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flanagan, Dr. T. J. O'Connell, Messrs. F. W. McDonagh, A. L. Carolan, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McQuaid, Messrs. F. Frank McCarty, Thomas Montgomery and Luke Hannon, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Ryan, Mr. A. Patterson, Miss B. Hope, Mrs. W. Malone, Messrs. J. O'Sullivan, J. P. McCusker, P. Donnelly, J. J. Pakenham, W. Hoey, M. P. Cullen, R. Maher and P. Grealy, Mrs. T. O'Connor, Messrs. L. Masterson and J. Masterson, Mrs. M. Rowsome, Miss Kathleen Murray, Mr. Wm. Bowers.

Rev. Father Caraher, recited the last prayers at the graveside.

Medical Appointment—On the recommendation of the Appointments Commission, Kerry Board of Health, appointed Dr. Gerard T. O'Brien, Moore Street, Dublin, as Assistant Co.M.O.H.

Workmen's Protest—The Tipperary Workmen's Protective and Benefit Association passed a resolution protesting against the Local Government Department's rotation system on relief grant work, and demanding amendment of the regulation.

BELGIUM'S NEW POLICY

HOW IT AFFECTS SECURITY IN WEST

BROADCASTING from the Dublin Station last night on "Belgium and Security in the West" in the series, "Foreign Affairs," Mr. Donald O'Sullivan, former Clerk of the Seanad, said that the Belgians, individually and collectively, were a singularly level-headed people, and the bulwark of freedom which they had erected for themselves was a bulwark against which the waves of mass hysteria were likely to beat in vain.

There was in office in Belgium a Government of National Union, under the Premiership of M. van Zeeland, a Catholic, which was composed in about equal parts of Catholics, Liberals and Socialists. It was the best Government Belgium had had since the war, and commanded the support of the vast majority in the country, both Flemish and Walloon.

Against it, on the one hand, were the Communists, nine in number, and, on the other, a coalition of the Rexist and the Flemish extremists, who were working up a Fascist, anti-French agitation.

Many Belgians felt, he said, rightly or wrongly, that there was a danger of Communism from the French side.

COLLECTIVE SECURITY.

The position in relation to collective security in the West was that the French would probably have to continue their famous Maginot line of fortifications, which at present stopped near Luxembourg, right along the Franco-Belgian frontier to the sea. If the Germans attacked France through Belgium, Belgium would resist and England would declare war on Germany.

The recent Belgian change of policy had rendered a war between France and Germany less likely.

IRISH WILLS

CAPT. SIR EDWARD WINGFIELD VERNER, of David's Veve, Farnham, Surrey, formerly of Corke Abbey, Bray, Co. Wicklow, who died on November 1 last, aged 70, left unsettled estate of the gross value of £63,623, with net personality of £61,441.

After family bequests he left £150 to his gardener, William C. Shepherd, and his chauffeur, John W. Carter, if, respectively, still in his service and not under notice.

Mr. Michael Sargent, of Avon, Howth Road, Clontarf, Dublin, property owner, who died on May 13 last, left personal estate in England and the Free State valued at £10,348.

He left £600 debenture stock upon trust for John and Desmond Sargent, his interest in 118 North Strand Road and 32 St. Bridget's Avenue, North Strand, to his niece, Lily Rafferty; £140 for Misses; £50 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Fairview, for the poor; £30 to Thomas Short, if still in his service, and the residue to his wife.

Mr. Michael J. Neary, of Church St., Belmullet, Co. Mayo, retired shopkeeper, who died on January 4 last, left personal estate in England and the Free State valued at £1,559. Probate has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Sara Neary, of the same address, to whom he left his property.

Mrs. Charlotta Garland, of Hall Place, Bundoran, Co. Donegal, who died on February 6 last, left personal property in England and the Free State valued at £1,912. The executors are John Phillips, of West End Baths, Bundoran, grandson, and the Rev. W. H. Johnstone Smart, of Bundoran.

Mr. William R. Dixon, of Mill View, Ennis, Co. Clare, who died on August 17 last, left personal estate in England and the Free State valued at £3,254. Probate has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Elsie Dixon, of the above address, the sole executrix, to whom he left all of his property.

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