COMING IRISH MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

FEW WITHDRAWALS.

SINN FEIN AND LABOUR COMBINE.

Yesterday was the statutory date for withdrawal of nominations for election to Irish Municipal bodies, but the withdrawals announced make little material change in the situation.

In Dublin there will be 155 candidates for 80 seats. Those include:—

Sinn Fein ... ... 61 Unofficial Labour 7
Official Labour ... 10 Municipal Refo'm 12

The remaining candidates, though not under any regular ticket, are, for the most part, supporters of the policy of the old Irish party.

In the provinces there is little change. In Armagh and in a few of the smaller townships there will be no contests.

In most of the larger centres—Dublin, Cork, etc.—Sinn Fein and Labour have combined, and are running on one ticket. In Ulster, generally, both sections of Nationalists have joined their forces for the fight. In Derry Corporation a Nationalist majority is practically assured.

WITHDRAWALS IN DUBLIN

SINN FEIN CANDIDATES' ACTION.

The Town Clerk of Dublin officially announced that the following, had withdrawn:—No. 5 Area (Merchants' Quay)—Wm. M'Cabe, 26 Rathgar road (new). Mr. M'Cabe was also nominated for Wood Quay, for which he has elected to stand. No. 7 Area (New Kilmainham and Usher's Quay)—M. Dalton, Henrietta St. (new); No. 10 Area (Trinity and South Dock)—Miss Williams (outgoing); No. 11 Area (Arran Quay Ward)—Ml. Flanagan, 37 Arran Quay; same area—Ml. J. Kelly (outgoing).

The Secretary, I.T.G.W.U., Thomas St. branch, informed our representative that Messrs. M'Creagh and M'Keevey, who were nominated as representatives of the union for Wood Quay Ward, have withdrawn.

In our list of Sinn Fein candidates for the Arran Quay Ward the name of Mr. William Paul, 1 Avondale Rd., Phibsboro', was omitted. Mr. Paul is one of the official Sinn Fein candidates.

Mr. B. J. Giles writes that he is going forward in the No. 3 Area as a candidate for Municipal Reform.

SINN FEIN CAMPAIGN OPENS.

The campaign on behalf of the Sinn Fein candidates in the Dublin municipal elections opened in many of the wards last night.

At Glasnevin and Drumcondra successful meetings were held. Mr. T. Stafford, P.L.G., presiding. Councillor Sean M'Garry, M.P., speaking at Drumcondra, said the only promise they would give the voters was that they would use their best efforts to make municipal politics as clean and as straight as they had made national politics. The people who came forward as Independent candidates said politics must be kept out of municipal affairs, but these very people made politics the bedrock of municipal matters, and now that the parties to which they belonged were dead, they cried: "Leave out politics altogether."

Sean McCaoilte said the presence of the candidates addressing them in public was proof of their sincerity. Other candidates who spoke were—Sean O'Shea, Thomas Loughlin, Robert Rosmer, Mrs. Mary J. M'Kean and Mrs C. Gifford Wilson, B.A.

The S.F. candidates for Inns Quay and Rotunda Wards held meetings at Belvidere Place (N.C.R.) and Bolton St., both of which were well attended. Mr. John E. Lyons presided and the candidates who spoke were Mrs. Wyse Power, Seumas O'Brennan, Mrs. Kitty O'Doherty, Mrs. Ml. Flanagan and Mr. M. G. Dowling.

A dramatic episode marked the progress of the meeting at Bolton St., when the Countess Markievicz, M.P., coyled up to the brake from which the addresses were being delivered. The Countess was immediately recognised and received an ovation. She delivered an address in support of the candidates and then cycled away.

IN THE TOWNSHIPS.

The following withdrawals are announced in the townships:—

Dalkey—Messrs. John Cullen and Wm. Hill (Labour) for the South Ward.

Killiney—Mr. A. W. Orr has withdrawn his nomination for the South Ward. Mr. E. J. Keegan and Mr. Bradshaw, who were nominated on Monday, should have been respectively, described as Ratepayers' and Labour candidates.

Rathmines—There were no withdrawals. The Independent candidates, mainly retiring members, of Rathmines Urban Council, in an election address, published in our advertising columns, claim the support of the electors on the grounds of the satisfactory work done by them during the many years in which they have had the administration of the township affairs in their hands, and point out that the rates compare most favourably with those of any township in Ireland. They advocate the exclusion of political and sectarian subjects from the Council Chamber.

PROVINCIAL NOMINATIONS.

Leinster.

Wexford.—For 24 seats there are 44 nominated, representing the Ratepayers' Association, Sinn Fein, Labour, Independent Labour, and Independents. The retiring members, with the exception of 4, are seeking re-election.

Kilkenny.—36 candidates are nominated for 24 seats, and, of these, 17 are retiring members. There are 12 Sinn Fein candidates and 11 Labour.

Enniscorthy.—For 15 seats there are 24 nominations, including 10 of the retiring councillors. There are 14 candidates on the Sinn Fein-Labour ticket.

Athlone.—32 candidates have been nominated for 18 seats. Six of the outgoing members are not seeking re-election. Sinn Fein have nominated 8 and Labour 10. The remaining candidates, mainly outgoing councillors, are Independents.

Wicklow.—There are 41 candidates for 21 seats. The Sinn Fein-Labour combine are contesting every seat in the 3 wards. There are 6 Unionists and 11 Redmondites and Independents.

Drogheda.—24 seats. Sinn Fein has nominated 17 candidates, the I.T.G.W.U. 4, Trades Council 11, Chamber of Commerce 1, Home Rulers 3, while 3 are described as Independent Republicans.

Wexford.—Seven sitting members, 6 representing Sinn Fein and Labour and 4 ratepayers' representatives have been nominated for 9 seats.

Athy.—There are 12 candidates for 15 seats; 8 of the retiring members are seeking re-election. The great majority of the candidates are on the Labour ticket.

Longford.—34 candidates are nominated for 15 seats by Sinn Fein, Labour, Ratepayers' Association, ex-soldiers, and Independents. 11 members seek re-election.

Tullamore.—There are 30 candidates for 15 seats, made up of 10 Labour, 12 Ratepayers' Association, 6 Sinn Fein, and 3 Independent Labour. Six of the outgoing members are seeking re-election.

Mullingar T.C.—Of 15 outgoing members 11 seek re-election. There are 10 Labour candidates and 1 Independent Labour. In all 29 candidates are nominated for 15 vacancies.

Connaught.

Tuam T.C.—Five of the outgoing members are not seeking re-election, but there will be contests in each of the 3 wards. The candidates mainly represent Sinn Fein and Labour.

Loughres T.C.—There are 29 nominations for 12 seats. 9 of the retiring members are seeking re-election.

Boyle T.C.—21 nominations were received for 9 seats. Sinn Fein, Labour, Redmondite, Unionists, and Independents are represented.

Roscommon T.C.—There will be no contest in Roscommon.

Munster.

Queenstown.—Forty candidates have been nominated for 15 seats. These include 8 of the retiring members. Sinn Fein and Trades and Labour are strongly represented. A number of candidates are standing for both wards. The only withdrawal is Mr. M. Queally, a member of the expiring Council.

Mr. W. F. O'Connor.

There are 17 ratepayers' candidates, 15 for Corporation seats on the Old Council, 50 are old members, the majority of whom are standing on the Redmondite ticket, a few as Independents, and the others as commercials. Sinn Féiners are standing in with the I.T.G.W.U. The Lord Mayor has been nominated for three wards, and is standing as a Redmondite and commercial candidate.

Youghal.—There are 60 nominations for 9 seats. Sinn Féin have 9 candidates and Labour 12, and they are working together. There are 17 candidates, 15 for Corporation seats, 6 Unionists and 11 Redmondites and Independents.

Dungarvan.—There are 25 nominations for 21 seats. The present council consists of 14 Unionists and 7 Nationalists, but it is expected this election will make a big change. The sections of Nationalists have combined for the fight.

In Ballymena there are 41 candidates for 18 seats. **Carrickfergus**—32 candidates have been nominated for 18 seats. **Downpatrick**—25 nominations for 9 seats. **Limavady**—13 nominations for 9 seats. With 2 exceptions, the retiring members were nominated. **Comrades of the Great War** have 2 candidates, Nationalists 5, Independent Labour 1. **Monaghan**—Sinn Feiners, 3 Nationalists, 3 Labour and 2 Unionists were nominated for the West Ward, and 2 Unionists, 3 Sinn Feiners, 3 Nationalists, and 2 Labour for the East Ward. **Newtownards**—33 candidates are going for 15 seats. Twelve of the outgoing members are seeking re-election. **Ballybay**—Rev. P. Murphy, C.C., presided at a meeting at which selected 9 candidates for the present Sinn Fein, Town Tenants nominated 1, Labour 1, Unionists, Nationalists and the A.O.H. have also put forward candidates. **Newcastle**—17 candidates have been nominated for 12 seats.

Mr. J. S. Harbison, M.P., is a candidate for Cookstown. No Nationalist has been nominated in Banbridge.

SINN FEIN AND LABOUR.

The Dublin correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" says:—"Sinn Féin and the Labour party, who work hand-in-hand, are making a big effort to capture all the public boards, with what objects one can easily foresee. Whether certain seats go to Sinn Fein on the one hand, or to Labour on the other, will make no real difference in the end; both parties will strive equally to make the task of government impossible, or, failing that, to place the greatest difficulty in its way. It is announced that should Sinn Fein obtain a majority in the Dublin Corporation it will have the support of the Labour members for its nominee, Alderman Thomas Kelly, M.P., as Lord Mayor. Ald. Kelly is one of those who were arrested and deported a few weeks ago, and he is now detained at Wormwood Scrubbs."

CITY EXTRA.

TO-DAY'S LONDON PAPERS

PHANTOM MILLIONS.

"ENGLAND LET BELGIUM DOWN".

"Times" Telegram (Press Association Copyright.)

Brussels, Tuesday.

A profoundly unsatisfactory impression has been produced here by the gradual realisation in political and business circles of the fact which was confirmed yesterday that nothing had been heard of the agreement reached on October 6 between the Belgian Government and a British group represented by Lord Willoughby de Broke and Mr. Wm. MacElroy, of Belfast, for a loan of £50,000,000.

It will be remembered that when the terms of this operation were announced they were received with blank incredulity by financiers both in Brussels and London. Once more Englishmen here have to face the accusation that England has let Belgium down. The fact that the group was represented by a British peer seems to have invested its proposals with a deceptive appearance of seriousness, so much so that it is even reported that large orders for raw materials have been given by Belgian manufacturers on the strength of them.

MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE.

TERRIFIC HAVOC—BIG DEATH ROLL

The special correspondent of the United Press telegraphing from Mexico City states the number of dead at Vera Cruz as a result of the earthquake is unofficially estimated at 300. Vera Cruz is the only State which has suffered severely. Relief trains are being rushed to Jalapa, where the discovery of fresh victims brings the total up to 100.

"Torrential rain followed the earthquake, causing the River San Francisco, in Vera Cruz, to flood its banks and inundate the village of Riconda. Twenty-five bodies have been recovered from the water. In the forest 25 miles from Vera Cruz natives report terrific havoc. Trees were uprooted, and wild animals fled from the woods into the neighbouring villages.

"The towns of Cosautlan, San Juan, in the State of Concomatereo, were pillaged by rebels after the earthquake was reported to be over. Over 100 are stated to have perished at Clacahuana. Three shocks were registered on Monday, but no damage was done."—Exchange.

TO-DAY'S GATWICK TIPS.

From the "Sportsman."

(1) Leatherhead 8'chase—Minstrel Park or Rathlosgus.
(2) Horley Hurdle—The Gunyah: if absent, Bayhard.
(3) Purley 5'chase—Gore's Selected or Irish Cheer.
(4) Reigate Hurdle—Latch or Carson.
(5) Crawley 5'chase—Gore's Selected or Square Dance
(6) Four Year Old Hurdle—Tolnol or Greek Star.

"Sportsman (Reporter on Course)"—1, Rathlasgus; 2, Gunyah or Flaming Fire; 3, Bernstein; 4, Poole's Selected; 5, Square Dance; 6, Irish Fair.

"Sporting Life"—1, Latch; 2, The Gunyah (nap); 3, Bell Toll; 4, Carson; 5, Neurotic; 6, Tolnol.

"Sporting Life" (Man on the Spot)—1, Bath; 2, Double Deck; 3, Bell Toll; 4, Carson; 5, Bernstein (nap); 6, Rathcoole. If absent, Tolnol.

"Daily Chronicle."—1, Simon the Tanner, 2, Monard; 3, Bell Toll; 4, Latch; 5, Loch Allen (nap); 6, Louboy.

"Daily Express"—1, Minstrel Park, if absent Rathlasgus; 2, The Gunyah, if absent Flaming Fire; 3, Bell Toll (nap); 4, Saintly Maude, if absent Carson; 5, Bernstein, if absent Square Dance; 6, Tolnol (next best).

PITHY PROVINCIAL NEWS

Connaught.

Mr. J. M. Hassett is the manager of the new National Bank branch at Belmullet.

Const. Murphy, R.I.C., pluckily rescued Mrs. O'Reilly, who had accidentally fallen into the dock at Belmullet.

Jim Hunt, Munster handball champion, was met at Gurteen, Co. Sligo, by a large crowd, with a band, on returning home after spending a month in Sligo jail. He was one of the men in the motor car fired on after breaking through a cordon of police who were endeavouring to arrest P. O'Hegarty, S.F. organiser.

Leinster.

Blessington D.C. (Naas No. 2) formed a committee, and appointed Mr. R. Kelly an inspector to carry out the Education Act.

A valuable gold watch was presented to Mr. T. Doyle, chief goods clerk, Enniscorthy (D. and E.R.), by his colleagues on his promotion as relief stationmaster in Dublin area.

Mr. J. M'Keon presided at a labour demonstration in Mullingar, and the speakers included Messrs. T. Farren, P. Daly, Miss Hogan and M. Thompson, N.T. Mr. Farren denounced the Education Bill as "an atrocity."

Munster.

Edward O'Brien, goods guards, G.S. and W.R., Millstreet, has died in Cork South Infirmary from injuries received 2 months ago in shunting.

Dr. Crowley, son of the chairman, Mr. D. Crowley, was elected to Kilbrittain dispensary by the Bandon Guardians at £200 a year, rising to £250. The chairman thanked the other candidates who withdrew.

Dr. J. O'Callaghan, M.O., Green Co. Limerick, has retired, after 30 years' service, owing to failing health, and Tipperary Guardians paid him a high tribute. Dr. M'Dermott has been temporarily appointed to the position.

By 9 votes to 7 Bantry Guardians adjourned for 6 months a motion to rescind the resolution appointing Mr. Wolfe, Crown Solicitor, prosecutor to the Board. Dr. Tuohig, M.O., Kealkil, has tendered his resignation on leaving for an appointment in Wales.

Mr. M. A. Treacy, President Limerick branch of the Typographical Association, died at St. Camillus' Hospital, Limerick, aged 70. Mr. M. W. Flynn, journalist and author, and for many years connected with "M'Clure's Magazine," has died in New York, aged 47. He was a native of Abbyfeale.

Christopher S. Duke, Market St., Kinsale, was returned for trial at Cork charged with the manslaughter of John Kelleher, a Corporation labourer, who was knocked down in Patrick St., on Dec. 26, by a motor car driven by the accused, and subsequently died at the North Infirmary.

Ulster.

30 labourers have struck in Derry shipyard as a protest against notice to a foreman.

Mr. M Montgomery, Castlereagh road, Belfast, resigned from Ballymena R.D.C., having left the district.

Acheson Clarke, aged 5, Corryloogford, Fivemiletown, died from an accidental stab of a pitchfork inflicted by a brother.

A deposit receipt and cash for about £600 was found in the belongings of James O'Hara, a patient in Enniskillen Union Infirmary, after his death.

Mr. W. H. M'Cracken, B.A., B.D., Nenagh, has been appointed to Carnlough and Cushendall Presbytery; and Mr. R. Strawbridge, B.A., Glendermot, to Tullyrap, Broughshane.

Capt. R. Doverchenee, R.C.A., Special Reserve, Queen's (Belfast) O.T.C., has been appointed local major, to command the contingent, in succession to Major C. Blenn.

The death has occurred of Mr. David Wilson, B.A., Principal, Hall St. N.S., Maghera. Mr. Owen M'Elroy, aged 80, Dunmaurice, Ballybay, died suddenly.

Rev. J. D. A. and Mrs. Richardson, Drumbeg, Lisburn, were presented with an illuminated address and several gifts for their services to the Unionist cause. Rev. Mr. Richardson was a chaplain to the forces.

Mr. W. Davis, J.P., chairman, U.D.C., Lisburn, entertained the members to luncheon, the occasion being availed of to bid farewell to Messrs. E. H. Clarke, J.P., J. A. Hanna, and H. M. Barnett, who had retired.

Mr. [illegible] and Mr. [illegible] a private company registered on Dec. 31, 1919, with offices at 12 L[illegible], Belfast. The nominal capital is £50,000 shares of £1 each. The first directors are Mr. J. M'C. Lowe[illegible] and Mr. Jas. Stanfield, textile merchants.

Derry Corporation appointed Lt.-Col. Bower manager of the new motor bus service at £6 a week. On the suggestion of the mayor, 3 Nationalists and 3 Unionists were appointed conductors and 3 Nationalists and 3 Unionists drivers. Thanks were voted to Ald. Sir R. N. Anderson, D.L., for his services as mayor during the past 5 years.

A call to Rev. J. G. Paton, M.A., B.D., Coleraine, has been made by Malone Presbyterian Church promising £500. Rev. J. Porter, B.A., Muff, Co. Derry, got a £70 cheque from his grateful parishioners. Rev. P. W. N. Shirley, Donegal, was elected rector of St. James's Parish, Belfast.

Mr. P. M'Aleer had an arm injured by being thrown from his motor car, which skidded at the Murrow Corner, near Moy; and Mr. G. Wright, Aughnacloy, had one motor car disabled and another damaged by skidding.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

(By Wire and Despatch)

Western Town Without Gas or Coal.

Tuam is without gas or coal, and blackmiths are amongst those who have had to cease work.

Her 108th Birthday.

Martha Tobin, an inmate of New Ross Workhouse, has celebrated her 108th birthday.

White Gloves in Drogheda.

White gloves were presented to Judge Green at Drogheda.

Prohibition Dollars.

The U.S.A. Anti-Saloon League is to spend £10,000,000 in England in favour of prohibition.

The Australian Elections.

Only 1 Labour man, Senator Gardiner, is not elected. Mr. Ryan, Queensland Premier, disapproves of a Labour-Farmer Coalition.

Kilbrittain Shooting Claim.

A claim for £6,000 has been lodged by the widow of Constable Bolger, who was shot at Kilbrittain, Co. Cork.

Costs of a Law Suit £1,000 a Day.

The hearing of the big cotton Chancery action in Manchester is costing £1,000 a day, and the trial may run to 30 days.

Bank of England Governor Dead.

Lord Cunliffe has died suddenly in London. He had been a director of the Bank of England since 1895, was deputy governor in 1911, and governor from 1913 to 1918. He was 64.

Direct Sailings to America.

It is the intention of Messrs. Moore and M'Cormack, as will be seen by their advertisement, to maintain a regular bi-monthly service of up-to-date cargo steamers between New York, Dublin, Belfast and Cork, and vice versa.

Public Bodies' Estimates.

The estimate of the Co. Surveyor for Manorhamilton R.D.C. is increased £3,100. Granard Guardians: £6,577 (inc. £1,600). D.C.: same as last year. Gesh (Co. Westmeath) R.D.C.: £778 (inc. £200).

The Late Sir Wm. Osler, Bart., M.D.

The President and Fellows of the R.C.P.I., of which he was an hon. Fellow, passed a resolution recording deep regret at the death of Sir Wm. Osler, and sympathy with Lady Osler.

A Break in Cotton.

Stocks, says a New York Reuter's cablegram, broke 2 to 10 points yesterday, and cotton over 100, on the attitude of the Federal Reserve Board against speculative loans.

German War Casualties, 6,089,355.

According to the "Vorwarts" the German casualties in the war—Killed, 1,718,846; wounded, 4,234,000; prisoners and missing, 1,073,000; losses in navy, 24,112; wounded, 29,000; prisoners, 11,000.—Reuter.

Liberty Would Succeed in Ireland.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., at Kettering, answering questions, deplored outrages and murders in Ireland, for these things never yet succeeded, but they were the natural and inevitable result of military rule. "The only thing," he added, amidst cheers, "we have not tried is liberty. Let us see that would succeed."

Imported Meat to be Cheaper.

After this month the maximum prices of imported beef are to be reduced 2d. a lb. This follows a similar concession already made in respect of Australian mutton and lamb, says the "Daily Chronicle."

The Attack on Lord French.

Ballybay magistrates expressed abhorrence at the attempt on the Viceroy's life and congratulated him on his escape. The legal gentlemen present and the police authorities associated themselves with the resolution.

Viscount Astor's Will.

The value of the late Viscount Astor's estates is not mentioned but in New York city alone, practically, all was disposed of during his lifetime, and an estimate of £60,000,000 from New York real estate alone is said to be "greatly exaggerated."

Blackbed Bay—The Old Story.

Sir Thos. R. C. Troubridge thinks it incredible that Blackbed Bay has not been made available for Atlantic fleet purposes, as he had recommended some years ago, but, he adds, "the fact of the place being in Ireland has always been an obstacle to finding the capital required."

Ford Cars.

Mr. P. W. Wilson, "Daily News" correspondent in New York, understands that Mr. Ford will this year export to Great Britain 50,000 automobiles from his total output, which will be somewhere about 1,000,000. *Probably, he says, America will make some 2,500,000 automobiles in the present year.*

R.I.C. Recruiting in England.

"Efforts to supplement the Irish police forces by recruiting in England are not meeting with great success," says a London correspondent, who adds that it is questionable even if the authorities have succeeded in getting a recruit at all. Officials from Ireland have, it is said, arrived in London, where a recruiting office is to be opened.

Iron Moulders' Strike.

The provisional terms for the settlement of the iron moulders' strike, on which a ballot is now being taken, were proposed by Dublin members by 115 votes to 2, the men declaring they would only be 5/- a week better off than when they struck work, and their demand for 16/- The South Wales moulders are balloting against the settlement. Newcastle-on-Tyne moulders have voted for acceptance by 1,200 to against, 73.

Jews' Week of Mourning.

The Jews of Copenhagen began a week of mourning yesterday as a protest against outbreaks of pogroms inflicted upon their brethren in different places in the world. Dr. Brennar, editor of the "Jewish Weekly," states that in one month in December 10,000 Ukrainian Jews were killed, and that altogether more than 200,000 Jews have been killed.—Exchange.

Education Bill Protest.

Kilkenny Corporation, on the motion of the Mayor (Mr. P. De Loughrey), seconded by Mr. Morrissey, entered a protest against the Education Bill as it is principally based on democratic ideas, and as a mockery of national aspirations and paving the way to secularisation of the schools, while, the resolution added, "the attempt to place education in Ireland under British officials is an insult to the intelligence of the Irish people."

Of Benefit to Emigrants.

An arrangement has been made between the Immigration Department, Canadian Government, the C.P.R., and the Canadian P.O.S., Ltd., to provide accommodation for the C.O.S. Liner passengers landing at St. John N.B., thus lessening former discomfort in examination, etc. By the new arrangements, passengers can step off the boat straight into a warm building and into the waiting train without exposure to the weather.

Farmers Condemn Outrages.

Edgeworthstown Farmers' Association have condemned in the strongest terms "the wanton and senseless outrages that are being perpetrated in various part of the country, and especially the recent one in this hitherto peaceful district, as such disgraceful actions only bring the general and peaceable body of citizens into disrepute, and are as well a serious burden on the local rates," at the same time urging all members of the community irrespective of politics, to do everything in their power to bring the perpetrators of outrage to justice.

Fate of Sunken Fleet.

There is no truth in the statement that it has been decided to blow up the German warships sunk at Scapa Flow, and their ultimate fate will be decided by the Supreme Council in Paris. So the "Daily Chronicle" (quoted by special arrangement) has been informed by the Admiralty. General Maurer, Commander of the Baltic Stations, says a Reuter's Berlin cable, in an Order of the Day to the troops at Kiel, says the scuttling of the Fleet at Scapa Flow was calculated to reinstate Germany's glorious flag in its old splendours.

Belfast Shooting Incident.

Const. Tennis, R.I.C., Donegall Pass Barracks, Belfast, was fired at, and a bullet narrowly missed him, as he crossed vacant ground between Fitzroy Ave. and University Ave., on Monday night.

Lord Londonderry at Seaham.

The Marquis of Londonderry opened the new club of the Seaham Harbour branch of the Comrades of the Great War, in which he gave £100 and a billiard table. An alter in memory of the late Dowager Marchioness of Londonderry was dedicated in Christ Church, New Seaham, on Sun.

Moving Bog in Sligo.

A large tract of bog lying between Moylough and Tubbercurry has moved over 300 yards and covered more than 20 acres of land with slush and mud to a height of from 12 to 14 feet. The course of the movement was arrested by a small river, which is now completely blocked, serious flooding being the result.

Paris Pearl Robbery.

According to the "Matin," pearls value over £5,000 have disappeared in the post between Madrid and Paris, in circumstances closely resembling the famous robbery of pearls consigned by M. Salomas, Paris, to Mr. Mayer, Hatton Garden, in July, 1913, when Mr. Mayer, on opening the packet, discovered, instead of the necklace, some lumps of sugar.—Reuter.

Removal of U.S. Dead in France.

The French Government has granted permission for the removal to America of the bodies of 20,000 U.S. soldiers buried behind the lines in France. These do not include bodies in the big cemeteries in the zone of the armies. The policy of the U.S. Government will be to remove only bodies requests for which have been made by relatives.

No Third Term for Mr. Wilson.

President Wilson is steadily recovering the use of his limbs on the left side, which were incapacitated, says the "Daily News" New York correspondent. He can never hope to work at his former pressure, and a third term is unthinkable, but he will transact a limited amount of business under strict precautions until his present term expires.

The Pope and Italian Nobility.

The Pope yesterday received a delegation of Roman nobility, headed by Prince Pallanci, who praised the clergy for their war work. His Holiness paid a tribute to the worthy of the nobility in the battlefield, and said that this was one of the worst years in history for humanity, and the nobility must set an example to others for the propagation of virtues to oppose the ideas undermining existing institutions. Noble women should fight against extravagant and offensive fashions, and devote themselves to philanthropic work.

More Compensation Claims.

Malicious injury claims for hearing at Limerick Quarter Sessions to-morrow total nearly £3,500, including £900 for hay burning; £600 for injury to a house constable R.I.C., for injury during a riot; and £600 by the Co. Council for furniture smashed by labourers in a disturbance in the Council Chamber at an election. Tuam R.D.C. received claims from Messrs. J. G. Alcorn, D.L., £800; P. Conry, £64 10s.; F. J. H. Blake, £52 10/-, all for cattle drives. Mr. T. Brown, Newcastle, Co. Down, seeks £30 for burning of hay. At Drogheda, the P.O. authoritest were awarded £8, and the Hibernian Bank £12 for windows broken.

Charge Against a Police Sergeant.

Sergt. M'Govern, R.I.C., Cloonacool, Tobercurry, has been remanded in custody on a charge of shooting his wife. Evidence was given by Const. Gallagher, who found Mrs. M'Govern standing against a table with her right foot on a chair and blood flowing from a wound in her shin. A revolver was lying on the side-table, containing four live and one empty cartridges. The sergeant said it was all an accident. Witness added that the sergeant had been worrying a good deal about an attack on the barrack and appeared dazed and nervous.

Train Control.

Reporting on a collision between a Great Eastern express, Doncaster to York, and a Great Northern (England) express at Selby station, when six passengers were injured, Col. Pringle, Ministry of Transport, says it arose from the despatch of an inaccurate telegram as to the taking off of a fish-wagon from one of the trains, and that it would have been prevented by a system of control whereby the continuous brake would have been applied automatically when the train passed the danger signal. The time has come, he adds, for full consideration to be given to this question.

Gaelic Parents' Society.

A meeting at University College, Galway, of fathers and mothers inaugurated a "Gaelic Parents' Society" to promote the Gaelic upbringing of their children. The most important thing, it was emphasised, was the speaking of Irish to children from the cradle in infancy. Some speakers thought it hopeless to expect effective teaching of Irish as a spoken language from the existing Galway schools, while others favoured getting the present curricula amended, so that Gaelic would be taught as a living language within school hours and used in instruction. A deputation was appointed to urge on the managers of the various schools to make provision for the large number of children whose parents desire they should have a thoroughly Gaelic education.

Irish Housing Schemes.

We learn that, of the 127 authorities in Ireland—100 urban districts and 27 bodies of town commissioners—which can take action under the Housing Act, 105 have furnished definite information to the L. G. Board's Housing Department as to the houses required or proposed. The total number of houses proposed, or already authorised, is 40,815. The number of local authorities which have selected sites and given information respecting them to the committee is 68, the total number of sites so selected being 621, with a total area of 4,327 acres. In 53 of the 68 cases the sites have been inspected and the views of the Housing Committee in reference to them communicated to the local authorities. In these cases, consequently, the next move lies with the local bodies.

THE "FREEMAN'S" POLICY

CANDID FRIEND'S DISCLOSURES.

The "Dundalk Democrat," still a strong supporter of the effete Irish Parliamentary party and its policy, discussing the suppression of the "Freeman's Journal" in an editorial writes:—

"Futile the action certainly was, because while the publication of the 'Freeman's Journal' was prohibited, nothing was said of the Freeman's evening organ, the Dublin 'Telegraph' nor was the machinery used in the production of the latter interfered with. The consequence was that a morning edition of the 'Telegraph' appeared in place of the 'Freeman,' and presumably reached all the ordinary readers of the latter, and no doubt a good many more. . . .

"The 'Freeman' may, in the opinion of some people, have gone too far. That does not seem to be the opinion of its contemporaries. 'The Daily News,' which nobody can justly accuse of sympathy with disaffection or sedition, says that since the new proprietors, Mr. Hamilton Edwards and Mr. Martin Fitzgerald, took over the 'Freeman's Journal,' its tone has without doubt shown increasing bitterness, sometimes expressed in a style which would sound florid or verging on the abusive, but which in Ireland is merely the natural speech of politics.'

MORE DUST THROWING.

"Most of us in Ireland have noticed the change here suggested, and most of us have heard a reason suggested. But that explanation would seem to be discounted by the fact that, according to the 'Daily Mail,' Mr. Hamilton Edwards is an ex-director of the Harmsworth Press and a thoroughly patriotic Englishman. We think the change in the style of the 'Freeman' may be attributed to the influence of this gentleman, steeped, as no doubt he is, in the journalistic traditions of the 'Daily Mail,' and that the only intent behind it may have been to secure a wider circulation in Ireland—not at all to aid (as some people were coming to believe) the Sinn Fein party.

"To quote the 'Daily News' again, 'the Freeman' has never lent either overt or covert support to the demand for an Irish Republic or to any movement that can possibly be termed seditious.'"

"The author of the foregoing evidently knows, he is writing about; he refrains, however, from mention of the fact that Mr. R. Hamilton Edwards is, according to "Who's Who," a member of the Junior Carlton Club, the exclusive resort of staunch Torvism, corresponding to the Kildare St. Club in Dublin.

Robt. Wiltshire, ex-soldier, was returned for trial, on bail, on charges of breaking into and stealing £30 from the store of Robt. Porter at Killermon, Fivemiletown. He admitted the offence.

Rev. C. B. Armstrong, M.A., who has been elected warden of St. Columba's College, Rathfarnham, is a son-in-law of Sir Samuel Dill, Litt.D., Pro-Chancellor of the Queen's University, Belfast, and has been headmaster of Cork Grammar School since 1914.

Pembroke U.D.C. and Education Bill.—Pembroke U.D.C., on the motion of Mr. Marlow, seconded by Mr. M'Bride, protested against the provisions of the Education Bill with reference to Technical Schools, Mr. Good dissenting. Mr. W. H. Forsyth (chairman) said it was their duty to protest against a Bill which took the control of Technical Schools away from local bodies.

Pembroke Housing.—Mr. W. H. Forsyth (chairman), at Pembroke U.D.C., said a list of suitable sites for the erection of 500 houses had been sent to the L.G.B., and applications had been received from 1,000 desirable tenants. The houses built under the present schemes could not be let under 12s. to 15s. per week. He appealed to the incoming council to take up the matter energetically and supply a crying need. A resolution was passed empowering the Housing Committee to have the quantities taken and tenders invited, if the plans were approved.

DUBLIN AND DISTRICT.

Killiney Lady's Will.—The late Mrs. M. J. H. Shaw-Hamilton, of Killiney, left £7,949, and bequeathed all to her three children.

Victuallers' Employes.—At a conference between the Master Victuallers' Association and the I.T.G.W.U. (for the employes) a scale of improved wages was offered by the employers which will be submitted to a meeting of the employes for consideration.

Hold-Up in Parkgate St. P.O.—Michael Devine, who was charged on remand in connection with the "hold up" of the branch Post Office in Parkgate St. on December 19, was yesterday returned for trial at the Southern Police Court.

Fairview Park.—Ald. Quaid writes stating that a meeting of the Corporation on Friday will consider the proposed letting to Mr. J. J. Fox, T.C., of "roughly 9 acres" at Fairview Park, and a "shed," at £5 a year; and asks whether money has been spent at Fairview "for no other purpose than to set up as market gardeners members of the Council?"

Fines for Overcharging.—Mr. Cooper imposed the following fines yesterday:—For charging 6d. instead of 5½d a lb. for flaked rice—Mgt. Whelan, 79 Emmet Rd., Kilmainham (10/-); Annie Kennedy, 55 Thomas St. (£1); J. Byrne, 6 Seaforth Ave. (10/-. Each of the defendants was also fined 10/- for having failed to display price lists. Mr. J. Brady defended in the case of Annie Kennedy.

The Late Mr. J. Boydell, J.P.—The funeral of the late Mr. James Boydell, J.P., for many years connected with the firm of Messrs. John Plunkett and Co., Ltd., maisters, Dublin, took place from his residence, Errigal, Dodder Rd., Rathgar, to St. James's Church, King St., and was extremely large and representative. The chief mourners were Messrs. Wm. C. and James J. Boydell (sons) and Wm. Hurst (cousin). The burial service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Irwin, rector of the parish.

Letter From Ald. T. Kelly, M.P.—Ald. T. Kelly, M.P., in a letter from Wormwood Scrubbs prison, says: "I am all right. My other companions and myself got over the Christmas well." A letter posted on Dec. 23 was only delivered, he states, on New Year's Day. He asks that no foodstuffs be sent to him, as they will not be given to the prisoners. Only portions of a letter from his sister in an English convent were read to him by the governor.

Compensation Offers in Hospital.—When Patk. Keogh, a slater, claimed compensation, before the Recorder, from his employer, Mr. E. Craven, for injuries caused by a fall from a scaffolding, he said when in hospital an agreement was brought to him by a representative of the insurance company and Mr. Craven, and he was pressed to sign it accepting £35. The Recorder said he did not approve of men going in an hospital to make a bargain, but he did not impute anything fraudulent to the insurance company. The case was allowed to stand in order that a substantially increased offer of compensation should be made to the applicant.

A Boisterous Defendant.—When J. Brady, Queen's Sq., was bound to the peace by Mr. Cooper on a charge of having threatened E. Ruth, a chauffeur in the employment of General Deasy, who lived in the same house, he shouted "You are a liar" when the complainant denied that he had hit him with a bucket, and addressed the magistrate in an excited manner. W. Moran, a demobilised soldier, of Power's court (off Lr. Mount street), was fined 5s. and ordered to pay £3 compensation, and enter into bail to keep the peace for two years, in connection with the smashing by him of two large panes of glass in a window of the Italian Consulate, Northumberland road.

Rathmines Tram Fatality.—A verdict of accidental death was returned at an inquest on Mrs. Eileen Stanley (50), of no fixed residence, who was killed as a result of being knocked down by a tramcar opposite Blackberry lane, Rathmines, when John Gorman deposed he heard the driver ring the bell and do all he could to avoid the accident, but deceased did not get off the track. Witness thought deceased was eccentric, as she kept talking to herself. Patrick Ready corroborated. Dr. Fretton, Meath Hospital, deposed that death was due to fracture of the skull. Mr. E. H. Burne, solicitor, appeared for the Tramway Co.

Protection Against Burglars.—A meeting of north city traders and ratepayers, under the auspices of the North City Improvements' Association, having decided to take steps to combine in a campaign of self-protection against the numerous burglaries which are being committed in the city, a committee, consisting of Sir J. Irwin, J.P., chairman, and Messrs. J. H. Hunter, J. Lawlor, M. Cullen, C. Dunne, H. F. B. Wright, T. R. Scott, and J. J. Kearney, waited on the authorities, who have approved of their plans. A tentative area has been decided upon, and it is anticipated that similar action will be taken in other parts of the city. Householders and traders on the north side of the city will be asked for financial support to allow of the scheme being extended over a larger area.

Ex-Soldiers Charged.—Patrick O'Malley, labourer, no fixed residence, and Thomas Foley, no occupation or residence, were committed for trial by Mr. Cooper, charged with breaking into Liffey Bank, Conyngham Rd., the residence of Lt. Lyddy, and stolen breeches, coats, and other clothing to the value of £50 10s. Both were described as ex-soldiers. They were found in a hay-loft in the rere of the houses, with the stolen property and a 5-naggin bottle of whiskey in their possession. Inspector T. F. Byrne, Sergt. Keenan (10D), and Constable Laffey (163D), were the witnesses. Edward Fitzgerald, 32, ex-soldier, of no home or business; Robt. Campbell, 33, ex-soldier, labourer, with no home; and Bernard Molloy, 7 Sandyford