

OUR LONDON LETTER.

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IRISH LAWLESSNESS.

RECORD OF FOUR DAYS.

Outrages on Person and Property AN AMAZING LIST.

A list of outrages in Ireland between 28th and 30th April was issued from Dublin Castle last night. It contains records of attacks on the mails, assaults on the person, incendiarism, and injuries to cattle.

The following is the list:— A mail car was held up by armed and masked men at Corbally, outside Limerick city, at 6.20 a.m. on 28th April, and a number of registered letters stolen.

A mail car was held up at Oldrock, Co. Sligo, on April 29, and £50 stolen. The rural postman was held up by armed and masked men on 29th April, between Ballinamore and Newborough, Co. Leitrim, and robbed of the Old Age Pension money.

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DISARMAMENT QUESTION.

GERMANY AND THE ALLIES.

The Berlin Government's Offer. WANTS TO KEEP THE SCRAP.

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DAMAGE BY SUBSIDENCES.

LABOUR BILL REVIVED.

"Bad Measure and Grossly Unfair." CONDEMNED BY SIR R. HORNE.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Horne (Lab.) moved the second reading of the Compensation for Subsidences Bill, a measure for the payment of compensation for damage to property as the result of subsidences due to underground mining. He said the Bill was identical with one introduced last May by Mr. Bruce, but which came to grief in Committee because no financial resolution had been introduced.

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A HAPPY MAY DAY?

THE OUTLOOK IN PARIS.

A General 24 Hours' Strike. NOTRAINS, TRAMS, OR AMUSEMENTS.

Paris, Friday. The situation with regard to May Day is now practically clear, and on the whole it may be taken for granted that the 24 hours' strike will be general. Travelling will be impossible, as trams, omnibuses, and taxis will not be running. Even private chauffeurs are not likely to venture out for fear of being molested by the demonstrators.

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FROM A STUDY CHAIR.

SHAKSPEARE.

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TO READERS AND NEWSAGENTS.

The price of the "Belfast News-Letter" from today has been increased to 1d.

Readers are requested to place definite orders with a Newsagent, otherwise they may be frequently disappointed.

THE LIVERPOOL FIASCO.

200 Strikers Return to Work.

A procession of 400 Irish strikers at Liverpool on Monday failed to cause an extension of the stoppage. A further 200 strikers have returned to work, and the number of men now out of work is 1,500. The departure of the liners is not being delayed by manual work, with the exception that the trams will be running.

ANOTHER "MYSTERY MAN."

Body of Co. Limerick Victim to be Exhumed.

The Newswatch West (Co. Limerick) Rural District Council has forwarded a request to Dublin Castle for the exhumation of the body of a man who was found shot dead in a field near the village some weeks ago. He had been identified as a victim of the "Mystery Man" who was alleged to have been involved in the English porters' strike at Liverpool so as to be in touch with his own executive, and strive to destroy the "Mystery Man" to political ends. "My blood" was made to make our industrial union a machine for giving expression to the political thoughts of different factions. The people who are eating on different factions have much to answer for. Personally I am not going to stand it, and I am going to Liverpool to tell my fellow-trade unionists to have their eyes wide open. I had been informed that they were to be the time comes when they are to receive the bricks. I am not going to be smashed by a mixture of Orangemen and Catholics.

DUBLIN'S CRUSHING RATES.

Criminal Injury Awards Ignored.

Dublin Corporation yesterday passed a resolution, by thirty votes to six, formally declaring a rate of 20s 6d in the £, and excluding any provision for criminal injury awards. In connection with the recent murders in the city, Alderman Sir Andrew Bonville said the amount of money given by the Recorder for criminal injuries was £22,360.

TIPPERARY BANDITS

Take Possession of Village and Burn Down Barracks.

A large party of armed men practically took possession of Ballymacarbery village, near Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, yesterday, and having cut the telephone and telegraph wires tried to blow up the vacated police barracks. The explosives failed, and the men then set fire to the building, which was soon gutted.

WASTEFUL AND BARBARIC.

What the Colonel Saw at the Academy.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Colonel Ayles (Co. U.) moved the second reading of the Importation of Plunage (Prohibition) Bill. He said that during the three years 1917-19, 1918-19, and 1919-20, the value of plunage imported into this country was 1,865,431lbs. of feathers, consisting of 1,074,000 lbs. of feathers, and 791,431 lbs. of feathers. The amount received was 618,238lbs. of the value of 1967,331. During the present year 1920-21, had been reported. The duty imposed on the Bill came from the Plunage Section of the London Chamber of Commerce. Judgment for the duty of taxes which he read out he said the trade did not appear to be by any means in the hands of Englishmen only. He understood that a great deal of the plunage imported into this country was sent to Germany and used there. The expert of plunage was provided from most ports of the British Empire.

GIRL CONDUCTORS TO GO.

Making Way for Ex-service Men.

The Bristol Tramway Company announce that each girl conductor will receive a gratuity of £2 and a week's notice that her services are dispensed with to provide work for ex-service men. At a meeting of ex-service men yesterday afternoon it was stated that the tramway drivers were threatening to strike if the girl conductors were dismissed, but the ex-service men were ready to fill their jobs. The girl conductors are members of the Dockers' Union, and some do not say they will strike if non-union labour is recruited.