which they believed were fired by soldiers or police.

The inquests were held on Friday afternoon by Mr. Hannigan, Coroner, and during the proceedings about 150 soldiers held the village.

Evidence of identification was given by Mrs. Duggan, mother of the child, and by Mrs. Hanrahan, a cousin of Thomas Harris.

Patrick Nash said he heard the firing, and afterwards found the boy lying in front of the ruins of the R.I.C. barracks. He did not know who was firing.

Mrs. Duggan, in answer to the Coroner, said the child was playing in the street.

Dr. J. J. Byrne said the side of the boy's head was practically blown away, the skull was fractured, and the brain lacerated. Death was instantaneous. He believed the injuries were caused by a ricochetting bullet. Thomas Harris died from laceration of the heart by a bullet. Deceased was subject to epileptic fits, and was not responsible for his actions.

There was no direct evidence of either occurrence, and the next-of-kin were not represented. They are poor people, and received only an hour's notice.

Mr. Gaffney, C.S., Limerick, and Major Davis, District Police Commissioner, represented the authorities, but tendered no evidence. Mr. Gaffney, on behalf of the authorities, expressed regret at the occurrences.

"INDISCRIMINATE FIRING"

YORK VERDICT AGAINST MILITARY

At the adjourned inquest on Wm. Meldrath, who died during the disturbances in York on the night that Divisional Commissioner Smith was shot, the jury unanimously found "that deceased died from shock and haemorrhage, the result of wounds wilfully inflicted by the military in their indiscriminate firing in the city on Sunday, 18th July, without any provocation whatever."

The jury recommended the deceased's widow and orphans to the consideration of the military authorities.

A LIMERICK VICTIM

John O'Sullivan, who was injured in the explosion which occurred at Mr. M. Gainey's house in Davis St., Limerick, on July 21, died at Barrington's Hospital on Friday.

Deceased at the time of the occurrence occupied an apartment adjoining the house blown up, and was a workman in the employ of Capt. E. C. Winter, V.S.

Following a quarrel between two civilians and some soldiers near Thomond Bridge, Limerick, the guard at the Castle barracks was called out, and some shots were fired. Miss Ellen Peters was hit over the right elbow, but the injury was slight. Three shots are said to have been fired from the barracks across the Shannon, but no further casualties are recorded.

LOCAL TAXATION GRANTS

AN IRISH DEBT OF 25 MILLIONS.

In view of the statements that the Government intended to pay malicious injury awards by deducting the amounts from the grants to local authorities in the form of the local authorities refusing to pay rate to pay the compensations, the returns of local taxation for Ireland for 1918-19 are more interesting than usual. They have just been issued by the L.G.B., and show that

80 p.c. of the total net revenue of county and town authorities came from local sources and 20 p.c. from grants.

On an average the grants were equivalent to 4s. 9½d. per £ rateable value, or 6s. 6½d. per head of population. The agricultural grant paid to Co. Councils was 16 p.c. of their whole revenue. The payments from local taxation account were £1,269,372, together with £162,235 from the Imperial Exchequer.

Deductions, amounting to over £71,000, have already been made in respect of non-payment of the Police Tax in Dublin (£41,062), and, the extra police in Belfast (£26,576) Limerick (£1,300); Cork (£834), Sligo (£287); Waterford (£383). These sums are credited to the grants from Local Taxation account, as they have been used to discharge expenses incurred by the local bodies.

SOURCE AND OBJECT.

The source from which those grants in aid of local values are drawn, and the objects to which they are applied, are indicated. From estate duty to Co. Councils, as road authorities, comes £121,894, and to guardians £122,010; agricultural grant under Acts 1898 and 1902, £727,655; do., in respect of dispensary and medical officers' salaries and appliances, and salaries of workhouse teachers and nurses, £77,895; salaries of sanitary officers, £16,281; in respect of lunatics, £183,079. Railway guarantees, harbour charges, and motor car licences make up the balance.

The total receipts for the financial year were £6,855,056, an increase of £1,016,606 compared with the previous year. Of this amount 77 p.c. was raised directly by rates on land and buildings, 8 p.c. from tolls, stamp fees, and 4 p.c. from rents of land and houses. The figures are £5,249,380 from rates, £563,954 from tolls, £284,483 from rents, and £657,239 from other receipts. The amount produced by rates, including water for domestic purposes (about 2.5 of the value represents 6s. 6d. in the £ on the valuation of Ireland, or an average of £1 1s. 11½d. per head of the population (£30,000 estimated at middle of year).

The net expenditure was £10,039,146, or excluding lighting and tramways, £9,482,822. There was a rate of £347,751 delivered from Sinking Funds, and £1,000,000 from exchequer. The indebtedness at the end of the year was £26,853,114, of which £10,709,403 was by municipal authorities.

PITHY PROVINCIAL NEWS

Connaught.

District-Inspector Hetherel, who has been for a number of years in Roscommon, has been promoted to Inspector.

Const. McMahon, Carrick-on-Shannon, has been removed to Dublin Hospital, having accidentally shot himself in the knee owing to his automatic pistol having accidentally gone off.

Most Rev. Dr. Natchen has made the following changes in Killala diocese:—Rev. R. Durcan, C.C. Geesala, to Easkey; Rev. L. M'Kenna, C.C., Easkey, to Glenhest; Rev. D. O'Donohoe, lately ordained, C.C., Geesala.

Mr. P. Jennings, who has been transferred from Galway to Claremorris P.O., was presented on leaving with a gold-mounted umbrella by his colleagues and entertained to supper. Tributes were paid him by Lt.-Col. W. H. Todd, postmaster, who presided.

Roscommon Co. Council received Col. M. Moore and Mr. Darrell Figgis, members of the Industrial Commission, and having heard Mr. Figgis on the resources of the county, it was resolved to give the Commission the fullest co-operation in their negotiations.

Leinster.

An immense gathering of people attended an aeridheacht mor at Blessington in aid of the Gaelic League, several bands being present. Rev. Fr. Morrissey, B.A., C.C., presided. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Art O'Connor, T.D.; Donal Buckley, T.D.; R. M. Sweetman, T.D.; Dr. Grogan and T. B. Byrne, organisers.

Munster.

Master J. Murphy, Macarrol, son the Thomas Rice Scholar-hip in St. Colman's College, Fermoy.

Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Armadale (Australia), visited Dublin Hospital during his Dungarvan district. Rev. R. J. Casey, of St. Boniface's, New York, is on a visit to his parents in Dungarvan.

Very Rev. D. Walsh Kiely, V.G., Salt Lake City, died at the residence of his brother, William Kiely, Lawrence, California. He was educated at Mount Melleray and ordained at All Hallows College in 1872. For 25 years he was in charge of the Cathedral in Salt Lake City. He was a son of the late Michael Kiely, Doon, Ballinamult, Co. Waterford.

Ulster.

The late Dr. R. A. Palmer, Millvale, Armagh, left £8,754, all going to his wife absolutely.

A tablet in memory of the late Rev. W. Reid was unveiled in the First Presbyterian Church, Moneymore.

Miss Laura Stirman, formerly of Enniskillen, received a handsome presentation on resigning the Senior Assistant Principalship of Brookeborough N.S., in order to emigrate.

Mr. M. J. J. M'Keown, B.A., Officer of Customs and Excise, Clones, has been appointed Inspector of Taxes. He is a son of Mrs. Heaney, late of Newry Hotel.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

(By Wire and Despatch.)

Butter's Ups and Downs.

While in Dublin butter is 3/4 a lb., it is as low as 2/4 in Ballybay.

Well-Known Novelist's Estate.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward, who died in March, left £11,306, with net personalty £6,530.

Major Kerr Smiley, M.P., to Retire.

Major Kerr-Smiley, M.P. for N. Antrim since 1907, informed the Unionist Assn. he will not seek reelection at next general election.

Irish in the Schools.

Kilmore clerical managers resolved to introduce, as far as possible, the teaching of Irish into schools without further delay.

July Rainfall Nearly Beats Record.

The rainfall in July was only a few millimetres short of the wettest holiday month on record—August, 1877, when the fall was 6.6 inches.

English Papers Banned.

At Drogheda Sinn Feiners seized all English newspapers arriving by the mail train from Dublin and burned them in public.

Teachers' Interim Grant.

The interim grant, or flat rate, was paid to the National teachers on Sat., while the service grant is being paid as claims reach the Education Office.

Cities Without Evening Papers.

Once again Manchester and Liverpool were without evening papers on Sat. owing to the embargo on overtime. The masters have given the men 14 days' notice.

Was He Kidnapped?

Mrs. Blake, wife of the clerk of petty sessions of Dunboyne and Dunshaughlin, who disappeared recently, received a letter from her husband stating that he is well, and expects to be home soon.

Prince of Wales' Health.

The Prince of Wales will return from Australia without taking in India on the homeward journey as originally intended. He will visit India after he has regained his full health.

The U.S.A. Elections.

The Presidential candidate of the new Liberal Party in the United States, formed from factions which had broken away from the recent convention of the Third Farmers' Labour Party, is, says Reuter, Senator Popolette.

Sir Edward Carson as Leader of the House?

Lord Wolmer said at Aldershot that the House of Commons would shortly have a new leader, Sir Edward Carson, but "Lloyd's Sunday News" got no confirmation of the statement in well-informed political circles.

Belfast Clergyman's Cycling Feat.

Rev. J. Pollock, St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church, Belfast, completed on Sat. a "push-bike" tour from John o' Groats to Land's End—900 miles.

Veterinary Surgeon's Cruelty.

When Capt. J. Lett, M.R.C.V.S., an inspector under the Ministry of Agriculture, was fined £14 for cruelty to sheep at Dereham, Norfolk, he said that some sheep suffering from foot and mouth disease were killed and their carcases thrown into a fire, and two lambs were seen struggling in the flames.

Bread to be Dearer Still.

The quartern loaf will cost an additional 2d. or 2½d. when, as is expected at the end of the harvest, the Government withdraws the entire subsidy.

Bishop on Repression.

Most Rev. Dr. Hackett, speaking after administering Confirmation at Tullow, described the policy of the Government as one of tyranny and repression the worst in history, and he asked the people to be patient, avoid crime, and they would eventually triumph.

Nurses' Indifference to Hours' Bill.

In a referendum of Irish nurses as to their inclusion in the Hours of Employment Bill, 1,250 papers were sent out, but only 250—211 for inclusion and 7 against—were returned. On this vote the Irish Board of the Nursing College will seek inclusion.

Armoured Cars Replace Hurleys in Cork.

The hurling match Cork v. Leix, fixed for the Cork Athletic Grounds yesterday, was not played there owing to the action of the military. No notification of suppression was given, but when the people went to the grounds they found them occupied by soldiers, with an armoured car and machine-guns. The match was played later at Riverstown, 3 miles outside the city.

Imperial Press Conference.

At the civic luncheon in St. John's, New Brunswick, to the British delegation to the Imperial Press Conference, Mr. R. A. Anderson, of the "Irish Homestead," whose grandfather was Chief Justice of New Brunswick, pleaded for the co-operation of all classes, at home and overseas, for the maintenance of the ideals for which the great war was fought.—Reuter.

Box of no Interest to Raiders.

The box recently removed by raiders from Monkstown Castle, Co. Dublin, has been returned, with the contents intact. "Box on being opened," ran a typewritten note received by Mr. C. O'Kelly, son of the owner, "was found to be of no interest to us. It is being delivered at Rochestown Ivies. Please notify Press of the return of the box."

The Passing of the R.I.C. Barracks.

The recently vacated Brawney police barracks, Athlone, were burned down on Saturday. The building was fired from the upper storey, and bombs which had been placed in it exploded at intervals. The spectators refused to assist the Fire Brigade. The building, which belongs to Capt. Dames-Longworth, Irish Guards, was to be auctioned this week. Vacated barracks at Glenear, Co. Kerry, and at Tulsk have also been destroyed.

Curfew Shooting in Derry.

Enforcing the Curfew Order in Derry, a cycling patrol of the Dorsets came into collision with civilians in Sugarhouse lane, Bogside, where people were standing at their doors. Some shots were fired, and a young man, Bernard Doherty, was shot through the arm. An artery was severed and he almost bled to death. Kathleen Millar, who was standing at her door with a child, was also wounded, but not seriously.

Hunger-Striker Fired At.

Mr. Seamus Redican, one of the Mountjoy hunger-strikers, states that on Saturday night, about 11.30, he was met on his way to his lodgings in Dublin by 3 men, who subsequently discharged some revolver shots towards him, the bullets whizzing over his head. He says that one of the men, whom he recognised as a detective, said, "There's Redican" before the shots were fired. A second man appeared to be a policeman in plain clothes, and the third was attired as an Army officer.

Clare Witness Kidnapped.

At a special Court in Ennis 4 young men were charged with forcibly entering the house of a man named Cleary, to intimidate him. The charge is a sequel to a labour dispute amongst the workmen in the employment of Mr. F. W. Hickman, solr. whose steward, Mr. A. Martyn, was recently fired at and seriously wounded. The police obtained a remand, the principal Crown witness having been removed to an unknown destination, which the police had failed to discover in a 3 weeks' search.

Censoring the Mails en Route.

The morning mail train from Cork to Clonakilty was held up at Kilnagross on Sat., and all letters from Cork and Dunmanway were taken. At 3 a.m. on Sat. armed raiders held up the staff at the railway telegraph office and examined the correspondence. Official correspondence was seized by armed men who held up a postman named Beauchamp, coming from the railway to Castlehaynes with the mail bags on Sat. Masked men carried off some letters from Kilmacthomas Post Office on Fri. The mail car carrying the mail traffic, as stated by the Castle report) between Cork and Galway was held up for the second time last week on Sat. Five parcel bags were seized, and the pay sheet was taken, leaving P.O. officials without their salaries last week.

Magistrates Still Going.

The following have thrown up their J.P.-ships:—Dr. W. O'Rourke, Baltyconnell; Messrs. H. Roche, Limerick (also City Shrievalty); T. A. O'Brien, Athlone; M. M'Grath and J. M'Nulty, Dungloe; T. J. Egan, Tullamore; J. M'Loughlin, Knocknagegh, Sligo; B. J. Conlon, Geevagh, do.; A. O. D. Cogan, Ballindoon; M. J. M'Manus, Tobercurry; P. Riordan, Woodlawn; M. Walsh, Newrath, Waterford; T. M'Donagh, Tuam; E. F. Hogan, Ballyfoyle, Kilkenny; E. Murphy, Aildarin, Carlow; T. P. M'Keuna, Mullagh, Cavan; W. Carmody, Kilrush, and R. A. Whelan and Dr. J. B. Hayes, Rathkeale, Limerick City magistrates, by a majority, resolved at a meeting to resign. Carrick-on-Suir, Edenderry, and Youghal Guardians called for the resignations of magistrates.

TRAGEDY IN RAILWAY OFFICE.

JURY'S VERDICT AT INQUEST ON MR. BROOKE, P.C.

Death "from shock and haemorrhage, caused by bullets fired from revolvers by persons unknown" was the verdict of the jury inquiring on Saturday into the death of Mr. F. H. Brooke, P.C., D.L., who was shot dead in his office at Westland Row.

The jury added—"We consider this a premeditated, wilful murder, and we express our abhorrence of the crime, and tender our sincere sympathy to the family and relatives of the deceased."

Mr. J. Coghlan, gen. manager, D.S.E. Ry., gave evidence of identification. Mr. Brooke, who was 67, and married, was chairman D.S.E.R. Co.

Mr. A. T. Cotton, Irish traffic manager, L.N.W.R., stated that about 12.8 p.m. on Fri., whilst conversing with the deceased in his office at Westland Row station, three or four man opened the door, entered the room, and fired a volley of shots.

Witness immediately took cover under a side table, and deceased, who came round the centre table, fell wounded. Immediately after the men left, and one returned and fired two shots under the table at the deceased.

Dr. W. Pemberton said that at 12.40 p.m. deceased was brought to Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital. Witness found life extinct. There was much haemorrhage from the nose and mouth and from one of the wounds. A post-mortem examination was made by Dr. Synge, when it was found that five bullets wounded the body

A bullet wound was found in the left side of the chest. The bullet passed through the upper lobe of both lungs, causing hemorrhage from and tearing of the lungs, and made its exit near the lower end of the right shoulder blade.

TWO RIBS BROKEN.

The fourth rib was broken at the entrance. So was the rib at the exit. At the same level, but in the posterior ancillary line, a second bullet entered, passed under the skin, and emerged slightly to the right of the spine. This bullet was found in the coat. A bullet passed through the left thigh, entered on the outer side, passed behind the bone, and made the exit on the inner side. There was a glancing bullet wound over the left patella. A bullet passed through the sole of the left boot, through the ball of the great toe, and was found in the boot.

Death was due to shock and hemorrhage, caused by the bullet passing through and tearing the lungs. Witness produced two bullets of large calibre which he got, one in the coat and one in the left boot.

Mr. Wylie said that was all the evidence, but it was quite sufficient for the only verdict they could find—murder. Words could not bring back the dead or redress the crime, but, said counsel, "they can show the utter horror and detestation with which all decent people look upon this terrible murder."

Mr. Lardner, for the next-of-kin, said they would, each and every one, appreciate the tragedy, the sorrow, and the bitterness it was to them. It was rendered the more poignant because inexplicable by the fact that Mr. Brooke was a well-known public man, who, though holding strong political views, was very popular and known to be gentle and simple.

MADE INTERCESSION.

Mr. Brooke was, said Mr. Lardner, beloved by those amongst whom he lived. He had close to his heart the peace and welfare of his country. He used his influence to make intercession on behalf of others, and only very shortly before his death, in connection with a very prominent case, he made representations for peace and kindly dealings. That fact rendered the tragedy all the more inexplicable to his friends, and their sorrow none the less.

The Coroner (Dr. L. A. Byrne) said deceased was engaged in his official duties when, without warning, he was shot down, and suggested a verdict according to the medical evidence. If the jury wished to add a rider they would accept it. It was a very serious and important case.

Mr. Fry, on behalf of the officials and directors of the D.S.E.R., thanked the jury for their sympathy, in which he joined. A kinder man than deceased they could not have had to work for. Mr. Lardner also thanked the jury.

Mr. W. F. Wylie, K.C. (instructed by the Chief Crown Solicitor for the Prosecution), Mr. Lardner (instructed by Messrs. G. D. Fottrell and Son) for the next-of-kin; Inspectors M'Garry and Griffin, C.I.D., represented the police; Mr. Broughton Fry, solr., D.S.E.R. Co., was also present.

Immediately after the inquest Mr. Brooke's remains were removed to "Ardeen," Shilleagh, where he resided.

MR. BROOKE AND "OUR RULERS."

"In view of the widespread rumours in Dublin and elsewhere as to the late Mr. Brooke and his connection with a recent courtmartial case, our Dublin correspondent, says the "Belfast Evening Telegraph," is credibly informed that there is no foundation for the rumours. No later than the 24th inst. Mr. Brooke wrote to the authorities in Dublin Castle on behalf of a prominent Sinn Fein politician who had been sentenced to a term of imprisonment, asking that the sentence should be reduced, on the ground that it was unnecessarily severe.

"Mr. Brooke's request was under serious consideration, and negotiations for the release of the prisoner referred to were actually taking place. As throwing a further light on the views of the deceased, he referred in his letter to 'the interference with railway traffic,' and expressed the wish that our rulers had more tact and sympathy."

TO-DAY'S SANDOWN PARK TIPS.

From the "Sporting Life."

(1) Maiden Plate—Maxima 1.
(2) Selling Handicap—Steady March.
(3) Holiday Stakes—Bell Metal (nap).
(4) North Surrey Hcap—Elainore.
(5) Lubbock H'cap—Rose Day.
(6) Lammas Plate—Valescure.
(7) Hermitage Plate—Sirocco.

"Sporting Life" (Man on the Spot)—1. Black Gem; 2. Evan; 3. Bell Metal; 4. Coriolanus; 5. Proponent; 6. Lone Star; 7. Capital.

"Daily Chronicle."—1. High Falconer; 2. Strolling Saint; 3. Bell Metal; 4. Elainore; 5. Bravo; 6. Taylor's Selected; 7. Alcham.

"Sportsman."—1. Uganda; 2. Strolling Saint; 4. Coriolanus, 5. absent, Elainore; 5. Clarice or Rose Day; 6. Polista; 7. Stortbing.

"Sportsman" (Reporter on the Course).—1. Huntress 1; 2. South Parade; 3. Bell Metal; 4. Elainore; 5. Clarice; 6. Heroditces, 6 absent, Thoughtless; 7. Sanero.

TO-DAY'S BALDOYLE TIPS.

From the "Sporting Life" (Man on the Spot).

(1) Maiden Plate—Qual D'Orsai.
(2) Fingal Plate—Jackanapes.
(3) Holiday Plate—Wild Wheat.
(4) Foal Stakes—Ballyheron.
(5) Seaside Plate—Knight of Clonmel (nap).
(6) Strand Plate—Minfol.

"Sportsman" (Reporter on the Course)—1. Bermaline; 2. The Kiwi or Blue Wonder; 3. Catsup; 4. Harpsichord; 5. Albert, Crowdennis; 6. Flying Ida or Time; 6. Cavalry Trot.

TO-DAY'S RIPON TIPS.

From the "Sporting Life."

(1) Shawe Plate—Rivenhall.
(2) Fishpond Plate—Jail.
(3) Yorkshire Handicap—Landowner.
(4) Great St. Wilfrid H'cap—Dinah Dear.
(5) Bonhgate Handicap—Damar.
(6) Hackfall Plate—Double Glory.

"Sporting Life" (Man on the Spot)—1. Longmuir; 2. Juli; 3. Dorothy Dear; 4. Dinah Dear (nap); 5. Vaulter; 6. Double Glory.

"Sportsman."—1. Unadorned; 2. Juli; 3. Undies; 4. Schwarzi, 4 absent, Dinah Dear; 5. Damar; 6. Double Glory.

"Sportsman" Reporter on the Course)—1. Unadorned; 2. Lemstar; 3. Dorothy Dear; 4. Dinah Dear; 5. Orpi; 6. Lady Nita.

"Daily Chronicle"—2. J. Renwick's Best; 4. Holbeach (nap); 5. Orpi.

TO-DAY'S BIRMINGHAM TIPS.

From the "Sporting Life."

(1) Monday Plate—Toby.
(2) Aston H'cap—Flavia.
(3) Rickey Plate—Fool Proof.
(4) Holiday Plate—Woodrow.
(5) Burton Plate—Barribel.
(6) Tamworth Plate—Polymagnus.

"Sporting Life" (Man on Spot)—1. Shepherless; 2. Jack Point, 4 ab Johnny Syme; 3. Lahloo; 4. Loppy; 5. Barribel (nap); 6. John Peel.

"Sportsman"—1. Red Cross Boy; 2. Carol Singer; 3. Charleville, 4 ab. Fool Proof; 4. Charleville, 4 ab. Woodrow; 5. Drachma; 6. Glimpse.

"Sportsman" (Reporter on Course)—1. Red Cross Boy; 2. Johnny Syme; 3. Cavalier, 4 ab. Capricious; 4. Pleasure Ground; 5. Ma Mie, 4 ab. Drachma; 6. Polymagnus.

"Daily Chronicle."—1. Rooney's Selected; 2. Johnny Syme; 3. Fool Proof; 4. Loppy; 5. Barribel; 6. Thoughtless.

RAILWAY POSITION COMPLICATED

WAS CIRCULAR WITHDRAWN?

The Government appears to have reverted to its original policy in regard to the Irish railways, and, cancelling last week's circular, have given instructions for the instant dismissal of officials refusing to handle munitions.

An effort will be made to-day to re-open the closed branches of the M.G.W.R., but it is not clear whether, without reinstating the dismissed men, there will be sufficient officials to work the trains. The situation on the Donegal lines is slightly improved, one train having run to Burtonport.

It is understood in Dublin that the Ministry of Transport circular intimating that the military would not use goods trains was cancelled, though since it was issued no munitions have been tendered at any of the Dublin termini.

ANOTHER CIRCULAR.

It was stated in Cork yesterday that an order had been issued from Military Headquarters, Dublin, to the Irish Director-General of Transport cancelling the previous circular. Intimation, it was said, is now given that ammunition, explosives, and other stores, accompanied by suitable guards, will be sent whenever the military authorities so desire. It was further declared that the railway companies have been instructed wholeheartedly to carry out dismissals should their officials decline to deal with military traffic.

On the other hand, an "Irish Independent" representative was informed in railway circles that there seemed to be a disposition on the part of the authorities not to force the pace, and it is believed only in cases of extreme necessity would war material be offered for conveyance by goods train.

The crews of the L.N.W.R. boats lying idle at Holyhead were paid off last week. Considerable discontent prevails among the Holyhead labourers disemployed owing to the tying up of these boats.

RESUMING MIDLAND SERVICES.—The suspension between Athenry and Galway ends to-day, the company announcing they will run all trains for the Galway races, provided, of course, the men work the trains, should they be boarded by armed forces. Emphasis was laid on the latter point, but it is not considered likely that armed military or police would be placed on the trains.

According to information received in Athlone, the military are to be withdrawn from all the held-up stations on the M.G.W.R., and the full service resumed to-day. The dismissed men have not received notice to resume, but state the service cannot be worked without them.

There is little possibility of a resumption of passenger traffic on the Sligo-Limerick line, an "Irish Independent" representative was told at Kingsbridge.

POSITION IN CO. DONEGAL.

Announcing the closing of the Strabane-Letterkenny line, the Co. Donegal Joint Railways Committee states the decision was come to in consequence of an obstruction being placed on the metals and the discharge of firearms at enginemen endeavouring to run their engines. The man fired at was an ex-soldier, who undertook to drive a train in which armed police were travelling, another driver having declined to work it. The report that one of the officials was kidnapped is incorrect. A Republican flag hoisted at Letterkenny station was removed by soldiers.

Inscriptions written along the line threaten to shoot officials who may try to run trains, says the Press Association.

For the first time for a week a goods train got through from Derry to Burtonport without incident, carrying food for the troops at Dunglow. All Bank Holiday specials have been cancelled.

"GENERAL STOPPAGE IMMINENT."

"There is every indication that a general stoppage of railway traffic over the whole of the south and west is imminent," according to a Sunday Times" correspondent, who says the announcement that the Government had decided to stop the consignment of munitions by rail was evidently due to some mistake, and declares "there is no change in the Government's policy."

"It is obvious, therefore, that if both parties to in their present policy the railway circulation of the country will be slowly strangled. . . . The effect upon the areas affected would be as serious as to be desperate. Some time yet a symptom of distress would probably be shown by the food supply of the larger towns, as was the case in England during the railway strike of last Jan. The problem bearing upon London then may be taken as a rough parallel of the problem that would confront Dublin.

"In Ireland the position would be entirely different. Motor transport is not employed to anything like the same extent as it is in England. There is no reserve of demobilised army lorries, and it is very doubtful that even if there were, any appreciable number of drivers could be found for them."

ATTRACTIVE FETES

LORD MAYOR AND ANTI-CATHOLIC CRITICS

The Lord Mayor (Ald. L. O'Neill), who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, and introduced by the Rev. P. Dunne, P.P., opened a fete at Howth on Saturday for the purpose of clearing off a debt on Howth parish church, and to build a house for the curates at Sutton.

Referring to persons who, he said, constantly croaked about priests and civilled at their work, his lordship said they were the sort of people that they would find on the racecourse at Baldoyle or in the hellish clubs at night spending their money. But if they spent their money on racecourses or in clubs why should they cavil at Catholics if they supported their priests in the building of churches or the keeping up of hospitals? They also found the cavilling of people who built show houses or cinema theatres to portray morals the beauties of nature, but instead portrayed the vulgarity of the vulgar. They also had men who spent money in beautifying publichouses, in placing in them, perhaps, expensive mirrors, so that an unfortunate customer might see himself in his different stages of drunkenness.

MODERN PAGANISM.

Mr. H. J. Friel, Chairman of the Co. Council, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor, referred to the important part he played in his position as Chief Magistrate. It was a thing that Irishmen ought to be proud of that before the light of faith came in their midst they themselves, in their natural way, professed a decent pagan creed. Let them think of the paganism of modern times, that paganism that came to them with anglicisation, and ask themselves was it not necessary to keep their churches going.

Among the features of the fete, which will continue for a week, are a spacious ballroom, where Mr. Manahan's orchestra played; a huge mountain slide, hobby horses, swing boats, miniature aeroplanes, cafe chantant, ceilidhe hall, magnificent tea gardens, numerous stalls, etc. The Carriglea Industrial School band was in attendance.

The "Eagle of the North" Fete, in aid of the Francis St. Christian Brothers' School, will close to-day, when it is hoped that there will be a large attendance to crown the attractive fixture.

INCHICORE FETE.

The Inchicore Fete, in the grounds of the Oblate Fathers, continues to attract many patrons. The prize-winners of the Fete contributed to a great aeridheacht yesterday, and the caillini football match attracted many spectators. The jig and horsedancing competitions will take place today at 2 p.m.

In the unavoidable absence of the Very Rev. Mgr. O'Donnell, P.P., the Fete in Clontarf (Blackrock, which provides many attractions, was opened by Mr. W. Field, who emphasised the debt of gratitude due to the nuns who came from Warrenmount nearly 100 years ago, and generously gave ground otherwise unobtainable for the site of the first Catholic Church in Blackrock. The fete will be continued till Wednesday.

The Shelbourne F.C. Carnival was continued yesterday at Ringsend. The ballroom, which accommodates 250 couples, was well patronised. The hippodrome also was largely attended, while the "Gay Follies" dancing was much enjoyed. The band of the Irish National Foresters performed a splendid selection. To-morrow there will be children's sports, etc.

Mr. S. W. Maddock, D.L., Dublin, made a plucky effort to rescue Mr. S. Rodden, Letterkenny, who was drowned while bathing at Portnacliagh Harbour, near Dunfanaghy.

BELFAST TOLERATION

SHIPYARD THREATS AT THE CORPORATION.

A motion to consider the present deplorable state of the city, with a view to devising ways and means of safeguarding the lives, homes, and property of all citizens, and, further, to consider what steps should be taken for the reinstatement of all workers who have been thrown out of employment, was rejected by Belfast Corporation.

A special meeting to consider the motion was summoned, on the requisition of 3 Sinn Fein and 2 Labour members.

The public galleries were crowded with shipyard workers, the majority of whom displayed miniature Union Jacks. Over the balcony they had suspended 3 placards. One declared: "Ulster will never surrender to Sinn Fein murderers." A second stated: "If you forget there was war in 1914-18 we don't."

A centre placard, worked out in various colours, was headed "Protest." Underneath were the words "We, the loyal Unionist ex-soldiers and sailors of Belfast, hereby protest against rebel murderers, and masked robbers and assassins being employed in the works of Belfast while we who have fought to keep loyal Ulster from under the German iron heel have to walk about the streets from day to day, and exist without work or food under the iron heel of starvation."

The Lord Mayor presided.

SHIPYARD THREATS.

A deputation attended from the workers employed at Workman, Clark's North Yard.

Mr. Barklay, the principal spokesman, said they represented 4,000 workers. If the Corporation persisted in passing a resolution in the terms set forth in the second part of the requisition the deputation would not be responsible for any of the consequences that might ensue. If damage was done and if blood was shed they would lay it to the charge of the members of the Corporation.

Councillor Savage, Sinn Fein, moving a resolution in terms of the requisition, stated that in his own district 107 families, representing 501 persons, had been driven from their homes because of their religious views.

When the Sinn Fein members spoke derisive cheers were raised. The speaker was frequently interrupted, and the Lord Mayor had on several occasions to appeal to the gallery to keep order.

Councillor Cosgrove seconded the resolution.

Councillor Twaddell moved an amendment declaring that the police and military had acted with promptitude, courage, and efficiency, and that the last-mentioned object of the requisition was only likely to be attained when the Government took stern and prompt measures to bring to speedy justice the miscreants whose conduct had left an indelible disgrace on the country. Alderman Duff seconded.

Alderman Boyd stated men were not attacked because they were Catholics, but because they were Sinn Feiners.

Councillor Oswald Jamison, Nationalist, said that many Nationalists who were bitterly opposed to Sinn Fein had been attacked.

ARRANGED A MONTH PREVIOUS.

Councillor Denis M'Cullagh, Sinn Fein, declared that the disturbances had been arranged four weeks ago, and had nothing whatever to do with the death of Col. Smyth. A political game was being played and an attempt made to again raise secretarian strife and interneciné warfare, and all that at the instigation of politicians who were holding back the country's progress.

The amendment was carried by 35 votes to 5, the minority consisting of Ald. Harkin (Nat.) and 4 Sinn Feiners. Councillor Jamison and Ald. Twaddell, also a Nationalists were amongst the absentees.

MILITARY ACTIVITIES

"Curfew" Arrests.—16 Sunday morning.

Gift to Ex-D.M.P. Man.—A purse of Treasury notes and a blue vellum address were presented to Constable W. Shanahan, C. Div. (D.M.P., on resignation after 25 years' service (15 in Store St.). Tributes were paid to him by Divisional Commissioner Mortissey and others. He is a native of Castlecomber.

Presentations.—A cheque on behalf of Messrs. Robert Callow and Sons, 44 Westland row, was presented by Mr. W. Callow to Miss K. Skelly on her marriage, and a presentation was also made on behalf of the employes by Mr. J. Preece. Miss Skelly acknowledged the presentation in a neat little speech.

Religious Profession.—At the Holy Faith Convent, Glasnevin, Miss B. Buckley (Sister Mary Bruno), daughter of Mr. C. Buckley, Banteer, was professed by Right Rev. Monsignor O'Donnell, D.D., assisted by Rt. Rev. Father Dudley, P.P., Glasnevin; Rev. W. Byrne, C.C., do.; Father Ward C.M., Philbsborough; Father O'Connell, C.M., do., and Rev. A. Herlihy C.M., do.

Death of Christian Brother.—Rev. Brother Mark O'Byrne has died at the Artane Industrial School. He joined the Order 50 years ago. Brother O'Byrne was a native of Dublin, and laboured in many houses of the Order. He was Director in Limerick, New Ross, and Callan, and for the past 15 years he was secretary of the Artane School.

Police Court Charges.—Mr. Lupton remanded in custody Douglas Coughlan, 5 Donald Tee, N.C.H., charged with having obtained £2 from Mr. P. Donnelly, butcher, Ranelagh, by means of a worthless cheque, which was returned by the bank marked "account closed." A youth named Monaghan was sent to jail for 6 weeks with hard labour, and another man named Callaghan was released on probation for stealing wine valued at £5 from a 15½ Ardee Avenue.

Corporation Scholarships.—There were 49 candidates for the University scholarships offered by the Dublin Corporation, and the following were successful in the order given:—Alice M. Duff, Loreto, Stephen's Green; Kevin M'Henry, Synge St., Christian Bros.; Kevin Dixon, Belvedere Coll.; P. Ua Fearghail, Blackrock Coll.; D. T. Flood, O'Connell Schools; J. J. Lennon, Synge St.; A. L. Nolan, do.; Grace M. Burke, Loreto, Stephen's Green; Helen Catchpool, St. Mary's; Arklow; M. W. Cooke, O'Connell Schools; D. J. Mulcahy, do.; D. J. Mulhall, Synge St.; J. P. O'Tierney, Tech. Schools; Angela Browner, Dominican Coll., Eccles St.; J. A. Kelly, O'Connell Schools; and J. F. P. Whelan, do.

RATHMINES NOT EXEMPT

AWARD & LEVY FOR MR. REDMOND

The award by the Recorder of £4,650 to Mrs. Redmond in respect of the shooting of her husband, the late Second Assistant Commissioner Redmond, D.M.P., and of £2,000 each to their two daughters, aged 17 and 15, was not altered by Mr. Justice Dodd on appeal by the widow, but he directed that, instead of half being levied on the city and half on the county-at-large, as ordered by the Recorder, or wholly on the city as ordered by the Lord Chief Justice, three-fifths be levied on the city and two-fifths on the country.

With one exception, there had been no murder of a policeman in the county, said Mr. T. Sullivan, K.C., for Rathmines U.D.C., and he asked that the ruling of the Lord Chief Justice be followed. Mr. Best, K.C., said due weight was not given by the Recorder to the possibility of Mr. Redmond's promotion to be Chief Commissioner. He was only 46 at the time of his death, said his brother, Mr. J. H. Redmond. Mr. E. L. Cuthbert said the salary was £900, rising to £1,000 pensionable, with £200 non-pensionable.

LO. UHAS TO ATTEND.

Solicitor-Inspector Mr. Simcock said the Inspector-General was unable to attend court owing to an engagement. Col. Johnstone, D.M.P., said Mr. Redmond was an outstanding man in the force.

To the Judge—He could not say that the men who committed the outrage were confined to a particular area. To Mr. Sullivan—Rathmines was looked on as respectable, but there might be persons there capable of committing outrages.

Mr. T. Sullivan, K.C., and Mr. J. H. Russell (instructed by Messrs. W. A. Johnson and Co.), were for Rathmines U.D.C.; Mr. Best, K.C., and Mr. Dixon (instructed by Mr. A. Norman) were for Mrs. Redmond.

THE MONKS OF CHARTREUSE.

The Monks of Chartreuse having restarted to manufacture their famous wine, curiosity has been revived regarding their secret. Similar curiosity exists regarding Maxwell Lemon's Celtic Chocolate, which in its way, is as subtly delicious and fascinating. Celtic Chocolate is made in Ireland, and is sold in 1s., 2s., and 4s. tablets at Maxwell Lemon's, 22 Nassau St.

Wexford Guardians increased the salaries of their medical officers from £250 to £300, with increments of £10 to a maximum of £400.

FURTHER COLLISIONS

DARING AMBUSH NEAR CORK

A daring attack was made on a military mail lorry about 4 miles from Cork at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Five soldiers were wounded.

The military numbered 9. The scene of the attack was Ballynoe Cross, N.E. of the city