

hours after her usual time. A strong gale, the disastrous results of which are already apparent in a list of shipping casualties supplied by a Kings-
town correspondent, sprang up at a late hour on
Friday night, and although the wind moderated on
Saturday morning, it again returned with increased
force on Saturday evening. Little damage has
been done in the city or immediate neighbourhood,
there is reason to fear that the shipping must
have suffered severely.

An explosion of supposed Fenian "munitions of
war" took place on Sunday in Essex-street, which was
attended by serious results to life and property. It
appears that on Friday night a stranger engaged a room
in the house No. 8, Essex-street, from a tenant
named Edward Connolly. He placed a small box in
the room, left the house, and did not afterwards re-
turn. On Sunday, Connolly's curiosity being aroused
by the non-appearance of his tenant, he was induced
to examine the contents of the box. On removing
one of the bottles he found two bottles carefully corked
and red at the top with chamois leather, which it is
supposed contained "Greek fire." Beneath them in
the box was a paper parcel which, on being touched,
exploded, with such violence as to knock down the
partition in the room. The glass in the windows
was also broken, and the people residing in
the house were either all knocked down, or violently
thrown against the walls by the force of the concus-
sion consequent upon the explosion. Connolly was
seriously injured about the head and hands, and is
expected to recover. Upwards of 20 ball cas-
es were found in the room after the explosion.
None has yet been obtained to the owner of the
explosive box.

DUBLIN, JANUARY 5.

Dublin Evening Mail says—We have been in-
formed by the Telegraph Company that communi-
cation with England is almost totally interrupted; but
it is being made to re-establish it at the earliest
opportunity.

Medical Press remarks that the recent cholera
epidemic has evoked from the dispensary medical
officers of Dublin an amount of self-sacrifice and
zeal in the discharge of their duties which deserves
recognition and gratitude of the public. The
officers of Dublin have not bargained and
bartered in this crisis—they have met the
demand of humanity without stinting it by their
claim of remuneration, and it is placed on the
part of the public and on their sense of grateful-
ness to show their appreciation of such services on
as liberal as the excessive duties have been.
In the suburban districts, where the claims
of the poor, though sufficiently exacting, were much
more than in town, the guardians have fairly
generously met the occasion by a vote of one
penny per day to each medical man, and not
the most parsimonious of ratepayers will
at the honorarium was easily or inadequately
satisfied. We regret to learn that in Dublin the fee
has been only ten and sixpence. We offer no
opinion on the shabbiness of this remuneration,
but regard as a matter of secondary impor-
tance, though simply ask the guardians, which of
the two discharge even a tithe of the duty for the
cost, and whether they consider that such
parsimony will be an encouragement to
them to meet such labours, inconveniences,
and risks on another occasion? It is but just to
the Dublin Boards of Guardians have ever
and liberally battled with and crushed the
illiberality and unfairness to their officers,
so disinterestedly carried out their instruc-

tion. A storm was felt on Saturday, at Kingstown
the non-arrival till three o'clock in the
morning of the mail steamer *Leinster*, from Holy-
head at seven o'clock in the morning, especially
as it had been officially received accounting
for the delay. The Channel wire being reported as
damaged. When the *Leinster* did arrive
at the Carlisle pier at the hour stated, an im-
mediate assembly was held, anxious to learn the
cause of the detention. On inquiry it appeared that
a line of railway near Bangor and Rhyll
had been broken up by a heavy drift to the depth of
several feet, which completely prevented the further
progress of mails and passengers by the Saturday
limited Irish mail from London till the
drift was cleared. The *Leinster*, on this being
cleared at Holyhead, left at 11 a.m. without
delay, in order to carry out the Kings-
town mails in the evening, at 7.15 p.m. The
mail which left Kingstown on Saturday eve-
ning, for Holyhead, experienced the same
delay as ever remembered by her commander
John O'Dell, being about six hours and twenty
minutes, a heavy sea striking her and carrying
her masts and rigging overboard. Owing
to the delay at Rhyll, the Ulster mail steamer did
not leave Holyhead last evening till a late hour,
Kingstown about 8.30 p.m. The telegra-
phic communication on the English line has been
interrupted by a snow storm. The out-

going communication will re-assemble in February for the despatch
of business. It would benefit the public at large to
purchase the Irish lines; the rates would be reduced,
while there can be no doubt of a remunerative divid-
end being returned to the Government Exchequer.
Let all parties then combine. Let a few gentlemen
begin the work, and they will soon bring it to a com-
pletion.

R. S. Gabbett, Esq., Garrakendy House, and Mrs.
Gabbett are residing at the George.

The Rev. Joseph Gabbett and Mrs. Gabbett have
arrived at Shelbourne House from England.

R. E. Bouchier, Esq., the Royal Regiment, has ar-
rived at Baginbally, in this county, on leave, from
England.

Dr. E. Louis McSheehy, 5th Dragoon Guards, has
joined headquarters at Newbridge, from Shannon
Lawn, Limerick.

The report of the meeting held for the establish-
ment of Refreshment Rooms in this city is unavoid-
ably held over till our next publication.

At the city police court, this day, before Aldermen
Quinnivan, *locum tenens*, and Tinsley, there were only
three persons charged with drunkenness, on whom
mitigated penalties were imposed.

The Quarter Sessions for the Limerick division of
the County were opened to-day by the Chairman,
John Leahy, Esq., Q.C., who entered the County
court at 11 o'clock, and took his seat on the bench.
His Worship proceeded with the disposal of the un-
defended civil bill cases for the County and City, with
which he was occupied the entire day, and sat till
a late hour this evening. The grand jury for the county
will be sworn on to-morrow at eleven o'clock, when
the criminal business will be disposed of.

MELANCHOLY FATAL ACCIDENT.

On Saturday night a man named Thomas Fitz-
patrick, a shoemaker, residing at Knockbrack, in this
County, along with his wife, was accidentally drowned
in the Canal Lock under the following circumstances:
—It appears that both parties came to Limerick on
Saturday, in their cart, drawn by an ass, and pur-
chased edibles and other household necessaries for
their family. They did not leave town till about
eight o'clock, when there was a very strong wind
blowing, with showers of rain, and the atmosphere
was extremely dark. When they reached the corner
at the end of Clare street, instead of continuing to
the right, in the darkness that prevailed they mistook their
way, and drove up to the Canal harbour, into which the
animal walked with his living freight. Immediately
one of the persons in charge at the Canal who had
heard the heavy splash into the water, procured a
light and a boat hook, and proceeded in the direction
of where he heard the fall in, but he could not see
anything there. Next morning the police with others
came to the place, when a man named Hanihan, in
the employment of the Grand Canal Company, got a
boat hook, with a lighter, and after a short search
picked up the body of the man, and shortly after that
of the woman was taken up. Both were conveyed to
the dead house. The body of the ass and the cart
were afterwards found. The age of the man was
about 38 years and that of his wife 34 years. Fitz-
patrick bore the character of being a sober and in-
dustrious man. An inquest was held yesterday, by
John Gleeson, Esq., and a most respectable jury,
when the foregoing facts were elicited, and it was
also proved that the deceased when they left for
home, were perfectly sober. In the man's pocket
were found £3 notes, and some pence. The jury
returned a verdict of accidental drowning owing to
the extreme darkness prevailing, and the insufficiency
of protection where the occurrence took place, and
they requested the coroner would apply to the Com-
missioners of Public Works to have the place ren-
dered more secure for the protection of life, as several
lives had been lost there within the past twelve
months. The deceased leaves three children un-
provided for.

An accident of a deplorable nature, by which nearly
a whole family has been smothered, has taken place
near Hospital, in this county. A farmer named
Woods, with his two sons, fine young men, on Friday
night, before going to bed, placed a fire in their bed-
room, in which there was no fire-place or
means of ventilation, and there being no outlet
for the smoke, it became so dense when the parties fell
asleep that they were smothered in their beds, in which
their dead bodies were discovered next morning.

At the Rathkeale Quarter Sessions the Ven.
Archdeacon Gould, as a clergyman and a landlord,
considered it to be his duty to instruct Mr. Leahy,
solicitor, to oppose the granting of a license for open-
ing a third public house at Athea, as he deemed two
such houses quite sufficient for the wants of the
residents of the locality. The magistrates presiding
seemed however of a different opinion, for they
granted the application, which has received a rather
strange confirmation by the fact that the two
houses in the village on Sunday night were crowd-
ed by a large number of the humbler members of the
community, who were enabled to get drunk, and
smashed the windows of the Archdeacon's resi-

appeared one committee alone had sewerage and other
sources of expenditure which gave a great many
pickings to dispose of (a laugh), and he agreed with
Mr. Hall to divide the duties and patronage equally
among the three committees.

Mr. Myles considered that No. 2 committee had
too much to do, they were often to a late hour dis-
posing of the business before them, and it should not
be said that the entire patronage was in the hands of
one committee; let it be divided equally with the other
two, and let the members be elected by ballot. No. 1
committee very seldom met, and he moved in appro-
val of Mr. Hall's suggestion that the standing orders
be suspended.

Alderman Carte said that the resolution was for re-
cord, and a fortnight's notice would have to be given
before rescinding it.

The Town Clerk said that it was a special resolu-
tion that had been passed, and the regular notice
would have to be given before the resolution could be
rescinded.

The subject then dropped, and the reports of com-
mittees were agreed to.

The Council then proceeded to ballot for members
of the Board of Superintendence of the City Gaol,
when the following gentlemen were elected:—John
T. MacSheehy, the Mayor, Alderman Quinnivan, Al-
derman M'Donnell, Mr. Myles, Alderman Tinsley,
Messrs Phayer, M'Mahon, O'Callaghan, Alderman
Carte, Messrs R. Rodger and Barry.

Alderman M'Donnell said with regard to re-
arranging the committees, he thought the gas commit-
tee might go on; no change was desirable.

Town Clerk—No mention was made of the gas
committee.

Alderman M'Donnell—Very well. I move that the
gas committee be re-elected.

Mr. Lynch seconded the resolution, which was
agreed to.

Mr. Hall moved that the re-election of Nos. 1, 2,
and 3 Committees be postponed till next meeting.

Mr. Barry seconded the resolution, which was
agreed to.

Dr. Kane moved that the report of the Gas Com-
mittee be placed on the table at next meeting.

The High Sheriff said that the reports were ready,
but in consequence of the proceedings of the United
General Gas Company pending in Parliament it was
desirable not to let them know the state of their
affairs, which were most satisfactory, as would be
shown by the reports.

Mr. Murphy, law agent, informed the Council that
the bill of the United General Gas Company had been
withdrawn, and therefore Mr. O'Callaghan at the Board of Gu-
ardians would agree with him that there was no further ne-
cessity for keeping back the reports, although while
the bill was pending there was such a necessity, as
Mr. Myles remarked he could not get at the accounts of the United Gene-
ral Gas Company.

The High Sheriff promised, as Chairman of the
Gas Committee, to bring forward the reports.

Dr. Parker said he thought that that might be the
proper time for discussing whether they ought not
to have but one company in the city.

The Chairman replied that when the report of the
committee came up would be the proper time to make
his statement.

Dr. Kane thought that Dr. Parker could make
statement on the subject.

Dr. Parker said he thought an arrangement could
be made by which they might have but one gas com-
pany in the city, who would supply the city with
larger and a cheaper supply of gas than was given
at present.

The Chairman remarked that there was a great
deal of business to be done, and he thought it would
be more desirable to discuss the question when
reports were brought up.

The subject then dropped.

Mr. Kelly applied, on behalf of the committee for
£475, the cost of a half year's supply of gas for the
city, after deducting £325 interest on the amount ad-
vanced by the Corporation for the works. He said
the money was required for the purchase of co. &c.

Alderman M'Donnell seconded the resolution.
A discussion ensued with regard to referring the
account to the finance committee, and the resolution
was passed subject to passing the committee the
regular manner.

Mr. Robert M'Mahon brought forward a sub-
ject of increasing the wages of the night watchmen,
which had been referred to the committee and he
understood they agreed to recommend the increase
of 2s a week.

Mr. Barry said they had not, for it was under
the consideration of the committee.

Alderman M'Donnell said he understood they re-
commended the increase, and he spoke in favour of
the increase, in consequence of the arduous
labours of the watchmen from the severe weather.
1s 5d a night was not sufficient considering the
dearness of provisions, and he now moved that 12s
a week be granted.

The Town Clerk stated that a similar resolution
had been proposed by Alderman M'Donnell and re-
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