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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CATHERINE PLACE—Minister, Rev D Tilsley—Subjects for discourse on Sunday, 6th inst.—Morning, 11.30, "Our Song, Prayer, and Motto"; Evening, 6.30, "A Good Start." Bible Class, Thursday evening, 8 o'clock.

METHODIST CHURCH, GEORGE-STREET—"Reconstruction and the Reign of Righteousness," "The New Heavens and the New Earth." The Rev A Armstrong being unable to finish this part of his sermon at the Watch-Night Service, will deliver it on Sunday evening, the 6th instant, in George Street Methodist Church, service commencing 6.30 p.m.

H. M. CUSTOMS.—Mr John T Hynes, Collector of Customs at Limerick has been removed on promotion to Portsmouth. He is succeeded at this port by Mr William L Massy, late Collector of Grangemouth. Mr Hynes during his stay in Limerick was highly esteemed by the citizens, and his departure is much regretted. His many friends, however, congratulate him on his promotion.

DINNER TO MR F J M'CARTHY, R M.—Mr Felix J M'Carthy, R M, was entertained at dinner on Thursday night by several members of the Ulster Club prior to his departure from Belfast on promotion as Divisional Commissioner. The dinner was given in the club, 40 members being present. Mr J Blakiston Houston, Vice-Lieutenant, Co Down, and senior trustee of the club, was in the chair. Mr M'Carthy was located in Limerick some twelve years ago.

KILFEACON PARISH.—A series of special services will be held in the above parish on the following days—Sunday next, January 6th, Parish Church, Kilpeacon, 11.30 p.m. Roxboro' Church, 4.30 p.m. Monday evening service with special address, Parish Church, Kilpeacon, 7.30. Tuesday drawingroom meeting at the Rectory, 3 o'clock. Meeting for men in Kilpeacon Schoolhouse, 7.30. Special preacher, Rev T B Robertson, Rector of Newmarket-on-Fergus.

HAY ON FIRE.—On Thursday night, about six o'clock, it was discovered that a large stack of hay, about 30 tons, the property of Mr P Griffin, Newcastle, was on fire, at his farm adjoining the town, and the police with several others who were soon on the spot, attempted to save portion, but it was useless the flames spread so rapidly. They, however, removed another stack beside the burning one, which belongs to Mrs Ahern, Hotel, Newcastle, and were it not for the exertions of Head Constable O'Connor, Mr John O'Mahony and others, this also would have been consumed.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—Feast of the Epiphany—Morning Prayer, 11.30; Venite, Turner; Chants, Dupuis, in A; Walmsly, in D; Service, Te Deum and Jubilate, Kempton, in B flat, and Dykes, in F; Hymn, No. 101; Communion Service, Dykes, in F; Offertory Sentences, Barnby; Preacher, the Rev J W F Hudson, M A. Evening Prayer, 3.30; Chants, Rogers, in E flat, and Woodward, in B flat; Anthem, Selections from "The Creation," Haydn; Preacher, the Dean; Hymn after sermon, No. 167. Weekday Services at 11 a m and 3 p m daily. Litany on Wednesday and Friday.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

We recently referred to the improvements ich Mr Fogerty has made in the Theatre al for the comfort and convenience of the lic, and while he has studied their interests as now taken a very important and necessary in the interest of the companies themselves. laint had long been made of the insufficiency commodation at the back of the stage, the ing-rooms being not alone cheerless and uated, but altogether too cramped and equate to meet the requirements of many of companies visiting the Theatre. For the re there will certainly be no complaint on score, and companies will find at our local re as good and as comfortable accommoas may be found, perhaps, in any city in ovinces. In place of five dressing-rooms are now thirteen available, all of them ious, well ventilated, nicely papered, and ably furnished. Besides this there is a very y artists' green room of considerable size. It furnished with easy chairs, sofas, etc, and ng with pictures relating to the drama. The whole surroundings are reflected from a handsome mirror, and altogether this apartment is due that will be *highly appreciated by the artists*. Before going further, it is well to state that Mr Fogerty has been enabled to provide this extensive accommodation by taking in a dwelling-house in the lane at the rere of the Theatre. This, of course, has been considerably re-modelled, and one of the apartments on the ground floor is devoted to the green room. Below this is a lavatory and closet fitted up with all the latest appliances, and there is a high pressure water supply. Upstairs are the ladies' dressing-rooms, three in number, with a mirror in each apartment. The old green-room has been converted into two principal dressing-rooms for leading artistes, and overhead are five rooms also for male artistes. These are all new, the old structures having been entirely removed. For the future the actors will enter the Theatre from the rere, a doorway having been constructed specially for their convenience. Altogether a thorough renovation has been made in the accommodation "behind the scenes," and it reflects the highest credit on Mr Fogerty's enterprise, and evinces a desire, as we have already said, to make the Theatre comfortable not alone for the public, but for those who appear before the footlights. In this connection we may add that the public will during the present year enjoy an excellent Theatrical season, several of the best companies on tour being booked. Next week the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company will fill a three nights' engagement, and on Friday, the 11th, the Moody-Manners Concert and Operatic Recital in costume—which will be one of the principal events of the season—comes off. Mr Benson, the well known tragedian, will visit the city on the 14th January. "The Gondoliers" will be performed by the Limerick Amateur Opera Company on the 7th and 8th February, with a matinee on Saturday, the 9th. Then there will be at subsequent dates the Rousby Opera Company, the Hunn Concert, the Compton Comedy Company, the Royal Divorce; return visit of Crocker's Educated Horses; Miss Allyne in Shakespeare and old Comedy; Hardie Vonlier, with "On the Frontier," a great American piece; "The Plunger up to date;" Valentine Smith's opera; Mr Garthorne's Company in "The Colonel"; the Dorothy Company, and others. With such a bill of fare in perspective, the citizens cannot complain of want of amusement, and it is to be hoped that by big attendances they will show that they appreciate the efforts that have been made to keep Limerick up to date in the theatrical world.

THE D'OYLY CARTE OPERA COMPANY.

On Monday next the D'Oyle Carte Opera Company will commence a three nights engagement at the Theatre Royal and will produce *Utopia Limited*. This will be repeated on Tuesday, and on Wednesday *Patience* will be performed. The company is a very powerful one, and there will be special scenery. We need scarcely bespeak crowded houses.

THE QUARTER SESSIONS.

His Honor County Court Judge Adams resumed the business of the Quarter Sessions this morning, the hearing of undefended ejectments being taken up. In the defended ejectments, of which there were five, no special feature of public interest arose. During the afternoon the Court was engaged in disposing of undefended civil bills.

For the Christmas Holidays, all Photographic Goods, Plates, Developers, Solio Paper, &c, &c, can be had at JOHN LAIRD & Co's. Pharmaceutical Chemists, 118 George street, Limerick.

IMPORTANT TO LADIES.—Madam Worth's Celebrated Guinea Corsets (black 25s) may be obtained from her Local Agents, Messrs Cannock & Co (Limited), Limerick. Dec. 1

DEATH OF MR WM LANE-JOYNT, D.L.

We deeply regret to have to announce the death of Mr William Lane-Joynt, D L, which took place at his residence, 43, Merrion Square, Dublin, on the 3rd instant. During his early career, Mr Lane-Joynt was a prominent citizen of this, his native city. Born in 1824, he became apprenticed as a solicitor to the late Sir Matthew Barrington in Dublin, but returned on the completion of his indentures, and worked at his profession here. He soon distinguished himself by successfully setting up the salmon weirs on the Lower Shannon on the point which he raised, that the foreshore, to which the weirs are attached, belongs to, and is in the possession of the landlord. The celebrated case of O'Brien v. White, by which it is decided that gray farms, incapable of being tilled, were excluded from the Land Acts, also owes its existence to his professional keenness and ability. Up to 1886 Mr Lane-Joynt was a strong Liberal in politics. For several years he was chief electioneering agent of that party in this country, and conducted the elections of Sir John Gray in Monaghan, Colonel Luke White in the County Dublin, and Col. Chas. White in Tipperary. In 1856 Colonel Henry White, afterwards Baron Annaly, appointed Mr Lane-Joynt his agent, and as such he purchased and sold estates to the value or over half a million of money for his principal in the counties Clare, Limerick, Tipperary and Meath. Baron Annaly on his death in 1873 showed his appreciation of Mr Joynt's services and his regard for him by leaving him an annuity of £1,000 for his life. During his residence in this city, Mr Lane-Joynt took a prominent part in public affairs. He was one of the founders of the Athenæum, and collected the principal amount of the money for its building and endowment. He filled the office of Clerk of the Crown for the city for some 12 years, previous to 1869, only resigning it on his appointment as Crown and Treasury Solicitor in Ireland. He also acted for many years as Law Agent to the Corporation, and was successively elected an Alderman of the Abbey Ward, a member of the Harbour Board, and was Mayor in 1862. During his Mayoralty Lord Carlisle, the then Viceroy, visited the great Agricultural Show in this city, and on that occasion Mr Lane-Joynt was offered a knighthood, an honour which he, however, declined. Together with other provincial Mayors of this year he was appointed a trustee of the Daniel O'Connell Memorial, and was one of the few who had the satisfaction of seeing this National tribute completed in a manner worthy of our great countryman. In the following year, 1863, Mr Lane-Joynt removed to Dublin, but throughout his whole life he continued to take a deep interest in the affairs of his native city. Elected in 1864 Councillor, and subsequently Alderman, for the Rotunda Ward, he became Lord Mayor in 1867, being one of the very few public men who have gained the double honour. As Lord Mayor he went as a special delegate from Ireland to the Great International Exhibition at Paris, where the Legion of Honour was offered to him by Napoleon III. For several years he was one of the Port and Docks Board, and also a member of the Board of Irish Lights. It was owing to his influence with this Board that the lighthouse at the entrance to Kilronan Harbour in the Islands of Arran was erected. Through the friendship of Henry Baron Annaly, and his son, Col Charles Wm White, he obtained in 1869, the appointment of Crown and Treasury Solicitor in Ireland, the highest position in this country to which a solicitor could attain, and filled that office until its abolition in 1887. As a land agent, Mr Lane-Joynt was always on friendly terms with the tenants with whom he came in contact, and it was at his suggestion that the late Col Charles White, with a noble generosity, provided his tenantry and the public on his Ballyraughan estate, in the County of Clare, with a free water supply, at a cost of upwards of £2,500. Mr Lane-Joynt always took a deep interest in literature. He was Vice-President of the Association of Librarians, and it was mainly through his exertions that the public were lately presented with a complete edition of the works of our National poet, Denis Florence McCarthy. In our local Free Library Mr Joynt also took the keenest interest, and presented it with valuable books. Mr Joynt's knowledge of our western coast, and the needs of its fishing population, especially qualified him to act upon the Mansion House Relief of Districts Committee of 1881, and it was through him and his fellow-citizen, Alderman Hugh Tarpey, that the residue of that Fund was applied in the erection of piers and landing slips at some of the most unprotected and dangerous fishing centres on our Atlantic coast where he will be always remembered as the fisherman's friend. More recently he turned his attention to the development of the Irish Tourist Traffic, and indeed it may well be said that during his long life there was hardly a movement of importance connected with the prosperity of this country, of which he was not a zealous advocate. Mr Lane Joynt served often on the Grand Jury of this county, and also of Clare, but of recent years he suffered severely from bronchitis, and had been obliged to winter abroad. On the 9th of December he met with an accident whilst unloading a small revolver, which unknown to him had got out of order, and which injured the little finger, and necessitated a small operation. He was attended by his physician, Dr Lennor, and his old friend Surgeon Thomas Myles of Harcourt-street, another Limerick man. Satisfactory progress was made under their care, but in the last few days, owing to his enfeebled constitution and advanced years, complications set in, his lungs and heart became affected, and he gradually sank, passing peacefully away surrounded by his family on Thursday evening. Mr Lane-Joynt will always be remembered as a brilliant speaker, humorous and good humoured having the happy knack of carrying his audience with him, and saying the right thing at the right time. He will be regretted by a host of friends, many of whom will remember, and apply to him, the lines which he used at the unveiling of the statue of his old friend, the late Sir John Gray—

"To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die."

Funeral will leave Limerick Terminus at 1.30 p m on Monday, for St John's Church.

PROMENADE CONCERT.

Another most successful promenade concert was given in the Athenæum this evening. The audience was numerous and fashionable, and the programme was excellently arranged. The band of the Royal Irish Regiment, under the careful baton of the bandmaster, Mr E T C Chandler, attended, and opened the programme with some compositions by Brandt and Hartman, which were rendered in most effectively. The Misses Russell played two pianoforte duets, which were greatly appreciated by the audience, who applauded the performance heartily. The song "Margarita" (Tohr), was sung in a most expressive manner by Miss S H P Murphy, and the audience desired a repetition, but as Miss Murphy had to appear in the second part, she evidently thought an encore unnecessary and did not respond. In her second song, "Green Isle of Erin" (Rockett), the lady was heard to great advantage. Mr Chas Patton's rendering of the songs "Oh, promise me" (de Kawen), and "When the boys come home," (A Patton), was admirable, his well-trained tenor being heard with great pleasure. The chief attraction of the evening was the singing of Miss Emerson, a Dublin lady, and it is seldom that a vocalist so talented is heard in Limerick. Her voice is a rich contralto, beautifully trained, and of wide range. Miss Emerson's songs were "Children" (by Mountfourt) and "Should he Upbraid," and these were rendered in the most artistic fashion. The lady's re-appearance was imperatively requested, and in response she sang "Polly Lillis." (Arne) and "Oh, ye children." In the latter song her vocalism was particularly effective. The band performed some other selections in splendid fashion. The concert was under the efficient conductorship of Mr Kendal Irwin.

THE RECENT EXTRAORDINARY GAME PROSECUTION AT DROMCOLLOGHER.

The following letter has been received from Dublin Castle in connection with the recent extraordinary game prosecution at Dromcollogher:—

"Dublin Castle,
2nd January, 1895.

"SIR—With reference to the memorial forwarded by you and others, and its accompanying documents, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to inform you that on full consideration of all the circumstances of the case, his Excellency has been pleased to remit entirely the fines imposed upon you, Captain Eyre Ievers, and Joseph Meehan, at Dromcollogher Petty Sessions on the 4th ultimo.

"I am, sir, your obedient servant,
"W S B KAYE.

"Arthur McG S Staveley, Esq, Glandiff Castle, Charleville.

THE SAD FATALITY TO MR. R. J. KANE.

We briefly published in our last issue the sad and startling intelligence that Mr Richard J. Kane, of Whitehall, Parteen, had, on Thursday afternoon, lost his life through a gun accident. The painful news created a shock throughout the city, where Mr Kane was so highly esteemed and so familiarly known. It was only on the previous day that he was in town, and was then in his usual good health and spirits. Taken away in the prime of life, his tragic end is deeply deplored, and the utmost sympathy is expressed with his family and relatives in their affliction.

The fatality is believed to have occurred in this way. Mr Kane, who was very fond of shooting, and, indeed, of sport generally, left his house before two o'clock, taking with him a gun and his dogs. He proceeded through a shrubbery, which is bounded by a stream running into the Shannon, and it was evidently his intention to go along the bank in an upward direction, where good plover shooting is to be had. A winding pathway passes through the shrubbery, on one side being the garden wall and a line of laurel trees, and on the other there are also shrubs and laurels. Just at an angle of the wall near the stream Mr Kane left his gun, which was on full cock, resting against a tree (the mark of the butt of the weapon was to be seen yesterday) probably for the purpose of enabling him to light a cigarette. It is surmised that at this juncture the dogs put up a bird, and Mr Kane, hurriedly snatching his gun, the triggers caught in a laurel branch—a quantity of which are lying about as the hedge has recently been clipped—with the result that the charge went off, and, entering the chest above the heart, inflicted a dreadful wound, and caused, no doubt, instantaneous death. The body was found some hours afterwards in a slanting direction below the tree where the gun had been placed by Mr Kane. It may be added that a shot was heard by the servants in the household some time about two o'clock, but naturally no attention was paid to it, as people are constantly shooting about the place. The accident occurred within 50 yards of the hall-door. The circumstances of the case were mainly deposed to at the inquest, a report of which we subjoin.

The funeral will leave Whitehall at one o'clock to-morrow (Sunday) for St Munchin's.

Yesterday, at 12 o'clock, Mr Coroner Frost, with the following jury held an inquest at Whitehall on the body of the deceased:—George Gloster (Foreman), Thomas Hartigan, Patrick Lane, John Sheehan, Martin Hamilton, John Donoghue, Martin Kitson, John McGown, Michael Kane, Robert Boyle, Edward Hennessy, *Thomas Woulfe*.

Sergeant Fitzgibbon, Parteen, conducted the proceedings. Mr J G Barry, J P, and Mr W Healy, solicitor, Ennis, brothers-in-law of the deceased, were present, as also District Inspector Cottingham, of Sixmile-Bridge.

Bridget Normoyle, an intelligent old woman, deposed—I am a housekeeper in the employment of the late Mr Kane for nearly four years; the last time I saw him alive was about 12 o'clock on yesterday; he was coming up from the house and I gave him a cup of tea; he used to take tea at noon; he was quite well then; I did not see *him afterwards alive; Mrs Kane was in* town in the earlier part of the day, but returned about three; the master used always be impatient to meet her, and as there was no sign of him she asked where he was, and I could not say; we were surprised in the evening that he was not about, and we were getting nervous; it struck me that he might have fallen into the river; Mrs Kane sent the servant down to see was he in the garden, but he was not there; she could get no trace of him; I went out, and went down along towards the garden gate and cried out, "Are you there, Mr Kane"; I got no answer, but the little dog came up and began to yelp and bark; "Jip," said I, "where is the Master," and the dog ran along before me barking until he brought me to the spot where Mr Kane was stretched dead; the gun lay across the pathway; I did not touch it.

Coroner—You don't know what position it was *in?—I could not tell you; I know it was this* way across, and the muzzle pointed towards the wall; I came up and reported the matter to Mrs Kane, and I sent the other servant down for the man at the lodge.

Sergeant Fitzgibbon—Did you hear the report of a shot? I did, something about two o'clock; I believe the report was convenient, but we took no notice of it, there are so many people shooting *down in that part*.

Ralph Browne deposed—I have been in the employment of the late Mr Kane for the last three months as a labourer; I remember yesterday; the last time I saw Mr Kane alive was twelve o'clock, when I gave Mrs Kane the trap to go to Limerick; Mr Kane then appeared in his usual health; I heard a shot at ten minutes to 2.

Coroner—Did you know that Mr Kane had gone out shooting?

Witness—No; I knew the shot was close at hand, but I could not say who was shooting, there being so many people round shooting here; between 5.30 and a quarter to 6, one of the servants came down to the lodge and told me that *Mr Kane was dead; I then went out as fast as I* could, with a stable lamp, and saw that Mr Kane was dead; he was lying 50 yards from the door; I found him lying stretched on his back, with his hands by his side; his head was lying back in a westerly direction.

Coroner—Was it straight on the path he was lying? Yes.

Witness—The gun was lying behind his two feet, the muzzle of the gun was pointed towards the garden wall, and there was a twig of laurel stuck between the two trigger guards; one trigger was on full cock, and the spring was eased in the other.

Coroner—Did you examine the barrels? No, sir. I touched nothing till the doctor and police came; I went for the police myself; I met Sergeant Fitzgibbon and a constable near Mr Gloster's; the sergeant came immediately here, and Dr Gelston came in a short time after.

Mr Barry—Had't Mr Kane himself been cutting the laurels that line the path?

Witness—Yes, he had been cutting them in the autumn season, and there were a lot of laurel branches scattered about, and they are there still.

The gun, a double-barrell, was produced, and a large laurel twig was placed in the position in which it was found—that is, between the foremost trigger and the guard.

Witness, continuing, said the moment he found Mr Kane he went into town for Mr Barry, who told him not to touch anything that lay about the deceased, but to go for the police, which he then did.

Mr Barry—Did you hear Mr Kane say anything to Mrs Kane when she was leaving the yard to go into town?

Witness—I think he said, "You won't delay," and she said, "No."

Dr T Gelston deposed—I was here at about 10 minutes to seven last evening; I was called by the last witness, and I found Mr Kane lying dead in the place indicated by Brown; I examined him where he lay, and found a gun shot wound on the left side over his heart; the charge penetrated his chest, and went through his heart and lungs; I made no *post mortem* examination, because I did not think it necessary; his death was instantaneous, and I have not the slightest doubt it was the result of an accident.

The Coroner said there was no necessity for further evidence. During the 27 years he had been Coroner he had never met a more melancholy case than this. He need hardly say that they all deeply sympathised with Mrs Kane and her afflicted family in their bereavement.

The Jury returned the following verdict:—"That the deceased, Mr R J Kane, of Whitehall, was found dead near his own house on Thursday evening, the 3rd day of January, 1895, and we find he was shot dead by the accidental discharge of his own gun. We offer our sympathy to Mrs Kane and her family in this terrible time for *them*."

UNRESERVED SALE OF FURNITURE ON WEDNESDAY NEXT.—We would direct special attention to the important unreserved sale by auction of the household furniture which will take place at the Mart, Thomas-street (Mr Fitt's) on Wednesday next, 9th January, commencing at 12 o'clock. There are upwards of 300 lots to be sold, among which will be found some substantial and useful articles. We would recommend parties furnishing to call and view the lots on Monday or Tuesday next, and they will find it to their advantage to attend the sale.

CATTLE SALES AT THE PADDOCKS.—We perceive by our advertising columns this evening that Mr Wm B Fitt, auctioneer, will now hold weekly cattle sales instead of fortnightly. Entries should be made in good time.

The Turkish Pasha and district Governor who recently directed the alleged atrocity operations against the Armenian inhabitants of Sassun, in Asia minor, has been assassinated by an Armenian who immediately afterwards committed suicide. An attack has been made on the Armenians by the Kurds, and the former were, it is said, left by the Turkish authorities to defend themselves as best they could. The result is not known.

THE "INISHTRAHULL."

NO TIDINGS OF THE VESSEL.

No news has been received either in Glasgow or Limerick of the missing Clyde Shipping Company's steamer "Inishtrahull," and all hope of her is now abandoned. It is surmised that the wreckage which has been washed ashore at Kilkee, as reported in our last issue, is connected with the "Inishtrahull," but of this there is no absolute proof. It would appear from the particulars supplied by the Coastguards to Mr Hynes, the Receiver of Wrecks at Limerick, that the wreckage referred to consisted of one deal damaged, on which there were no marks of identification; bow of a boat with brass plate marked "Glasgow," and a skeleton derrick 17 feet in length, none of which bore any marks of identification. All these were found in Kilkee Bay. In "Chimney Bay" (Kilkee) two oars—one 16 feet and the other 15—were picked up, and on the shore of the same bay was found a circular life-belt painted white, but with no marks. Seafaring men with whom we have spoken believe that the steamer must have been lost somewhere off the Clare coast, and there are various theories as to how the calamity occurred, but on these it is, of course, idle to speculate. A faint hope still exists that the vessel, becoming disabled through the breakdown of her machinery, may have drifted out to sea, but undoubtedly the prospects of her safety are gloomy in the extreme. We have been unable to obtain an official list of the crew, 25 in all, which is kept in Glasgow, but we learn it includes the following:—Captain Thos Whipp (Master); First Officer, Greenlees; First Engineer, Edmongon; Carpenter, O'Callaghan, who belongs to Cork; Fireman Crowe, and Mahony, Anderson, O'Brien, and Ingram, belonging to Limerick. Anderson and Ingram are not Limerick men, but are married to Limerick women who reside here. On inquiry at the local offices of the Company this evening we learned that there were no tidings to hand of the missing vessel.

Glasgow, Friday.

The Clyde Shipping Company has now abandoned all hope of the safety of the steamer Inishtrahull, which lately sailed, from Glasgow to Limerick, with twenty-one hands. Several of the crew hailed from Limerick, but the owners at present decline to give their names. They say, however, that portion of a boat, with a brass plate, picked up yesterday at Kilkee belonged to the Inishtrahull.

The steamer left Glasgow on last Thursday week, with a crew of 26 hands, and a cargo of coal in her holds. She was out during the recent heavy gales, and must have felt their force. Had the course been down Channel the captain could have availed himself of the shelter of the coast down to the Tuskar, but unfortunately the line of direction was around the north of Ireland, and down the west coast. The Inishtrahull should have been well to the west when the gales burst. She must have been caught by the tremendously heavy "send" of the Atlantic, which was running in mountains, and which almost overwhelmed the Allan Liner Sarnia, a couple of hundred miles from our coast. Once past the Donegal seaboard her experiences were bound to be terrible, having regard to the condition of the weather. The coast line is terribly wild and rocky, and the seas ran against it with fearful fury. If the Inishtrahull held on her course she received mountainous seas against her starboard beam, and it is easy for anyone with a nautical knowledge to see that she must have rolled and pitched frightfully. Her cargo was a large one, but it is within the range of possibility that the rolling caused it to shift; heeled the steamer over, and threw her into the trough of the sea, where, in her practically disabled condition, she would almost certainly meet the fate that has overtaken many a ship off the same shore. After such a lapse of time, it is, unfortunately, idle to accept the Company's suggestion that the Inishtrahull was disabled but safe in some of the west-coast creeks. Were this the case, she must for a certainty have been seen by the coastguard patrols, the fishermen, the peasantry, or passing vessels. There is nothing to sustain the theory, and with reluctance it must be concluded that the Inishtrahull is below the waves—that her name is destined to appear in the catalogue of ships that have gone down off the the wild west seaboard. Some of the crew were natives of Limerick, and in their homes and among their friends there is much sadness at the present moment. The agents of the company refuse to give the names of the men. The Receiver of Wrecks for the district has been given portion of a ship's boat found at Kilkee, on the Clare coast, within a few miles of Loop Head, where the steamer would alter its course to get up the Shannon. The piece of flotsam has on it in brass letters the word "Glasgow." The boats of the company's ships bear on their bows brass numbers, and on the stern also brass letters the ships name and port of registry, which is Glasgow. The fact that the Inistrahull should be down the coast during the gales, coupled with the finding of this timber so marked and the absence of tidings of the steamer leads to the abandonment of all hope. In a day or two the Inistrahull will be posted "missing," and later on she will be officially declared "lost."

The company has lost more than one vessel on the Irish coast. About the year 1872 their steamer Kinsale went down in Waterford Harbour, inside Hook Head. She carried away her propellor near the bar, and went ashore opposite Loftus Hall, with the result that twenty-six lives were lost. A decade or so ago their fine steamer Wicklow sank also on the South coast, and the Dunmore, also one of their fleet, went ashore at Ballyquinton Point, on the county Down coast. The Dunmore was carrying marines and bluejackets to Glasgow from Plymouth. She was towed off and brought to Glasgow for repairs, but in 1892 she took the shore at precisely the same spot, and became a total wreck. A couple of years ago the Ballycotton, trading between Glasgow and Cork, touching at Dublin and Waterford *enroute*, sank a ship near the Kish Light, and now what it is feared is the latest loss has befallen the Inishtrahull.

THE COLLISION WITH THE "MUNSTER."

CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS TO LORD AND LADY MONTEAGLE.

It gives us much pleasure to publish the following address to Lord and Lady Monteagle, which shows the kindly feeling existing between them and the people of Foynes:—

"We, the undersigned, on behalf of the inhabitants of Foynes, in meeting assembled, do respectfully beg to tender to your lordship and Lady Monteagle our most sincere and enthusiastic congratulation on your late providential escape from what might have proved a sudden and deplorable end, consequent on the recent collision *in the Irish Sea on board the* Royal Mail steamer "Munster" on the morning of the 21st inst; and we trust that the shock sustained, and the fearful apprehensions on the occasion, will have no evil effect on the health of your Lord-hip or on that of Lady Monteagle; and ardently implore that as it pleased God to rescue you both from that threatened disaster, so may the same Divine Will grant you a long succession of happy years in the bosom of that family to whom you have been so mercifully preserved.—*Signed*,

"P. MADDEN, Pres,
"W. DOWNES, Hon Sec."

The following is the reply:—

"Mount Trenchard, Foynes,
Co. Limerick,
New Year's Day, 1895.

"DEAR SIRS—Pray, convey to all our friends in Foynes our heartfelt thanks for the kind and touching address they lately presented to Lady Monteagle and myself through you. We are indeed thankful for our merciful preservation, and almost more so for such proof as this, which it has brought us of the kindnesss of so many friends and neighbours.—I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully,

"MONTEAGLE.

"Mr P Madden, Mr W Downes."

NEWCASTLE-WEST JANUARY CATTLE FAIR.—THURSDAY.

The supply at this fair was not at all equal to the demand, and brisk business all round was the result. There was an especial rush for 1½ and 2½ year olds, and anything of good quality in that class bought up at once. Beef cattle, in-calf heifers, and calves—in fact there was a stiff inquiry in every department, and prices realised were in excess of any previous fair by 20s to 30s, and in some instances over £2 per head. Strippers sold from £9 to £12, one and a half year olds brought £7 to £10; in-calf heifers sold at £12 to £17; bullocks, £7 to £1; beef cattle in good condition fetched £12 10t to £16; calves were quickly purchased at prices from £4 to £6, and nothing but weaklings left. Beef sold at 56 to 60s per cwt; sheep, 45s to 55s per head. Buyers from Meath, Kildare, Nenagh, Gort, Clonmel, Limerick, and local centres, attended. There were 400 pigs in market previous day, which were bought up at prices ranging from 34s to 38s per cwt, bonhams 14s to 26s each. Limerick and Tralee buyers attended.

FOOTBALL

NORTH MUNSTER V. SOUTH MUNSTER.

This annual match took place yesterday in the Market Field, in presence of a large gathering of spectators, including many ladies, whose attendance added pleasing interest to the proceedings. The weather was dry, but owing to the frost the ground was hard, and this to some degree told against the play. The match, however, was an excellent one, being very fast and exciting from start to finish, and though in the first half the North district looked like having matters much their own way, the second period brought a decided change in favour of South Munster. The North Munster team was composed of ten Garryowen men and five players from Tralee, and the combination looked a strong one, but their forwards showed lack of training, and were not equal to their opponents, who kept admirably together. North Munster won the toss, and Forde initiated operations by a long kick into the home grounds. Maurice returned in good style, and the North forwards rushing up, the oval was conveyed to the visitors premises, and by a pretty piece of passing between Maurice, Peel, Lynch, and Jack O'Connor, the ball was brought to the line, but Forde and Nicholson brought relief, and the venue was changed to centre-field, where a lot of scrimmaging took place, the Corkmen proving themselves slightly the better. The North men, who were playing a good loose game, again invaded the visitors' goal, and play for a length of time was kept within their twenty-five, and eventually Berrington, of Tralee, getting a pass, got over amid great applause. The attempt at a goal was a failure, and when play was restarted the home half-backs did some clever passing, and the South goal was once more in danger, the Northmen pressing very hard, Peel, Egan, and Maurice being conspicuous by the repassing. These efforts were soon rewarded, J O'Connor doing the needful this time. During the remainder of the first half play was altogether in favour of the home team, but no further scoring took place, though some easy opportunities were badly missed. Half time left the score, North Munster, 2 tries; South Munster, nil. The beginning of the second period was opened by an invasion of the visitors' grounds by the Northmen, and J O'Connor intercepting a pass was nearly scoring, but Harley stopped effectively. Peel then got the leather, and passed to T O'Connor, but Forde and McCay, and Dargan could not be overcome, and the Cork forwards made a rush carrying the ball to mid-field, where the home team got a free, but the ball was returned in grand style, and for the first time the visitors looked dangerous, playing with great dash and missing no opportunity. Resulting from a scrimmage at the home 25 line, the Southmen were awarded a free, and M'Cay scored a goal. For the remainder of the game, the Southerns working with great tact, gave the home men a great deal of trouble, but no further scoring took place, and the game resulted in favour of North Munster by 2 tries (6 points) to 1 penalty goal (3 points). In the second half the Northmen were put to much disadvantage, owing to the absence of Maurice, who had to retire hurt. A similar casualty happened to a Corkman, who was also obliged to discontinue. For the visitors M'Cay, Forde, Murray, Dorgan, and Harley played a great game, especially the latter, and the best men amongst the home team were Peel, Egan, Lynch, and T and J O'Connor. The latter, however, was scarcely up to his usual form, and erred once or twice. Egan played a good defence game, and brought down his opponents in clever style on several dangerous occasions. Peel made some good runs, and Maurice also played an excellent game. Kelly and Slade worked hard. Throughout the game was very interesting, and the "gate" showed an improvement on any previous match.

The teams were as follows:—

North—Mangan (Tralee), full; J O'Connor (Garryowen), T F Peel (Garryowen), T O'Connor (Garryowen), Maurice (Tralee), three-quarters; Lynch and Egan (Garryowen) halves; Kelly (Garryowen), M Egan (Garryowen), Fitzgerald (Garryowen), Lynch (Garryowen), Slade (Garryowen), Cunningham (Tralee), Richardson (Tralee), and Revington (Tralee), forwards.

South—Tuckey (Cork), full; C Harley (Cork) Nicholson (Cork); Mitchel (Cork), and Shinkwin (Queen's College), three-quarters; W Harley (Cork) and B Nicholson (Cork), halves; "Morgan" (Cork), M'Cay (Queen's College), James Dorgan (Queen's College); V Murray (Cork), Perrier (Cork), Foster (Cork), Dalton (Cork), and Nevin (Queen's College), forwards.

Mr J M'Auley refereed with the greatest satisfaction.

L. P. M. A. V. LIMERICK LONG VACATION.

This match was played this afternoon, on the Farranshone ground, at 3 o'clock, and resulted, after a somewhat slow match, in a draw, both sides scoring a try. There was a thick fog, and the ground was in a very muddy condition, which accounted for the uninteresting character of the game. The try for the P Y M A was got by F Bewson, while Slade secured the try for the visitors. Amongst those who played best for the visitors were, W Matterson and J Harris, halves; S Matterson, quarter; S Myles; C Slade, and E D Hunt. For the home team E Stokes and F Myles halves; E Angley, F Scales, and G Ball (captain) played best.

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

The list of New Year honours which was not ready for publication with the general list was issued from the Foreign Office on Thursday. The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the following gentlemen to be Companions of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George:—Colonel Henry Edward Colville, C B, Grenadier Guards, Acting Commander in Uganda; Commander Charles Hope Roberston, R N, and Lieutenant George Shadwell Carr, R N, for various arduous operations against natives in the Nyassaland Protectorate.

THE CZAR AND COUNT SHUVALOFF.

The Czar has addressed a highly flattering rescript to Count Shuvaloff on the occasion of transferring him from the post of Russian Ambassador at Berlin to that of Governor and Commander of the Forces at Warsaw, making special reference to his faithful and zealous services in fostering the bonds of friendship between Russia and Germany, and thereby contributing to the success of the beneficent work of the preservation of the universal peace, which was so dear to the heart of his father, the late Czar, as it is to his own.

A REMARKABLE CAREER OF CRIME.

Stephen Jarman was brought up yesterday at the Middlesex Sessions for sentence, he having been found guilty in October of stealing a pipe and other articles of the value of £7. Although the accused is only thirty-two years of age, as far back as 1879, at the time he was seventeen, he commenced his evil career, and was sentenced in that year to two months for felony. In 1881 he got six months; 1882, five years' penal servitude, and in 1889 a similar term, making nearly eleven years altogether. The offence of which he now stood convicted was committed whilst he was on ticket-of-leave, and his term expired two days before the present conviction. Mr Littler said the prisoner's career was a remarkable one, as he had only been free one month when he received his second term of penal servitude, and this offence was committed before the licence was out. At the time he committed this robbery he was in work, though not at high wages, and when taken into custody he said "I suppose this means ten years." This would not be done, but he would be sent to twenty-one months' hard labour in addition to his unexpired time. He would also be subject to five years' supervision after the expiration of the sentence.

IRISH LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of the South Tipperary Branch of the Irish Landowners