

tons came from France, and a cargo of about 5 tons from the United States. This American was for the Italian navy, which has received her consignment of 5,000 tons in April, 1901.—Consul Towsey, of Spezia. The importation of coal from the United States America is a novelty of the year, two cargoes having reached this port, but it is not probable that this trade will develop on account of the high freight—Consul Gothenberg. The quantity (of coal) imported was 760,718 s., valued at £1,028,304 Egyptian against 842 tons, valued at £782,899 Egyptian in 9. Prices were very high, the highest price being 4s. for Cardiff coal, 4ls. for Newcastle, and 40s. for Scotch coal free into railway docks.—Vice-Consul Alban, Alexandria, for 1900. The total import of coal, amounting to 33,682, the whole came from English and Welsh mines with the exception of a small portion valued at £27,000 from the United States. The latter coal known as Pocahontas, would not appear to have met with the favourable reception anticipated in last year's report.—Acting Consul Ritter, Nagasaki, for the year 1900.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

PIKE FISHING IN IRELAND.

In an interesting article on pike fishing the editor of the *Angler's News* shows a strong disposition to take some Irish fishermen to task. We know," he writes, "that some individuals prefer fishing for pike in Ireland when the fence posts are being rigidly enforced in English waters, and when the pike are thoroughly out of condition, and lanky and ravenous, to setting out in a frosty morning for the ice-fringed waters. Sooner, however, this evil is grappled with the better; for many a grand pike, which would afford splendid sport in the proper season, breed in the spawning time—in condition only fit to be given to pigs. Were the Irish lakes persistently fished for pike in the winter season there is no telling what monsters they would yield."

IRISH "USKOBACH."

The demand for Irish whiskey in England is on the increase. This is not to be wondered at inasmuch as 300 years ago no more acceptable present could be sent an English friend than an "Irish nautical," or a "rundell of Irish whiskey." On October 14th, 1622, Boyle Earl of Cork, one of the Lords Justices of Ireland, wrote to Captain Price, at Durham House, Strand, London, as follows:—"The bearer, Mr. Edmund Hunt, hath charge to present my honoured Lord, the Lord Keeper, with an Irish harpe, and the good Lady Coventry with a runnlett of milde Irish Uskobach, sent unto her Ladyship by my youngest daughter,

got off without any of these which are all more or less illogical and advanced from a narrow-minded standpoint. It has already several times been stated that the Government would not think of imposing a tax upon such a health-giving and useful pastime as cycling, while the license plate and registered number ideas are happily as far off as ever. The above is inspired by the fact that a gentleman recently sent letters to all the Lord Mayors and Provosts of Scotland, suggesting that cyclists (and motorists) shall carry on their machines a metal plate on which shall be described in plain letters the name of the town from which it has been granted, and also a number for purposes of identification !

THE "KINCORA" DISASTER FUND.

The Mayor has received the following additional subscriptions for the "Kincora" disaster fund :

	£	s	d
Abraham Sutton	...	5	5
W. L. Stokes, T.C., J.P.	...	1	0
Anonymous, A.R.	...	1	0
Anonymous (per Editor of the <i>Chronicle</i>)	1	0	0

SUDDEN DEATH NEAR RATHKEALE.

Quite a sensation was caused in Rathkeale this afternoon when it became known that a most respectable farmer named John Condon, residing at Ballyallinan Castle, some three miles from Rathkeale, had died suddenly. Deceased on returning home from Rathkeale was taken suddenly ill. Dr. Thomas Hayes was instantly communicated with, but before he arrived life was extinct.

"FLYING SHIP FOR THE BRITISH ARMY."

REPORTED NEW WAR OFFICE ORDER.

Flying ships are in the air just now, and that may account for the announcement in the *Express* that the War Office has ordered the construction of an airship on the Barton system.

"The new terror," it is said, "will be 200 feet long, with a propulsion equal to seventy-two horse-power. Mr. F. L. Rawson and Mr. W. G. Walker are engaged upon the mechanism of the airship, whose driving fans resemble the wings of some huge bat."

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.

Those fortnightly sessions were held to-day before Mr. J. M. Dickson R.M.

THREATENING LANGUAGE.

all indoor paced records miles.

THE "HAMBLETON."—with a cargo of wheat for Bannatyne and Sons, has come from India. She has been built.

TRAFFIC RETURNS.—Gt. Western Railway—Total for 1901, £26,914; corresponding £21,407; increase, £5,517. Gt. Western Railway of Ireland—23rd August, 1901, £10, in 1900, £10,493; increase

THE ROYAL MUNSTER BATTALION.—Royal Munster proceed to India from matters assume a more arrives the 2nd Battalion England, but no time carrying out of the reli-

CITY DEATH RATE.—Weeks August 3, 10, 17 average for each week being 11.0. The highest of districts is Kilkenny, 29.8, with a lower death-rate Ballymena, 10.8; Portadown, 9.7.

PUBLIC SYMPATHY.—bodies in Kilrush, including the local Branch feeling resolutions of sympathy for Lynch, Moore street, beloved and promising Lynch. The resolution acknowledged by Mr. Lynch.

TENANTS' DINNER.—A gathering took place at Tuesday afternoon, when his tenantry on the death of the late This re-union would have been held, but it had to be in Watson's absence on Africa.

R.I.C.—Head Constable Carrick-on-Suir is promoted to the rank of Inspector, and appointed to Lisnakea District, Co. Tipperary. Inspector O. Hahony, transferred to Lurgan, prox. District Inspector Feale, Co. Limerick, is Co. Cork (W.R.), and Inspector Blayney, fro-

ACCIDENT TO A TRAIN.—George street on Tuesday attached to the trap her driver were seen Messrs J. P. Evans and dashed along at a Bedford Row. In the corner here the pony occupants were thrown. Beyond receiving a slight blow on the face Miss D.