

younger days and has always been fond of sport, hunting in particular, and stalking the chamois more especially. Though over seventy years old, he is still passionately fond of mountaineering, and often walks twenty-five miles a day.

TWO MILLIONS SPENT ON A HOLIDAY.

The present tour of the Shah in Europe is the fifth made by a Sovereign of Persia. The first was in 1873, when a Shah journeyed through the Continent in superb style, spending £2,000,000 during his six months' tour.

BODY SEEN IN THE SHANNON.

Captain John J. Tait, of the ss. "Olivite," which arrived in port last evening, reports having seen the body of a man floating near Loop Head about three miles from shore. He lowered a boat for the purpose of taking the remains on board, but decomposition was so far advanced that he was unable to do so. The man appeared to be about forty years of age, and the body being entirely without clothing, would indicate that he was drowned while bathing.

DEATH OF VISCOUNT GORT.

Viscount Gort, whose death has occurred at Hamburg, was born in 1849, and served in the Limerick Artillery Militia. The late Viscount succeeded his father eighteen months ago. The new peer reached his sixteenth year last month, and his brother is two years younger. Lady Gort is the younger daughter of Mr. Robert Surtees, of Hamsterley Hall, the author of the famous sporting novels "Handley Cross," "Mr. Sponge's Sporting Tour," &c.

Viscount Gort took a great interest in scientific and political questions. Lady Gort is a well-known yachtswoman, and East Cowes Castle is their property. The Gort peerage, which is an Irish one, without a seat in the House of Lords, dates from 1816.

SAD FATALITY.

While engaged in firing one of the salutes in honour of the Shah, a seaman of the Victory, named Gorsham, was blown through a porthole by the explosion of a gun. A boy named Pusey instantly plunged into the sea and made a gallant but unsuccessful attempt to rescue him. Gorsham's body has not been recovered. Another seaman was also injured.

THE TRIAL OF MR. KILBRIDE, EX-M.P.

The trial of Mr. Kilbride, ex-M.P., at Athlone Petty Sessions, on the charge of having at Mil-town Cross in the county of Westmeath, incited persons to murder Major-General Davenish Meares, resulted yesterday in a disagreement of the magistrates, who were evenly divided. Mr. Kilbride was released on bail, the securities being himself £500, and two sureties of £250 each.

CHURCH STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

During the heavy storms which broke over Hertfordshire yesterday, the parish church of Aldenham was struck by lightning. The spire was practically destroyed, and three persons who were standing under the belfry had a narrow escape. The clock wire appears to have acted as a conductor, and a ball of fire, which shattered the case round the wire, produced three terrific explosions within a few yards of the party. They were all knocked down and rendered unconscious for some minutes, but suffered no harm beyond temporary paralysis of the limbs.

Westminster Abbey was yesterday open to the public for the last time before the removal

were much appreciated. Selections from "The Bohemian Girl" and "A Greek Slave" greatly pleased, and after the interval a grand selection from "Lohengrin" was played.

Yesterday morning about 120 non-commissioned officers and men, being line and militia reservists of the Royal Irish Regiment, under the command of Captain G. N. Grogan, and Lieutenant the Hon. H. R. J. G. Fitzmaurice Dean-Morgan, arrived at Clonmel from Waterford. They were met at the railway station by the band of the 4th Batt. R. I. Regiment, by whom they were played to the barrack. The detachment formed part of a large contingent that arrived at Southampton from South Africa.

DEATH OF MR. W. G. GUBBINS. J.P.

We regret to record the death of a member of an old county Limerick family, Mr. Wm. Gough Gubbins, J.P., which took place yesterday at his residence, Castleconnell. He had been in failing health for a considerable time past, and his demise was not unexpected. Mr. Gubbins, who was in his 82nd year, was, perhaps, the oldest magistrate in the county, he having held the Commission of the Peace since he was 21. He has resided at Castleconnell for many years, and was a constant attendant on the local bench. By all classes and creeds he was highly respected and esteemed, and though he had attained a very ripe old age, his demise is sincerely regretted by all who had the pleasure of knowing a kindly and genial gentleman.

KILRUSH CYCLING AND ATHLETIC SPORTS

The energetic committee of management in connection with the Kilrush sports have now perfected all the details, and should the weather prove favourable, it is safe to assume that the Kilrush annual meeting on Sunday next will be successful from every point of view. The different events both in cycling and athletics, have filled well, and the committee have also been lucky enough in securing entries from some crack cyclists and prominent athletes, which is a guarantee that the meeting will reach a high standard. The committee have secured the services of the Boherbuoy Band for the day, which in itself will afford a decided treat to the spectators. Excursions from Limerick and from the various towns on the Clare line will be run.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN SHIPPING "RING."

A correspondent writes:—What is regarded as a new move on the part of the South African shipping "ring" has just been made, and several merchants and traders with ship goods to South Africa have received a circular to the following effect:—"Shippers are respectfully informed that the ordinary tariff rates will only apply after this date to those shippers who ship exclusively by the Conference lines." The circular is signed by Cayzer Irving and Company, Thomas and James Harrison, Robert Alexander and Company, and George Smith and Sons. When the new fortnightly service of the Houston Line was started between Liverpool and the Cape it was thought that rates to South Africa would be reduced, but the "ring" has practically a monopoly of the South African trade, and shippers are tied down to the Conference by the system of rebates.

Among the "goods and chattels" left by thoughtless passengers in the carriages of the "Twopenny Tube," London, during the past year were twenty-five bottles of whiskey, thirteen boxes of cigars and cigarettes, and 180 pipes, pouches, and cigar cases. Three hundred ladies and 264 gentlemen left their umbrellas, and among the host of other articles

TECHNICAL

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IRELAND.

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