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LIMERICK ATHLETIC AND BICYCLE CLUB.

IS IT TO BE KILLED BY APATHY?

The annual meeting of the Limerick Amateur Athletic and Bicycle Club was held last night in the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. W. L. Stokes presided, and there were also present—Messrs. B. Plummer, Michael Cusack, John McNamara (Shelbourne), A. Woodhouse, P. O'Neill, J. O'Sullivan, R. Todd (Mulligan Bros.), J. Halvey, P. E. Bourke, J.P., with Messrs A. J. Eakins and E. G. Stokes, Hon. Secretaries, and W. Ebrill, Hon Treasurer.

Mr. Heaton-Armstrong and Mr. W. Smith wrote apologising for not attending.

ANNUAL REPORT. Mr. Eakins read the 24th annual report, which, after referring to the fact that the present year was the jubilee year of the club, regretted that during the past season the apathy of the members had militated in a marked degree against the prosperity of the club. It was quite obvious that the holding of sports under the auspices of a club where entries came solely from country competitors would be ridiculous. The annual sports were held last year as usual, and from an athletic point of view were highly successful, entries being large and contests keen. The attendance, however, was rather meagre. The statement of accounts submitted shows a large deficit, and it must be understood by the members whose subscriptions have not been paid that strong measures will be used to collect same without delay. The Committee beg to thank the citizens for the generous effort given each year to the Club, and they hope for the co-operation of each member in the endeavour to retain the status of this old institution, and again make it the pride of the athlete not only in Limerick, but all over Ireland.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Mr. Ebrill submitted the balance sheet which showed that the total receipts for the year were £71 15s 8s. The subscriptions having amounted to £23 5s., and the collection was £44 14s. 4d., leaving a balance against the club of about £50.

Mr. Plummer moved the adoption of the report and statement of accounts. He referred to the want of interest taken in the club by some of its members and to the fact many while choosing to remain members never paid their subscriptions. This was a very regrettable feature, and it was a question whether they should not ask their hon. solicitor to proceed against the defaulters for the recovery of the subscriptions.

Mr. J. McNamara, in seconding the adoption of the report, said it was deplorable that such apathy existed amongst the members, and it was a shame that the Club should be in such a weak financial condition.

The report was adopted.

NOT TO DISSOLVE. The Chairman said before proceeding further with the business it would be necessary that the meeting should decide whether they should dissolve the Club. He should regret exceedingly if that extreme becomes necessary, because it would be nothing less than disastrous to athletic sports in the south of Ireland (hear, hear). Some suggestions had been made with a view to a more efficient working of the Club. In the first place it was considered that the Committee should be reduced to three members who would apply themselves thoroughly to this work. It was also thought that for the purpose of clearing off the debt the subscriptions should be raised to ten shillings, and as the membership numbered one hundred the existing debt would at once be wiped out.

Mr. Todd said that if the Central Association were made aware of the fact that members had not paid their subscriptions they would not be permitted to compete.

Mr. Halvey considered that members who failed to pay should be discarded as "no class" (laughter).

After further discussion it was decided to continue the Club.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President, Sir Charles Barrington, Bart. Proposed by Mr. A. Stokes, seconded by Mr. P. E. Bourke, J.P.

Mr. Ebrill proposed the election of all the vice-presidents, with the addition of Mr. P. E. Bourke. Seconded unanimously.

Mr. Plummer proposed and Mr. A. Woodhouse seconded the re-election of Mr. W. Ebrill as hon. treasurer. Passed unanimously.

Mr. A. G. Eakins and Mr. E. G. Stokes were re-elected hon. secretaries, on the proposition of Mr. B. Nash, seconded by Mr. Plummer.

Mr. B. Nash was re-elected hon. solicitor. Proposed by Mr. P. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Plummer.

On the proposition of Mr. B. Plummer, seconded by Mr. J. Cusack, sen., Mr. George Ryan was re-elected hon. engineer.

Messrs. Murphy and Frith were appointed handicappers, on the proposition of Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. J. Halvey.

Mr. P. E. Bourke having taken the second chair, a vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. W. L. Stokes for presiding.

Mr. Stokes suitably replied, and the proceedings terminated.

PRINCE HENRY OF PRUSSIA AT ADARE.

Prince Henry of Prussia arrived in Limerick yesterday at 1.35 p.m. from Dublin, en route to Adare, where His Royal Highness is the guest of the Earl and Countess of Dunraven. A guard of honour of the R.L.C. under the command of District Inspector O'Hara was on duty on the platform. After a few minutes delay a special engine attached to the saloon carriage in which the Prince travelled, and proceeded direct to Adare. Here there was a guard of honour of fifty men of the Royal Irish Constabulary under command of County Inspector Hayes, and District Inspector Morley. The Prince left Adare by the midday mail for Dublin, and it is understood will immediately re-join his fleet.

FUNERAL OF CAPT. SPENCER VANSITTART.

The funeral of Captain Spencer Vansittart took place to-day. The remains were removed at one o'clock from his late residence Coolbawn, Castleconnell, to the Railway Station for conveyance to Westerham, Kent, where the interment will take place. The high regard in which the deceased was held in the locality in which he spent a great part of his life was evidenced by the exceedingly large proportions of the cortege, which was representative of all classes. His quiet and dignified manner, and the sincere and hearty interest which he evinced in the welfare of the neighbourhood, endeared him to the people. The late Captain Vansittart came from England about the year '52, and took up his residence at Castleconnell. He devoted most of his time to the development of angling. Much of the success which attended this pleasant pastime around this picturesque village is due to his efforts. Every project that was started in the district had his generous support, and he was always ready to assist in the promotion of any enterprise which tended towards the enjoyment or prosperity of those amongst whom he made a home. His death, though coming at a ripe age, was deeply regretted, and to-day signs of mourning were everywhere manifest in the village and district, and the residents attended en masse to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of a noble and popular gentleman. The remains were, enclosed in a suite of coffins, the outer one being of polished oak, heavily mounted in brass, and bearing the following inscription:—

SPENCER VANSITTART, Born 12th June, 1823, Died 18th May, 1902.

Before the remains were removed, a short service, conducted by the Rev. Trevor Benson, was held in the house.

The chief mourners were Mr. S. C. Vansittart, son; and the Right Hon. Lord Massy.

Amongst those present were:—The Right Rev. Dr. Bunbury, Lord Bishop of Limerick; Rev. Trevor Benson, Castleconnell; General the Hon. Sir David Frazer, Mr. J. B. Barrington, J.P.; Captain Gerald Bourke, Thornfields; Mr. J. A. Place, Corbally; Mr. E. H. Hosford, J.P.; Mr. Anthony Mackey, Co. C.; Mr. G. W. Greenhill, Dr. Ryan, Colonel Vincent, Mr. George Howley, J.P.; Major Gubbins, Mr. E. T. Ingham, Mr. John Bourke, Mr. Murnane, Captain Twiss, Birdhill; Mr. J. H. Phelps, Captain Nugent, Mr. J. V. Phelps, Mr. G. H. Ryan, Ingoldsby; Mr. E. L. Phelps; Captain Gabbett, Mr. Patrick Hartigan, Mr. William Gabbett, Mr. Colpoze Keane, Mr. Gilley, Mr. John Lavertine, Mr. Lavertine, junior; Mr. W. Quilty, Mr. M. Haugb, Mr. M. Carroll, Mr. McCormack, Mr. C. O'Brien, Mr. J. Keane, Mr. J. Carroll, Mr. Tuohy, Hermitage; Mr. James Daly, Mr. M. Hickey, Mr. D. McMahon, D.C.; Captain Finch, Newport; Mr. C. Green, Mr. Thomas Nevins, Mount Shannon; Mr. John Walsh, Mr. John Moloney, Mr. P. Tucker, Mr. C. Scaiffa, Mr. Ryan, Ballymackeogh; Mr. Whitehead, Doon; Mr. Michael Mackey, Captain Verschoyle, Mr. M. Hynes, Mr. D. Daly, Mr. Maurice Johnston, Mr. J. Hogg, Mr. John Hogan, Mr. Smith, Mr. James Ledger; Mr. Patrick Doherty, Mr. F. Kearney, Mr. M. Ahern, Mr. Michael Tuohy, Mr. J. Clarke, Mr. J. Pigott, Mr. P. O'Connell, Mr. M'Leod. The local police in charge of Sergeant Farrell marched with the procession, and there was a very large attendance and labourers from the district.

Amongst those who sent carriages were—The Lord Bishop of Limerick; Lord Massy, General Sir David Frazer, Sir Charles Barrington, Colonel Vincent, Mr. Peter Fitzgerald J.P.; Sir Thomas Cleve, Mr. Wm. M. Beauchamp, Clerk of the Crown; Mr. A. Blood-Smyth, Mr. John A. Place, Mrs. O'Grady, Erinagh; Dr. Ryan, Castleconnell; Mr. Enright, Shannon Hotel; Mr. A. E. Bannatyne, Mr. J. O'Grady Delmege, D.L.; Captain Verchoyle, Mr. Richard Bourke, D.L., Thornfields; Miss Rich, Mrs. White (George-street), Mr. H. Blackall (Limerick), Miss Smith O'Grady, Mr. J. B. Barrington, J.P., Captain Twiss, Mrs. O'Dwyer, Mrs. Howley (Rich Hill), Colonel Vincent, Captain Gabbett, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Ingham, Major Gubbins, Mr. Hartigan, Mr. Nevins (Mount-Shannon), Major Nugent, Mr. Groome, &c.

The coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths, and other floral tributes, sent by the following, amongst others:—Sir David Frazer, Major and Hon. Mrs. Guinness, Mr. Charles and the Hon. Mrs. Vansittart, the Misses Vansittart, Miss Berry, Major and Mrs. Nugent, Mr. and Mrs. Phelps, Mr. J. J. Phelps, Dr. and Mrs. Ryan, Miss Rich, Miss Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Barrington, Miss Smith O'Grady, Mr. and Mrs. Blackall, and others.

The remains were accompanied en route by Mr. C. S. Vansittart, son, Hon. Mrs. Vansittart, and Lord Massy, who at their destination will be joined by Captain Osborne, step-son to the deceased.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. M'Carthy and Sons, Limerick.

FUNERAL OF MR. LOFFMARK.

The funeral of Mr. Loffmark took place from his residence this afternoon at St. Munchin's Church. A number of beautiful wreaths were placed on the coffin, and among those present as mourners were—Mr. W. Loffmark (cousin), Mr. E. Slater Wilson (brother-in-law), Mr. T. Ryan, Mr. D. Hannan (J. P. Evans and Co.); Mr. D. L. Roche (Irish Agricultural Organisation Society), Mr. C. A. Conyers (Dairy Supply County Cork); Mr. Stephen Dowling, J.P.; Mr. J. J. Hanratty, Mr. A. Laffan, J.P.; Mr. J. Thompson, Mr. E. Kidd; Mr. W. Thorpe, Mr. A. Platt, Mr. A. T. Pielow, Leverett and Frye; Mr. H. Duer; Mr. H. Persson, Toher Co-operative Dairy Society; Mr. N. S. Tarrant, Cork Co-operative Creameries Federation; Mr. E. Petersson, Mr. P. Vestergard, Mr. C. G. Harris, Mr. E. Holliday, Mr. J. Hansen, Mr. D. Hayes, Mr. G. Bassett, Mr. J. McGhie, Mr. P. Olsen, Mr. Michael Cowell.

The burial service was read by the Rev. T. B. Robertson, Rector.

FROM DAY TO DAY.

The price of coal in America has advanced 4s 2d a ton.

Nicholas II, the Tsar of the Russians, was 84 on Sunday.

Yesterday was Mornington Cannon's birth day. He was born May 21, 1873.

Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., has gone abroad, and will not return until the 26th inst.

The famous violin, "Joseph Guarnerius de Jesu of 1737," has just been bought for £2,000.

On Tuesday the Lord Lieutenant opened the "Roberts House" at the Royal Zoological Society's grounds, Dublin.

On Tuesday, Patrick Liffsett, late clerk of the Mullingar District Lunatic Asylum, was committed for trial for embezzlement.

The Lord Mayor of London's fund for the relief of the distress at St. Vincent amounted on Tuesday night to £28,900.

Although several parties were on the lake yesterday no further bodies were recovered of the victims of Sunday's disaster in Killarney.

A fire broke out in a Newcastle grain warehouse on Tuesday night, causing a great amount of damage, tons of grain and the building being destroyed.

A hurricane, which visited Sind, in India, washed away upwards of forty miles of railway, caused the loss of many lives and destroyed much stock.

An inquest was held on Tuesday at Killarney on the bodies of three of the victims of Sunday's boating disaster, and a verdict of accidental death was returned.

James Lewes, labourer, was instantaneously killed at the Atlas Works, Glasgow, by being whirled by a belting round the drum of an electric motor.

In connection with the Mars disaster, the jury found that Collins was killed by the explosion, and that the explosion was the result of neglect to close the breach block.

Ernest Wilde, a British subject, who deserted from the American Army in the Philippines and joined the insurgents, has been sentenced to ninety-nine years imprisonment.

Three sailors have been taken from a Dutch derelict, found 600 miles west of Fremantle. The captain, his wife, and sixteen of the crew, who had left in a boat, were also rescued.

The latest official messages confirm the dangerous activity of Mount Pelee and state that a panic prevails at Fort de France. The inhabitants evacuated for Guadeloupe.

Mr. J. S. Budgett, of the University of Cambridge is on the point of starting upon a scientific expedition to investigate the fishes inhabiting the lakes and rivers of Uganda.

The Co-operative Congress at Exeter yesterday discussed the question of credit trading by retail Co-operative Stores, and a resolution was adopted viewing with alarm the increase of the system.

The ancient civic ceremony of "throwing the dart" was performed at Cork on Tuesday by the Lord Mayor (Alderman E. Fitzgerald), who was accompanied by a very large and representative party.

There was another fearful eruption of Mount Pelee in Martinique on May 20th, and the inhabitants of the island are all fleeing towards Fort de France in indescribable consternation.

Arrival by the latest steamers from the United States say that all the liners are crowded with Americans coming to the Coronation. In the case of a very large number the tour is limited to five weeks.

It is stated that, at the request of the National Union of Teachers, the King will recommend all elementary and other schools be granted a week's holidays during the Coronation celebrations.

The Corporation of London has resolved to spend £400 in celebrating the King's Coronation. There was only one dissident, a Nationalist, and the resolution was warmly supported by another Nationalist.

The Morning Post publishes a New York Herald telegram, stating that Captain Freeman of the steamship Roddam, died at St. Lucia on Tuesday, but this has since been denied by the captain's wife.

The Times Berlin correspondent says that not only the Agrarians but the whole of the Conservative party and its allies among the Clericals and National Liberals are bent on wrecking the Brussels Sugar Convention.

A lady parachutist, named Miss Edith Brooks, aged 23 years, met a terrible death at Sheffield on Tuesday. Having made a balloon ascent to a considerable height, she cast herself free, but the parachute did not open.

Mr. Reuben Watson, one of the most widely-known in the Friendly Society World, died at Nottingham yesterday at the age of 81. Deceased was actuary to the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows for more than 20 years.

On Tuesday a sad boating fatality occurred on the Thames off Hammersmith, which resulted in a young woman named Mrs. Lightfoot, living at Wandsworth, being drowned. The deceased was married only on Saturday morning.

A "Chronicle's" Vienna correspondent says—An attempt upon the life of the Emperor Francis Joseph has just been averted, a bomb having been discovered in the railway carriage in which he was about to travel to Budapest.

Exchequer returns from April 1st to May 17th—Receipts, £20,063,067; expenditure, £28,473,482; balances, £5,960,342. Corresponding period last year—Receipts, £20,063,067; expenditure, £28,473,482; balances, £5,960,342.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

MARTIAL LAW IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A Blue Book containing papers relating to the administration of Martial Law in South Africa was issued to-day. The condition of Cape Colony in April of last year may be gathered from Lord Kitchener, who wrote that he was driven to the conclusion that a considerable number of the inhabitants were taking part in the rebellion, and that the state of disorder had grown so serious that only prompt and severe punishment could stop the spread of the evil and prevent general anarchy.

The Governor of Cape Colony agrees that the Military Courts should deal with the persons actively bearing arms with the enemy, treacherously doing some overt act, which endangered the safety of troops, wrecking or firing on trains, and wanton personal outrages upon his Majesty's subjects.

Martial Law was proclaimed, but Lord Kitchener pointed out to the general officers commanding that they should very carefully investigate charges of disloyalty against Colonists of Dutch extraction before acting on information, which was often biased.

FROM THE FRONT.

The Hospital ship Simla from South Africa, which called at Plymouth yesterday, landed the remainder of her troops at Southampton to-day.

The Transport Orient also landed at Southampton to-day a thousand time expired men and invalids from the front.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Reuter's Agency understands that since the arrival of Boer delegates at Pretoria conferences have taken place between them and the British authorities with a view to arriving at an agreement in regard to the basis on which peace shall be declared. There is for the moment no indication as to the course which the negotiations are taking, or the date when the news of a settlement, peaceful or otherwise, may be expected.

IS IT PEACE?

A private telegram is published in to-day's "Telegraph," in which Mr. Bennett Burleigh intimated he was returning. It was handed in at Johannesburg on Tuesday, and was as follows:—"Returning. Tell Lawson."

It was received in Glasgow by Mr. Bennett Burleigh's brother, who, in the course of an interview to-day, said he could only conclude that Mr. Burleigh wishes to convey a broad hint to his paper, through a relative, knowing the message addressed to London would not pass the censor.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Prince Christian presided at the annual meeting in London to-day of the Royal Agricultural Society.

The Prince of Wales was elected president for the ensuing year. Mr. Hanbury referred to his Royal Highness's Guildhall speech, and remarked that his advice to wake up might possibly be applied to agriculture or to some branches of that industry.

THE UNITERIAN CONFERENCE.

At the Unitarian Conference in London to-day it was announced that the King had invited the new President, Rev. Acland Armstrong, of Liverpool to attend the Coronation ceremonies in Westminster Abbey.