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DEATH OF CAPTAIN HALL.

We much regret to announce the death of Captain J Hall, Ashbourne House, Dock road, which occurred on Tuesday evening after an ill-The deceased ness of some months duration. gentleman, who was a native of Shields, came to Limerick many years ago, and joined the service of the Limerick Towing Company, whose directorate, we believe, included the late Sir James Spaight. When that company was discontinued, Captain Hall became connected with the Lower Sharnon Steamship Company, and as master of their vessels was well known to the public, by whom he was held in the highest esteem and respect. His genial and obliging disposition gained for him general popularity, while those more intimate with him in private life could enjoy his company, and appreciate his wide experience in public matters, and his rare abilities as a conversationalist. Centain Hall's family are a conversationalist. Captain Hall's family are well known in the city, his daughters having acquired distinction in musical circles, while his son, Mr John Hall, has an unbeaten record in the sculls. We join heartily in the sympathy which will be felt for Mrs Hall and her family in their sorrow.

The funeral of the late Mr. Hall took place this afternoon, the remains being interred at Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. The cortege was exceedingly large, and was representative of all classes of the community, giving marked testimony to the esteem and respect in which the deceased, was held. Since Mr. Hall's death the flags on the shipping in the harbour, and those at the Shannon Rowing and Limerick Boat Club were lowered to half mast.

The chief mourners were—Mr John Hall and Mr Willie Hall, sons; Mr Michael Hayes, son-in-law; Mr John and Mr Thomas Waters, nephews; Mr T Brinn, Mr Thamas Brinn, and Mr Michael Moloney, relatives.

The clergy present were—Rev. Father Cregan, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. Father Lee, C.C. do.; Rev. Father O'Connor, C.C., do., and Rev. Father Kelly, S.J.

Numerous wreaths were sent by the relatives and sympathising friends.

CINDERELLA DANCE.

The Cinderella Dance given at the County Courthouse last evening under the auspices of the Variety Stall, to be presided over by Mrs. Williams, in connection with the Colleen Bawn Fete, was most successful, and thoroughly enjoyed by a large assemblage. The room was decorated with great taste, the music and catering were excellent, and the arrangements admirably carried out in every detail.

Mrs. Williams wishes to thank the undermentioned who kindly assisted with presents the dance held in aid of the Colleen Bawn Fete (Variety Stall) at the County Courthouse last night—Messrs. Cleeve Bros., Messrs. Matterson, Mr. Looney, Messrs. Lynch and Spain, Messrs. Quin, Mossrs Spillane, Messrs. Lloyd.

FROM DAY, TO DAY

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

The engineers' strike on the Clyde is now closed.

Miss Shergold, aged 105, died at Hove, Brighton, last night.

Abnormal cold prevails at Johanneshurg, and snow is lying on the ground.

Thirty years ago Japan boasted one newspaper. To-day there are 900.

Glasses are worn by about one-fourth of the students in English universities.

Radeliffe has declined Mr Carnegie's offer of £5,000 for a free library.

Six new cardinals will be created at the coming June consistory in Rome.

The death is announced from Pittsburg. Mr. B. F. Jones, the multi-millionaire.

Hoboken, near Antwerp, has at factory chimney 410 high, the highest in the world.

Goods exported from the Transvaal for the quarter ending March 31 were valued at £2,685,000.

On March 317—the close of the financial year—the National Debt amounted to £798,349,190.

A traveller has made the observation that coffee-drinking people are very seldom given to drunkenness.

Count Tolstoy has sent 15,000 roubles to be distributed among the families of the Jews murdered at Kishineff.

A Reuter's message from Stockholm reports the expulsion from Finland of Senator Baron Gripenberg.

A contract for furnishing the 324 stations or the Trans-Siberian Railway has been placed with a Berlin firm

Gerome's monument to the French soldier on the battlefield of Waterloo will be unveile in September next.

The Spanish Parliament has been opened be the young King in person, his Majesty's speec being delivered in a firm voice.

Gold discoveries have been made at Kai ouan, in Tunis. The samples are said taverage from 15 dwt to 3 oz per ton.

In the Ottawa House of Commons on Mondanight the Bill prohibiting the importationand sale of cigarettes was defeated.

A committee has been appointed by the G vernor of Natal for the organisation of t resources of the colony for defence purposes.

Prolonged drought—the worst for thirty-fi years—has been experienced in the Easte States of America as far south as Goorgia