

Sir Edward Fitzgerald, Bart., late Lord Mayor of Cork, has received from Viscount Hayashi, on behalf of the Japanese Emperor, the diploma and insignia of a Commander of the Order of the Sacred Treasure, in recognition of his services to the Japanese Squadron during their visit in 1902.

At the Police Court to day, a man named James Fahy was charged with stabbing a man named Patrick Sheehan last night by cutting him on the hand with a knife. Accused, who alleged that he was struck with a stick by another man named McMahon, was remanded till to-morrow.

Rogers Fair on Monday was larger and better attended than the last, and prices were 2s. per cwt. more for cattle, and a halfpenny per pound for sheep. A few calves were brought in and sold well, as also did some promising yearlings. Much grumbling was indulged in with regard to pigs, a custom having grown up of forwarding to Limerick instead of keeping for the attendance of the buyers at the horse market. It is thought if the practice continues the wholesale dealers will cease visiting the town.

SAD DEATH OF MR. JEFCOAT.

Limerick citizens who know Mr. Charles Jefcoat, so long connected with the Technical Schools, will sympathise with him in the death of his brother, Mr. Albert Jefcoat, electrical engineer, of Wolverhampton. The circumstances were particularly sad. On Saturday night he and a "chum" named Darret had been visiting at a friend's house at Wednesfield, a few miles from Wolverhampton, in the heart of the "black" country, and which is intersected by canals. There was a dense fog at the time, and the two friends were asked to stay overnight. Being perfectly familiar with the district, they declined, and started to walk home. As they did not arrive that night, the canal was dragged next day, and both bodies were found in the water.

SHOCKING AFFAIR.

(By TELEGRAPH).

The Press Association's Tyro correspondent telegraphs:—A shocking affair occurred on the Tregethnan estate of Lord Falmouth on Tuesday evening. About ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, Henry Osmond, of Tregerrick Mother, undertaker, left on his usual beat, taking with him his gun and dog. Osmond failed to return at night, and yesterday, on the police searching Nancy Maybn Wood, they discovered him with his gun in his hands and the dog lying at his side. The gun was damaged by a shot, which had struck the small part of the stock. Death, which must have been instantaneous, was due to a gunshot wound. The body was removed to the deceased's home, and later in the evening the police placed under arrest, at his own home, a man suffering from a severe gunshot in the hip. It is alleged that the man, who lives at Probus, returned home on Tuesday evening and called in a local doctor, who visited him again on Wednesday. The doctor mentioned that the gamekeeper was missing, when, it is alleged, the man said he was in the wood and saw the keeper. On attempting to run away the keeper fired, and he fired in return, striking the keeper. The man under arrest is badly injured, and will probably be unable to leave home for a fortnight.

THE KING.

College, London, full particulars of their membership, rules, descriptive catalogue, &c., if they desire to participate in the distribution of the Peel Memorial Fund, subscribed in pennies by 400,000 working men of Great Britain, as a record of their gratitude to Sir Robert Peel for his successful legislation in abolishing the tax on bread, and which the Council of the College have decided to apply to the purchase of books, maps and other aids to knowledge.

LIMERICK MAN DROWNED.

Intimation has reached Mr. W. H. Fogerty, Solicitor, of the death by drowning on the 9th inst, of Mr. William B. Gibbons, at Tacoma, Washington, D.C. The late Mr. Gibbons was well-known and very popular in Limerick where he held the important position, of Organist of St. Michael's Protestant Church for many years until 1892, when he went abroad. He will long be remembered in musical circles in Limerick by whom his decided talents and ever courteous demeanour were greatly appreciated. He leaves a widow and three children. Full particulars of the diasters to the ss Clallam, off the coast of Vancouver, in which the deceased gentleman perished with sixty other persons, are given in Tacoma newspapers received in Limerick yesterday.

ACCIDENT AT GLIN PIER.

A rather serious accident occurred yesterday at Glin pier, where the steamship "Thomond" is at present discharging a cargo of coals for the Glin District Schools. A man named Patrick Sullivan was turning his horse and cart to take a load of coals when the animal set back into the tide between the ship's starboard bow and the quay side, the tide being nearly full in. A man named Richard Fitzgerald made a gallant attempt to prevent the animal from falling in. He held on to the animal's head, and only managed to cling on to the vessel's bulwarks. The animal was rescued after a time, and sustained no injuries through her immersion.

A ROUGH TIME AT SEA.

(By TELEGRAPH).

A Dover telegram states that a heavy gale is blowing in the Channel. The mail steamers report rough passages.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

(By TELEGRAPH).

The special Far East correspondent of the Paris "Journal" on arrival at Dalgy cables his impression is that war between Russia and Japan is not imminent.

LONDON STOCK MARKET.

London Stock Markets opened firm to-day but without much feature. Consols are 11-16 lower, Russian fours 1/4 better, Japanese stocks unchanged.

JAPAN'S DEMANDS TO BE GRANTED.

Paris, Thursday.

The "New York Herald's" correspondent at Port Arthur says he is assured that the Viceroy has been directed to grant the demands of Japan.

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