

(By Telegraph To-day.)

During the severe thunderstorm to-day, a farm near Northwich, Cheshire was struck by lightning, and William Platt was paralysed.

**BATH ABBEY STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.**

(By Telegraph To-day.)

The south-east pinnacle of Bath Abbey tower was struck by lightning this morning, and the top portion fell down.

**POPE AND FRANCE.**

(By Telegraph To-day.)

Rome, Wednesday.

M. de Curcel, the French Charge d'Affairs at the Vatican, has given up his residence here.

Paris, Thursday.

The "Figaro's" Rome correspondent states that the Cardinals of Holy Office have decided on definite measures against the Bishop of Laval.

**KAISER TO VISIT ROME.**

(By Telegraph To-day.)

It is stated that the German Emperor will visit Rome in September.

**AN ORGANIST DROWNED.**

Whilst three people were boating in Southampton Water on Tuesday night their boat, owing to some unexplained cause, suddenly sank, and the occupants were thrown into the water. Several members of the yacht Vernon, lying close by, put off to their assistance and rescued two of the party, but the third, Mr. Christopher Young, a well-known Southampton organist, was drowned.

**IRISH INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.**

"The London Committee of the Irish International Exhibition, 1906, are making substantial progress," says the "Evening Standard," "in obtaining financial support for the scheme. The proposal to inaugurate the Exhibition is the practical result of the universal desire of all sections and parties in Ireland to re-establish in Ireland its long depressed industry and manufactures. The success attending the revival in recent years, in circumstances by no means favourable, of certain industries, such as the woolen manufactures has lent special encouragement to the movement. The Executive Committee have secured an admirable site for the Exhibition in Dublin, and are engaged in obtaining the necessary subscriptions and guarantees to enable them to proceed with the erection of the buildings. They hope to secure a Guarantee Fund of £200,000, but they would feel justified in making contracts and proceeding with the work of erection when guarantees have reached £150,000. The Committee are asking the aid of the citizens of London and the large cities in the United Kingdom who have important property and commercial interests in Ireland. These and others have a positive and direct material interest in the project. The citizens of Dublin have guaranteed £80,000, and will probably increase that figure to £100,000 at least, thereby showing that the sound and progressive commercial element in the city has confidence in the scheme and is offering the strongest possible argument in support of the request for aid from friends and correspondents in England

On the recommendation of the Right Hon. Earl de Montalt, H.M.L., the Lord Chancellor has been pleased to appoint Mr. George E. Thompson, of Kilmore, to the Commission of the Peace for the County Tipperary.

The Earl and Countess of Kerry will shortly pay a visit to Lady Kerry's grandparents, Sir, John and Lady Constance Leslie, at Glaslough, County Monaghan, before proceeding to Derrreen on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne.

It is announced that the tenants on the Greene estate near Cappawhite, and those on the Dowling estate have agreed to purchase their holdings—the latter at 20 years on first term rents, and the former at 24½ on second term rents.

The Viceregal Commission appointed to inquire into and report on the relations between the grantees, lessees, and occupying tenants of Trinity College Estates sat yesterday at the Four Courts under the presidency of Lord Justice Fitzgibbon.

Intelligence has reached Killarney that the Papal brief in reference to the consecration of the Ven. Archdeacon Mangan, P.P., V.G., Kenmare, as Bishop of the diocese of Kerry, has been received from Rome, but the date of his consecration has not yet been fixed.

Eugene Fitzgerald, a labourer, residing at Deerpark, Lixnaw, who is charged with having on the 17th ult, with others at present unknown, discharged firearms with intent to kill, into the dwellinghouse of Denis Sullivan, Ballinagrath, has been remanded at Listowel.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Wm. Jeffcott, of Esteral, Temple road, Palmerston Park, and Ann Wray, only child of the late Amyrald Dancer, J.P., B.A., T.C.D., and Mrs. Dancer, of St. Joseph's Terrace, Sandford, and of Hilton, County Tipperary.

A meeting of the Limerick County Council has been convened for Saturday next to read amongst other matters the minutes of conference on Poor Law reform, and to appoint two representatives of the Council to give evidence before the Commission. The applications of the staff for revision of salaries will also be considered.

**DEATH OF MR. MOLONEY, G.P.O.**

We announce with much regret the very unexpected demise of Mr. Patrick Moloney, an Assistant Inspector at the General Post Office, which occurred at his residence, Covent Street, yesterday morning. He had been less than a week laid up. Mr. Moloney, who was only in his 34th year, had 20 years service in the Post Office, and his uniform courtesy and kindness of heart made him extremely popular with the public, as well as with the staff of the G.P.O. The news of his death in the prime of life came as a shock to very many friends, who deeply sympathise with his widow and family in their affliction.

**ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACT.**

Before Mr. Justice Boyd, yesterday, in the case of Dooley v. Riordan,

Mr. Carrigan (instructed by Mr. Frewen) applied on behalf of the defendant for an order remitting the action to the County Court Judge at Limerick. The action was brought by Richard Dooley, of Patrickswell, against Mrs. Kate Riordan, of Knockgreena, Old Pallas, Co. Limerick.

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