

WAR ITEMS.

moored in St. Petersburg yesterday. The Russian flagship had been sunk.

On the right flank, near the Shah, is a line of forts reinforced, and they are being shelled over by the Japanese, who are attacking them.

By the Russian officers at Port Arthur given their parole. All the forts were taken over by the Japanese, who were in the town on Thursday.

RUSSIAN FLEET'S ORDERS.

By Telegraph To-day.)
Paris, Saturday.
The Russian fleet at St. Petersburg contemplates giving a cruise between the Cape Horn and Jibutel for two months until the end of the third squadron.

PORT FORTIFICATIONS.

By Telegraph To-day.)
Washington, Saturday.
The War Department has been informed that the Japanese are fortifying the coast of the Philippines.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN SCULLY.

It is announced the death of Mr. John Scully, a sergeant R.I.C. who passed away yesterday afternoon at his residence 64 Henry st. after a prolonged illness. Deceased who was 47 years of age, had served in the local R.I.C. for 12 years and has since been in the local R.I.C. He was a man of a most genial manner and his demise is regretted by many friends who sincerely sympathized with his widow and family. Funeral at two o'clock from his late residence in the local R.I.C. Cemetery.

The "James's Gazette" says: Miss Scully, sister of the late Cecil Rhodes, died yesterday at St. Leonard's.

The Limerick Board of Guardians at a special meeting to-day presided over by Mr. John McInerney, J.P., resolved by a majority not to accept the offer of the Local Government Board volunteering a supply of seed potatoes for occupiers in those divisions where the crop was a failure.

THE RIVALS MEET.

At noon on Thursday Generals Stoessel and Nogi met at the village of Shuishiyang, and their meeting is represented to have been a friendly one, personal questions only having been discussed.

FIGHT (LABOURER'S) SCHEME.

At the meeting of Limerick No. 1 Council to-day, on the motion of Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. John Hayes, it was decided to adjourn consideration of eight schemes to the 4th prox.

THE LATE MR. WALTER BOURKE.

The funeral of the late Mr. Walter Bourke, head gardener of the People's Park, took place yesterday morning from St. Michael's R.C. Church for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The funeral was very large and of a most representative character, testifying to the high esteem in which an upright and worthy citizen was held by all classes of the community, and the regret which his demise has occasioned. The Mayor, the members of the Corporation, and the officials were present. The chief mourners were Messrs. Edward and Walter Bourke, sons; T. Ryan, V.S., son-in-law; P. Bourke, T. Bourke, Shower, Newport, cousins; Mr. J. Ryan, J.P., Killenure, etc. The clergy present were—Father Cregan, and Father Carroll, C.C.

RURAL LIBRARIES ACT.

Sometime ago the Limerick No. 1 Council had under consideration the question of putting into operation the provisions of the Rural Libraries Act in their district. The Local Government Board now ask what further action had been taken in reference to the matter. The clerk, Mr. Guinane, it appears, has been in communication with Mr. Carnegie on the subject, and it has now been decided to inform the Local Government Board accordingly.

At the interval there was no further score.

Half-time—
South Munsters 1 goal (8 points).
North Munsters Nil

John Ryan re-opened, and the return left the scene of hostilities in North 25. Cork then broke away to their adversaries lines, where McGill saved by going into touch. From the line out Healy, aided by M. Ryan, got as far as neutral territory, where they were held up by Landers, and subsequently from a rush Kavanagh gathered ten yards outside and went over. McGrath failed to majorise. The Northerners then settled down to work with more determination. With a grand combined effort they took play to the Cork lines and from a scrum here M. Ryan dived over at the corner. Brennan essayed a most difficult kick, and was successful. With ten minutes to go, the representatives of the North strove hard to equalise, but the time stole upon them, and when the "no side" went, the score stood:

South Munster ... 1 goal and 1 try (8 points)
North ... 1 goal (5 points)
Mr. Robey, Queen's College F.C., refereed.
The Munster fifteen will be selected to-night.

KILRUSH ELECTIONS

A SHARP CONTEST.

(From our own Correspondent.)

A third of the Council retire annually in Kilrush, and a contest for the seats will take place as brisk as ever this time. The nominations closed with Mr. John Murphy, Returning Officer, last evening with the following result:—Ten gentlemen are contesting for four seats:—Batt Culligan, J.P., W. J. Glynn, J.P., T. Ryan, J. S. Dowling, T. Roughan, M. J. Carmody, J. Clancy, P. Dillon, J. McGarry, T. Nolan.

Official denial is given to a statement published that the Bishop of Llandaff will retire in a few months.

The two men and a woman charged with forging Bank of England notes were again remanded in London yesterday.

The date of the re-assembling of Parliament approximately given as February 2nd will be definitely settled at the Privy Council meeting which the King will hold at Buckingham Palace on Thursday next.

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