

THE WAR.

RUSSIAN FLEET.

Imperative French Demand.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

Paris, Tuesday.

The "Petit Journal" states that on learning the Russian fleet was at Thuyhoa on Monday, despite the promise to sail that morning, the French Government ordered the French Admiral to demand the definite departure of the Russian squadron at once. The French papers accuse Japan of trying to fasten a quarrel on France, and deny that there has been any breach of neutrality. They also take exception to the attitude of the British Press.

Mr. Balfour stated in the House to-day that the Czar himself had given instructions that Rodjestvenski should leave the Bay at once. The Admiral had therefore moved a few miles north outside French territorial waters.

The Japanese Minister to-day said— You may state in the most explicit manner that I emphatically do not consider the situation which has arisen between my country and France to be a serious one at present.

Kuropatkin Recalled.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

The "Martin's" St. Petersburg correspondent states that Kuropatkin has been finally relieved of command and recalled.

France's Neutrality.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

Paris, Tuesday.

The "Petit Journal" has reason to believe that France has ordered that the Russian Squadron shall not be allowed to effect a strategic junction in the Indo China territorial waters.

BURGLARIES IN THE CITY.

A sequence to the recent burglaries entry of the house of Ald. John Daly, reported in our last issue, took place on Saturday night when between 12 o'clock and three entry was forced into no less than four houses in the outlying district. In the first place the house of Mr. D. L. Roche was entered by the displacing of the glass in the parter, from which a leg of mutton was taken, the thieves considerably leaving behind them a chicken and a tongue when they were disturbed. Next another house in Ballinacorra was entered, but little or nothing taken. Next Mrs. McDonald's, Ballinacorra, was visited, and there thieves regaled themselves. They then visited the residence of Mr. Freeth, Vokes Terrace, partook of pie and jelly, before Mr. Freeth appeared on the scene, on which one man bolted, and though chased got away, while the other was vigorously sat upon by Mrs. Freeth and tied up until a constable was fetched, into whose custody he was given.

PROCEEDINGS AT THE POLICE COURT.

Yesterday morning, at the Police Court, before Messrs. E. F. Hickson, R.M., and P. E. Bourke, the story was re-told by Acting-sergeant McGourty, who in a deposition gave the prisoner's name as John Smith (Manchester), alias Richard Keenan. The accused is a young, emaciated fellow of about twenty years, and from what the police know, they are able to connect him with other deceptions.

Sergeant Welsh informed the Bench that the fellow was not known in the city, and supplemented his remarks by stating that both Mr. McDonnell's and Mr. Freeth's houses were ransacked, and 10s. taken out of the latter.

Mr. Hickson—Nothing more?

Sergeant Welsh—Yes; they had breakfast in the two houses.

Mr. Hickson—I suppose you know who the other man is?

Sergeant Welsh—Yes. He is not arrested yet.

Mr. Hickson—I suppose you apply for a remand?

Acting-sergeant McGourty—Yes, for a week.

COUNTY LIMERICKMAN'S HEROISM.

Shocking Affair in Dublin.

In attempting to rescue some labourers who were overpowered by sewer gas in the main drain at the corner of Burch Quay and Hawkins Street, Dublin, on Saturday afternoon Constable Sheehan, of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, lost his life. One of the labourers named Fleming died soon after being admitted to hospital. Four other men, who were nearly asphyxiated, recovered. The circumstances attending the death of Constable Sheehan were particularly pathetic. He had only just come on special duty a few minutes before being accosted by the little newsboy. He is stated to have gone on duty at his own request, in order to relieve a comrade who wished to go to a theatre. Constable Sheehan, who was a native of County Limerick, was 28 years of age, 6ft. 4in. in height, and weighed over 16 stone. He was a most popular member of the force.

Referring to the matter yesterday, the "Irish Times" says:—There is no tale of gallantry with which we are acquainted which excites in us more pity and admiration. Constable Sheehan, the carman Fitzpatrick, and the Fireman Lambert, without pausing to count the risks, went into the depths of a noisome hole which breathed death simply to try to save the men they did not know, and probably had never seen. The act ranks amongst the highest episodes in the annals of heroism. There was none of the excitement of the battlefield to spur them on, there was not likely to be much glory attendant upon their success. They had simply to disappear from the gaze of all into an unbearable atmosphere to rescue poor labourers. The young constable—a fine specimen of humanity—lost his life, but his deed will be remembered as long as a record of courage is kept in the annals of the force of which he was a member.

Yesterday's "Independent" says—Police Constable Sheehan was a well-known member of the Champion Tug-of-War team, in connection with which he won a large number of medals, and from the same fact it may be judged that he was physically an exceptionally strong man. This was combined with a complete disregard of danger. Numerous instances of this may be quoted.

Inspector Cushion tells one of which he was himself a witness. On the occasion of the Townsend Street fatality a couple of years ago Constable Sheehan displayed the most astonishing pluck and bravery. When a house was tumbling into ruins, the constable dashed in, and saved an old man and his wife from a terrible death, carrying them out to safety on his brawny shoulders. He had scarcely got outside the door when the house collapsed like "a house of cards."

Constable Maurice Wolfe, an intimate friend of the deceased, spoke of his merit with tears in his eyes. "It is only a short time ago," said he, "since he stopped a run away bull in Grafton street by catching it by the horns. When I asked him afterwards about it, he said the only thing he was afraid of was that the bull's horns would give way. He had no fear of himself, and he was a giant in strength."

The parents of the deceased are still alive, and there is a brother of his—Constable John Sheehan, also an old tug-of-war man—in the "A" Division of the D.M.P.

The whole talk of the city yesterday was of Constable Patrick Sheehan's bravery and the circumstances under which he met a glorious but premature death.

He will be buried in his native place, and the suggestion has been made that he should be accorded a public funeral. This is a suggestion which we think will commend itself to popular approval.

Constable Sheehan, without a thought of personal danger, rushed from the open sunlight into a fetid sewer, rescued a couple of men, but himself fell a victim.

"Died to save others" is his fitting epitaph, and his name will long be cherished as that of a brave and gallant man—a credit to the force and to his native Limerick.

THE FUNERAL.

A public funeral from Mount Argus R.C. Church, Dublin, to Kingsbridge was accorded this morning to Constable Sheehan, one of the victims of the Dublin sewer disaster. The cortege was some miles in length, and was taken part in the Royal Irish Constabulary, Metropolitan, and other bands, which played funeral airs. The chief mourners were—Constable John Sheehan, D.M.P., brother;

POOR LAW ELECTIONS.

Nominations at Limerick.

Yesterday the nominations of candidates for the representation of the eight city wards on the Poor Law Board took place with the Town Clerk, Mr. Wm. M. Nolan, as Deputy Returning Officer, the time for receiving the papers having closed at five o'clock. There are three representatives for each ward and all the outgoing guardians except two seek re-election. There are several new candidates in the field, including two ladies, and contests are likely to take place in every ward save one on the election day, the 6th June. Candidates may withdraw their nominations up to the 15th instant.

The following is the list of candidates—

ABBNEY WARD.

John Casack, P.L.G., Joseph P. Lynch, Michael Murphy, P.L.G., John Quilligan, B.C., Patrick Keane, P.L.G., James Gilgan.

CITY WARD.

James Hasset, P.L.G., Ald. J. Doolan, P.L.G., Miss Mary Dooley, Patrick Lodon.

Mr. W. McNamara, the third outgoing guardian does not seek re-election.

CUSTOMHOUSE WARD.

The Mayor (Ald. Joyce), P.L.G., Patrick Bourke, P.L.G., W. Frost, P.L.G., John Kirby.

DOCK WARD.

Michael Cuddihy, P.L.G., John King, P.L.G., James Bourke, John Hayes, B.C., P. Kavanagh, John Fennell.

Miss McDonnell, P.L.G., retires.

MARKET WARD.

Robert Frost, Alderman McDonnell, P.L.G., R. Lunn, P.L.G., T. Coffey, P.L.G., John Sheehan, Mr. John Sheehan, P. Collins, B.C., W. O'Brien.

SHANNON WARD.

John Kelly, P.L.G., Thomas McMahon, James Lawlor, P.L.G., George Pegum, Alderman O'Mara, P.L.G.

GLENTWORTH WARD.

John Guinane, P.L.G., James F. Barry, P.L.G., Ald. Prendergast, P.L.G.

No contest.

IRISHTOWN WARD.

Michael Donnelly, P.L.G., P. McInerney, P.L.G., C. Quilligan, P. Kiely, John Sheehan, T. B. Gough, B.C., P. McInerney.

Mr. M. Prendergast was the third representative. He went to the United States some time ago and a guardian was not co-opted in his stead.

TO-DAY BY WIRE.

The Cabinet met to-day.

Prince Leitel, son of the German Emperor, to-day visited Windsor Castle.

The King has contributed one hundred guineas, Prince of Wales fifty guineas, and the Princess of Wales twenty-five guineas to the Viceroy's relief fund. The Prince has given fifty pounds, and the Princess twenty-five pounds for Lord Kitchener's fund.

The Congregational Union condemned the Education Act, protested against the Licensing Act, and contended that "gold" was the "yellow peril" of to-day.

At Leeds's Assizes to-day Edwin James Dalton, 44, stoker, was sentenced to death for the murder of Ada Meeson at Sheffield by cutting her throat.

PITH OF PARLIAMENT.

In the House of Commons, last night the Scottish Education Bill was read a second time. At the commencement of the sitting Mr. Anthony McDonnell's recent visit to the West of Ireland was discussed, and the question of the manner in which convent laundries were conducted occupied the attention of the House.

TRAFFICS.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

Great North of Scotland decrease, £368.

Highland decrease £267.

South Eastern increase, £6,307.

Lancashire and Yorkshire increase, £55.

A YOUTHFUL SHOPLIFTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

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