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**DEATH OF MRS. D NOONAN,
CAPPA, RATHKEALE.**

In the peaceful old churchyard at Cappa, whose ivy-clad walls withstood the storm of centuries, and where now "the rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep," there was laid to rest on Sunday afternoon all that was mortal of a venerable and respected inhabitant of Cappa, in the person of Mrs. Daniel Noonan, mother of Mr. P. Noonan, local Press representative. At the graveside of the deceased lady were gathered a large assemblage of the representative people of Rathkeale and adjoining districts, who testified by their presence the respect and esteem in which she was held. The remains of deceased were borne on the shoulders of the young men of the district from the Catholic Church, Cappa, to the graveyard.

The clergy present were—Rev. T. Curtin, P.P., Cappa; Rev. W. J. Mulcahy, P.P., Croagh.

The chief mourner was—Mr. P. Noonan, son. Amongst those present were—Dr. Thomas Magner, J.P.; John Fitzgibbon, J.P., Chairman District Council; Thomas Hayes, J.P.; John T. Cosgrave, solicitor; John Kally (M. & A. Fitzgibbon), T. Cusack, D.C., T.C.; Michael J. Hassett, Assistant Clerk of Union; Michael Dufficy, John M. O'Grady, T.C.; Stephen O'Grady (Dublin), James McNamara, D.C.; John Cahill, D.C.; P. Kennedy, P. V. Culhane, Denis Culhane, Patrick Cahill, M. Fitzgerald, John O'Connell, M. Collopy, D. Buckley, P. Moroney, J. Enright, J. Clancy, G.S.W.R.; J. Coonerty, G.S.W.R., Rathkeale; M. Madigan, G. Scully, W. D. Power, John O'Donnell, G. Baker, R. Baker, John Hannan, M. Cregan, J. Cregan, Thomas Walsh, Postmaster, Acaire; William Boyle, Thoma. Cahill, D. J. Madden, Joseph Sheehy, D.C.; Thomas Costellos, D.C.; Constable Barrett, J. McDonnell, Feighbeg; M. Moloney, D. Moloney, P. Maley, J. Hennessy, M. Hurley, W. Ward, T.C., J. Ward, J. Walsh, J. Madigan, P. Nash, M. Doody, M. Mulcaire, J. Duggan, J. McDonagh, Uriah Sheppard, Stephen Casey (Town Clerk), James Purhill, R.O., W. Casey, Wm. Murphy, N.T. (Askeaton), David O'Donnell, M. Giltenane, M. Cahill, J. Condon, M. Moroney, Wm. O'Brien, M. Cregan, J. Cowhey, M. Cowhey, D.C., D. Hogan, C. Cahill, W. Shanahan.

Several beautiful wreaths were placed on the grave.

At a meeting of the Rathkeale Branch of the United Irish League, Mr. D. J. Madden presiding, a vote of condolence was passed to Mr. P. J. Noonan, journalist, on the death of his mother. Similar resolutions were passed by the Rathkeale Town Tenants' Association (of which Mr. Noonan is a member), the Land and Labour Association, and also the Rathkeale Gaelic Club. As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased lady the usual weekly meeting of the Cappa Branch of the United Irish League was adjourned.

Messrs. John E. Redmond, M.P., P. J. O'Shaughnessy, M.P., and W. Landon, M.P., wrote expressing regret at not being able to attend the funeral.

**DEATH OF MR. MICHAEL
FITZMAURICE.**

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to Mr. John Fitzmaurice, Harbour Master, on the death of his eldest son, Mr. Michael Fitzmaurice, who passed away on Friday night at the early age of 19 years. Deceased had been in delicate health for some time past. The funeral, which took place on Sunday from St. Michael's R.C. Church, for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, was very large and representative, members of the Harbour Board, officials, and employes being present, as well as a large gathering of the general public. The chief mourners were—Mr. John Fitzmaurice (father), Mr. J. Fitzmaurice (brother), Mr. Morgan Fitzmaurice (grand-uncle), Captain James Reynolds and Captain Patrick Reynolds (uncles). The clergy present were—Fr. Lee, Adm., and Fr. Devane, C.C. The flags on the shipping in port and at the Rowing Clubs were at half-mast as a mark of respect.

**USEFUL HINTS FOR
PRODUCERS.**

From a bulletin written by Mr. J. A. Ruddick, the Canadian Commissioner of Dairying, the following points are taken as meriting the constant attention of milk and butter producers:—
It pays to make cows comfortable at all times.

OUTSIDE OPINIONS.

To CORRESPONDENTS—We cannot guarantee to insert letters sent to us on days of publication. They should be sent in on the previous days—Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
This column being open to all, we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

**MUNICIPAL
EXTRAVAGANCE.**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I thought that before now there would appear in your columns some expression of opinion, either from yourself or from a ratepayer, as to the uncalled for manner in which our representatives on public boards recklessly vote away increases in the salaries of officials who are, in my opinion, already doubly overpaid. The Press of Limerick is apparently apathetic to say one word in favor of, or against, this extravagance, and it therefore rests with me, as one of the heaviest ratepayers in the Castle Ward, to crave a little of your space to protest against the action of our representatives, and in doing so I will give you and your readers figures that will convince any reasonably disposed citizen that I am right when I call the heading to this letter "Municipal Extravagance."

No doubt I will hurt the feelings of some of the municipal officers and their friends in the Council Chamber, but I am one of those who call "a spade a spade," no matter what way I may be reciprocated from doing so afterwards. I will first deal with the office of the City Treasurer, and I will ask you to note carefully the salary paid to the Treasurers from 1883 to 1907. When the late Mr. Woulfe took office in 1883 his salary was £100, and from 1883 to 1887 he had £150. In 1887 it was increased to £200, and in 1895 it was further increased to £250 a year, which he received up to 1900, and out of his salary he paid his own clerks. Just look at the cost of the department in 1907. Mr. Fiun (Treasurer) has £250 clear; Mr. Morrissey (Assistant Treasurer), £100; Mr. Walsh, £60; Mr. Gough, £52. This means an increase since the death of Mr. Woulfe in the above department of £212 a year.

Now I will take the office of City Surveyor, and it will interest ratepayers to read closely between the lines my remarks. What they had to pay from 1865 to 1876 to the late Mr. W. E. Corbett was £200 a year, and from 1893 to the date of his superannuation the said Mr. Corbett received £270 a year, out of which he paid two clerks.

In the present year (1907) Mr. J. Peacocke has £324 per annum, and if the proposed increase of £50 be sanctioned, as I believe it is, he will be in receipt of £374. His assistant (Mr. M. Fitzgerald), has £130, which would bring the cost to £504 a year, an increase from Mr. Corbett's time of £234. As regards Mr. Fitzgerald, I must say he is giving the ratepayers every satisfaction and value for their money, but I had to mention his name in order to show that Mr. Corbett paid his own clerks (2), whilst the present Surveyor does not. It is said that the supervision of the steam roller is another duty which Mr. Corbett had not to contend with, but if he had not there is a competent man in charge of the roller in the person of Mr. Justin McCarthy, who receives £17s weekly. Then, again, it might be argued that he (Mr. Peacocke) had the supervision of the Depot thrown on his shoulders; but when one glances over the pay-sheets of that department it will be seen that a superintendent (Mr. Harold) has a salary of £104 per year, while Mr. Clancy, his assistant, has £1 per week and a house free. This work was formerly discharged by the late Mr. Patrick Jones for less than £1 per week, which is now entailing an increase of £104 by Mr. Harold's appointment.

Now, sir, I have given you facts and figures which cannot be contradicted, and in those two offices the sum of £446 has been recklessly voted away by men who accept office.

In anticipation of your publishing this letter I will deal with two other departments in the course of a few days.

Yours respectfully,
WILLIAM WILSON WHITAKER.

P.S.—On Thursday night, the 5th inst., the "last kick" came from our City Fathers, when they recommended an increase to Mr. William Nolan, Town Clerk, whose present salary is over £400, while Mr. Killeen, his assistant, has £200. Mr. McDonnell, late Town Clerk, had only £270 per year, out of which he paid Mr. Killeen. I may also state that for years Mr. Wm. Nolan paid Mr. Killeen out of his salary; so did the late Mr. Alfred Wallace.

Leveson-Gower commanded the right column. The army forced itself into the town, but were met with such a heavy fire from all sides that it had to retreat. Brigadier-General Craufurd, with the greater part of his brigade, being taken prisoners.

The total loss was: Killed—1 major (Trotter), 6 captains, 4 lieutenants, 1 ensign, 3 staff, 18 sergeants, 4 drummers, and 279 rank and file. Wounded—3 lieutenant-colonels, 5 majors, 16 captains, 33 lieutenants, 2 ensigns, 2 staff, 1 volunteer, 43 sergeants, 11 drummers, and 559 rank and file. Missing—2 staff, 1 quartermaster, 4 sergeants, 5 drummers, and 196 rank and file. Grand total, 1,198.

It may be remembered that Lieutenant General Whitelocke was brought before a court-martial in London later, and dismissed the service for his conduct and faulty arrangements at Buenos Ayres. Captain Fraser commanded the Royal Artillery.

Among those mentioned for gallant conduct in the dispatch were—Rear Admiral Murray, R.N., Captain Rowley, R.N., Captain Bayntun, R.N., Captain Thompson, R.N., Major-General Leveson-Gower (second in command), Brigadier General Sir Samuel Auchmuty, Lumley, Craufurd, and Colonel Mahon, commanding brigades. Captain Fraser, R.A., Captain Squires, R.E., Major Nicholls, 95th Regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel Bradford, D.A.S.; Lieutenant Colonel Torrens, Military Secretary; Captains Brown, Foster, Douglais, and Whittingham, A.D.C's, Lieutenant Colonel Burke, D.Q.S., who brought home the dispatch. The result of this repulse was that General Whitelocke entered into a convention with the Spanish General Liniers, by which it was agreed that each side should give up all prisoners taken, including the 71st Regiment, and the others taken previously with General Beresford. That all the English forces should withdraw from the river La Plata. That the fortress of Monte Video should be given up within two months with all the artillery contained when captured.

CAPTURE OF COPENHAGEN.

The operations against this city resulted in a great success, the capitulation of which took place on the 7th of September, 1807, to the English forces under the command of Admiral Sambier and Lieutenant-General Lord Cathcart. In the actions which took place previous to the capitulation 4 officers, one sergeant, one drummer, and 36 rank and file, and 8 horses were killed, while 6 officers, one sergeant, 138 rank and file, and 25 horses, were wounded. The Sergeant, 4 drummers, and 14 ranks and file were returned as missing. The officers killed were—Lieutenant Lyons, R.A., Ensign Robert Dixon, 82nd foot; Lieutenant Rudoff, 1st Regiment Light Dragoons (King's German Legion), and Ensign Jennings, 83rd Foot. Officers wounded—Captain Hastings, 82nd Foot; Lieutenant Suter, 82nd Foot; Captain Daring, 1st Battalion King's German Legion; Lieut.-General Sir D. Baird, Ensign Bilson. The Danish Fleet delivered up consisted of 18 ships of the line, 15 frigates, 6 brigs, and 25 gunboats.

W. A. B.

A NOVEL STRIKE.

On Saturday evening 27 men, employed as gravediggers at Glasnevin Cemetery, came out on strike. On the 1st ult. they made an application that their wages be increased from 16s. to £1 per week, and as the application was postponed for a year the men struck.



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