

no other grave fault of the short service that under it a man leaves the Navy he becomes a really useful addition to the personnel. One may be told that in this wonderful reserve is being formed. It may appear a sound enough argument when the time for practical demonstration it will be found fallacious. Short as at present shaping, will not give us a dependable reserve.

WS-NOTES AND NOTIONS.

LIGHT UP.

and others liable to prosecution under the Vehicles Act should light up to-night at to-morrow night at 8.20, and on Saturday

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S REPORT.

average annual death-rate represented by the registered last week in the Dublin Registrar's and the twenty-one principal provincial districts of Ireland was 23.2 per 1,000 of their population, which, for the purposes of returns, is estimated at 1,131,959. The deaths recorded in each of the past four weeks, and during each of that period, in the several districts, chronologically arranged, corresponded to the following rates per 1,000:—Waterford, 48.7; Sligo, 31.7; Londonderry, 30.4; Portadown, 30.0; Drogheda, 29.5; Limerick, 28.7; Lurgan, 26.6; Carrickmacross, 23.6; Drogheda, 24.5; Belfast, 23.7; Clonmel, 21.0; Clonmel, 20.5; Dublin registered, 19.1; Queenstown, 19.8; Ballymena, 19.2; Lisburn, 18.2; Dundalk, 16.0; Armagh, 13.7; Galway, 7.8. The deaths due to certain epidemic diseases registered in twenty-two districts during last week equalled to an annual rate of 1.8 per 1,000, rates varying from 0.0 in twelve of the districts to 15.3 in Waterford.

JENNIE LEE'S BEHAVEMENT.

Jennie Lee, well known to a former generation of playgoers as "Jo" perhaps the most popular of the Dickens characters on the stage. Melbourne at latest mail advices. She is in Australia in distressing circumstances, as accompanying her daughter, Miss Joan Lee, who had been selected in London to play a part in the Australian production of "Peter and the Wolf." On the voyage Miss Burnett became very ill, and died a few days after landing in Melbourne. The theatrical profession in Melbourne is giving a monster combined entertainment for Miss Lee's benefit.

THE FRANCO-BRITISH EXHIBITION.

Prince of Wales, who will be accompanied by the Princess Alice, has consented to open the Franco-

under the conductorship of Mr. Paul Bernard. An excellent musical treat will be provided, and we hope to see a bumper house.

GOLF.

The Limerick Golf Club have been lucky in securing the services of Mr. T. A. MacNamara, as their professional for the new links at Ballyclough. Mr. MacNamara is well known in golfing circles, having acted as a assistant professional at the North Middlesex Club, London, and afterwards as professional to the Rushbrook (Co. Cork) Golf Club. He is at present engaged in completing the making of the course, and it is expected he will have it ready for play about the second week in May. It is his opinion that the committee have been fortunate in securing a ground which with care and attention in a short time should turn out one of the best inland links in Ireland.

POLICE COURT.

At the Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Hickson, R.M., John Molony, an old offender, was charged under the Vagrancy Act with being at a lime kiln off the Dock Road, and having no visible means of subsistence. The accused was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

Sergeant Instructor Shot Dead.

An Aldershot message states that Sergeant-Instructor Isaacson was accidentally shot dead yesterday. A rifle magazine, of which a member of the squad of the 2nd Guards forgot to empty was discharged, the bullet entering Isaacson's back.

FUNERAL OF MRS. M. J. JUDGE.

The funeral of the late Mrs. M. J. Judge, whose death occurred on the 25th inst., took place from her late residence, Narabrook, Clontarf, Dublin, on Monday for Glasnevin Cemetery. There was a very large concourse of people in attendance, testifying to the esteem entertained for the deceased lady and her family.

The chief mourners were—Messrs. Michael J. Judge (husband), James Judge (son), Stephen O'Mara, John O'Mara, Limerick, Dr. Frank O'Mara, Rinnis, and Joseph O'Mara (brothers); James O'Mara, junr., James Ray and L. Ray (nephews), Richard Ray (brother-in-law), and Michael Spain (cousin).

Amongst the large attendance of the general public were the Lord Mayor and High Sheriff of Dublin, and a large number of friends of the family.

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.

Mr. E. F. Hickson, R.M., presided at the County Petty Sessions to-day, Constable Coffey charged a woman named Mary Sexton with the attempted larceny of a shirt on the 22nd. There was not sufficient evidence to justify the charge and the case was dismissed.

Temperance Society was held in the Metropolitan Hall. Cooke presided, and addresses by the Bishop of Lahore, the Bishop Andrew Reed, and others.

The annual meeting of the auxiliary of the London Jews' on Tuesday under the presidency of Limerick. Dr. W. W. Jerusalem Hospital, said although unable to understand Christian an extent heretofore unknown, about Christ, and it was Christians to take the fullest spirit.

GAS EXPLOSION CITY.

A serious gas explosion occurred this morning in the licensed shop of Walshe, Athlunkard Street. A gas stove and boiled water turned off the gas, but, returned soon afterwards, was again conscious by an explosion. A plate glass in the shop was damaged to property in the shop was struck by splinters of glass in all directions, but escaped. A sensation was caused in the street by the accident, and it is for serious results have not to be.

The actual cause of the explosion and a curious feature about it occur at the moment the gas was supposed that there had been of gas in the shop.

OLD AGE PENSION.

The "Globe" says—A good deal of talk has been going on with regard to the Government's new age pensions. It seems probable that the pension will only be added to any other income of the recipient, the total amount of shillings. As this obviously discourages thrift, it may be expected to receive the support of that House, which teaches that to take and almost a crime. Criminals, lunatics, soldiers and their families, and the thousands excluded from the benefit persons all equally unworthy of the bounty of the State, but that are to rejoice in its bounty. It is to be a general agreement upon is five shillings a week is nicely calculated to do the most good to the recipient, while putting no strain upon the rates. Indeed it is inadequate for any one of those who imagine any scheme can permanently be of any benefit, we feel certain, themselves. The amount which it reaches that mysterious sort of living wage; but even on that point shall be curious to see from the Chancellor of the Exchequer's money.

WEDDING.