

JAPAN'S PROSPEROUS PORTS.

Reporting on the trading of the district of Tainan, South Formosa, Mr. A. E. Wileman, the British Consul there, states that the total value of the import and export trades of the two open ports of Auping and Takou in 1907 was £2,232,605, against £2,084,521 in 1906, showing a total increase of £148,084, and an excess over the average of the five years 1902-6 of £858,287. Imports increased in 1907 by £283,305, and exports diminished by £135,221.

GIFT TO A BURGLAR.

A burglar who entered a Beddington house and, among other articles, took a clock from the drawing-room, on coming out met the owner, who, thrown off his guard by the thief's boldness, concluded that he had been sent for to take the timepiece away for repair. He told him the dining room clock also wanted a little attention, and he might as well take that. The burglar took it.

STRUGGLE WITH AN EEL.

While fishing off Hove, Inspector Inghit of the R.S.P.C.A., Kingston-on-Thames, and two friends had an exciting experience in landing an eel which measured 5ft. 3in. and weighed 23lb. The eel, in its struggles to free itself, nearly upset the small boat, and when in the craft it lashed out so furiously that it sent its occupants sprawling.

A DYING MAN'S WEDDING.

Ernesto Santaglio, a tram inspector, taken to a Naples hospital after an accident, was told that there was no hope for his recovery. He thereupon asked that he should be permitted to marry his fiancée, in order that she might receive, as his widow, a pension to which he was entitled. The ceremony took place in the ward, and on its conclusion the bride swooned. She recovered only a few hours later when her husband was dead.

THE CORPORATION.

The Mayor presided at the meeting of the Corporation Committees last night. Several matters relating to the discipline of the Fire brigade were discussed, and a special Committee appointed to deal with them.

CITY POLICE COURT.

Mr. D. L. Roche presided at the City Police Court yesterday. Patrick Harty, a tramp, was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment, failing to pay a fine of 10s. 6d. for being drunk and disorderly.

This morning before Mr. D. L. Roche, an old offender named Christina Massey, was sent to gaol for a month, for loitering last night.

ENNIS MEETING.

At Ennis Race Meeting yesterday, the Railway Plate was won by Platea filly, the Clare Plate by Royal Kendal II, the Ennis Plate by Dandy Dick, the Stewards Plate by Prince of Peace, and the Committee Plate by Crown Receiver.

NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.

The Irish Nurses Association has received

by the driver.

Thomas Quinn has been sent for trial to the Connaught Assizes, charged with breaking into the publichouse of William Hanly, and stealing £30.

It was reported at Cork Asylum Committee by the medical superintendent that there were 779 male and 822 female patients, the total being 1,601. The number of females in the asylum is the highest on record. The increase in numbers was in great part due to decreasing deathrate, and the question of extra accommodation would before long require consideration.

Claims to the amount of £142 have been lodged with the Roscrea District Council for compensation for damage caused to 110 head of cattle by driving them off certain lands in the district.

Denis Ryan, a farmer living at Upperchurch, has been admitted to the Thurles Infirmary suffering from three fractures of the left leg, the result of being thrown from his horse, the animal afterwards walking on him.

The death took place on Monday at Arderoney, Borrisokane, of Mrs. Hannah O'Donoghue at the age of 103 years. The deceased was able to attend to her duties up to a week ago, and until recently walked two miles to Mass at Arderoney every Sunday.

There were two candidates for the recent rate-collectorship of Roscrea District, Messrs. J. Corcoran, Honeymount, Roscrea (son of the Chairman of the Council, Mr. T. Corcoran, J.P.), and Wm. Ryan, of Ballymackey, Nenagh. Mr. Ryan was elected by 13 votes to 11 at the meeting of Nenagh County Council yesterday.

TRAGIC FATAL ACCIDENT IN LONDON

DEATH OF A LIMERICK SOLICITOR.

With the deepest regret we record this evening the death of a prominent and highly respected citizen, Mr. Francis M. Fitt, Solicitor, the news of which came as a great shock on the citizens this morning. The extremely sad event was tragic in its suddenness. Mr. Fitt left Limerick for London on Monday morning on legal business. It would appear that yesterday morning he was driving in a taxicab, and put his head out of the window when a motor bus passed. He was struck in the forehead, sustaining a depressed fracture of the skull and laceration of the brain. The injured gentleman was removed to the West London Hospital, where he was attended by Dr. Armour, and despite all that medical skill could do he passed away at 7.30 last evening. His death is deeply deplored by his legal confreres and the citizens at large, and the widest sympathy, in which we take leave to join, is expressed with his bereaved widow and family in their deep and poignant sorrow.

The funeral will take place from Limerick Terminus at 9.55 on Saturday morning.

LUSITANIA'S WORLD'S RECORD.

London, Wednesday.—The Junard liner Lusitania has established a new world's record by steaming between noon on Sunday and noon on Monday 650 knots at an average speed of 25.76 knots. The previous record was made by the same steamer between the 5th and 6th July, when she steamed 642 knots.

MOTOR-CAR OVERTURNED.

rather sore, but Mr. Ennis was a number of people ran up an woman came out of a house of water. Mr. Ennis was then and driven to St. Vincent's.

Mr. Ennis, it will be remembered appointed Assistant Under-Sergeant Lieutenant about three years ago, formerly a journalist, and a member of the editorial staff "Journal." He was called to the bar was subsequently appointed Chancery Division, being at the time of Mr. Justice Barton.

Amongst the many messages tendered to Mrs. Ennis and family on Tuesday afternoon sent by the tenant and the Countess of Ayr, a profound sorrow and heartfelt sympathy.

At a largely attended special meeting of the members of the Dublin District of the Institute of Actuaries, yesterday, of which Mr. E. Mr. Wayland, Vice-Chairman, resolution was passed, deep sympathy for the death of the Assistant Under-Sergeant under such terribly tragic circumstances.

References in Courts

The Master of the Rolls, as Vacation Judge, who had a newspaper containing the business of the Court for addressing those present possible for him to express sorrow with which he had that day—the death of one of the active, energetic, pleasant Chancery Division; and so recently high promotion, the good wishes and congratulatory profession—alike from the when he left it to enjoy his life. In the midst of life we are the (the Master of the Rolls) if ever had come before forcibly as it had occurrence. He was sure of his brethren of the Bar deep sorrow at the death of was highly valued and so could have come upon them all as a felt for a long time to come might venture to include the Bar in offering their sympathy and their heartfelt sorrow to the family.

Mr. J. A. Rynd said, on behalf of the Bar, he wished to express the very deep sympathy they must all feel at the sad moment that Mr. Fitt had secured their esteem and respect, and they admired his promotion, and they admired his qualities. He thought he would like to say a few words on other branch of the profession, well as the Bar—would join in their sorrow.

Mr. P. K. White, on behalf of the Bar, desired to associate himself with the sympathy which has been said in reference to the death of Mr. Fitt.

The Inquiry

The medical evidence at the inquest on the body of Mr. Fitt was thrown off a car in Fitt Tuesday, showed that death was due to the rupture of a cerebral vessel of the injury.

The jury found that the death was accidental.

Dr. Coroner Byrne, in his address, expressed deep regret at the death of a gentleman who by sheer force of character brought himself to the fore.

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