

RENT
COMMENT.

General's Report. General death-rate represented by the twenty-one principal provincial cities of Ireland was 17.9 per 1,000 of their population, which, for the purposes of comparison, is taken at 1,151,909. The deaths each of the past four weeks, and during that period, in the several districts arranged, corresponded to the following rates per 1,000. In some instances they had not been registered within which they occurred, the rates do not at the weekly mortality: Aranagh, 13.7; Belfast, 14.1; Colman, 35.2; Cork, 4.1; Dublin, Reg. Area, 30.9; Galway, 11.7; Kilkeny, 29.8; Limerick, 20.7; Londonderry, 18.4; Newry, 18.8; Newtownards, 29.8; Queenstown, 5.6; Sligo, 14.4; Waterford, 13.6; Wexford, 15.7. The several epidemic diseases registered in districts during last week were equal to 3.8 per 1,000, the rates varying fifteen of the districts to 7.5 in deaths from all causes registered in including 1 from scarlet fever, 2 from diphtheria, and 7 from diarrhoea. Among the 116 deaths from all causes Belfast has 2 from whooping cough, 3 from diarrhoeal disease, and 1 from spinal fever. Four of the 11 deaths registered in Londonderry are from causes. One death from whooping-cough diarrhoea are included in nineteen all causes for Limerick, and one of from all causes registered for Lisburn is due to scarlet fever, 2 from diphtheria, and 7 from diarrhoea.

NEW EARLY POTATO. A new variety of seed potato has been grown by Rev. G. G. Wadsworth, Vicarage, Co. Cavan, who claims for it very early maturing qualities, at about three months after planting, and he estimates that it is capable of yielding about 22 tons per acre, grown under ordinary farm conditions, without the use of fertilizers or other such aids.

ALL-ROUND DECLINE.

The quarterly return of births, marriages, and deaths in England and Wales, records an all-round decline. The births in the second quarter of 1908 were at the rate of 27.7 per 1,000 annually, compared with 28.7 in the preceding second quarter. The marriage rate in the first quarter was 10.8, against an average of 11.4, and the death rate in the second quarter was 13.8, compared with 15.6. The infantile death rate fell to 97 per 1,000, compared with an average of 11.4 per 1,000.

DRINK AT HARVESTING.

It is very satisfactory to read that the Borrisokane farmers, in deference to the wishes of the Rev. Dr. Fogarty, as expressed in his recent pastoral, have decided not to distribute any intoxicating drink at the approaching threshing operations, and have called on the owners of threshing machines not to thresh in any place where this resolution is violated; The English farmers have passed a similar resolution, and we feel assured the example will be generally followed.

OUT AND ABOUT.

INDIAN WHEAT FIELDS.

Learned that a Government survey

of the route of the new railway line to

the laying down of this short

of enormous benefit to the wheat

will reduce the pressure at Montreal

for which the line would have been

ago—and it will also bring the

as the wheat fields are appro-

ved, very considerably nearer

the ships will be enabled

into the heart of the continent, and

the railway freights from the

not alone wheat but also beti

to European markets.

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AND NOTIONS.

LIGHT UP.

Others liable to prosecution under the

Atlantic Fleet has been published. It is to

arrive at Foyne on the 18th Sept., and depart on the 23rd.

The death occurred last month at Heidelberg, South Africa, of Mr. H. A. Appleby, who was a native of Bandon, and a son of Mr. Alexander Appleby, late of that town. Deceased left Ireland thirteen years ago for the colony to recuperate his health.

There was no meeting of the Ennis Board of

Guardians on Wednesday on account of the

Ennis Races.

The Second Battalion, South Lancashire Regiment, which has been stationed at Adkarab for three years, has been ordered to move to Ireland, its first station being Buttevant.

A special meeting of the County Borough Council will be held next Thursday evening to appoint a Committee under the Old-Age Pensions Act.

NOT WELSHMAN MINISTER.

Marie, of Donegal, Wilmotow, died

He. He was said to be the oldest

in England. He was 91 that day,

the first missionary sent to West-

dval work in fighting the slave

encouraging the natives to grow cotton

to joined the ministry in 1843, and had

various parts of England. He was a

wall.

5 GREAT UNDERGROUND RIVERS.

Separately few rivers of any size or

Australia, and a local learned pro-

cess has been explaining the reason

of the geological formation of the

most of its rivers are at present

terrestrial streams. He declares that

underground rivers is the largest in

less than 200 miles wide and running

the centre of the continent. If these

subterranean water were brought to

properly utilized, Australia would

be country in the world.

LIMERICK CO. CRICKET CLUB.

Tuesday next. Club Day, tea will be given by Mrs. J. F. Goodbody.

WELSH MOUNTAINEERING FATALITY.

A young man whose identity has not yet been established, was found dead yesterday on Tram mountain, near Bethesda.

He had been working about the head, having evidently fallen down the mountain. On the body was found a card on which was written, "Palmer C. S. J. Palmer."

The deceased left his bicycle at Bethesda on

Thursday, saying he intended climbing the Tryfan. His age is about 25.

THE CHURCH.

TO-MORROW'S SERVICES.

For Mass, Carlow—Teat Sunday after

Trinity—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Masses and

Holy Communion, 11.30 o'clock.

Traveller's Chants, Norris in A and Bayes in

D; Services, Nares in F; hymns, 333; Introit,

370; Communion Service, Nares; Presbyter;

The Dean, Evening, 2.30 o'clock.

Chants, Tonus Peregrinus, Stewart in F; Services,

Arnold in A; Anthem, "Praise the Lord," O'Jenner, (Sils); hymns, 302; Presbyter, The Preacher.

St. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.—10th Sunday after Trinity—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 11.30 a.m.; Evening Prayer, 5.30 p.m. Presbyter; The Preacher.

TRINITY CHURCH—10th Sunday after Trinity—Morning Prayer, 8 a.m.; Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m.; Presbyter, Rev. T. Clarke, B.A., Subsidiary; The Church and Wardrobe.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH—Morning Prayer, 11.30 a.m.; Presbyter, Rev. T. Clarke, B.A., Subsidiary; The Church and Wardrobe.

KILKENNY CHURCH—Morning Service and Holy Communion, 11.30; Evening Service (in Church), 4.0.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Dr. Mallon-street)—Morning, 11.30; presbyter, Rev. R. H. Johnson.

Evening, 6.30; presbyter, Rev. R. R. Johnson.

METHODIST CHURCH (Gorey-street)—Sunday Services—Morning, 11.30; evening, 6.30.

Presbyter, Rev. Benson M. Gentlemen.

THE RAPTURE CHAPEL, MILITARY ROAD—Morning, 8.30—Morning Service, 11.30; Evening, 8.30.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, CORK ST.—Sunday, 23rd August—Meeting, 11 a.m.

The dirigible balloon Republicans came to

Bombardier yesterday morning and made a

wonderful race, in spite of the wind. In

night of the chassis where President Fallon is

at present staying.

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In correspondence the "Manchester

and the "Irish Times" say that Mr. W. L. Moles, one of the

of the Irish L. G. Board, is

now in London, Mr. H. H. Moles

is Assistant Under Secretary for Ireland.

MAYPOLE COLLIERY DISASTER.

The latest news from the Maypole Colliery is that the flooding of the mine already begun. There had been a wonderful change in the village since the result of the directors' conference was made known on Thursday. At that time there were thousands in the vicinity of the colliery, but yesterday the crowds had melted away. There is now a mere handful of people near the colliery approaches, and the villagers seem to have given up hope of finding their loved ones.

No fewer than eighteen of the victims were members of St. Patrick's Catholic congregation at Wigan, and for these and other Catholics who lost their lives a solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Sunday in St. Patrick's Church.

THE KING'S SYMPATHY.

The Mayor of Wigan yesterday afternoon received the following telegram from Mr. Frank Pitt:

"The King is much grieved to hear of the terrible disaster at Maypole Colliery,

Wigan, and wants to be kept informed of the latest intelligence of those whose fate is still doubtful. His Majesty deplores the loss of so many lives and would ask you to convey to the relatives of families of those who have perished his sincere sympathy in their sorrow."

TRAMCAR OVERTURNS.

Several Injured.

Liverpool, Friday.

A Liverpool tramcar when turning a corner on a decline to-day left the metals and overturned on a passing wagon. There were about thirty persons in the car, and twelve received more or less serious injuries, but the wagon the accident would have been more serious.

Ten persons were treated at the hospital, but the only one seriously hurt was driver, Walsh, who is suffering from fractured ribs and a severe scalp wound. The injuries of the rest consisted chiefly of cuts, but they were not serious.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL'S.

Approaching marriage.

It is expected that the marriage of Mr. Winston Churchill will take place at St. Margaret's Westminster, either on September 15th or 16th. A very large attendance is anticipated, and special arrangements are being made to admit members of Parliament who will be present.

ACCIDENT AT SWANSEA.

Irish Seaman Drowned.

The seaman Erminius, of Cardiff, was leaving Swansea on Thursday, John Foley, master, and Kanesay, two able seamen, fell overboard. Foley losing his balance and dragging the other man with him. Foley, who is said to be an Irishman, was drowned, but Kanesay managed to retain hold of a rope, and was saved.

BOY SAVES THREE LIVES.

Four Pontypool lads boarded a raft which was floating in a deep pool. Another boy attempted to get on, with the result that it was upset. A youth named Hall gallantly rescued three of the boys, but one, named William Watkins, was drowned.

GUYS STUDIO.

There were numerous callers at Messrs. Guy's to-day to inspect the new photographic studio which the firm has opened. In using the word "open," we do not mean to convey that the firm has entered for the first time into a branch of business with which their name has not been previously associated; on the contrary, they have been for long identified with high-class photography in Limerick. Some years ago they turned to relinquish photography, and up to a couple of months ago the business had been carried on at 116 George street by a well-known local artist who has now joined his business to another part of the city. With full realization of the association of the firm's name with this branch of commercialism, they have now revived as it were their identity as the producers of photos in Limerick, and intend to carry on the business heretofore.

The entrance to the studio is the reception room, which is in picture gallery. Here, in tasteful sequence, are arranged numerous specimens of photography, representative of every phase of an art which has seen many evolutions in our time. Off the reception room, to the right and left of a central landing, are the studio, two well-appointed dressing rooms, the latter lacking nothing both in spaciousness and degree of light—the latter the most essential elements in the art of producing. The developing rooms are bright up, but of course with these the public will have no communication. It is quite obvious in re-entering on the photographic line, Messrs. Guy & Co. have made the most careful arrangement to fulfil what a critical public require. They have secured the services of a really efficient photographer, Mr. Jobling, whose work is the best criterion of his capability. In the prosecution of his calling, Mr. Jobling has the benefit of a wide and varied experience, which, combined with a natural talent renders his work more agreeable and shorn of artificiality. He makes a specialty of child portraiture and executes with equal facility, the other modes of what has been pronounced as ranking among the subtle arts. He is assisted by a staff of skilled finishing artists, and the studio is equipped with the most modern apparatus, the firm guaranteeing the highest class, and most modern styles in photography.

LARCIENY OF POSTAL ORDERS.

At the City Petty Sessions yesterday, before the Mayor, Mr. J. Kerr, and Mr. E. Daly, Stephen J. Fryer, a Royal Engineers' recruit, arrested at Hull, was charged with the larceny of two postal orders, valued at £8. and £12.

Fryer on the 2nd July last, passed into the Receiver of Posts at Hull and tendered his services to the Royal Engineers for trial. Fryer pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING APPOINTMENT.

A meeting of the Electric Lighting Whole

House Committee was held last evening, the members present, and twenty-nine other members

by proxy, voting in favour of the appointment of Sir Ernest G. Grey as the new

Electric Lighting Appointee.

Evidence of identification was given by Mr. W. B. Pitt, auctioneer, Limerick, who said

the deceased gentleman was his brother, and

was 50 years of age. He was last in Limerick on Saturday, when he was in good health.

Richard Murphy, the driver of the vehicle

from which the accident occurred, deposed that

Mr. Pitt engaged him outside the Constitutional Club, in Newgate street, Limerick. When

he had driven him to the Constitutional Club, he did not notice any damage to the car.

Mr