

stomachs. It bears the inscription, Louis V. by the grace of God, King of France and Navarre, 1677.

THE DISAPPEARING CAR.

It is announced that owing to the expiry of a lease of horses, nine omnibuses, and seventy hansom and arene cabs, belonging to Bucklands, Limited, of ray's Inn road, will be sold. It is emphasised that is sale is not part of a 'wedding out' process, but a disposal on account of there being no further use for the stock.

SEASIDE TRIPS BY AIRSHIP.

It is rumoured in Berlin that Herr Galsman's director of the Airship Building Company, and Count Zeppelin are making arrangements for the construction of an airship capable of carrying thirty or forty passengers on a service to the North Sea watering places and Copenhagen, and later to England.

THE RUBICON AS IT IS.

The Rev. T. T. Norgate, in a lecture before the Royal Photographic Society, remarked—"While on a tour in Central Italy I came across the Rubicon—the famous river crossed by Julius Caesar—and was disappointed to find that it has now become the merest trickle of a stream, in which it would be quite impossible for a man to drown himself."

LORD CHARLES BEREAFORD AND THE CANADIANS.

Lord Charles Bereaford seems to have charmed the Canadians whom he met by his bright talk. To those who got close to him he told some stories, which are now going the rounds. When the Toronto Canadian Club urged him to go on, though the appointed hour for closing had arrived, he remarked—"I am too experienced a boxer not to quit when time is called." To a veteran who was on parade for the veterans' inspection, and who told the Admiral of all the engagements he had been in, he genially remarked—"A pity your mother hadn't had twins."

A FATAL MISTAKE.

The present militant Suffragist movement has no impulse from the people, no support from the overwhelming majority of women, says the 'Daily News.' It is not a wave that has submerged the land, but a raging torrent confined in a narrow channel, and its vehemence is proportioned to the narrowness of its limits. It is this fact which makes the campaign, regarded as tactics, so fatal a mistake. It takes a people to change a Constitution by force, and the militants have forgotten the people.

THE FIGHTING INSTINCT.

The man in the crowd turns from his bets on the League match to his bets on the General Election, writes the 'Morning Post.' In both he is deeply interested, and in both for the same reason that they make an appeal to his sporting, that is, in fact, to his fighting instincts. The number of people who support a policy because they believe it to be the best for the nation and to lead on to national greatness is small compared to the great mass who accept it because it gives a good scope to their fighting instinct.

£20,000,000 FOR LIBRARIES.

Dr. Hew Morrison a few days since opened the Bennyrigg Free Library, to which Mr. Carnegie gave £2,000. He remarked that during the last thirty years Mr. Carnegie had given 500 libraries, and his donation, represented nearly £20,000,000. Proceeding on the charge of circulating worthless novels did not lie at the door of public

DEATH OF CAPTAIN O'BRIEN, R.N.

The very sad and unexpected news of the death of Captain F. H. S. O'Brien, R.N., reached Limerick yesterday, and was received with deep regret in the city where he was so well and popularly known. The deceased gentleman had been but a week or so ill, and passed away yesterday morning in the 65th year of his age at his residence, Oratloe Woods. He was second son of the late Mr. Henry Stafford O'Brien, and choosing the Navy as his profession, joined the service about 1859, became a Sub-Lieutenant on the 1st July 1864, and Lieutenant on the 11th September, 1866. He saw service in China and various other parts of the world, and retired with the rank of Commander in October, 1873. Since then he has been a permanent resident at Oratloe Woods, managing the estate for his brother Mr. Horace Stafford O'Brien, J.P., D.L., of Blatherwycke Park Northampton; and Oratloe Woods. The deceased gentleman was most popular with the tenantry and the people of the surrounding districts, and this fact was unmistakably proved when on the passing of the Local Government Act of 1898 he was returned as one of the representatives for Oratloe division at the Board of Guardians; and since then he has uninterruptedly acted in that capacity. He was undoubtedly one of the most regular attendants at the Board and Limerick No 2 District Council ever whose deliberations he frequently presided with that courtesy, urbanity, and unassuming manner which were characteristic of him. In every phase of Poor Law affairs he took the deepest interest, and while ever careful in matters of expenditure, his kindly nature was always in evidence concerning any movement which would make brighter the lot of the sick poor, the workhouse children, and the inmates generally. As a member of the House Committee he was thoroughly conversant with all departments of the institution, and it was only a pleasure to him as a Guardian to give his services in whatever direction they might be required. His death means a loss to the Board which is sincerely mourned, while in the district where he so long resided and was so highly esteemed, all classes and creeds deeply regret the passing away of a kindly-hearted, charitable gentleman. We tender to Mrs. O'Brien and the other members of the family our sympathy in their sad bereavement.

The interment will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral at 12 noon to-morrow (Friday).

Reference at the Board of Guardians.

At the sitting of the Board of Guardians yesterday,

Mr. Patrick Bourke, Vice-Chairman, who presided, said:—Gentlemen, I am sure you are all acquainted by this time of the fact that one of our most esteemed members has passed away in the person of Captain O'Brien. During my time as a member of this Board I have had the opportunity of coming into contact with Captain O'Brien—very much so as a Guardian and in a small degree socially outside. A more kindly-hearted or generous Irish gentleman I never met (hear, hear). He was undoubtedly one of our hardest-working Guardians, and one of the most conscientious, painstaking men at that. I am sure it will meet with your approval when I say it is the unanimous wish of the Board that we adjourn as a mark of respect to his memory, and also as an expression of our esteem for the services of Captain O'Brien. I take it that I voice your opinions when I thus give expression to my feelings and yours in connection with Captain O'Brien, and I take it unanimously agreed to that we now adjourn as a mark of respect.

Mr. Peter Mulqueen—Indeed it is. The resolution was passed in silence, and the Board rose after disposing of some relief cases. The Guardians present were—Mrs O'Brien, P. Mulqueen, M. Ouddihy, P. Kelly, T. Coffey, and J. Hayes.

LIMERICK QUARTER SESSIONS

County Court Judge Law Smith sat in the Crown Court at eleven o'clock this morning, and resumed the hearing of cases listed for trial at Quarter Sessions.

MALICIOUS INJURIES

Winifred Conway, a widow, applied for £240 compensation for the alleged malicious burning of her house and some property therein at Knockree near Killybeg, on the night of the 24th June last. Mr. Phillips, instructed by Mr. Power, solicitor, appeared for the applicant, who was examined. Her holdings consisted of eight acres at a yearly rent of £8 4s, and the house was some 500 yards off the public road, a porch leading to the premises. The house was a thatched one, and witness gave details of the property destroyed, a silver watch, clock and furniture. She attributed the mischief as the result of a difference last November with a resident in the neighbourhood in connection with a family trouble over witness's people.

Mr. P. Kelly (instructed by Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan, solicitor for Limerick County Council) cross-examined the applicant with a view to showing that the burning was the result of accident, occurring as it did at half-past ten on a midsummer night.

Mr. Dwyer, solicitor acting for Tipperary No. 2 District Council, also cross-examined the applicant with the object of proving that both ends of the house were on fire simultaneously.

Sergeant Sullivan, Killybeg, gave testimony as to the whereabouts of the person suspected of being concerned in the firing of the house.

Mr. Michael Ryan, auctioneer, Newpallas, said he saw the house last February when "match-making" there. He valued the fabric at £175.

His Honor asked on what side the witness was match-making.

The witness—On the lady's. His Honor—It would make a difference in the valuation on which side you were siding.

The witness was understood to say that he acted for both the persons concerned.

In answer to Mr. Kelly,

The witness said the house was splendidly thatched, and a superior house of its class in many ways.

Mr. Kelly—In fact it was a healthy house, the more wind that blew through it the healthier it would be. A regular sanatorium.

Mr. Kirby, engineer to the District Council, said he valued the house at £83 12s. 6d. and the furniture at £12 18s.

His Honor said he was of opinion that the occurrence was malicious, and that it was owing to the conduct of the Ryans mentioned in the case. He would award £110 compensation with £3 costs, the amount to be levied off Tipperary No. 2 District.

Alice Coll, applied for £10 compensation for the alleged malicious breaking of two window sashes, and the destruction of a stone partition in a dwelling house at Kilmallock, on the 8th of July last. The house was in the occupancy of a man named Thomas Ryan who owed a sum of £1 odd rent, and from whom possession was obtained on the 7th July. When another tenancy was to be put in occupation on the following day it was found that the premises had been damaged to the amount complained of by applicant.

Evidence was given.

Mr. P. Kelly (instructed by Mr. O'Sullivan, solicitor, on behalf of the County Council, held that the injuries done did not amount or were more than £5, and under the 5th section of Act the claim was not therefore sustainable.

His Honor said that he considered the ten had done the damage, and the Court was going to encourage gentlemen of his class falling in with the suggestion of Mr. Kelly limiting the amount to that given at a flat meeting. He would award £5 4s, the sum to be levied off the Kilmallock Electoral Division.

The hearing of some unimportant city cases was adjourned.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

A number of cases in which temporary compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act had been granted by the Court were referred for review. Evidence having been taken men receiving the benefits of the Act were referred to Dr. Graham, County Medical Officer, for examination, pending a judgment.

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