

Dunnow, dashed through a house into a yard at the back, and climbed up some ivy before he was killed.

LONDON'S PAUPERS

The Local Government Board's statement for November of pauperism in England and Wales, gives the number as 801,853—285,373 indoor and 516,480 outdoor—a ratio of 22.2 per thousand inhabitants. In November of 1909, the total was 808,003, or 22.6 per thousand inhabitants. In London there were 124,439 paupers, compared with 125,986 in November, 1909, respective ratios per thousand inhabitants 25.5 and 26.1. Roughly two-thirds of London's paupers are classed as indoor.

BODY OF INFANT FOUND.

The body of a newly-born female infant was discovered yesterday lying on some debris in a laneway off John-street. The occurrence was reported to the constabulary at John-street police station, and Head-Constable Leary had the remains removed to the Morgue. Dr. Brennan, resident medical officer, Barrington's Hospital, saw the body, and gave his opinion that the infant was born alive.

The Inquest.

Mr. J. F. Barry, J.P., City Coroner, and a jury, held an inquest to-day at the Courthouse relative to the death of a female infant, the body of which was discovered about noon yesterday lying on some debris in Father Quin's Lane.

District Inspector White conducted the inquiry on behalf of the authorities, and evidence was given.

Bridget Griffin deposed to being told about noon yesterday by a little girl that the body of a newly born female child was lying on the stones in Father Quin's Lane. Witness went there and removed the body to Barrington's Hospital, and thence to the Morgue. The body was not warm, and presented the appearance of neglect after birth.

Dr. John Homes stated, that with Dr. Brennan he made a post-mortem examination on the infant's body at the morgue. They found the naval string divided, but not tied. There was a fracture on the right side of the skull. On removing the lungs and heart, they found they floated in water, and on removing the skull cap they found the brain on the right side compressed, by a depressed fracture; and congested. They likewise were of opinion that the child was torn alive and lived to breathe, and that death resulted from a depressed fracture of the skull, and that same was caused by external violence. In answer to a juror, Dr. Holmes said he could not state when the child was born. It might, as the juror suggested, have been born during the night.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

THE CORPORATION.

An adjourned quarterly meeting of the Corporation will be held on Thursday night. The agenda is a heavy one embracing in all thirty-eight items. The chief subjects to be dealt with is to appoint a Borough Electrical Engineer; to consider law agent's report on the voluntary acquisition of the Markets Trustees' sites for houses for the working classes; to consider annual estimate and demand of the Committee of the District Lunatic Asylum for the year ending 31st March, 1912, the amount being £5,214 16s 9d, and the matter of a loan for block-paving certain streets as scheduled by the Borough surveyor.

TO OUR READERS.

Owing to pressure on our space an extended Review of the year 1910 being given in our sixth page, an additional sheet appears with this evening's issue. A copy of the *Chronicle* Almanac for 1911 will be presented with our next publication.

LIMERICK OPERATIC SOCIETY.

"H.M.S. Pinafore."

The Limerick Operatic Society will produce "H.M.S. Pinafore" at the Theatre Royal on January 18th and three following nights, and we need hardly say that a great treat is in store for the public, who will recall with much pleasure the first performance of the opera by this talented company. We feel assured there will be a crowded house. Part of the proceeds are to be devoted to the Fuel Fund.

CLONMEL AS A MILITARY CENTRE.

Some time ago a movement was on foot to make Clonmel a big military centre. War Office experts inspected the place, and reported, it is said, favourably, but the project hung fire. Now that four regiments are being sent to Ireland from abroad, a fresh move is being made to draw the attention of the authorities to the suitability of Clonmel as a station. The Corporation will have under consideration at next meeting a motion by the Mayor, to ask the Secretary for War to consider the suitability of Clonmel as a military station, and requesting him to send some of the troops to be drafted into Ireland to the town.

OLD AGE PENSIONERS

In Limerick Union.

The Old Age Pensions Act, in its relation to the Poor Law system, came into force yesterday, and on the 6th inmates of workhouses of the prescribed ages will be called upon to leave these institutions, and live on their pensions outside. It is not, however, obligatory on them to quit the workhouse. They can, if they chose, elect to remain inside, and in that case the cost of their maintenance will be deducted from the 5s they receive from Imperial sources. In the Limerick Workhouse up to seventy men and women have been found to be eligible for pensions, and to-day the Pensions Officer of the District, Mr. James Byrnes, assisted by the Master, Mr. E. Dundon, were engaged in an examination of the applicants eligible for pensions. The proceedings took place in the Boardroom, where the claimants were examined. In many instances the inmates expressed their willingness to reap the benefit conferred on them by the statute inside the walls of the institution. As stated, it is optional with the recipients to leave the house, and judging by the answering of many of them, it may be assumed that the percentage who will remain will be in excess of that which will enjoy their pensions outside.

SEVERE WEATHER AT SEA.

Lusitania and Fishguard.

A Press Association message says—Owing to a severe north-westerly wind the Cunarder Lusitania was unable to land passengers and mails from New York at Fishguard yesterday. The vessel came to anchor at one o'clock, but was spoken by the tender Pembroke, and immediately the Lusitania reversed engines and left for Liverpool.

CHURCH BROKEN INTO.

Our Glin correspondent writes that the Roman Catholic Church of Atha was broken into on Saturday morning, and the donation box of money carried away. This is the second robbery from the church within the past few months. The District Inspector has found the rifled box in a field close by, and the arrest of the perpetrator of the sacrilege is hourly expected by the local constabulary. The robbery has evoked feelings of indignation.

DECEMBER WEATHER.

Weather report at Hurdlestown, Broadford, Co. Clare:—

The total rainfall for the month was 3.81 inches, being 21 inches above the December average here for 26 years.

The number of rainy days was 27, being 5 above the average for the same time.

The greatest 24 hours' fall was 1.06 inch on the 15th. This was also the greatest 24 hours fall during the year.

Cloud—The total amount of cloud (0 to 10) at 9 a.m. was 238.

Temperature—The average temperature (day and night) for the month was 41.6°.

Warmest day—58° on the 7th.

Coldest day—41° on the 1st.

Warmest night—46° on the 23rd.

Coldest night—20° on the 27th.

At or under 32° on 5 nights.

Remarks—A wet, cold, and severe December.

W.A.B.

THEATRE ROYAL.

The Elster-Grime Opera Company opened a week's engagement at the Theatre Royal last night when "Maritana" was produced. A large house renewed acquaintance with the famous work, and Wallace's delightful numbers were rendered with all the beauty of expression which one associates with the artistes attached to the Elster-Grime Company. The cast was a particularly strong one, and the scenery and effects all that could be desired. Miss Elsie Lynham imparted a grand tone to the main part. She sang her music very sweetly, and acted throughout with singular charm. In the role of "Lazarillo" Miss Madge Quillan was effective; while as "Don Cesar de Bazan" Mr. A. Kewley was in fine voice. Mr. Frank Land enacted the character of "Don José," a role in which he excels. His acting was free from oavil, while his singing produced an effect on the audience which was more than enthusiastic. The other parts were ably sustained, and the orchestration was good. To-night "The Bohemian Girl" will be put on.

WINDOW BREAKING IN THE CITY.

Last night a report was made to Sergeant McCarthy on duty in George Street that a plate glass window, valued at £10, had been broken in the drapery establishment of Mr. John Devany, William Street. The sergeant subsequently arrested two men named James Moroney and Joseph Meany, and charged them with the offence. Towards two o'clock this morning a third man, John Creagh, came to the William Street Police Barracks and voluntarily surrendered, stating that it was he who broke the glass, that the occurrence was accidental, and that Moroney and Meany had nothing to do with the matter. The three men were brought up at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. E. F. Hickson, R.M., who took the depositions of Sergeant McCarthy. Moroney and Meany were admitted to bail, and Creagh remanded in custody to Petty Sessions.

Street, on the 1st inst., Mr. J. F. Barry, J.P., City Coroner, presiding, for the purpose of selecting candidates to represent the above ward at the forthcoming municipal contest. It was unanimously proposed and adopted—"That we, the members of the Quarryworkers' Society, adopt the candidature of T. J. Prendergast for the Aldermanship, and that of Councilors C. Johnson, T. Ford, J. Slattery, and J. G. O'Brien; and we consider that they have represented the Glentworth Ward to the entire satisfaction of the ratepayers and the workers in general, and we pledge ourselves to give them our support if a contest is forced on them.—Samuel Benson, President; Michael Hickey, treasurer; Mortimer O'Halloran, sec."

THE CITY CHARITIES.

Mr. Joseph O'Mara's Offer to Sing.

The following letter has been addressed to the Mayor:—

Hotel Metropole, Dublin,
2nd January, 1911.

DEAR MR. MAYOR.—In accordance with my promise to sing every year in Limerick for some local charity, I have much pleasure in offering my services for any of the following dates, should the Theatre be available—January 9th, 10th, 11th, or 15th. I should like the receipts of the concert to be divided between St. John's Hospital and Barrington's Hospital. Wishing you and my fellow-citizens many happy and prosperous new years.

Yours sincerely,
JOSEPH O'MARA.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN HARTY.

We regret to have to record the death, after considerable illness, of Mr. John Hartly, second son of Mr. James Hartly, Athlunkard-street, and brother of Mr. Charles Hartly, Captain Athlunkard Boat Club, which took place on Saturday. The deceased, who was in the prime of life, was held in the highest esteem by a wide circle of friends, and deep sympathy is expressed with his relatives in their sorrow. The funeral which took place yesterday from St. Mary's R.C. Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, was very largely attended.

Wreaths were sent by the following—Garryowen Football Club; Athlunkard Boat Club; also by Misses Aggie and Delia Hartly (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. R. Cooke, Mary and Delia Hartly (cousins), Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Thade O'Connor, Messrs Bryan, Joe, and Jim O'Connor (cousins), Mr. and Mrs. C. Hartly.

THE CROAGH FATALITY.

Mr. J. Woulfe Flanagan, R.M., sat at Rathkeale yesterday, and took further evidence in the case of Patrick Cowhey and Thomas Cowhey, who are charged with being implicated in the death of James Cowhey, farmer, who lost his life through being stabbed during an altercation in the village of Croagh, on Sunday evening, 27th November last. District Inspector Swanzy applied again for a remand, which was eventually granted for eight days. Mr. P. E. Lister, solr., appeared for the accused.

CHARLEVILLE MURDER.

Reprieve Refused.

Intelligence reached Cork last evening that the Lord Lieutenant had refused to grant a reprieve in the case of the condemned man, Wm. Scanlan. Enquiries made yesterday go to show that Scanlan is now quite resigned to his fate, and is most attentive to ministrations of the prison chaplain, Rev. Father O'Toole, and Rev. Father O'Connor, of the African Missioners, Wilton. The execution accordingly takes place in Cork County Male Prison at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The brother of the condemned man visited him in prison a few days ago, and they had a conversation, subject of course to the usual prison restrictions.

Mr. Scanlan found his brother in a composed and a resigned mood, perfectly prepared to meet his fate.

The prisoner's solicitor, Mr. Roger Fox, Kilmallock, journeyed to Cork yesterday, and paid a visit to Scanlan. He found him in a resigned frame of mind, as composed as a man could possibly be under the terrible circumstances of his position. They chatted together freely enough, and when their conversation had concluded, Scanlan thanked his solicitor for the exertions he had made on his behalf.

Only one incident of note regarding his condition has transpired.

On Saturday last a change in his mood was noticeable to his attendants, and ultimately his physical state became such that the doctor was summoned to attend him. He found him in a weak condition, but under treatment he regained his normal state.

STATUE OF GENERAL WOLFE

Unveiled by Lord Roberts.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts yesterday afternoon unveiled the statue of Major General James Wolfe erected to his memory on the village green at Westerham, of which Kent village he was a native. Lord Roberts paid an eloquent tribute to the consummate genius of Wolfe in his daring plan to take Quebec, which he said was one of the brightest pages in British history, for he not only captured the city but decided the fate of Canada.

Lloyd's Caister Agent telegraphed yesterday—The Cross Sand lightship reports that at 1.40 p.m. she saw a tug towing a lighter, but both mysteriously disappeared during a heavy squall.

arranged for the dancers, which with the decorations, give the whole place a very homely and picturesque appearance. The Band of the Royal Muster Fusiliers will play, and a delightful programme has been prepared. To-morrow will be the last day of Miss Vera Grey's present engagement. She has been a great favourite, and is hoped will return shortly again.

WOLFE'S INFLUENCE ON MODERN WARFARE.

The *Morning Post* says—It is the grandeur of all that has come after the taking of Quebec that makes Wolfe seem so great. His real personal contribution to the mighty structure of Empire was his devotion to his profession. From his boyhood his heart was set on getting to know what could be known of war. His great idea was to escape from "that prevailing ignorance of military affairs that has been so fatal to us in all our undertakings." These were his words at 24, when he was for a time prevented from going abroad to study. The campaign of 1759, made glorious by the death on the same day of the two antagonists, Wolfe and Montcalm, owes its historical significance to the co-operation of three men—Chatham, Saunders, and Wolfe. In a century and a half the changes of weapons and of communication have been so complete that none of the details of 1759 is of direct use to the student of modern war. But the dominating conditions of successful war and of any British war remain the same. The statesman must understand the nature of the conflict, the kind of blow that will damage the adversary, and that can be struck with the means at his disposal. He must know what ships can and cannot do, and what part of his work must be undertaken by troops. His policy must be consistent with these limitations. For its execution he must be able to count upon admirals like Saunders, and generals like Wolfe—men whose ambition it is to master their profession, and whose assiduity is equal to their ambition.

DEATHS OF NONAGENARIANS.

Ireland's Lead in Cases of Centenarians.

A correspondent writes to the *Standard*:— "Since 1897 I have been in the habit of taking a list of persons dying over 90 as announced in the papers, but, of course, they only represent those in the well-to-do classes. Numbers die over 90 in workhouses and in country villages. For the first time since I have taken these lists 1910 has shown a decline in the numbers and the average of women, many more of whom die over 90 than men. Almost every year the oldest death is recorded in Ireland. In 1897 the deaths were 169; in 1904, 212; and in 1909, 210; but last year they fell to 151, 86 being women.

"Fourteen were over 100—so probably many more centenarians died in the year—the oldest being Peggy McQuirk, of Carrickmore, Co. Tyrone, and James McCosh, of the same county, both 110 years of age. A Scotchwoman, Caroline Moore, of Glasgow, came next, 106, and there were several at 104. Of those over 90 who have passed away may be named the Dowager Lady Kinnaird, the Dowager Lady Buchan, Lady Meysey-Thompson, Lady Jane Elizabeth Selina Hinde, Miss Florence Nightingale, Miss Lucy Palmer-Morewood, Admiral Luard, Mr. H. Eyre Chittenden, P.C.; Sir F. Seymour Haden, Surgeon-Major Sandford, Dr. John Cooper, Dr. Weatherby, Dr. Pollock, Dr. James Edward Peacocke, Mr. Daniel Scratton, J.P.; Mr. J. Russell Frewer, Mr. Richard Robbins, Mr. H. J. Butterfield, and Mr. J. E. Hayworth. The clergy, as usual, show themselves to be a long-lived race. Canon Charles Turner and Prebendary William Hutchinson died at 90, one of them only wanting a day to his hundredth year. Prebendary Egerton died at 98, and the Rev. A. Tighe Gregory at 96. Other nonagenarian clergy were the Rev. Raymond Blathwayt, the Rev. George Playford, the Rev. Robert Godolphin Petre, the Rev. R. Lee Allnut, the Rev. Benedict Arthur, the Rev. H. Knott Venn, and the Rev. Hay Sweet Escott.

DEATH OF MRS. McMAHON, GEORGE STREET.

We regret to record the death, which took place on the 31st ult., of Mrs. MacMahon, widow of the late Mr. McMahon, 26 George-street. The deceased lady was of a most kind and charitable disposition, and her demise is regretted by very many friends.

The funeral took place on yesterday from St. Michael's R.C. Church, whither the remains had been removed over-night.

The chief mourners were—Mr. Thos. McMahon (son), and Mr. Charles Lynch (brother).

The following clergy attended—Rev. Father O'Connor, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. Fr. O'Shea, C.C.; Rev. Fr. Devane, C.C.; and Rev. Fr. Carroll, C.C., St. Michael's; Rev. T. Hogan, St. Munchin's College; Rev. Fr. McSwiney, O.S.A.; Rev. Fr. Hennessy, O.S.A.; Rev. Fr. Bonaventure, O.S.F.; Rev. Fr. Peter, O.S.F.

Amongst the general public were—Doctors Shanahan and Holmes, Messrs. A. Fitzgerald, B. Fitzgerald, George Marshall, J. Scallan, J. O'Mahony, T. Ledger, W. Waugh, W. Hanna, —Gallagher, J. Buchanan (Manager Messrs. Stewarts), M. Hickey, J. Butler, W. Taylor, M. Guerin, —Clancy, A. Nestor, —Nestor, W. Peacocke, —Kivlehan, J. P. Lynch, etc. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. P. McCarthy and Sons, George-street.

It is announced that the United States and Canadian representatives have completed a scheme for the establishment of an international railway commission for the regulation of rates.