

sign, Tripoli, and it is evident that our fighting took place recently in that town, so Arab revolt. It is very important and interesting to note here the part that the aeroplane destined to play in modern warfare. It has been put to the test in this instance, and found to be useful as an agency of detection. For, we learn by the Press Association message from Tripoli that by means of one of these flying machines the Italians found a Turkish force, which had been supposed to be 30 miles away in the mountains, within a distance of fifteen miles of the town, and so the Italians saved the situation, though at considerable cost, but by no means so heavy as that sustained by the combined forces of the enemy. So that if this encounter has had no extraordinary significance, it has at all events demonstrated the enormous importance of the aeroplane in warfare. At this there has long been a diversity of opinion among military experts, at all events as to the degree of effectiveness of this wonderful machine, but despite this, as we know, various Continental countries have been steadily adding to their "fleet" of airships, and Italy is the latest to profit by practical experience. So far as the fighting is concerned it would appear to have been of a most determined character on the part of the Turks and Arabs, who pressed the Italian forces very severely, but the superior armament of the latter saved the situation. The outbreak took place on the 23rd, and the fight continued on the two following days, until, on the 26th, the climax was reached. The attacks, we read, "were repulsed home with admirable courage both by the regular Turkish troops and the Arabs, but the Italian infantry, admirably handled, reserved their fire until the enemy came within fifty yards, and then swept them away with steady volleys, following them up with vigorous bayonet charges, against which the bravest fanatics could not stand. It is estimated that the Turkish forces and Arabs taking part in the attack numbered at least two thousand, and their losses were heavy, for during the whole time the attack lasted the warships and artillery kept up a tremendous fire. The greatest casualties were inflicted by the Italian infantry, who wisely reserved their fire until the enemy were within point-blank range. The holding of fire led the enemy to believe that they were everywhere victorious and that the Italians had retired." The Italian losses, killed and wounded, are estimated at 400 all told. Those of the Turks and Arabs, which are not stated, must have been far greater. It was the most serious episode of the campaign so far as it has gone, and goes to show that we are not near the end of the Tripoli affair, much as the world at large would like to see it, in the interests of international peace. Fanatical and desperate tribes are likely to give the Italians a great deal of trouble, unless, indeed, the recent engage-

tion of the recommendation of the Finance Committee with reference to the creation of a reserve fund by the Gas Committee, and a notice of motion to extend section 76 clause D of the Public Health Act to the city to enable the Council to make financial provision for the maintenance of local and other bands to perform in the public parks.

### ACCIDENT IN THE HUNTING FIELD.

A regrettable accident occurred to Mr. Stephen O'Mara, son of Mr. Stephen O'Mara, of Strand House, while hunting with the County Hounds yesterday. In negotiating a drain Mr. O'Mara's mount fell and threw him. In getting up the animal struck Mr. O'Mara on the jaw, fracturing it. He was conveyed home where he was attended to, and enquiries to-day show that he is making satisfactory progress.

### FUNERAL OF MRS. PHELPS.

To-day the remains of the late Mrs. Rosetta Anne Phelps arrived by the 1.30 train from Kingsbridge. The deceased lady was widow of the late Mr. John Lecky Phelps, of Waterpark, Castleconnell, and Broadford, but for sometime had lived at 11 Ailesbury Road, Dublin, where death took place on Saturday. She was a lady who was highly esteemed by all who knew her, and the poor of Castleconnell remember her for her many acts of kindness and charity. At the station to-day the remains were met by a large concourse of people, who attended to pay a last tribute of respect to her memory. The interment took place this afternoon at the family burial place, Clonlara, in presence of a large body of mourners.

The chief mourners were—Mr. John V. Phelps, Mr. Ernest Phelps, B.L., Mr. Edgar J. Phelps (sons), Lieut-General Montgomery, Mr. Marcus Paterson, Mr. Alex. E. Bannatyne, and Mr. Whitehead (sons-in-law), Mr. Montiford Westropp (nephew).

The clergy present were—Rev. Dr. Gillespie, Rector, Clonlara; Rev. Chancellor Hackett, St. Michael's, Limerick; Rev. Mr. King, Rector, Kilkishen, and the Rev. T. F. Abbott, St. Mary's.

Amongst the general public were—Messrs. J. O'G. Delmege, D.L., F. G. M. Kennedy, J.P., —Studdert, C. Croker, D.L., F. St. C. Hobson, A. O'B. Hobson, J. Dundon, solicitor, R. S. Welsh, J.P., J. F. Power, Wm. B. Fitt, E. G. Fitt, A. J. Dodds, solicitor, G. E. Goodbody, E. M. Russell, M. Gavin, Norris Russell, T. Anglim, T. Herbert, J. Mullane, S. C. Vansittart, J.P., Captain Vanderkiste, J. B. Barrington, J.P., E. D. Hunt, solicitor, W. Hunt, R. Twigg (Agent, Bank of Ireland), J. McDonnell (Broadford), Sir Vincent Nash, D.L.; Dr. Ryan, Castleconnell; W. Barrington, C.E.; M. Moloney, E. C. Winter, V.S.; J. Byrne, M. Byrne, W. Anglim, F. A. Johnstone, Captain Caulfield, A. Murray, J. S. Gaffney, C.S.; Captain Verschoyle, S. F. Ebrill, J. E. Galbraith, W. B. Smith.

A large number of floral wreaths were sent, and the service was read by the Rector of Clonlara.

### LIMERICK OPERATIC SOCIETY.

The Limerick Operatic Society, which during the past four sessions has provided such delightful musical treats for the public, is, we perceive, invited by the Committee to a general meeting at the Thomond Hall, George Hotel, to-morrow evening at 8.30 for the purpose of discussing arrangements for the coming season. Past members, prospective members, and all interested in the work of this popular Society are invited to

station. When the soldiers appeared they were surrounded by a crowd, who took possession of them, who was unfastened and the papers were taken.

Rev. Father O'Connor, Adm., who with Rev. Father Devane present, immediately afterwards spoke to the crowd. He said that of a personal or a business character against undesirable literature. The honour and glory of burri-English "rags" they were out the sustinment of the principle they to prevent the dissemination of people of reading what was of their notions of Christian self-re their moral standard (cheers).

### GALE IN THE SHANON.

#### Tributaries Over

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

Owing to the incessant rain an accompanied the north-westerly 30 hours in the Lower Shan rivers Deel, Orann, and Glencar the Shanton, have overflowed several places and submerged Glencarbery river broke over its near the New Bridge, Glin, and flowed the well recently repaired Council.

### BRITISH AND FOREIGN SOCIETY.

Mr. A. Irwin, Secretary of the British and Foreign Sailors annual visit to Limerick last preached in the morning in and in the evening at the Me large congregations. Mr. Irw Central Hall, Bedford Row cinematograph lecture entitled Jack to the Baltic" illustrat the society in that region. occasion of his visit to Limeric to have something interesting hearers. He pays frequent on the Continent and has spreading there the work ar world-wide and valuable Societ its operations rapidly and he work in Russia, Port Said, I places abroad.

### SERVANT SUES E

Before his Honor County C at Ennis on Saturday, Mary action against Mr. Frank Mar to recover £10 damages for a employment, and refusing to remove her luggage from defe the nearest railway station; w loss.

Mr. James Lynch, solicitor plaintiff, and Mr. F. F. Cullin defendant.

The plaintiff's evidence was entered the defendant's se February last, and remained tember. On the evening o she was in the kitchen, warning, defendant entered a her on the nose. He also r the use of a vehicle to take t tymon station.