

HARBOUR BOARD

Mr. James Ellis Goodbody meeting of the Limerick Harbour to-day. The other members present were Mayor (Councillor T. Ryan), Alderman M.P., Messrs E. J. Long, J. Quinlan, J. P. Roche, J. P.

The officials in attendance were Mr. Power, Secretary, and J. Fitzgibbon, Master.

**CONGESTION AT THE DOCKS.**  
A conversation took place at a meeting of the Harbour Board on the question of the congestion at the docks of native timber, and it was decided before any steps were taken that the Board should report to the Commission.

**LETTING OF THE FREDERICK ST. DOCKS.**  
Arising out of the minutes of a meeting of the Harbour Board on the letting of the Frederick St. Docks to constabulary authorities for the purpose of being used as a wharf, now stationed at the docks, from Mr. Yates, County Inspector, the authorities had agreed to let the docks on a ninety-nine year lease for a sum of £25, the Commissioners pay but the lease to be maintained by the authorities who would expend £375 per annum.

**THE SWIVEL BRIDGE.**  
With reference to the question of the swivel bridge, and inviting the Public Bodies in the neighbourhood to be read from the Secretaries of the County Council stating that they were pleased to receive a deputation of the Harbour Board on the subject at their meeting. They asked for the purpose of the deputation to be furnished with a plan of the structure and plans and specifications before his Council could be requested to be furnished with the same. The Chairman—They are Alderman Joyce said he had no objection to the meeting of the Harbour Board to the effect that the Harbour Board should be invited to submit a plan of the structure and plans and specifications before his Council could be requested to be furnished with the same. Alderman Joyce—He had no objection to the meeting of the Harbour Board to the effect that the Harbour Board should be invited to submit a plan of the structure and plans and specifications before his Council could be requested to be furnished with the same.

**CHRISTMAS EVE.**  
The Board then adjourned.

English

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The Press Association's report of the evening at a picture performance in five children at the local hospital in a many others being treated.

One of the attraction of the evening was the performance of two local children in two performances on the stage adjoining the hall to-night, in order to be able to see the show, and the people, when a child fell out of the dressing room, followed, until all the children were in the air. In the meantime, the front of the curtain had met with an accident and had to be postponed. All left the theatre as far as the children attempted to set fire to his clothes, others, until several minutes had elapsed, where little recovery.

TRIPOLI

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An official telegram from an officer after the capture of wounded, all of them were brought to the hospital. There is

COTTON TRADE DISPUTE.

SITUATION IN LANCASHIRE.

160,000 Weavers Affected.

A lock-out commenced last night of 160,000 weavers in Lancashire owing to a dispute which arose through the union men refusing to work with non-unionists. The Master Cotton Spinners' Federation decided, in consequence of the stoppage of the looms, to close their mills for three days in each week, as otherwise they would be unable to dispose of their yarns. The cotton waste spinners and manufacturers also resolved to shut down their mills on the 10th of next month, should the lock-out not come to an end. The question of seeking the mediation of Sir George Askwith is being considered, and messages from the cotton-weaving centres in Lancashire state that when the lock-out notices took effect last night there were no untoward incidents, and the operatives appeared to regard the situation with perfect equanimity. There will still be a few weaving sheds working to-morrow, but these belong to firms outside the Employers' Association. Nevertheless the majority of them are going to fall into line when the legal notice to the employees has expired. There is a disposition on the part of some employees to regard the stoppage as likely to be of short duration, but the employers express their determination to stand firm, and are showing the greatest unanimity in North and North-East Lancashire.

The Dispute Spreading.

Serious Situation.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

There is no change in the situation at Blackburn. Hundreds of operatives are in the streets, but all is quiet and orderly.

At Heywood twenty-five hundred weavers are locked out, and other sheds will close later.

An Accrington message says—No steps have been taken in the direction of mediation or conciliation.

A Manchester correspondent, summing up the situation, says—Two-fifths of the weaving mills of Lancashire are closed. In some cases, however, the fires are being kept in, as if an early resumption of work were possible.

The Lancashire cotton trade dispute has spread to Cheshire. Six hundred hands employed by Sir George Andrew & Sons' large mills at Marple, owned by the Calico Printers' Combine, have been locked out this morning.

The trouble has not spread to Stockport, where there are many large cotton mills, but the position in this town is regarded as being somewhat uncertain.

In Burnley district over 70,000 looms are idle and many others will cease a week hence.

FILMS CAUGHT FIRE.

Panic in German Hall.

Children Killed.

Berlin, Wednesday.  
During a cinematograph performance in the East End of Berlin yesterday the films caught fire. The operator's hands were burned, and his cries of pain and shouting "Fire" caused a panic. The whole audience crowded to the exit, and in the crush two children were killed and many adults injured, some seriously. The fire was soon extinguished by the fire brigade.

DEATH OF MAJOR JOHN W. LYNCH, D.L.

Major John Wilson Lynch, D.L., late of the 4th Battalion Connaught Rangers, died on Christmas Day at Belvoir, Co. Clare, at the age of eighty. He was the only surviving son of the late Mr. P. M. Lynch, of Duras, and Renmore, Co. Galway.

NENAGH SESSIONS.

(Before Captain Poe (in the chair), Col. Bayly, and Mr. John Hanly).

Sergeant Fitzpatrick had Michael Ryan, of Falvey's lane, charged with assault and drunkenness on the 16th inst. Mr. James O'Brien, solicitor, appeared for the defendant. The Sergeant stated that on the night in question he was attracted by noise in Falvey's lane and on going up there he encountered defendant, who was under the influence of drink. In trying to get him into his house he abused witness, and on coming away Ryan came out after him and drew a kick at him.

Mr. Hanly—What is the man's general character? Witness—Well, he is quiet so long as he does not take drink.

Mr. O'Brien said the defendant was only once before the Court for some little domestic squabble, and asked their worshipships to remember the season and not to send him to gaol.

FUNERAL OF THE REV. J. T. WALLER, B.A.

CASTLETOWN.

The funeral of the late Rev. John Thomas Waller, B.A., Castletown Manor, the oldest surviving clergyman of the Church of Ireland in the Diocese of Limerick, who passed away on the 22nd instant, at the advanced age of 84 years, took place on Tuesday morning (St. Stephen's Day). Despite the inclemency of the weather, which was wild and blustery, there was a large and representative attendance, not alone from Castletown, Pallaskenny, and the surrounding districts, but from several remote parts of the county, and also from the city. The tenantry on the Castletown property who have purchased under the Land Acts, and also the labourers on the estate attended in large numbers, and altogether there was ample evidence of deep respect for the memory of the deceased clergyman whose entire life, it may almost be said, was spent in the district in which the Waller family have been identified for centuries. Widespread sympathy is expressed by all classes and creeds with the venerable gentleman's family in their sorrow, all the more poignant coming, as it did, over the season of Christmastide. At 12.30, the remains enclosed in a massive oak coffin were borne from Castletown Manor to the hearse in waiting, and then the very large procession formed and moved on to the pretty little Church about half a mile away, where the first part of the service was held. The remains were then conveyed to the graveyard near at hand at the opposite side of the road, and laid to rest in the family vault.

The chief mourners were:—Mr. Wm. Waller, D.L., Canon E. H. Waller, M.A., Incumbent of Athy; Rev. J. T. Waller, M.A., Incumbent of Trinity Church, Limerick; Henry Waller (sons); Rev. R. Pulleine, M.A., Vicar of Sutton-in-Craven, Keighley (son-in-law); Mr. J. Waller, and Mr. Bolton Waller, (grandsons) of the deceased.

The clergy present were—The Right Rev. Dr. Orpen, Bishop of Limerick and Ardfert; Rev. Chancellor Hackett, St. Michael's; Rev. Thomas Clarke, Kilmoran; Rev. W. R. Keillor, Trinity Church; Rev. Canon Atkinson, Kilpeacon; Rev. Canon McClean, Rathkeale; Rev. Canon Robertson, St. Munchin's; Rev. T. F. Abbott, St. Mary's Cathedral; Rev. S. L. Maxwell, Ardanny; Rev. S. J. Hackett, Askeaton; Rev. H. A. Orpen, Adare.

Amongst the general public were—Captain Caulfield, Miltown House; Messrs. George Caulfield, Copeswood; J. O'G. Delmege, D.L.; R. Coplen-Langford, J.P., Captain Langford, D.S.O.; W. M. Beauchamp, R. O'Brien-Studdert, Cullane, Co. Clare; W. B. Fitt, R. Maume (Bolane House), T. Rennison, C.P.S., Pallaskenny; M. Mulcahy, N.T., do.; J. Bovenizer, Michael Wallace, D.C., S. Miller, T. S. Deane, Manager National Bank, Rathkeale; G. Reidy, Limerick; Peter Switzer, Henry Smyth, Arthur Lynch, Ernest Lynch, M. Nestor, E. Kenneally, W. Reidy, T. Hourigan, John Nolan, Wm. Smyth, Castletown; Henry Smyth, Kilmoran; T. Downes, Pallaskenny; Wm. Carroll, Ballystein; James, John, and Joseph Downes, Pallaskenny; R. Lynch, do.; George Drew, Kilmoran; R. Reidy, do.; E. Baker, Limerick; C. Maunsell, Finnisterstown; L. E. Clarke, Ballynolan; Daniel Hanly, Ballymartin; E. Westropp, Ballystein; Montford Westropp, Mellon; T. Lloyd, Cartown; Arthur White, Patrickswell; R. Hunt, Inchirourke, P. G. Griffin, Allavilla; E. Hewson, Castle Hewson; H. Hunt, Kilbaha; Edwin Smyth, Riantulla; Cooper O'Donoghue, Limerick; Dr. J. J. Long, do.; Gerald Goodbody, do.; Joseph Smyth, Limerick; Geo. Smyth, Moig; G. Fosbery, Clorane; R. Cooper, Cooper Hill; D. MacAvoy, P. MacAvoy, Miltown; James Smyth, Michael Shaughnessy, Pallaskenny; T. Bolton, coachman, Castletown Manor; J. Miller, F. Weir, M. McMahon, etc.

Amongst those who sent carriages were—From Castletown Manor; Right Rev. Dr. Orpen, Mr. W. M. Beauchamp, Mr. M. Westropp, Mellon; Miss Taylor, Holly Park; Mrs. O'Brien, South Hill; Mr. Clark, Ballynolan; Mr. Smyth, Riantulla; Miss Bovenizer, Mr. F. Weir, Mr. R. J. Smyth, Mr. W. B. Fitt, Mr. R. Maume, Mr. J. Drew, Mr. R. Cooper, Mr. Hunt, Mr. George Caulfield, Mr. Maunsell, Mr. E. Downes, Beagh Castle; Mr. Westropp, Ballystein; etc., etc.

The officiating clergy were the Rev. S. J. Hackett (who took the first part of the service) the Rev. Mr. Clarke, and the Rev. Mr. Pulleine. Towards the close of the service in the church one of the late Rev. Mr. Waller's favourite hymns, "Rock of Ages," was sung by the congregation.

During the service the Rev. T. Clarke delivered the following address:—

My friends, notwithstanding the ringing note of hope and victory all through this glorious chapter, which I have just read for you (15th, 1st Corinthians), there is a sadness—there are memories in an assembly like this which make me wish to say a few words. This year has been a remarkable one for the number of aged and honoured standard-bearers of our beloved Church, who have been called to their rest. And it is a melancholy privilege that I have to stand here as God's minister in this parish and speak to you over the remains of one, who for close on half a century has occupied that sacred position, and who was one of the last remaining links with the Church of the Establishment in any

MR. E. F. HICKSON, EX-R.M.

The following correspondence has taken place in connection with the presentation made by the solicitors of the city to Mr. E. F. Hickson, R.M., on his recent retirement.

"101 O'Connell Street, Limerick, December 21st, 1911.

"DEAR MR. HICKSON—We have forwarded to you this evening by rail a piece of plate which is presented to you by the Solicitors of the City of Limerick as a small token of their appreciation of your conduct and ability during the long years of your official life as Resident Magistrate among them. We have very great pleasure in being the medium through whom this presentation is made to you, and we wish you on our own, and on our brethren's behalf, all the compliments of the season, and many years enjoyment of your well earned rest.

"Yours very sincerely,  
"JOHN RYAN, Chairman.  
"JOHN R. DUNDON, Hon. Secretary."

"7, Clyde-road, Dublin.  
"23rd December, 1911.

"DEAR MR. RYAN—I have just received your flattering letter, and also the beautiful silver tray which the Limerick solicitors have so generously presented me with. I shall always look upon it as my most valuable possession, as it expresses the approval of your profession of my official acts during my lengthened service as Resident Magistrate in Limerick, and which is a great gratification to me.

I regret that my illness, which necessitated my premature retirement, prevented me from taking a public and individual farewell of a body of gentlemen who always treated me with conspicuous courtesy and consideration, and whose good opinion I so greatly value. Thanking you for all your great kindness and valuable gift. Believe me, yours very truly

"E. F. HICKSON."  
"J. Ryan, Esq., George-street, Limerick."

The following were the subscribers:—John Ryan, T. H. Kenay, J. Dundon and Son, B. Barrington, H. Blackall, J. H. Moran and Son, W. E. Cunnihan, S. Hastings, C. E. O'Donnell, P. E. O'Donnell, A. J. Blood-Smyth, M. D. McCoy, E. D. Hunt, P. J. O'Sullivan, J. O. Myles, J. Dodds, B.A., L.L.B.; E. Leahy, C. Eorill, T. G. B. Kelly, E. Coffey.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY.

Christmas 1911 has come and gone. It will be remembered as a "green" Christmas, exceedingly moist and humid. On the eve of the Festival it rained at intervals, but the inclemency of the weather did not prevent people moving about, especially at night, when there were many in the streets awaiting the ushering in of the Nativity.

Christmas Day was again associated with adverse weather, and the city throughout the day wore a quiet appearance. In the various churches the festival was observed with becoming fitness. Special services were held during the morning in presence of large congregations.

A special Christmas Carol Service was held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Christmas Eve, there being a large congregation. The carols, which were excellently sung, were—"The Manger Throne," "In the Fields," "Come ye Lofty," "The Angels and the Shepherds," "Christmas in the Fields," and "The First Nowell." The Bishop, Right Rev. Dr. Orpen, preached at the morning service on Christmas Day, and, as usual, in the afternoon there was a crowded congregation. The special music included the 83rd hymn, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," and the anthem, "There were Shepherds" (Messiah), with bass solo by Mr. R. Evans, and choruses, concluding with the "Hallelujah," which was sung with great power and expression. In the other Protestant Churches special music had also been selected for the Christmas Festival, and there were big congregations. The Cathedral and other churches were very artistically decorated.

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On St. Stephen's Day the attraction in the city was the Holiday Meeting at Greenpark. Special trains were run in connection with the event which as in previous years was very liberally patronized. The trains from Dublin, Cork, Waterford, and Tralee, brought large contingents, and to facilitate the patrons the Racing Executive had arranged for an early finish. The fixture was on the whole eminently successful, and furnished an exhilarating wind up to the holidays. In the several public institutions such as the hospitals, the season was duly kept, plenty of Christmas fare was provided for the patients who were able to partake of it, while to the children toys were distributed. At the Limerick Workhouse on Tuesday evening a concert was given to the inmates by a number of ladies and gentlemen, and was highly appreciated.

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### THE LATE MR. RICHARD TAYLOR.

By the lamented death of Mr. Richard Taylor  
on the 16th inst., at his residence, 7 Cyprus  
Gardens, Belfast, there has been removed one of  
the most familiar figures in the business circles of  
Belfast and the North of Ireland, says a con-  
temporary. Born about 62 years ago at Maghera-  
gall, near Lisburn, Mr. Taylor came 45 years ago  
to serve his time in the firm of Messrs Hugh  
Maack & Co, Limited, Donegal Street, and in  
that establishment he remained a faithful and  
honoured employe until the end. Having proved  
his capacity as a keen and competent  
man of affairs, Mr. Taylor was sent out  
as the firm's representative, and for 35  
years he travelled up and down the length and  
breadth of what is known as the north-east  
journey, gaining golden opinions from those with  
whom he had business relations, and proving  
himself a most reliable man in all that concerned  
the interests of his employers. He was one of the  
oldest members of the North and West of Ireland  
Commercial Travellers' Association and by none  
is his demise more sincerely regretted than by  
his colleagues "on the road," who held him  
ever in high esteem. It may be said that he  
died in harness. Less than a month ago he was  
driving in the course of his duties between Killy-  
leagh and Crossgar, when the car by which he  
was proceeding broke down, and Mr. Taylor was  
thrown to the ground. After sitting for a short  
time blood poisoning set in, with fatal results. Of  
a quiet disposition, apart from his business, Mr.  
Taylor's interests were chiefly centred in his  
home and social circles. With his wife and a  
daughter who survive him, the deepest sympathy  
is felt in their hour of bereavement. The late Mr.  
Richard Taylor was brother of the late Mr.  
David Taylor, Eden Terrace, Limerick.

### FATALITY NEAR YOUGHAL.

#### Girl's Tragic Death.

Youghal, Wednesday.  
A sad fatality is reported to have occurred  
during the holidays near Harrowhill, County  
Waterford, a young girl named Miss Annie Daly,  
aged 19, daughter of a respectable farmer, losing  
her life. It appears that Miss Daly, accompanied  
by her father, was driving home on the evening  
of the occurrence, when the ridge band broke,  
father and daughter being thrown out on the  
road. Miss Daly came on her face and side,  
breaking several ribs, with the result that  
hemorrhage set in, her father escaping with some  
bad bruises. Help was soon forthcoming, and  
they were both brought quickly home, where  
everything possible was done for the injured young  
lady, but her injuries were of such a serious  
character that she succumbed. The sad occur-  
rence has aroused great sympathy for the bereaved  
family, who are universally respected in the  
locality, the victim herself being a highly popular  
and promising young woman.

### RINK PALACE.

To-night the Grand Fancy Carnival will take  
place (evening dress optional), and a large  
number of prizes will be presented. This being  
the only Carnival this season it is hoped it will  
be a great success. Tom B. Wheatley, the  
marvellously voiced ventriloquist, will give his  
splendid performance. Numerous other attractions  
for the holiday time are announced in our adve-  
tising columns.

C. Maunsell, Finnisterstown; L. E. Clark,  
Ballynolan; Daniel Hanly, Ballymartin; E.  
Westropp, Ballystein; Montiford Westropp,  
Mellon; T. Lloyd, Cartown; Arthur White,  
Patrickswell; R. Hunt, Inchirourke, P. G.  
Griffin, Allavilla; E. Hewson, Castle  
Hewson; H. Hunt, Kilbaha; Edwin  
Smyth, Riantulla; Cooper O'Donoghue,  
Limerick; Dr. J. J. Long, do.; Gerald  
Goodbody, do.; Joseph Smyth, Limerick; Geo.  
Smyth, Moig; G. Fosbery, Clorane; R. Cooper,  
Cooper Hill; D. MacAvoy, P. MacAvoy, Miltown;  
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Miss Bonvenizer, Mr. F. Weir, Mr.  
R. Smyth, Mr. W. B. Fitt, Mr. R. Maume, Mr.  
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This year has been a remarkable one for the num-  
ber of aged and honoured standard-bearers of our  
beloved Church, who have been called to their  
rest. And it is a melancholy privilege that I  
have to stand here as God's minister in this  
parish and speak to you over the remains of one,  
who for close on half a century has  
occupied that sacred position, and who  
was one of the last remaining links  
with the Church of the Establishment in  
this Diocese. It is a solemn thing under any  
circumstances to stand beside the dead, but  
doubly solemn is it for me on this occasion, be-  
cause I cannot do so without realizing, as I  
briefly review his life, that I stand here, called  
of God, to minister to the souls he loved. From that  
place, owing to advanced years, he was compelled  
to retire some time ago. So that it was given to  
me to have the benefit and happiness of his  
friendship. And I well remember now how, when  
I first came here and visited him in his honoured  
retirement, he led me away where we would be  
alone to kneel in prayer for a blessing on  
the ministry which I had then begun. I tell you  
this because it was typical of the man whose  
memory we this day cherish. There was always  
with him that sense of boundless indebtedness to  
the redeeming love of our Lord Jesus Christ, which  
grew with his years up to the moment when he  
was taken away from us. No one, most assuredly,  
could be long in Mr. Waller's company without  
discovering that his thoughts, his feelings, his  
motives, his entire conception of the meaning and  
end of life, were different from, and higher than  
those of the majority of men—even of men who  
are seriously interested in matters connected with  
religion. He did not merely now and then talk  
and think about God. In the language of the  
Bible he "walked with God." And the one  
ruling passion of his life was to bring, at what-  
ever cost, some souls for pardon and peace to the  
feet of the Crucified. Love of the human beings  
with whom he lived and worked, visibly  
influenced him, as did this gracious Friend, with  
Whom throughout the day he was constantly  
communicating in prayer. And thus to visit  
him was to move out of the world into another  
atmosphere where the language of the Bible was  
translated into reality. It was all this and more  
that made him the man he was, respected,  
loved, even by those who could not share his views  
about some things, or by those who were opposed  
to him when engaged in what he so firmly  
believed to be "the Lord's controversy." Thus  
would I lead you to think of him to-day, not as a  
great man, according to the world's estimate of  
greatness, but as one whose career of fearless  
devotion to what he believed to be for the glory  
of God and for the good of souls, recalls the solemn  
words of our Lord: "He that shall do and teach  
the same shall be called great in the Kingdom of  
Heaven." Certainly we have lost to-day a really  
saintly man—one whom you, who were his  
parishioners, will long remember as your kindly  
sympathetic Pastor and friend. He has now  
passed to the "home beyond"—the certainty and  
happiness of which made his life and his death  
here so peaceful. Would that we might all have  
the same simple faith, and strive more and more  
to have a share in the promise of a name and place  
in that great Kingdom beyond the grave. Here  
now in this solemn quietness let us hear God  
calling us, and let us lay to heart the lessons of  
the grave and the dying year. And here, too, in  
the natural atmosphere of sadness—which is  
intensified by reason of the world-wide joy at this  
holy time—let the fact which we commemorated  
yesterday become more real to us. Let us think  
of Him who took our nature upon Him, as the  
Man of Sorrows, too. And when we remember  
Him weeping in tender sympathy with those  
beside that grave of old, let us feel Him in our  
dark hours to be more one with us than ever.  
God grant that this occasion may be fruitful in  
something better and more enduring than the  
deep and strong feelings which are inevitably  
called forth by it; that it may leave an impress  
upon our lives which shall enable us to say:—

"A little while," and I shall be with Him,  
Then let me rest,  
'Mid storms, and this uncertainty of mine,  
Safe on His breast;  
I know not why, but I can trust His grace,  
Till I in glory see Him face to face.

### FILMS CAUGHT FIRE.

#### Panic in German Hall.

**Children Killed.**  
Berlin, Wednesday.  
During a cinematograph performance in the  
East End of Berlin yesterday the films caught  
fire. The operator's hands were burned, and his  
cries of pain and shouting "Fire" caused a  
panic. The whole audience crowded to the exit,  
and in the crush two children were killed and  
many adults injured, some seriously. The fire  
was soon extinguished by the fire brigade.

#### DEATH OF MAJOR JOHN W. LYNCH, D.L.

Major John Wilson Lynch, D.L., late of the  
4th Battalion Connaught Rangers, died on  
Christmas Day at Belvoir, Co. Clare, at the age  
of eighty. He was the only surviving son of the  
late Mr. P. M. Lynch, of Duras, and Renmore,  
Co. Galway.

### NENAGH SESSIONS.

(Before Captain Poe (in the chair), Col. Bayly,  
and Mr. John Hanly).

Sergeant Fitzpatrick had Michael Ryan, of  
Falvey's lane, charged with assault and drunken-  
ness on the 16th inst. Mr. James O'Brien, solr.,  
appeared for the defendant. The Sergeant stated  
that on the night in question he was attracted by  
noise in Falvey's lane and on going up there he  
encountered defendant, who was under the  
influence of drink. In trying to get him into his  
house he abused witness, and on coming away Ryan  
came out after him and drew a kick at him.

Mr. Hanly—What is the man's general character?  
Witness—Well, he is quiet so long as he does  
not take drink.

Mr. O'Brien said the defendant was only once  
before the Court for some little domestic squabble,  
and asked their worships to remember the season  
of the year and not to send him to gaol.

The Bench fell in with Mr. O'Brien's wishes  
and fined defendant 5s. and costs for drunken-  
ness and 10s. and costs for the assault.

Constable Gildea, Beechwood, charged Mr.  
Michael Kennedy, of Rapla, with having a wicked  
dog in his possession. The constable described  
the conduct of the dog and the attack he made on  
him.

Mr. Kennedy—Every other policeman that was  
stationed in Beechwood never had any fault to  
find with the dog, and he was never known to  
attack a policeman.

Chairman—The dog has apparently lost its  
character now (laughter).

Mr. Kennedy said the dog mistook the constable  
for a tramp (laughter).

The Chairman said the Bench would adjourn  
the case for one month to see how the dog would  
conduct itself.

### WETTEST DECEMBER FOR 100 YEARS

Paris, Wednesday.  
The present month has already established a  
record as the wettest December for the last 100  
years. The Seine is in flood, and is steadily  
spreading, but it is officially declared there is no  
immediate danger of inundation.

### DEATH OF MISS MARY HALDANE.

The Times says—Miss Mary Haldane, first  
cousin of Lord Haldane, died at Eastbourne on  
Christmas Day, in her eighty-sixth year.

### MAULED BY A LION.

#### Death of Mr. Barclay.

Mr. Terence Barclay, son of Mr. Hugh Barclay,  
the banker, died early yesterday morning at  
Colney Hall, near Norwich, from wounds  
inflicted by a pet lion on Sunday week. The  
animal, with a lioness cub, had been in the Park  
at Colney for eighteen months. They were treated  
as harmless pets. On December 17 Mr Terence  
Barclay liberated the lions, and suddenly the  
animal sprang at him and knocked him down,  
inflicting several ugly gashes.

The "Everlasting Arms" are underneath,  
I cannot fall;  
He is my sure defence, whatever may come,  
My all in all;  
My Saviour, and my never-failing Friend,  
Who, having loved, will love me to the end!

The final prayers at the graveside were read by  
the Rev. R. Pulleine.

Preaching in Trinity Church on Sunday morn-  
ing, the Rev. W. R. Keillor, who took his text  
from 1st Corinthians, 7-29, "The Time is Short,"  
made a touching reference to the late Rev. Mr.  
Waller, pointing out that he was appointed a  
Trustee of Trinity Church so far back as 1862,  
and continued in that office for almost half a  
century. So that the congregation had special  
reason to remember him and the kindly  
interest he had taken in their Church  
during that long span of years. The preacher  
referred also to the fact that another of  
the Trustees of Trinity Church had been called  
away this year in the person of the Rev. Canon  
Luther, Rector of Cahernarry. They remembered  
these men with love and affection, especially  
the present moment, and it would, indeed, be  
difficult to supply the places of these devoted  
servants of God.  
A funeral march was played during the service.

### Children on

The Press Association's Che-  
dent telegraphs.—An acci-  
evening at a picture palace  
sulting in five children hav-  
the local hospital in a most  
many others being treated at  
One of the attractions was  
thirty local children took part  
two performances on Tuesday  
room adjoining the palace ju-  
to-night, in order to be atti-  
other materials. They  
the show, and the hall  
people, when a little  
out of the dressing room  
followed, until all the children  
air. In the meantime, the m-  
front of the curtain and ann-  
had met with an accident, and  
postponed. All left quite ord-  
returned. As far as could be  
the children attempted to lig-  
set fire to his clothes. The  
others, until several little girl  
number were only slightly bu-  
so terribly injured that they  
hospital, where little hope is  
recovery.

### TRIPOLI SITC

#### All Quiet After Rec

News from Tripoli to-day  
interest.

An official telegram states  
information from an excellen-  
after the capture of Ain Za-  
wounded, all of them being i-  
were brought to different poi-  
be tended. There is no chan-  
Tripoli, Ain Zara, Tagura, or  
A despatch from Benghazi  
states that owing to the  
sustained in Sunday's fight-  
confirmed by information bre-  
spies, the enemy take advan-  
to retreat instead of renewin  
was expected.

### ROYAL VISIT I

Kotah (Raj)  
Queen Mary, who has arri-  
this morning drove to th-  
escorted by Kotah State troo-  
command of the Maharajah o-  
noon Her Majesty visited  
party was subsequently give  
honour, after which the Mal-  
Majesty a peshkash (or pr-  
elephants, horses, jewels, and  
Her Majesty was graciously  
and remit to the donor.

The King has promised to  
Museum the skin of a tiger  
Nepal.

### King's Shootir

The latest news from the  
is that His Majesty has sh-  
thirteen rhinoceroses.

The race for the Viceroy's  
and resulted as follows:—

- Mayfowl
- Last Call
- Vavasor

Won by a length. Eight  
Lady Hardinge attended, goi-  
State procession, which, l-  
watched by a huge crowd.

### THE LOSS OF THE

#### Painful Scene Er

A painful scene, which  
happily, took place yesterda-  
Brown, of 14, Wolf-street, 1  
at the offices of the Gener  
Company respecting the lo-  
She had been informed in er-  
of the ship, her husband,  
hearing this the poor woma  
but the secretary's attentio  
fact that Harry Brown w-  
vivors, and he was able im-  
this. The good news had a  
woman, who put her hands t  
cried "Thank God, thank G

### RUSSIA AND

#### Drastic Mea

Russia has determined u-  
for dealing with the mobs  
neighbouring towns, who h-  
troops, and in some inst-  
outrages upon the killed. T-  
by Russian troops are indi-  
Smart, the British Consul,  
between Bushire and Shiraz,  
Sowars, was attacked near I-  
succeeded in fighting its  
Consul was wounded and lef-  
succoured and taken to Shir-