

## FRAGETTE PROSECUTIONS IN DUBLIN.

Termination of the Trials.

Theatre Royal Outrage.

### Two of Accused Sentenced to Five Years.

The Dublin City Commission on Tuesday, Miss Gladys Evans, Mrs. Mary Leigh, Mrs. Lizzie Baker, and Miss Mabel Capper, four English ladies, were indicted on, and pleaded not guilty to, a charge of conspiracy, and setting fire to the Theatre Royal on the occasion of the visit of the Prime Minister to Dublin. The jury found Miss Evans guilty, and she was put back for sentence. Mrs. Baker was found guilty to a minor offence under the Criminal Damage to Property Act, and sentence was deferred in her case. In the case of Mrs. Leigh the jury disagreed. Miss Capper was discharged, the Crown having agreed to enter a *nolle prosequi* in her case.

Two of five years' penal servitude each was passed by Mr. Justice Madden on Mrs. Leigh and Miss Gladys Evans for the offence committed at the Theatre Royal on the occasion of Mr. Asquith's arrival in Dublin.

Mrs. Leigh, concerning whom the jury disagreed on Tuesday, was again put on trial, and was found guilty on all counts. When her sentence was pronounced she declared: "It will have no deterrent on us."

Mrs. Baker, who, on the previous day, pleaded guilty to the minor charge of malicious injury to property, was sentenced to seven months hard

labour on a charge against Mrs. Leigh of throwing a brick at and wounding Mr. John Redmond was reserved to next Commission, it being stated that the material witness was absent.

The jury having found Mrs. Mary Leigh guilty of a charge of complicity in the attempt to set fire to the Theatre Royal.

Mrs. Leigh and Miss Gladys Evans (who had been convicted on the same charge on Tuesday) were put forward together for sentence.

In passing sentence, Mr. Justice Madden, who was evidently deeply moved, said:—"Mary Leigh and Gladys Evans, you have been convicted of the clearest evidence of a crime which, indeed, I do not deem, and of which you attempted no concealment, known or recognised by the law. That is a crime to which the law attaches a severe penalty, and it is right that it should be so, and that it should be so, causing a fire in a theatre, having regard to the possible or probable consequences, is the worst form of offence. I say that deliberately, and no more terrible catastrophe could occur than the conflagration of the theatre. The fact that that theatre was not injured nor was any life lost, and I may say happily for you, for if it had been lost on that occasion you would now be standing your trial for wilful murder. Of the lives which prompted that terrible crime I say nothing. I don't wish to add to the pain of the present position as regards you, or, I say with all sincerity with regard to myself, my duty to perform, and my duty is the duty of the public, and particularly of the public endangered by the course of

## FATAL OCCURRENCE NEAR LIMERICK.

### Farmer Fatally Injured.

Thomas O'Neill, 60, a farmer, from Seart, near Kilkishen, County Clare, was driving into Limerick this morning with a creel of pigs, and when approaching Ballynanty Bridge his horse took fright at a passing train, the 10.12 a.m. ex Limerick for Ennis. O'Neill jumped off the car to quiet the animal, which threw him to the ground. The horse appears to have kicked O'Neill while on the ground, and word was sent to the Union for medical aid. Before Dr. Roberts, *locum tenens* for Dr. Brennan, arrived Mr. J. O'G. Delmege came up on his motor car, and subsequently conveyed the doctor and his patient to the Workhouse. O'Neill died in the afternoon from the injuries received, and an inquest will be held to-morrow.

## NORTH WEST MANCHESTER ELECTION.

### Polling To-day.

Candidates—Sir John S. Randles (U), and Mr. Gordon Hewart (L).

Liberal majority last election, 445.

Lord Robert Cecil, speaking yesterday at Manchester in support of the candidature of Sir John Randles, said the British Treasury, which the greatest of our statesmen had organised as a check on expenditure, had now itself become, owing to the Old Age Pensions Act and the National Insurance Act, one of the greatest of the nation's spending departments, and it spent without check by anybody. To-day the Insurance Act was being administered with reckless extravagance, and the evil would never be cured until Mr. Lloyd George left the office which he now held.

(BY TELEGRAPH).

The polling is taking place in North-West Manchester to-day. The Unionists are confident of Sir J. Randles' return, and the Liberals not without hope of Mr. Hewart's success. Each side has a fleet of conveyances for bringing electors to the poll, which is expected to be normal. Both candidates are touring the division.

Voters have arrived from Germany, Madeira, and the Isle of Man. The Liberal hopes are rising. The drivers of both Liberal and Unionist cars report that missiles have been thrown at them.

## SPORTING.

### Brighton Meeting.

Brookside Plate—Kiltol, 1; Boboli, 2; Kilrock, 3. Also ran—Vermouth, Proudfoot, Queen's Wake, Lady Vee, Borga, Streamlet, Six Hills, Crowsfoot. Betting—9 to 4 agst Kiltol, 3 to 1 Streamlet, 6 to 1 Six Hills, 7 to 1 Queen's Wake, 10 to 1 others.

Worthing Selling Plate—Colonial, 1; Rouleau, 2; Miss Marie, 3. Also ran—Royal Collar, Money

## LATEST NEWS.

### TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Special to the Chronicle)

## THE ARREST OF FIVE ENGLISHMEN AT KIEL.

### Case Favourably Settled.

A message received in London last night from the British Consul at Kiel regarding the five Englishmen on a charge of espionage, the case will be settled favourably to-morrow.

Later.—A Reuter's Kiel message to-day states that the five English yachtsmen who were in custody there on a charge of espionage were released this morning.

Mr. Harris Stone, father of Dr. Stone, the English yachtsman arrested in Germany, overjoyed this morning to hear of the release. He declared Germany, by means of the spy scare, was endeavouring gradually to build up distaste and hatred of England.

## THE LATE DUKE OF FIFE.

### Interment To-day.

The remains of the late Duke of Fife, who to-day finally interred in the private vault at Braemar. The remains, which had been removed from Windsor, were met at Ballater by the Duff Highlanders, and transferred to a specially constructed motor hearse. On the hearse at Braemar the cortege was joined by the Duke of Royal, the Duchess of Fife, Princess Maud, and others. A brief service was held in the vault and afterwards the remains were deposited in the vault.

## SHEPPEY BOATING DISASTER.

### Pathetic Scenes.

The bodies of eight Boy Scouts, victims of the Sheppey boating disaster, were this morning conveyed up the Thames in a dead cart from Rotherhithe and thence to Walworth. On arriving at Walworth the coffins were taken into St. John's Church and set down in the chancel. Relatives and others were present, and pathetic scenes occurred. In some instances mourners knelt down and offered up prayers, afterwards kissing the lids of the coffins. They were so overcome with grief that they had to be led away and attended by nurses.