

K OPERATIC SOCIETY

"Pirates of Penzance."

On of Limerick to comic opera was held last night, when, at the Theatre Limerick Operatic Society produced Sullivan's sparkling opera "The Pirates of Penzance." A crowded, enthusiastic, and attentive audience greeted the presentation with a lavish scale, and traditional of its method of treating the works of the English lyric stage. The Society was founded in 1908, and the first opera produced in 1909, "The Pinafore," was an immense success, so successful that it was followed the following year anterior to the production of "The Yeomen of the Guard." Ever since, a record of success, which at the commencement of the birth of the Society, has been broken, and the future promises even more brilliant. In "The Mikado," the Society secured a triumph, which was repeated in "The Gondoliers," and now it has won laurels to its wreath by last night's performance. It is no exaggeration to say that the Association has made the most of its resources, and convinced, if that were necessary, of its capabilities to render in a worthy manner the works of Gilbert and Sullivan. That it has maintained its existence has long been recognized and appreciated outside of Limerick. The production of "The Pirates of Penzance" was a memorable one, and perhaps the best effort of the Society. With that exception into matters theatrical which the Society has as all along displayed, one could not give that the proper atmosphere, as it is resented during the performance. Every scene worked out with the utmost approximation to the scheme of elaboration planned the opera. The light and the scenes were pleasant and agreeable characters admirably and intelligently set the dialogue clearly spoken, and the acted with sweetness and charm of the opera was assured, and the spirit of the audience there was their verdict. From beginning to end went with a smoothness and rhythm eminently refreshing and beautifully Again, the augmented orchestra which entered largely into the performance. There a harsh note sounded throughout the of the score, which lends itself in a way to orchestral treatment. On this occasion, Mr. J. P. Bellens, conductor, as on previous occasions, held perfect mastery over the orchestra in front of the proscenium. He was at home on his pedestal, and the close of the opera was the reward-deserved and unstinted applause. The performance of "Major-General Stanley" Mr. J. P. Connor was a distinct success. He sang his part with becoming dignity, and sang very convincingly. His rendering of the very pattern of a modern Major-

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM LLOYD.

It is with very great regret we have to announce that the death occurred at a Private Home, Dublin, yesterday, of Mr. William Lloyd, an old and highly respected citizen of Limerick. The deceased gentleman had reached his 78th year, and up to a few months ago when his health began to give way he was actively engaged in the pursuit of the extensive business which he controlled in the city. He was very largely connected with the commercial life of the city for many years in the capacity of a wine and spirit merchant, a business which he developed on sound and practical lines. Outside of his business connections Mr. Lloyd did not take a very active part in Municipal administration, but he had always the welfare of the city at heart. He was a Grand Juror of many years standing, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and of the Gas Committee, where he represented the consumers. As in his own business he brought into the counsels of that Committee sound judgment and a ripe knowledge of matters appertaining to the needs of the people whom he represented. He was a good employer always thoughtful and considerate for their interests, and contributed largely towards the various charities associated with Limerick. In private life Mr. Lloyd enjoyed the esteem and affection of a wide circle of friends who learn of his demise with unfeigned regret. The remains will arrive in the city this evening, and the funeral will take place from St. Munchin's R.C. Church to-morrow morning at half-past ten for interment in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

THE BANK HOLIDAY.

The Easter Bank Holiday was observed in the city yesterday, and the deserted appearance of the streets indicated a big exodus of people to the various centres of attraction advertised by the Great Southern and Western Railway Co. The weather was beautifully fine, the sun shining out with unwonted brilliance throughout the day. It was in reality the first typical spring day experienced this year. The different excursion trains leaving the city were very liberally patronised, particularly the one to the Southern Capital for the races and the international football match between Ireland and France. As many as 600 made the journey to Cork, while several travelled up to Dublin by the 8.15 train for the Fairyhouse race meeting. Excursions to Dublin and Waterford were also run, and the first evening run this year to Killaloe and Castleconnell was availed of by a couple a hundred holiday makers.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Ireland v. France.

The Mardyke grounds, Cork, yesterday presented a bright and animated appearance when

COUNTY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the County Technical Committee will be held in the Chamber to-morrow at 11 o'clock. The meeting will be transacted consists of the technical instruction scheme for the year 1914; consideration of the auditor's half-year ended 30th September; consideration of applications for premiums for the year 1914; and consideration of applications for premiums for the year 1914 under the cattle-breeding and swine-breeding scheme.

THE INDIAN MURDER.

Allahabad, Tuesday—The Viceroy has ordered to postpone the execution of Lieutenant Clarke to death for the murder of a British officer. Clarke intends to telegraph to the King.

MOTOR ACCIDENT TO THE

The Speaker of the House of Commons has been confined to bed for a fracture of the wrist, sustained in an accident last Thursday. The X rays were taken yesterday morning for a thorough examination of the injury, and a slight operation was performed.

CO. LIMERICK HUNT RACE.

The County Limerick Hunt Race will be held to-morrow at Liskennett. First race at 12 o'clock.

HISTORIC VESSEL.

Raised After a Centuries' Submersion.

Working in one of the worst bays in the world, a contractor and his men have succeeded in raising the Niagara, the ship which was defeated into victory for Oliver Hazard Perry in the battle of Lake Erie, September 19, 1813. A crowd of half-frozen curiosities gathered to witness the raising of the vessel, which was held back with difficulty when it became visible, and they established a record for the number of people who gathered to witness the raising of the vessel. The Niagara was a wooden schooner, built in 1813, and was the only vessel of her kind to survive the battle. She was raised from the bottom of the lake, where she had lain for nearly a century. The raising was accomplished by a system of pontoons and cables, and the vessel was raised to the surface in a matter of hours. The vessel is now being repaired and will be put on display at the Niagara Falls State Museum.