

covering authority had been obtained every stage, and that Parliament had not acted at the earliest practicable moment of all foreseeable new charges. It was not from ordinary miscellaneous items, but from five main causes. First, an increase of £500,000 in expenditure on the reserve. The second cause was the new programme of air craft, costing £250,000; the third cause was the increase in wages in shipyards and in prices amounting to nearly £1,000,000. The fourth cause, amounting to about £450,000 was due to acceleration, beginning earlier of three battleships of the 1913-14 programme, to cover the temporary delay in the Canadian Naval Aid Bill. The fifth and largest cause was the slower progress by contractors in shipyards over the country in the execution of contracts for ships authorised by the House to be built. That accounted for one million pounds. Mr. Churchill went on to say that the developments of the Naval Air Service would be productive of considerable reductions in other classes of naval expenditure, and so far as the Admiralty was concerned the principal expense had been caused by the provision of airships and airship sheds. In the British Naval Air Service programme, though considerable, was, Mr. Churchill said, modest in comparison with what is being done abroad, and he did not contend that it competed effectively with either the French or the German achievements. Referring to the various items in the expenditure for which the additional vote was required, the First Lord remarked that there was no use in complaining of the expenditure after it had been incurred, and when the inevitable consequences of a Parliamentary decision had materialised. If the million pounds were not paid for this year, it "would simply have to be rolled forward to increase the already congested estimates for 1914-15." Mr. Arthur Lee, in a criticism of the speech, said he thought the right hon. gentleman had made a case for the acceptance of the estimate, though the Opposition did not consider it carried out fully the pledges which the Government had made to the House. The Naval policy

## LIMERICK SPRING ASSIZES.

Limerick Spring Assizes commence at 11 o'clock on Friday morning, when the Grand Juries for the City and County will be sworn for the discharge of criminal business. Chief Baron Pellas will preside in the City Court, and Mr. Justice Dodd in the County Court. The following is a list of the criminal cases for trial at the Assizes:—City of Limerick—Patrick McMahon, malicious damage to property; John McDonnell, wounding. County of Limerick—Michael O'Sullivan, forgery, adjourned from last Assizes; Patrick O'Shea, indecent assault; Frederick Massy, stabbing; Timothy Scanlan, assault; James O'Donnell, shooting at with intent to maim; Daniel O'Connell, and Michael Dennehy, highway robbery and assault; John Tracy, highway robbery and assault; Michael Hanly, stabbing; Michael Collins and Timothy Cunningham, larceny.

## P.Y.M.A. LITERARY CLASS.

The President of the Class (Rev Canon Abbott, B.D.), gave an excellent paper on Friday night, the subject being "Books and their Readers." The paper was much appreciated by the audience, and a very interesting discussion took place on the paper, to which the President replied. Mr Wm Fry, J.P. (Dublin), has kindly consented to give a lecture next Friday next, entitled "The Road to Mandalay." He has secured a large number of beautiful, original slides, and judging from press references to the lecture which Mr Fry has given elsewhere, we are sure Mr Fry's reputation as a lecturer will be still further enhanced. His annual lectures in Limerick are looked forward to with unusual interest, and he is certain to have a very large audience on this occasion.

## DEATH OF MR JOHN KENNY.

We regret to announce the death of Mr John Kenny, which took place at his residence O'Connell Avenue, this morning, in his seventy-fourth year. The deceased had been ailing for some time and his death was not unexpected. He was head of the building firm of Messrs J Kenny & Sons, and was father of Mr Patrick Kenny, a member of the Corporation. The funeral will take place on Thursday at 3 o'clock from St. Michael's R.C. Church.

## CITY SUDDEN DEATH.

An old woman named Margaret Cahilly, of John street, collapsed in Glentworth-street last evening. Medical aid was quickly summoned, but it was ascertained that death had taken place some minutes previously. The Corporation ambulance was telephoned for, and the body taken to the home of the deceased. The circumstances having been communicated to the Coroner, an inquest was not considered necessary.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

There was a large audience, at the Theatre Royal last evening, when a very entertaining programme was presented. Maude Walsh and Barry O'No, comedians, were very humorous; and the pictures included "A Fatal Invention" (drama) and "Cookie's Legacy," a comic piece, while there were also others of high merit. On Wednesday and Thursday "The Triumph of Strength," a sensational drama, will be shown, as well as

the charge preferred against him. He wanted a remand for eight days. The information he had received. Mr Cullinan remarked that the next day would be that he was to remand the defendant in custody against him. He would be let off by being a continuing bond. The defendant was then allowed bail.

## DEATH OF DR RAI COUNIHAN.

It is with feelings of deep regret that the death of Dr. Randall S. Counihan took place this morning. The second son of Dr. John F. Kilrush, was in the prime of life and has come as a severe shock to a wide circle of friends. A few days ago he became ill, and he went to London for special operation was performed, and died at 10 o'clock this morning. He was educated at College, Dublin, where he obtained a degree, after reading a brilliant thesis. In his collegiate career he distinguished himself in the domain of athletics, and was a member of the Dublin University. After the completion of his education he became an officer of Kilrush Dispensary and later he came to reside in Ennis as Medical Officer of the town. He was a clever practitioner, zealous, and during his residence in Ennis, he had built up an excellent practice. By his demise the profession loses an able and honourable member, an experienced and energetic doctor in the highest esteem by all who were acquainted with him.

Our Ennis correspondent writes that a severe shock was caused in Ennis to-day when it was received of the death of Dr. Counihan in London, whither he had gone for treatment a couple of weeks ago. The remains will arrive in Ennis at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and will be buried in Ennis by the 10.12 train for Ennis.

## FEARFUL STORM IN ENNIS.

### Ships Wrecked and Isolated

The most violent storm of the season was experienced on Sunday and Sunday night over the coast from Pittsburg, Buffalo West, to New York East. Rain and snow driven by a gale played havoc with railroads, telegraph lines, and telephones. Numerous places were isolated and a half inches of snow fell in many places, impeding the traffic. Five fatalities were reported around New York. Several vessels were wrecked on the New England coast, and many houses lost their roofs.

## CLARE WORKMAN.

In the Court of Appeal, Dublin, this morning, the Lord Chief Justice, the Lord Chancellor, and the Lord Justice Holmes, the case of Mrs. Margaret Russell, applicant, Mrs. Margaret Russell, respondent, was heard. It was an appeal from an order of the County Court of Limerick, in the case of Mrs. Margaret Russell, applicant, vs. Mrs. Margaret Russell, respondent. It appeared