

Mr. Alexander Marsh and his excellent company this week continue their engagement at the Theatre Royal. "The Ticket of Leave Man," a well-known and popular drama, was produced last night before a large house. To-night "The Three Musketeers," a great favourite with Theatre-goers, will be produced; Wednesday night "Leah," and the programme for the remainder of the week is equally attractive and varied.

DEATH OF MR JOHN O'BRIEN.

The death of Mr John O'Brien, which took place at his residence, Thomondgate, early on Sunday morning, has occasioned widespread regret in the city. He had been ailing only a week, and the immediate cause of death was double pneumonia. Mr O'Brien, who was in his fiftieth year, was for a long number of years Assistant Clerk to the Limerick Board of Guardians, a position which he discharged with great ability. He was intimately acquainted with Poor Law Administration in its every aspect, and his knowledge of the subject was amply recognised, on the passing of the Local Government Act, by Dr William Ellis, ex Local Government Board Auditor, who requisitioned his services in the actuarial work associated with that measure throughout the country. By the demise of Mr O'Brien, the Board of Guardians loses an official of conspicuous ability, and his colleagues in the Union a loyal and sincere friend. He leaves a widow and helpless family to mourn his loss, which to them is irreparable, and in the hour of their sorrow the sympathy of the public will be wholeheartedly extended to them.

The funeral took place this afternoon from St Manchin's R.C. Church for St Patrick's Cemetery. The cortege was large and representative, and a striking tribute to the memory of the deceased, who was universally popular in the city, with which he was officially connected for a long number of years.

STEAMERS IN COLLISION.

Passengers Safe.

A Lloyd's Hamburg message says—The German steamer "Konigin Luise" and German passenger steamer "Cobra" have been in collision. The former has her stem stove in and the forepeak leaking. The latter is badly damaged amidships, and is leaking. The passengers were landed safely.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Lord Ashbourne is to deliver the opening address at Kilmallock Aeridheacht on Sunday, June 28.

Mr P J Kelly, R.M., presided at the City Police Court this morning and dealt with one case of drunkenness, the delinquent being discharged.

The annual Diocesan Synod will be held in the Diocesan Hall to-morrow, at 1.30. It will be preceded by Holy Communion at St. Mary's Cathedral at 10.30.

While driving horses, with dray attached, on the road from Bruff to Kilmallock, John O'Connor met with an accident and sustained a broken leg.

The Bishop of Limerick has appointed the Rev A. E. M. Hewatson, who was recently ordained, to be a diocesan curate under the Browne-Smyth scheme for the Diocese of Ardferd and Aghadoe.

Lieutenant Cole Hamilton, York and Lancs Regiment, was driving through George Street when his horse became restive and the shafts

their followers. Thus, then, the people of Ireland are faced by an armed force which threatens to stand between Ireland and the decision of Parliament to give her liberty, and, at the same time, is a serious risk to the lives and property of our people.

Such a movement made it absolutely necessary that the Irish people should be placed in a position to defend their country and to defend themselves.

"You are aware that the Provisional Committee of the Irish Volunteers have now accepted my suggestion that there should be upon it an adequate representation of the views of the Irish Party, and have thereby gained the confidence of all Irish Nationalists.

"I, therefore, request you to make an appeal to our countrymen and our friends in the United States to aid in supplying sufficient funds to strengthen the Irish Volunteers, and to enable them to confront adequately this audacious attempt of British aristocracy and an Irish minority to put down by force the liberties of the Irish people."

THE ATHENÆUM.

The Athenæum management supplied a really interesting programme of pictures last night to the double house. Pride of position was given to a drama entitled, "An Italian Bride," an intensely fascinating romance, while a very taking picture showed French head dress at different periods. The comic side of the menu was well served by a rollicking film, "Fatly, the Bad Boy," and "How Max Travelled the World."

DEATH OF MRS VANDELEUR.

The death of the above deservedly loved and esteemed lady took place at Rathlahine on Sunday week. Mrs Vandeleur was the widow of Major Vandeleur, R.A., and daughter of the late Mr James Molony, of Kiltanon, thus being a member of two of the oldest county families in Clare. Owing to her advanced years Mrs Vandeleur had lived much in retirement for some time past, but formerly she took a prominent place in the social life of the County Clare, and was a ready helper in every good and deserving cause. Courteous and kindly, she belonged to the highest type of the Irish lady, and it will be long before her gracious personality is forgotten in her native county.

The funeral, which was private, took place in Anascolagh Graveyard, and the relatives present were—A. B. Stoney, LL.D. (son-in-law); Miss Stoney, Mr. and Mrs Marcus Keane, Captain Molony, Kiltanon.

The officiating clergy were Canons Stanistreet and Robertson.

THE CITY STRIKE.

At the last Quarter Sessions, an appeal was heard by His Honor County Court Judge Law-Smith, at the instance of Edward O'Reilly, John Brady, and William Frawley, from a sentence of five weeks imprisonment, for an assault on two of Messrs. J. and G. Boyd's employes, in April, arising out of the present trade dispute in that firm. After hearing the evidence His Honor confirmed the conviction, but stayed the sentence for a fortnight, to see if in the interim a settlement of the strike could be effected. It is understood that an attempt was made to bring around an end of the dispute, but it failed, and having regard to this, His Honor had no other option but to issue the warrants, which he did to-day, for

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