

liberty and their independence (cheers). The spectacle of the small nation making these heroic sacrifices in defence of their independence and honour against overwhelming odds appeals in a very special way to the sentiments and the feelings of Ireland. The right hon. gentleman who has last spoken rightly says that the allied nations are under the deepest debt of obligation to Belgium. I have read in the newspapers recently of a suggested loan to Belgium of large sums of money. It seems to me that it is not a loan that ought to be made, but, that the Belgian people ought to be asked to accept a gift (cheers). However, I have risen for one purpose only, that is to make it clear that with all their hearts the people of Ireland are in sympathy with Belgium in the matter, and that they are willing to do what rests with them to assist her in the maintenance of her independence (loud general cheers).

The question was put from the Chair and, amid cheers, declared carried nemine contradicente.

## Battle of Mons

### Fierce and Bloody Encounter

Wiring from Rouen, France, on Wednesday, the *Times* special war correspondent says—To-day I have been as it were behind the curtain at the end, not, perhaps, of the first act, rather in the first scene, in the European tragedy as played in the western theatre of war. Side by side as twin sets of rails the trains of English and French wounded rolled into Rouen station. The gentlemen in kakhi were the first to clear. The English Red Cross service was of exceptional smartness as well as tenderness, and there was no lack of stretchers and of ready hands. These were not the worst of the wounded, for the worst cases are still up country. Some had only bad feet, broken by heavy marching; others had bullet or shrapnel wounds in the feet or hands or head. A small percentage of the five hundred had the stomach wounds which every seasoned soldier dreads. Only one went through the pains of death upon the station. There was a vast battle over a vast front last week-end, but for the British soldier at Rouen station to-day it was perforce the battle of Mons. All had fought in the long struggle. "We got the order to load when we got into the town," said one of them, "and when we reached the hill beyond we found ourselves under artillery fire. Most of the men got into action before they knew where they were. The earlier arrivals entrenched themselves, and gave the enemy at least as good as they got. Others arrived too late, and no sooner had the picks got to work to make a trench than the German shells began to burst. The regiment tried a new position with the same result. Tried again, and yet again, fighting all the long afternoon from 2 p.m. for liberty to use pick and shovel." The English artillery was magnificent, but there was not enough of it in comparison with the enemy's. In fact there is universal testimony that, gun for gun, both the English and French artillery is superior to the Germans. The shells of the Allies burst without fail. The German runners find the range smartly, but their shells frequently fail to burst, and not infrequently miscarry, and fall short. Sheer weight of horsed batteries carried them forward. Their infantry also advanced in close order, and offered a magnificent mark. Their losses were beyond question greater than those of the English and French, but so, unfortunately, were their numbers. They came and came again. All Sunday the English held their ground at Mons. On Monday morning the order came to retire.

## Clounanna Again

### VENUE FOR IRISH CUP MEETING

The big event of the Irish coursing season—the Irish Cup—has again been allotted to the Limerick County Club, and the meeting is to be held on the fine grounds at Clounanna near Adare, on January 13th and 14th.

### THE LIGHTEST LADY BICYCLE

Is the 1914 sheet-steel "Shannon," built by COLE, NELSON & CO., Ltd., Limerick, at £6 5s. cash, or from 6/8 per month. Gent's from £5 17s. 6d.

The German Admiralty states that the light cruiser Magdeburg ran ashore on the island of Odensholm, Gulf of Finland. Owing to the imminence of an attack from a superior Russian naval force, the captain blew up the vessel. The majority of the crew were saved by a torpedo boat, but 17 men were killed, 25 wounded and 85 are missing.

## Other Vessels Destroyed

A Danish trawler and a Norwegian steamer have been blown up by mines in the North Sea. Four lives were lost on the trawler, and eight on the steamer. Three other vessels were destroyed at the same spot.

## Russian Successes

The Russian troops have occupied Tilsit. They are advancing close to Koenigsburg. In encounters with Austrians the latter were again defeated.

## Hot Times for Austria

The Austrians have abandoned the Sandjak of Novi-Bazar. The Servians are preparing to invade Austria. The French and Montenegrins are on the point of capturing the Austrian stronghold of Cattaro.

## Germans With Dynamite Captured

An unsuccessful attempt has been made to dynamite the railway near Vlei, on the line from Mombasa to Nairobi. A patrol captured two Germans with a quantity of dynamite.

## Striking Servian Successes

Reuter's Agency learns from an authoritative Servian source that the Austrians have been finally driven out of Servia. Seventy of the enemy's guns were captured. It is probable the next step of the Servians will be that of the offensive, and an Expeditionary force on an extensive scale will be poured into the enemy's territory. Already a number of strategic points in Southern Bosnia have been taken. Sarajevo is, in all likelihood, the next Servian objective. Montenegrin troops, with Servian help, and with the aid of the French Fleet, have almost destroyed the Austrian stronghold of Cattaro, the main port of entry for Austrian supplies.

## Great Munster Fair

There was an average supply of cattle, for the time of the year, at the Great Munster Fair to-day. The fair was a very good one for beef. Bulls and heifers were sold at from £3 to £3 3s per cwt, and cows in forward condition were brought at about 50 per cwt. These were better prices than those obtained at the previous fair, but, still there was no very pronounced advance. The above were all bought up for cross-channel trade. In store cattle business was very slow as the animals were not in anything like suitable condition, and those purchased only changed owners locally. The sheep fair was small, and, as compared with the last fair, there was a slight advance in prices. One lot of two year old hoggetts fetched 55s each or 7d per lb on foot.

## RATHKEALE MAN'S WILL

Mr. John Shedden Delmege, of Earls Court Road, London, formerly of Rathkeale, County Limerick, who died on the 12th June last, aged 47 years, intestate, and a bachelor without parent, and domiciled in Ireland, left personal estate in the United Kingdom valued at £18,293 15s. 2d. Letters of administration of his property have been granted to his brother, Captain Francis Emilio Delmege, of the same address, as next-of-kin.

## Sudden Death at Abbeyfeale

On yesterday (Thursday), writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent, a farmer named Denis Murphy, residing near the village of Knocknagoshel, arrived here on business and while conversing with some people at Mr. B. Begley's forge, was taken suddenly ill, and died shortly afterwards. Rev. Father M. Enright, U.S.A., and Rev. D. O'Riordan, G.C., were almost immediately on the scene.

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were in the house at the time; it was some time after ten o'clock that night when the defendant left the house for home; he returned for a razor-strop, and again left the house, after which witness's fourth son came home; his family then went to bed; witness was sitting up when the police came to the house after 11 o'clock.

Cross-examined by Mr. Townsend, witness said his son, James Armstrong, had the grazing of Mr. Carmody's land at Drumbiggle for several years; he surrendered it voluntarily, as he did not want to take it on again; neither witness nor his sons had any hostility against Mr. Carmody on account of his taking the land; the defendant never had any connection with or claim to the land.

Mr. Townsend made application to have the defendant returned for trial to the next Assizes for the County Clare.

Mr. Lynch submitted there was not even a prima facie case established to justify O'Donnell being returned for trial, and made application to have informations refused.

The Chairman said that Cunningham must have made a mistake about the identification of O'Donnell, against whom he did not think the evidence was clear enough to have the case investigated by a jury, and he refused informations in the case.

## Limerick Workers

### The Pope's Death

#### RESOLUTION OF REGRET

At the usual weekly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Limerick Workers' Approved Benefit Society, held yesterday, Mr. Joseph Buckner presiding, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. John Hayes, and seconded by Mr. James O'Shaughnessy and passed in silence:—Resolved—"That we, the members of the Committee of Management of the Limerick Workers' Benefit Approved Society, representing the workers of Limerick, desire, as Irish Catholic working-men, to place on record our very deepest sorrow and regret at the death of our beloved Father, His Holiness, Pope Pius X, whose energies were ever directed towards the uplifting spiritually and temporally, of the lives of the working-classes from which he sprung."

The Secretary was directed to forward copies of the resolution to the Lord Bishop and to the Press.

## West Limerick Magistracy

#### A POPULAR APPOINTMENT

Mr. Patrick Creagh MacMahon, Ardanoir, Foynes, was sworn in a magistrate at Foynes Petty Sessions yesterday. Mr. MacMahon spent many years in Ceylon, where through brains, industry, and business he amassed considerable wealth, and returned home some time ago to take up residence in the land of his love and his birth. He is the author of a very clever and interesting play, "The Leagues of Limerick," which has won high encomiums from several high authorities on dramatic creations. He is very popular in his native district of Foynes, and his appointment to the magistracy has given great satisfaction to his numerous friends and acquaintances.

## THUNDERSTORM IN WEST LIMERICK

A severe thunderstorm accompanied by lightning broke over the Glin district on Wednesday afternoon. A downpour of rain preceded it and put an end to haymaking and corn-cutting for the day. In the same district on yesterday the weather was rather wild and wet.

## Limerick Street Improvements

At the meeting of the Whole House Committee of the Limerick Corporation on Wednesday night, the Mayor presiding, it was decided to apply to the Road Board for a grant of £8,000 for street improvements. The City Surveyor's schedule for this purpose applies to resurfacing O'Connell Avenue, Ennis Road and Clare-street.