

PEACE PROPOSALS

Conference to be Held in Washington

A Bordeaux telegram from Christiana states that the "Afterpostern" publishes a telegram from Berlin which has passed the German Censor, asserting that a conference will be held in Washington to discover basis for peace proposals.

ENEMY'S RESISTANCE DECLINING

French Fail to Pass Germans Right

Amsterdam, Friday.
A Berlin telegram says—A statement dated the 17th inst., issued from the headquarters staff declares that no decision has been yet reached in the battle between the Oise and Meuse. There are indications that the resistance of the enemy is beginning to decline. The efforts of the French to pass through the extreme right of the Germans was a failure. The centre of the German army is slowly advancing.

Montenegrins Capture Gorazda

A Bordeaux telegram states that the Montenegrins have taken Gorazda, thirty miles from Sarajevo.

CROOM A. O. H. AND U. I. L.

THE COLEMAN TESTIMONIAL

At a meeting of the above, held on Sunday week last, Bro. J. Butler, D.C., presiding, and there being a large attendance present, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—
"That we have heard with much pleasure of the National testimonial which is being promoted to the old veteran patriot, Mr. John Coleman, J.P., M.C.C., by the priests and people of Croom, Banogue and other districts of the county, and we consider that every parish in the County Limerick, at least, should take this matter in hand immediately and hold collections in their respective parishes for so worthy a project, as Mr. Coleman never spared his money, time or trouble for the past forty years in advancing by every means in his power his country and countrymen's interests. We, therefore, call on the various branches of the United Irish League and Ancient Order of Hibernians in East and West Limerick and Limerick City to take steps to hold collections for this testimonial; and we order copies of this resolution to be sent to each of the Executives of the county and city, and to the branches of the U. I. L. and divisions of the A. O. H. We also consider that each member of the Irish Party should generously subscribe to this fund, and with that view we hereby order that copies of it be forwarded to Messrs. Redmond, Dillon and Hazleton, M.P.'s, and to the General Secretary of the A. O. H. (Mr. Nugent), Michael Quinlan, Pallasgreen; D. J. Madden, Rathkeale, and Wm. Phelan, Newcastle West, as representing the County Board of the A. O. H."

OOOLA LABOUR LEAGUE

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS

A largely attended meeting of the above was held on Sunday, Mr. E. Meagher, V.P., presiding. The following resolutions were unanimously passed:—
"That we request the Tipperary No. 2 District Council not to give any cottage in this division to anyone who is not a bona fide agricultural labourer."
"That as the Government have now given another million of money towards providing additional houses for agricultural labourers, we call on the Tipperary No. 2 District Council to at once complete the scheme so long shelved for want of funds, and call for the Inquiry to be held immediately so that the labourers would have possession of their plots before the spring. We request them to formulate another scheme, as there are still many deserving young labourers badly in need of houses." Copies of these resolutions to be sent to the Clerk Tipperary No. 2 District Council, for next Saturday's meeting, and to the Press.

it was missing he reported the matter to the police; he then got the loan of another bicycle to go home; at about 3 o'clock on the 16th inst., witness was in Mr. Martin Gleeson's public house at Kilkishen, when he saw the defendant coming in and identified the bicycle he had with him as his (witnesses); he asked the accused where he got the bicycle and the accused said he bought it in Limerick on the previous day for 50s and that if he saw the man he bought it from he could identify him; witness told him that it would be better for him come to the police barrack to explain where he got it; the accused then admitted taking the bicycle and said he was sorry for what he had done.

The accused pleaded guilty to taking the bicycle, which he intended to return to the place from which he took it the following day; he was drunk when he took it, and expressed his regret for having stolen the bicycle.

Sergeant Kelly stated that the accused, who formerly was a waiter at the County Club, was twice convicted of the larcenies of bicycles in Tralee and Dublin.

The magistrates sentenced the accused to four months' imprisonment with hard labour.

PROMINENT COUNCILLOR PASSES AWAY

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS LANE, D.C.

We regret to announce the death, which took place this morning at his residence, Rivers, Lisnagry, of Mr. Thomas Lane, D.C. The deceased gentleman was taken ill with a severe attack of pneumonia a few days ago, but despite the best medical skill and care he passed to his eternal reward in the early hours of this morning. The late Mr. Lane was, prior to the inception of the Local Government Act and up to the time of his death, a member of the Limerick Board of Guardians. He was an upright and straightforward gentleman, and amongst his colleagues on the District Council regret will be felt at his premature demise. But in Annacotty where he was much respected he will be missed. He was a prominent member of the Annacotty Co-operative Creamery and by his wise counsels in the deliberations of the committee he earned the respect and esteem of his fellow co-operators, who will miss one who at least did his share in the building up of what is now a thorough business concern. We tender to his afflicted family the sincerest expressions of our condolence in their bereavement.

FUNERAL OF MR. W. S. CHRISTY

The funeral of the late Mr. William Stanley Christy, whose death occurred on Tuesday evening at his residence, 58, O'Connell-street, took place this morning, the interment being in the family vault at St. Munchins. The remains were removed to the Methodist Church at 10 o'clock to-day, where a short service was held. The officiating clergymen were—Rev Mr. Shire, Rathkeale; Rev Mr. Greaves and Rev B. E. Gentleman, Dublin, formerly of Limerick. The latter delivered an impressive address on the good qualities of the deceased, both as a business man and a citizen and as the oldest surviving member of the congregation. The chief mourners were—William Christy, Dr Christy, Stanley Christy, and Ernest Christy (sons). The attendance of the general public was very large.

Comets

Away from the brilliant Corporation lights that occasionally dissipate the profound darkness of a moonless night, and looking for the comets that though visible to the naked eye are too feeble to at all decorate the celestial vault I at last found the brightest, floating indolently below and a little to the right of the well-known pointers, a by no means imposing Ambassador from the abyssal depths, and yet though apparently so insignificant on the celestial vault it becomes wrapped in a new mantle of interest when one studies the many scientific facts and laws of its wonderful career, showing as it does the play of so many of the inexorable laws of nature during its passage for countless centuries from the regions of the unfathomable, to pay us its first and only visit.
—J. F. BENNIS.

into the question of the estimates for road expenditure and find that my estimate for 12 months ending 31st March, 1915, is £4,181, leviable off your district, which includes the amount to be levied in respect of main roads. This shows an increase of £211 on the estimate for last year, which is due to the increase of wages during the past 12 months, amounting to 16 per cent., viz., from 12s to 14s per week. Notices of Motion—I have received no list of above and I take it there are none. I have no official list of recommendations to lay before you. General—With reference to the general management and working of the roads in your district in future, there are a few points which I should like to bring under the notice of the Council, with a view to securing the co-operation and help of the members. The first is with reference to the cutting of hedges. It is practically impossible to maintain roads in any kind of good condition which are shut out from the effects of the sun and air by high bushes growing along the sides. I regret to say that in many parts of your district this condition of things prevails, and I intend next October to issue notices to all owners of adjoining property to cut their bushes, and, if necessary, get an order of the Court to compel them to do so. The other matter is with reference to quarries. In some parts of the district where materials are scarce the owners of quarries refuse to allow them to be used for county purposes. It will be necessary for me in such cases to get an order of Court and enter such quarries. I should like to impress on the Council that any extreme steps which are taken in these, as in all other matters affecting the working of the roads, are taken in the best interests of the Council and the ratepayers as a whole.—Your obedient servant.

T. F. RYAN, Co. Surveyor W. D.

Chairman—Well, gentlemen, anything to say on this estimate?

The Clerk said the County Surveyor's estimate for 31st March, 1915, was £3,731. The Council passed £3,108 19s. The County Surveyor's estimate for the 31st March, 1916, was £4,181 and taking the amount passed by the Council for March, 1915, £3,108 19s from the County Surveyor's estimate £4,181, it would show an increase of £1,072 1s which, when £674 supplementary grant applied for was added, would make a gross increase of £1,746 1s over the amount passed by the Council last year.

The Chairman said the amount asked for by the County Surveyor in the past two terms was £600 in excess of the amount struck by the Council. The figures as given by the Clerk did not exactly represent the facts. The estimate demanded £3,700 but the Council left a deficit of £600. The increase was between £3,700, which was the County Surveyor's estimate, and £4,181, and that represented the increase proper—£400 odd. That portion of the increase was accounted for by the fact that an increase of wages had been passed by the County Council for the labourers on the roads.

Mr. Ryan said the increase he put down did not represent the actual increase passed.

The Chairman said it was plain they docked the previous estimates by £600. They had been striving to keep the amounts as low as they could. It had been stated that they had been sparing on the working of the roads, but they had been increasing the amount instead of decreasing it. They often assigned reasons for these things, but he was quite certain that with the present two County Surveyors that matters would improve, and that the actual expenditure would be limited. In Mr. Ryan, the County Surveyor for that division, they could be assured of his giving entire satisfaction.

Mr. Collins—I am quite sure he will, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman suggested that they adopt the estimate in the hope that Mr. Ryan would be able to reduce it after a little while.

Mr. Butler thought the metal should not be drawn from long distances.

The Chairman said the County Surveyors had that matter under consideration.

The estimate was then adopted, the chairman suggesting to the County Surveyor to restrict the expenditure as much as possible.

The meeting then ended.

LISTOWEL RACES

The Listowel Race Committee have fixed on the 13th and 14th October for the holding of their annual race meeting, and already very active steps are being taken to ensure the success of the fixture.