

**MINISTER AT THE
IGN OFFICE.**
The Minister made a prolonged stay at this afternoon.

Refugees in London

Bank at Bank of England.
A crowd of Belgian refugees at the Bank of England to-day waiting to convert bank notes into English money. A large number of people that the Bank had refused to keep open until four o'clock were provided for them in the arrangements were made for them with light refreshments, and they were supplied to those requiring them.

London and the War.

The Lord Mayor visited Newcastle to-day to inspect the arrangements, the most important of which were two recruiting meetings. The Lord Mayor inspected the Commercial Battalion of the Fusiliers. After the inspection he said: "Your country need you, and you are going nobly. The spirit of the nation that could be desired, and with the resources we possess we shall win."

Paris Bombardment

Aeronaut's Account.

Charles Butler, the famous aeronaut, has given to the Press Association an account of the bombardment of Rheims which he witnessed. The city, he says, has suffered less permanent damage than supposed. The walls, carvings, and statues survived the bombardment. Two of the towers of St Peter, and two beautiful windows are intact. Two figures of the Virgin and child, standing on a pedestal, were destroyed. Huge stocks of food were destroyed. The caves escaped damage; the best since 1870.

WHEAT SHIPPING LIST.

Ending October 10th
Wheat, Co. K, maize, J Bannatyne
Cement, London, cement, James
Cork, maize, J Bannatyne
Belfast, wheat, J
Boas.

LIMERICK NO 2 DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr B Skehan, J.P., Chairman, presided at the meeting of the Limerick No 2 District Council to-day.

The other members present were—Messrs P Lane, G Frost, Peter Mulqueen, Ed O'Dwyer, J Moroney, Joseph Keane, H Stevens, L Meanev, James Keane, Co. C; A Brennan, M Hannan, J Gunning, P Lenihan, M Egan.

The officers in attendance were—Messrs H J Guigane, Clerk; M D McCoy Solicitor, and J J O'Malley, Engineer.

Letters were read from rent collectors, complaining that cottiers in many cases have declined to pay any rent.

It was ordered that seven days notice be served in each case.

The Chairman announced that the well at Bridgetown was almost dry. The water supply is very bad. He feared that some serious trouble would be caused owing to the insanitary state of the pump. The only water available presently was contaminated by fowl and cattle. He dreaded an outbreak of fever here if a proper pump was not erected. You could not get as much water there as would make a cup of tea.

Mr Mulqueen said that some time ago a Committee was appointed to investigate the matter, and three samples of water were sent for analysis and a favourable report was returned.

Chairman—Your memory serves you wrongly. The reports were bad.

Mr O'Dwyer proposed that the creation of a pump there be adjourned for six months.

It was agreed to adjourn the matter for six months, the Chairman dissenting.

Mr H J Guigane (junr) was elected Assistant Clerk for a further period of six months. Mr O'Dwyer paid a high tribute to Mr Guigane's services.

Replying to Mr Mulqueen, Mr O'Malley, Engineer, stated that the condition of some of the cottages in the Rural District was very bad.

Mr O'Dwyer inquired if Mr O'Malley had made a report on the cottages.

Mr O'Malley said the maintenance period was now up and he would make a report.

It was decided to advertise for two contractors for the repair of cottages for a period of three years.

The other business was routine.

DEATH OF MR. PATRICK D. CUSSEN.

Many old friends in Limerick city and county, will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Patrick D. Cussen, son of the late Mr. David Cussen, of Shanid, Shandon, which occurred on Wednesday at his residence, 15 Holyroyd Road, Patney. Mr. Cussen, who was in his 51st year, spent his early days as an Assistant at Messrs. J. & G. Boyd's, William street, eventually becoming a traveller for that firm. His genial, kindly manner and excellent business qualities made him most popular with the public. Many years ago he went to London and became connected with the tobacco and cigar trade, which he developed considerably, and owned several branches round London. His premature demise is much regretted in the Metropolis by a wide circle of Irish and English friends, and deep sympathy is tendered to his widow and family in their sorrow.

Mr. Kelly—He is in no trouble. Mr. Gaffney—Is this the first time you had ever any dispute with the defendant about betting.

The first time.—You know very well why this transaction is disputed? No

Don't you know that with malice aforethought you put on these bets after the races had been run.—I don't know that.

In the course of further cross-examination, the plaintiff denied that the method employed by him in putting the names of the horses on the slips was done to deceive the barmaid. He gave the races in the way they appeared in the newspapers and repudiated the assertion that his attention was called to his system by the defendant in the presence of the barmaid in the case of "Bugler and Yellow Jester."

The defendant, in his examination, stated that with regard to the small item in dispute the money was offered to plaintiff who refused to accept it. The other two he declined to pay because the time the bets were handed in was late, and he also had reason to suspect plaintiff's honour. Having regard to what had come under his notice, he gave instructions to his barmaid to take the time at which the bets were handed in, which she did, and in his presence, the plaintiff took exception to the new departure. Continuing the defendant stated that this instruction applied to "Bugler" and "Yellow Jester." In accepting these bets he was gaining nothing as his practice was to send the slips to a bookmaker, who paid.

In cross-examination, defendant was pressed to divulge the name of the bookmaker, which he declined to give, and which was ruled out as irrelevant. Any betting transactions carried on through his establishment only applied to a few friends whom he was anxious to oblige, and not in a general way.

Margaret Hyland, the barmaid, gave corroborative evidence.

His Honor, in giving his decision, said the defendant could, if he desired, have pleaded the Gaming Act, but like a sportsman, and probably on the advice of Mr Gaffney, he had fought the case out on the merits. A more insolent witness than the plaintiff his Honor had scarcely ever seen in a Court, and he should hold on the evidence that his bets were made to deceive the barmaid. Mr. Ryan was quite right in instructing her as he did, and that being so, and having regard to all the circumstances the action would be dismissed on the merits.

P.Y.M.A. GENERAL MEETING.

The President of the Protestant Young Men's Association, Mr A Murray, has issued the following to the members:—"Important. Dear Sir,—May I, as a particular favour, count on your attendance at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday next, at 8 p.m., when matters of much importance to the Association at large will be introduced for discussion. Faithfully yours, Archibald Murray, President."

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