

CURRENT COMMENT.

Stock and Crop Returns.

A circular has been issued by the Board of Agriculture to the occupiers of land asking for the prompt completion of stock and crop returns. The situation that has arisen with regard to meat demonstrates the necessity for looking far ahead in the matter of the food supply. The business has been well done in Germany, and extreme measures have been adopted to conserve the supply. The enemy is, of course, cut off from support from outside, and must depend upon his own resources, but while foreign supplies are open to the United Kingdom they are not, as we have been reminded, inexhaustible, and they are not as easily and as cheaply obtainable as they were in pre-war times. Alarming figures have been published as to the sale of immature stock in the United Kingdom during the past six months, and the returns sought by the Board of Agriculture will be valuable as showing the true position. Returns dealing with cereals and other crops cannot at this early stage afford much indication of possible yields, but they will reveal the extent to which the land has been applied to the production of food for man and beast.

Registrar-General's Report

The average annual death-rate represented by the deaths registered last week as appertaining to the Dublin Registration Area and the twenty-six principal provincial Urban Districts of Ireland was 16.4 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which, for the purposes of these returns, is estimated at 1,212,380. The deaths registered during the past week, as appertaining to the several districts, alphabetically arranged, corresponded to the following annual rates per 1,000:—Dublin Registered Area, 17.0; Dublin City, 17.3; Belfast, 16.9; Cork, 19.0; Londonderry, 16.5; Limerick, 17.6; Waterford, 7.6. The deaths from certain epidemic diseases registered in the 27 town districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 0.9 per 1,000. Among the 131 deaths from all causes for Belfast are five from measles, one from scarlet fever, two from whooping-cough, three from diarrhoea and enteritis of children under two years, and three from cerebro-spinal fever. Of the 5 deaths from all causes for Dundalk, one is from whooping-cough. One of the two deaths from all causes for Portadown is from measles, from which disease one of the five deaths from all causes for Newtownards is also recorded.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

Devotion of His Loyal Subjects.

The Times says—King George is fifty to-day, and the hearts of his loyal subjects will go out to him with all the deeper devotion for the dark days in which the Royal birthday has fallen. Upon no man in all his wide Empire has the strain of the war come more heavily, and none has laboured more incessantly to play his part.

FOYNES PETTY SESSIONS DISTRICT.

Election of Clerk.

A meeting of the Justices of the Petty Sessions District of Foynes, was held yesterday at 12.30, to elect a Clerk at a salary of £48 per annum. The candidates were:—Mr Patrick J. Ryan, Foynes; Mr John Little, Foynes, and Mr Wm. Sheehan, Foynes. The magistrates present were—Lord Monteaigle, Messrs W R Gubbins, Chairman County Council; John Fitzgibbon, Co C; P.

DEATH OF MR. MICHAEL DOOLEY, B.C.

With profound regret we record this evening the death of Mr Michael J. Dooley, B.C., which occurred at his residence, Glinthorne, Ennis-road on Tuesday night, after an illness of a few weeks' duration. Mr Dooley, who had been a business up to that time, was widely known in connection with the commercial and public life of the city. For thirty-five years he had been an official of the Condensed Milk Company of Ireland. Of that period, he for fifteen years filled the important position of Secretary to the Company, to which he was promoted on the demise of the late Mr S. B. Goggin, early in the year 1900. A man of keen business instincts, sound judgment, and possessing a thorough grasp of the affairs of everyday life, Mr Dooley enjoyed the fullest confidence and esteem of the members of the firm, while his never-failing courtesy and kindly, genial manner made him a great favourite with the employes, one and all, who held him in affectionate regard and esteem. With the public he was also deservedly popular, evidence of which was forthcoming at three triennial elections for the Borough Council when he was returned as one of the representatives for his native Castle Ward. He always had the welfare of the old city at heart, he was a good and true friend of the working man, and an earnest advocate of any project tending to develop industry in our midst and with it employment. His activities in public life were not confined to the Corporation, for by the votes of his fellow members he has year by year been returned to represent the Borough Council on the Harbour Board at which he displayed the same administrative capacity and conspicuous ability of which he gave proof elsewhere. In private, as in public and commercial life he made many friends by his affable, quiet, and unassuming manner, which was characteristic of him all through life, and his premature demise has aroused widespread sorrow amongst all classes and creeds in the community. Mr Dooley and family, some eight years ago, suffered a great and irreparable loss, by the death of an amiable, loving, wife and mother. To-day his young family mourn the loss of a loving and devoted father, and to them as well as the late Mr Dooley's relatives, we tender our deepest sympathy in the poignant grief with which it has pleased Providence to visit them.

The flags at the Condensed Milk Factory, Town Hall, Shannon Kowling Club, Limerick Boat Club, and at the Docks are at half-mast.

The Funeral.

The interment took place this afternoon in Mount St Lawrence Cemetery. At 3 o'clock the funeral left St Munchin's R.C. Church, whither the remains were removed last evening from Glinthorne, the residence of the deceased gentleman. The funeral this afternoon was of very large dimensions, embracing all classes of the citizens, members of the Corporation, Poor Law Board, Harbour Board, and mercantile interests, who were present to pay a final tribute of respect to the deceased.

The chief mourners were—J. Dooley (son), J. O'Toole (step-brother), N. Smith (brother-in-law), J. Dooley, M. O'Toole, E. O'Toole, A. Coogan (relatives).

The clergy present were—Rev Fr O'Driscoll, P.P., St Munchin's; Rev Fr Moloney, C.C., do; Rev Fr Halpin, C.C., do; Rev Fr Powell, O.P., and Rev Fr Egan, S.J.

Amongst the general public were—The Mayor (Alderman P. O'Donovan), S. O'Mara, High Sheriff; E. B. Cleave, F. J. Cleave, A. Cleave, W. M. Beauchamp, J. F. Power, F. A. Johnston, S. E. Lee, J. P. F. E. Kearney, J. L. D., A. J. Barnett, T. Ryan, J. P., D. O'Connor, M. D. Shaw, F. Herriott, E. F. W. Melville, R. Hanna, J. P. O'Mahony, S. Tubridy, M. Ryan, E. J. O'Riordan, V. S., B. Barrington, self; D. J. Gleeson, M. J. Russell, A. De Prins, J. J. Murphy, B. McCann, J. Killen, Alderman J. O'Brien, T. Duggan, B.C., W. M. Nolan, J. P., Town Clerk; E. J. Long, J. F., H. J. Guinane, Clerk of Union; E. G. Fitt, J. G. Wilkinson, P. J. O'Sullivan, self, C. Keogh, D.C., J. McNamara, D.C., E. B. Thornhill, J. Comerton, C. Broderick, J. Clune, D. Moriarty, R. Clune, M. Foley, M. O'Neill, D.C., Dr. C. McDonnell, J.P., H. J. Guinane, juror; W. Holliday, J.P., M. McNamara, M. O'Callaghan, B.C., J. Ryan, D.C., P. Mulcahy, D.C., M. Fitzgibbon, R. Normile, M. Griffin, J. Halvey, Dr. W. J. O'Sullivan, J. J. Foley, J. J. Peacocke, City Surveyor; J. H. Roche, J. P., J. F. Barry, J. P.; J. Whelan, J. Kerr, J. P.; J. Flynn, J. C. T. Day, J. A. Doyle, self; John Clune, J. J. McMahon, M. Leahy, J. P.; T. Feeney, J. Cashin, E. Dandon, T. O'Donovan, A. McNeice

THE WAR.

Western Field.

BRITISH SUCCESS NEAR ZONNEBEKE.

Heavy German Losses.

The first French report records the capture of a group of houses at Neuville St Vaast. In the "Labyrinth" more trenches were taken. North of Arras the fighting continued, and there was a renewed bombardment of Rheims. The evening despatch states that the British troops carried with the bayonet the Chateau Hooze, near Zonnebeka. Further French progress at Souchez is also reported.

Southern Field.

Austrian Defeat in Carnia.

A despatch issued at the Italian Headquarters on Tuesday night states that in the Carnia district, to the west of the Pass of Monte Croce, the fighting on May 30th resulted in the complete defeat of the Austrians, who left 30 dead and many wounded in front of the Italian lines.

During Monday, on the whole front, there were only minor engagements.

Yesterday's despatch reports no fighting of any importance on the Tyrol-Trentino frontier.

On the Carnia frontier, at the head of the Raccanana Valley, the Italians harrassed by long distance fire attempts of the Austrians to bridge over an Alpine torrent.

On the Friuli frontier they have solidly occupied the ridge of Monte Nero, on the left bank of the Isonzo.

The Austrian communique states that all the enemy attempts have been unsuccessful.

DARDANELLES.

Fierce Fighting

Captured Fort Taken and Retaken.

A short report issued in Cairo indicates the fierce nature of the struggle in the Gallipoli Peninsula. Close hand-to-hand fighting occurred on the northern front. The Turks reply vigorously to the British artillery fire. A fort captured on May 29th by the French was twice retaken by the Turks, and twice they were driven out.

ALLIED AIRMEN OVER OSTEND.

Electrical Works and Harbour Bombed.

An Amsterdam telegram states:—The "Telegraf" learns from Bruges that during the night of May 31st—June 1st, four Allied airmen again visited Ostend. About two o'clock in the morning, states the message, heavy gun firing, accompanied by loud explosions of bombs, apparently aimed at the electrical works and the harbour station, was heard. Up to now the extent of the damage done is unknown.

Last night Allied airmen repeated their visit along the coast, and just at the time of telegraphing the correspondent noted another aeroplane reconnoitring at a great height.

Italy and the War

British and Italian Finance Ministers to Meet.

Press Bureau, Wednesday, 9.15 p.m. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, accompanied by the Governor of the Bank of England and the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, will meet the Italian Finance Minister at Nice this week to

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