

withholding it we run a grave risk of being robbed of it by a cruel and unscrupulous foe whose main ambition is our destruction.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

### 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 14.8 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, 15.7; Dublin City, 15.2; Belfast, 12.9; Cork, 21.8; Londonderry, 11.4; Limerick, 10.8; Waterford, 20.9. The deaths from certain epidemic diseases registered in the 27 town districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 1.0 per 1,000. Among the 100 deaths from all causes for Belfast are five from measles, three from scarlet fever, one from diarrhoea and enteritis of a child under two years' and one from cerebro-spinal fever. Of the 3 deaths from all causes for Cork one is from measles, and one from whooping-cough. Included in the nine deaths from all causes for London-derry are one from enteric fever and one from whooping-cough, and one of the 11 deaths from all causes for Waterford is from scarlet fever.

## RAILWAY FATALITY AT LIMERICK

### Workman Killed on Line

Late last night the remains of Stephen O'Shea, 35 years of age, were discovered on the railway near the Foynes Junction by the driver of the incoming Cork goods train that arrived in the city about 12 o'clock. It appears that O'Shea lived at the Blackboy, and was proceeding home when he met his death through being run over by, presumably, the night mail from the city. The body, which presented a mutilated appearance, was taken into the station and placed in the third class waiting room. This morning the police of the district were apprised of the occurrence, and Sergeant Kelly wired to Dr Clery, the County Coroner, with a view to arranging for an inquest. The deceased, who was a man of fine physique, was employed temporarily on the permanent way and left work at three o'clock yesterday. Some few months ago his wife died, and he leaves one child to mourn his untimely end.

fairly at this season have they been so usual. Fowls are 12 a lb more than June 1st, while ducks are 6d to 1s higher per bird, and pigeons 3d. Vegetables show a tendency to become cheap owing to the possibility of a glut in some quarters, while fruit from row until the English varieties come into the market, may show a downward tendency. But, taken all round, provisions, meat, fish, poultry, vegetables, and fruit will not show appreciable falls over the next six weeks. This is the opinion of experts on the markets.

## CO. LIMERICK EJECTMENT CASE.

In the Court of Appeal yesterday, before the Lord Chancellor, Lord Justice Ronan, and Lord Justice Molony, the case of Cloncurry v Ryan was heard. It was an appeal brought on behalf of the defendant, Mr Martin Ryan, of Rath, Murroe, County Limerick, from an order of the King's Bench Division for final judgment for possession of lands situated in the place mentioned, containing 96 acres 2 roods and 13 perches, for non-payment of 3½ years' rent, amounting to £720, alleged to be due to the plaintiff, Lord Cloncurry.

After some argument as to the construction of the agreement, under which the lands were held by the defendant,

The Court, with the consent of both parties, made an order discharging the order of the Court below, and directing that the case should be tried at the approaching Assizes at Limerick by a judge without a jury, each party to abide their own costs. Their lordships were of opinion that the agreement was a difficult one to construe, and they also took into consideration the fact that, as the law stands in Ireland, the case could not be taken to the House of Lords.

Messrs P D Fleming, K.C., and Patrick Kelly (instructed by Mr P E O'Donnell), appeared for the appellant, and Messrs Jellott, K.C., and Maxwell (instructed by Messrs White and White), for the respondent.

## FATAL COLLIERY ACCIDENT.

### Ten Men Killed.

Ten men were killed outright and seven injured in a pit accident at Bentinck Colliery, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, yesterday morning. It appears the day men were being lowered into the shaft, when the cage, which contained fourteen men, came into contact midway with an ascending cage containing five men. Ten men were hurled from the descending cage to the bottom of the pit, a distance of two hundred yards, with the result that they were instantly killed. All the men in the ascending cage were injured. The cages had been working satisfactorily for years.

## CZAR'S MANIFESTO.

A rescript from the Czar declares that "the prolonged war calls for every fresh effort for surmounting the growing difficulties and parrying the vicissitudes which are inevitable in war. Let us strengthen in our hearts the resolution to carry on the struggle, with the help of God, to complete triumph of Russian arms. The enemy must be crushed, for without that peace is impossible."

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