

SECRET SESSION PARLIAMENT

The King held a Privy Council at Castle to-day for the purpose of an Order in Council authorising a secret which Ministers have decided to hold on next.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT BRIGHTON.

A disastrous fire occurred to-day Brighton, resulting in the destruction of an amusement centre and six adjoining shops. The amusement hall contained every device with country fairs. The buildings occupied the promenade of a wide area. The is estimated at several thousand pounds remaining of the motor car switchback is of the engine's iron chimney.

EARL OF WESTMORELAND MARRIED

The wedding of the Earl of Westmoreland and Miss Catherine Louise Geale took place at the Parish Church, Herne Bay, to-day. The bridegroom's father, the late Rev J S Geale, was a Minister at the Baptist Church, and present at the Queen's Square Baptist Church.

FATALITY AT BOLTON.

At Bolton to-day, a coloured sailor, after shooting a coloured woman, committed suicide.

NATIONAL UNION OF JOURNALISTS

At Glasgow to-day, Mr Williams, Carlisle, was elected president, and Mr Matchell, South Wales, Vice-President of the National Union of Journalists. Mr Gayton, South Wales, proposed steps be taken to affiliate with the Trade Congress. Mr Mansfield, London, proposed an amendment which declared that affiliation should divide the Union, and have a disastrous effect on the membership. The resolution was withdrawn.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO WELL-KNOWN AGRICULTURIST.

Alderman Henry Cranfield of Buckden, Leicestershire, died yesterday as the result of an accident while riding a horse.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

An official report of the Scottish Football Association to-day states that in view of the results of football matches having been so acute, the Council has determined that a

DROWNING FATALITY.

The body of a man named James Storan, a labourer, unmarried, and residing at Thomondgate, was recovered from the Canal this morning. The deceased, who was of middle age, is stated to have been in his usual health last evening, and was seen by some friends who noticed nothing in his demeanour other than ordinary. The Constabulary, on being apprised of the occurrence, reported the matter to the City Coroner, Mr J F Barry, J.P., who arranged to hold an inquest at the City Courthouse, the remains having been removed meanwhile to the Morgue.

Mr Barry, City Coroner, with a jury, held the inquest at the City Courthouse this evening.

Michael Storan, brother of the deceased, identified the remains, and stated that he last saw him alive on Sunday.

The evidence of Mrs Mary Murphy, Broadstreet, went to show that the deceased lodged with her for four years. He was an inoffensive man. She saw him alive last evening, when he appeared to be in his usual health.

Patrick Allen, Clare-street, deposed to taking the body out of the water this morning in company with Constable Corry. That was about half-past ten, and as far as he could see life was extinct.

Constable Corry gave similar evidence, and added that the watch in deceased's possession stopped at 9.15 o'clock.

Dr Malcay attributed death to drowning, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

ARMS SEIZED IN TRALEE BAY

A Tralee correspondent telegraphs—A collapsible boat containing a quantity of arms and ammunition was seized at Carrahane Strand, Tralee Bay, by the Ardferit police. A man of unknown nationality found on the shore close by was arrested and kept in custody. It is not known where the boat came from, or for whom the arms were intended. The authorities are actively engaged in investigating the matter.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Next week the Theatre Royal will be visited by Miss Ethel Lodge and her London Company in the fetching plays "The Unforseen," and "The

number, and also on behalf of the motor owners in Ireland, we beg to for your consideration in reference to the increase of taxes on motor cars: proportion of cars owned in this country for purposes of pleasure, as distinct from means of conveyance for the carrying on necessary business, is, as compared with England, very small, and, particularly regards cars liable to duty less than £6 6s. A majority of such cars are owned by professional and business men and clergymen, who use them for business purposes.

The numbers of cars in Ireland hitherto to the £6 6s duty and over, were purchased second hand, and are owned by people who not afford to buy smaller cars now. We are satisfied from the statements of our members in letters in the Press and those received subject that practically all such cars will be taken up entirely, thus causing—

great inconvenience and loss to the owners; hardships amounting in many cases to severe distress, and even want, to numbers who depend on the use of motor cars; the stoppage of many forms of charitable and compassionate services rendered to wounded and convalescent soldiers, which, but for motor cars, have been absolutely impossible; and loss of revenue to the Exchequer.

Large parts of this country are remote from the railway, and supplied with trains, and professional and business men who have for a long time past depended on the use of motor cars, and have been relying entirely on them to enable them to carry on their business, cannot now, owing partly to the scarcity of horses arising from the war, and chiefly to the impossibility of selling horses at a price which would return to their former

state who may be able to continue to use their cars, and pay the new taxes will not be sufficient to maintain the local repairers and makers of motor necessities, and will on that account be compelled to lay them up.

The greatly increased price of petrol and the difficulty in obtaining it in this country have already resulted in the discontinued use of a large number of cars.

A very considerable proportion of the work now done for the military authorities in Ireland in the conveyance of wounded soldiers, will necessarily be discontinued.

The estimate of yield from the proposed taxes presumes the continued use of the great majority of the cars at present paying duty, but in this country we are confident that so many cars will be laid up that the estimated yield will not be realised.

The Committee confidently hope that the Government in the conditions of this country from the rest of the United Kingdom will be considered, and such a remission of the proposed taxes as will be necessary if a very great hardship and injustice is not to be inflicted on a large class of the community in Ireland.

THE CHURCH.

Sunday Services.

MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—Easter Day.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.—Matins and Holy Communion, 10.45 o'clock:—Processional Hymn, 183; First Anthem, "Christ, our Passover"; Proper 15, ii. (Tucker in A), lvii., xxi. (Havergal in Service, Garrett in D); Proper Lessons, Ex. 10 v. 29, Rev. 1-10 to 19; Hymn, 185, 184, 531; Communion Service, Garrett in D; Sermon, the Lord Bishop. Evensong, 3.30 p.m.:—Processional Hymn, 183; Proper 15, exiii. (Dupuis in A), cxiv. (Tonus Peres), cxviii. (Randall in E); Service, Stainer; Anthem, Selections from "Messiah"; Proper Lessons, Ex. xii., 29, John xx., 11 to 19; Sermon (during Offertory), 529; No Sermon; Signal Hymn 109