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NMENT AND IRISH RAILWAYS.

eleome and, to some extent, ews, which we were enabled r our Stop-Press edition of ning, that the threatened strike ers and firemen on the Great Western Railway system had was received with feelings of in Limerick. Up to the the situation looked gloomy nough, and it was recognised that unless speedy action were e Government the dreaded of a stoppage of traffic to ensue. We know uld have meant in this the of the year; it would para se as trade, disorganise the bably raise prices already so tainly affect the industries on rea served by a great trunk lway. Furthermore, it would military movements in the well as ordinary passenger time of the year the heaviest, would entail suffering and pecially to the poor. Gloomy ct; therefore, was on Saturday. saying as to the dark cloud lining has once again come Government have decided to n of the Irish railways under n of the Forces Act, and as this action the men on Satur- withdrew their notices. There en no strike, and traffic has uninterruptedly and as usual. tter, as we have said, of no faction to the public. Then stion at issue, the war bonus, from the various Companies early this week be received by Trade, when, doubtless, the railways under Government control.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MR E. COFFEY, SOLICITOR.

We regret very much, indeed, to have to announce the death of Mr Edward Coffey, solicitor, which occurred on Sunday night at St. John's Hospital, to the great grief of his relatives and a large circle of city and county friends. The lamented deceased, who was quite a young man in the prime of life, being but in his thirty-fourth year, took ill only a few days since; and to the last it was confidently hoped that his youth would carry him through the complaint, which unexpectedly took a fatal turn. Mr Coffey's family reside in the Birdhill district, but at an early age he came to Limerick, serving his apprenticeship in the offices of the late Mr W. E. Counihan, solicitor, and Mr P. O'Donnell, solicitor, until he was admitted to the profession. He had a steadily increasing practice, and acted as legal adviser to the Limerick Fishery Conservators, his services being very much appreciated by a large connexion, particularly in county districts. He was unmarried, and his premature death, coming as it did quite unexpectedly, has, in all the circumstances, added to the sympathy which is extended to the relatives of the deceased in the great loss they have sustained by so sad an occurrence.

The remains of the deceased were removed to St John's Cathedral yesterday, and this morning a solemn Requiem Mass was sung in the Cathedral by the Administrator of St John's, Rev R Fitzgerald, C.C. There was a large attendance of clergy and laity from the city and county, and at the close of the religious ceremonies the coffin was conveyed to the hearse outside the Cathedral for the interment in the family burying place at Cragg, near Birdhill. The chief mourners at the funeral included Messrs Thomas, [illegible]hy, William, and Patrick Coffey (brothers), Timothy and Timothy Nunan (uncles); Madge, Wm Con[illegible] Minnie, and Delia Coffey (sisters), and Josephine, [illegible]es. Among the general public other relatives [illegible]or (Mr S B Quin, D.L), Rev F were—The May[illegible] Castleconnell; Rev F Nealon, McInerney, P.P, [illegible]n, L O'B Kelly, B L; John C.C, do; John Nun[illegible]e; J F Barry, J.P, City Browne, O'Brien's Brid[illegible]; M I Kelly, Accountant, Coroner; E J Riordan, V.[illegible] P Hartigan, George Co Council; J P Hartigan, [illegible]van, solr; G R Hotel; A J Sexton, P J O'Sul[illegible] E; T A Ryan, C.E; Wm Holmes, C[illegible] E; T O'B Hartigan, John Dundon solicitor; [illegible] R Kelly, solicitor; John McKeogh, Killaloe; [illegible] Frost, solicitor; Thomas Mitchell, J P; G McDonnell, H O'B Moran, solr; M Mitchell, R Nash, solr; J Hanratty, D Hayes, Assistant Registrar Probate Office; J Dodds, sol; J J Quaid, Secretary County Council; M Fitzgerald, assistant do; M D McCoy, solr; Dr Irwin, Resident Medical Superintendent Limerick Asylum; E Dundon, Master Limerick Union; R Hartigan, J J O'Malley, B.E, M Spain, P F McNamara, B.C, T Leahy, W Coffey, J.P, Killeen; P Mulcahy, D.C, John McNamara, D C, Shelbourne; T Ryan, County Surveyor; W G Peacocke, J P; Anthony Mackey, M C C, Castleconnell; J Scanlan, C Ebrill, solr; M A Bartley, H B Alton, W Hassett, Birdhill; P Hassett, do; M Hayes, do; M Fitzgerald, P Coffey, County Councillor, Tipperary; John Begley, A Egan, E D Hunt, solr; J F Page, Bryan Sheehy, C E; T H Brett, manager Munster and Leinster Bank; M O'Toole, J S Gaffney, Crown Solicitor; Deputation from Limerick Teachers' Association; D Mulcahy, Dr Coffey, Frank Herriott, T Ryan, Croom; F Ryan, W Halpin, John Byrne, A Hall, W O'Shaughnessy, Clerk Limerick Asylum; P Graham, assistant store keeper, do; T Lunn, A Enright, etc.,

Doiran, while the air service damaged a Bulg aerodrome and transport columns. In Mesopot mia General Maude has extended his gains ne Kut, where his losses in the offensive recent have been relatively slight.

Rumania.

RUSSIAN SUCCESSES.

Safety of Rumanian Armie

The Russians report the capture of an importa ridge of heights in the wooded Carpathian They also took some prisoners in the same regio and repulsed enemy counter-attacks.

An unofficial Paris report states that news h been received there that the Rumanian Armi recently heavily pressed by the enemy have be completely saved. They are now said to across the River Sereth, where they are re-orga ising.

THE PEACE OFFER.

Note Received in London.

Reuter's Agency learns that the German N proposing peace negotiations was received at t Foreign Office yesterday morning. The Americ Ambassador called at the Foreign Office a handed it to Lord Robert Cecil.

Warrant for Venizelos.

The Greek Government has issued a warr for the arrest of M Venizelos on a charge of h treason. While one message says that the Gr undertaking is apparently being carried out to satisfaction of the Entente, another states t in Athens uncertainty still continues regard the situation.

LAUREL HILL CONVENT DA SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pu attending Laurel Hill Convent Day Scho previous to the Christmas holidays, took pl to-day. There was a large gathering of relatives and friends of the pupils, and Examination Hall in the Convent grounds very prettily decorated for the occas The musical and literary programme was g through in a most entertaining manner, and young debutantes were applauded again again. Mr C Kendal Irwin helped to the suc of the several musical items on the program and the French and Gaelic selections were n intelligently given.

Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer, to whom an add was spoken very nicely by Miss Sy O'Mahony at the opening, was pre and also the following clergymen:—Rev J Shanahan, P.P, St Mary's; Rev D O'Drisc P.P, St Munchin's; Rev F O'Flynn C.SS. Rev F Jones, C SS.R; Rev F Dolan, C.SS. Rev Wm Duane, C.C, St Michael's; Rev Thornhill, C.C, do; Rev R S Devane, C.C, Rev M Hannan, C.C. do; Rev J O'Connor, A do; Rev F Keane, President St Munch College; Rev J Carroll, C.C, etc. At the cl Dr O'Dwyer presented the prizes to the success pupils.

FATAL SKATING ACCIDENT.

Three Hospital Patients Drown