

LATEST NEWS.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Special to the "Chronicle.")

Another German Note to America.

Amsterdam, Thursday.

According to a Berlin telegram a long Note was presented to-day to the American Ambassador on the subject of President Wilson's peace speech.

The Note affirms that the peace attempt of the Central Powers has failed owing to the lust of conquest of their opponents.

Germany must, therefore, abandon the limitations which it has hitherto imposed on itself in the employment of its fighting weapons at sea.

The American Government is asked to warn its subjects against entering harbours of the blockaded zones.

German Chancellor and Entente.

"We Accept the Challenge."

Ruthless U-boat Warfare.

Amsterdam, Wednesday.

At to-day's sitting of the main Committee of the Reichstag, the Imperial Chancellor, referring to the Entente's reply to Germany's peace proposals, said:—"The enemy's conditions we cannot discuss. We have been challenged to fight to the end. We accept the challenge. We stake everything, and we shall be victorious." The Chancellor added that the moment had now arrived for Germany to begin a ruthless U-boat war. The number of German submarines had very considerably increased, and they would make the Entente's difficulties unbearable.

STEAM TUG FOUNDERS.

Six Lives Lost.

A Middlesbro' message says that whilst towing a string of hoppers in Tees Bay yesterday the Middlesbro' steam tug "Ida Duncan" foundered and the whole of the crew of six were lost.

POISONED BY GAS.

Harriet Ibbetson, widow, 50, and Irene May Ibbetson, 11, her grand-daughter, have been found dead in bed at Brighthouse from gas poisoning. The gas was fully turned on.

HIGHLAND RAILWAY DIVIDEND.

Highland Railway Dividend is two and a quarter per cent per annum on ordinary stock for the year ending December 31st.

OBITUARY

Mr William Rookby.

We regret to record the death, which occurred yesterday morning at his residence, 5 Moyola Terrace, of Mr William Rookby, for many years principal clerk of the Inland Revenue in this city. He came to Limerick some thirty-three years ago from Hertfordshire, and during his long connection with official life, down to seven years ago, when he retired on pension, he was held in the highest esteem by his colleagues and the public for his retiring, kindly, and invariably courteous manner. In private life he was likewise esteemed by very many friends, who have heard of his death, though not unexpected, as he had been in failing health for some time past, with very sincere regret, and deeply sympathise with his widow and family in their sorrow. The deceased gentleman was one of the oldest surviving members of Trinity Church. The funeral takes place to-morrow (Friday) morning at ten o'clock for St Munchin's.

Mr James Forrest.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr James Forrest, late High Constable of the City, and an official of the Municipal Council for the long period of over half a century. It was but in the year 1912 that Mr Forrest resigned, after a service of 52 years—a period which has seen many a change in this old city, and a change of which he was a very intelligent and careful observer. The deceased was in his 83rd year, and until he retired from office he remained as active and vigorous in the discharge of duty as in his younger years. Mr Forrest came into office as Inspector of the Corporation Night Watch, but after a few years' service he was appointed High Constable, the duties of which at the time included the charge of the Fire Brigade. Later on he was relieved of Fire Brigade supervision on its being made a separate department, and he continued as High Constable until his retirement from office. Mr Forrest discharged his duties well and efficiently, enjoyed the confidence of the Corporation, and never made himself in the business of his office in any way aggressive to the many sided public with which he had to deal. He did his duty and no more, the result being that through his long years he enjoyed, largely owing to a happy jovial temperament, a popularity that seldom is excelled in the case of a public officer. That popularity he retained to the end, and no Limerick man had more friends, more good wishes, or was more sought after than the High Constable who loved sociality and good fellows, and was always welcome as one of their company. He also took a great interest in local history, and in men and things relating thereto, and his tales and stories of half a century ago seldom failed to secure listeners, owing to their pleasing or instructive details. For some time back Mr Forrest's health began to fail, and it was only a question of time for weeks past, how soon the end would come. He died at his residence Mulgrave street, on Tuesday night to the sincere regret of relatives and many friends and acquaintances to whom in Limerick his name had become a household word. The funeral takes place, it is announced, on Friday, at 3 o'clock, for the family burial place, Mount St Lawrence Cemetery, from St John's Cathedral.

Mr Patrick Hynes.

The public visiting the Carnegie Free Library and many private friends have heard with regret of the death of Mr Patrick Hynes, assistant Librarian, which took place on Tuesday night after a comparatively brief illness. Deceased, who had been years connected with the Library, was a most obliging, courteous, and active official.

At a meeting of the Limerick Workers' Benefit Approved Society, a resolution tendering sincere sympathy to Mrs Hynes and family was proposed by Mr Patrick Reddan, seconded by Mr M Enright, and passed in silence.

DISPERSION SALE OF DAIRY CATTLE.

High Prices Realised.

On Tuesday, Messrs Ebrill Bros, Auctioneers, held the dispersion sale of the bawn of 60 dairy