they had to depend for a iong the number few, pern so severely hit as the s of Ireland, the licensed etailers of alcoholic liquors, of plenty and to spare some ik, in Ireland. Trade rerise in prices, government threatened legislation, is ch for the business they conaltered situation in their r it may rejoice teetotal and lvocates, has given birth to ing towards a radical change g to a revolution of a sort in ibits of the people. Whether all be an enduring one, er rogress in the lessening of consumption is a question but as matters stand, the dome is with us, and the far to seek. Prices for beer t give pause before he may auch, ignoring the claims of nt on the earnings he brings maintenace. The inhave without doubt reduced on of strong drink. People 4 gs for alcoholic liquor are gree are happily in a minority nity, and, be it as it may, they e class who fortunately for more so for their and generally have not too much spend in drink. These, causes besides, have made nor trade at present not a r too many retailers, and, as a about that the nas come roposal of the Government to number of licensed retail eland finds favour. But it is th the condition that the ld receive compensation for the

Easter Monday could be seen. When the Republican flag was pulled off the Post Office a man enatched it and rad away, pursued by the police. He was caught and a south ensued, the police recovering the flag. At three o'clock large crowds were moving about O'Connell-street, where several bodies of police were stationed.

# EASTER VESTRY.

### Kilmurry Parish.

The Easter Vestry was held on Easter Monday, and the following appointments were made for the year:—Churchwardens—Captain F Verschoyle, Castle Troy, and Dr C H Blood, Willow Bank. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr Edmund Russell, Milford, for the boundary wall erected by him. Richard S Ross Lewis, Chairman of Vestry.

#### DEATH OF MR R D O'BRIEN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Richard Donough O'Brien, which took place at his residence, Parteen, yesterday morning, after a brief illness. The deceased gentleman, who was in his seventy third year, was the last surviving son of the late Mr William Smith-O'Brien, the Young Ireland Leader, and brother of the late Dean of Limerick. For many years he was engaged in business in the city us a house and land agent, from which he retired about six years ago. He never married, and during his residence at Perteen he led a retiring life, devoting himself to e so run up that the ordinary morticultural and botanical pursuits with success. He was of a charitable disposition, and his demise is regretted by a wide circle of friends in the city and county, where he was well known and respected.

### DEATH OF MR P O'MEEHAN

The death, which we record with regret, occurred at his residence, Upper Mallow street, this morning of Mr Patrick O'Meehan, L D S, in his fifty-seventh year. On Sunday evening the deceased took ill, and, despite the best medical care, he passed away at an early hour this morning. He was son of the late Mr Thomas O'Meehan, grocer, Ennis, and o me to Limerick many years ago, where he took out his degree as dental surgeon, and practised in the city with a large measure of success. He was a great favourite in the city, and his demise is keenly regretted by a wide oircle of friends.

## THE BISHOP OF LIMERICK.

The Right Reverend Dr Orpen received recently the congratulations of the members of the Limerick clerical meeting on having been for ten years Bishop of Limerick. Dr Orpen was born in 1837, He became Rector of Adare in 1867 and Bishop of Limerick in 1907, and now, in 1917, he enters on the eightieth year of his life, completing the tenth of his episcopate.

EASTER MONDAY.

at the British Headquarte dawn (Monday) our armies which, if fate has any kind be the beginning of the li Our troops after ketween Lens and St Quent ridge and the great green the plain of Doual and the the German positions arou bid forcune in weather a day-so bad that there we airmen, and our men had to a heavy rainstorm—the fi successful, and the enemy falling back in retreat to a where he is now fighting d of our attack covers a from southwards from Givenchy sledge-hammer blow, thre northern end of the Hin menaced around St Quent fury of this beginning, and it, the most tragic and fr have ever seen, with an infe words to tell.

Telegraphing later in Correspondent of "The Ti parts of the line come report It is only the beginning, as speak of a great victory, bu success much beyond what at a cost in casualties which very small. On the South and St Quentin we have co driving the enemy reargua it is from Arras northward were on the line which th years, that our success was mediate. The success is so than we had ventured to ex of the battle that the onl appears to be that the Ge surprised. At the moment sector appears to be an a yards on a twelve mile from gaios to the southwards represents a minimum of square miles of France, fre

### German (

Monday—Between Lens south-east of Arras, artiagain yesterday to great v

The battle of Arras, morning, after several he tinues in the region betfrom Albert to Cambrai an

Minor engagements deve the course intended by us Army Group of the Cro

Army Group of the Crosons, as far as into Weste firing increased.

Yesterday seventeen encaptive balloons were aviators and anti-aircraft Baron von Richthofen thirty-eight and thirty-nin Lieutenant Schaefen broenemy machine.

Monday night—During fighting has been going or the enemy having forced

position.