

with the result that the vessel was left idle, having regard to the small number of ships coming into the port, and to the conditions existing in the city, he might say that before Christmas he had gone very carefully into the question of the wages of the dock labourers, and had decided to give them an increase, although in those times it was not his own master. Then the Christmas holidays intervened, and the matter was left momentarily in abeyance. On Friday night last, about midnight, three men came to see him at his house with reference to the dispute, and in order to obtain their official status he asked them who they represented. They told him they had come at the request of the United Trades Council, and, therefore, in connection with the Dock labourers' strike. They were Dinsen, Carey, and Flood. They said that the labourers were ready to go back to work on the following day on the old terms, and in the morning their representatives would discuss the question of the agreement as to wages. In reply to that he said that the first thing they had to consider was the agreement entered into. That he was fighting on a pure question of principle and not of wages, and that a common code of honour should be upheld in these contracts. He pointed out that if he kept his word he also expected that the men would keep their word, and not break it any time they liked. Of course he understood the position of the men that he was dealing with, but should insist that they would keep to their agreement as they expected he would keep to it. He was going to read what he proposed to do when their representatives called on him on Friday night last. It was at the request of the United Trades Council the Limerick Steamship Company were assenting as follows—(1) "The dock labourers to hand in a letter to-morrow to the Company intimating their desire to terminate the existing agreement by giving a month's notice. (2) The dock labourers to offer themselves for work at the usual time to-morrow (Saturday) morning, 29th instant. (3) The dock labourers to send representatives to place their views before the Co at noon to-morrow to discuss same, and finally it is possible that it may not be possible to arrive at an agreement promptly, but inasmuch as the Limerick Steamship Company had under consideration before Xmas some advance in wages (notwithstanding the irregular action of the men which is admitted) any agreement as regards the advance eventually come to they will make retrospective as from to-morrow." That document may be read, and probably would be read by the dock labourers as weakness on his (Mr Morley) part, but there was nothing unfair in it. He wished to show that it was his intention to discuss the question with the men's representatives, but one thing he should insist on, and that was that if he kept his word with the men they should also keep it. When he arrived at his office on Saturday morning there was no sign of work at the ship, and in the absence of the stevedore, through illness, the Company was ready to job any man that offered himself for work. At half-past twelve o'clock three men came forward and stated they were members of the Dock Labourers' Society, and were authorised to say that the men were ready to go to work on receiving a certain advance in wages. He pointed out to them the terms of their agreement, and their reply was that they paid no attention to that agreement. Subsequently he learned that the men who interviewed him on Friday night did not represent the United Trades Council, but were officials of the Irish Transport Workers' Union. He did not object to any man joining whatever society or union he thought fit, but he thought the trade and labour bodies of Limerick were well able to look after their own interests, and in his dealings with them he always found them fair and considerate. From what he knew, the Irish Transport Union was worked from Dublin, and the port of Limerick was competing with Dublin, and that being so, naturally the officials of the Union would look to the interests of Dublin before they did to those of the Limerick port. The strike in the port would not be allowed remain as it was, not by him, but by the Government, whose concern was for tonnage, which was running short. He would conclude by saying that he was either right

Bachelor's Gift ... 3
Also ran—Golden Fleece, Little Pickle, Ravens-
thorpe, The Fly III, Gaintorpe, Don Carlos, Isle
of Sky, and Little Willie.
Betting—4 to 1 agst Hotcap, and Bachelor's
Gift, 20 to 1 Mcnard.

IRISH FIELD SOLD.

Irish Field was sold to the Irish Bloodstock Agency for 750 guineas.

THE NEW YEAR.

The dawn of the New Year was celebrated in the city in the customary manner. The night being fine and mild there was a large number of people abroad to proclaim the birth of 1918, and at 12 o'clock the bells of St Mary's Cathedral and others of the City Churches rang out a merry peal. They were joined in the festivities by the blowing of syrens and the playing of bands which paraded the streets for a quarter of an hour after midnight.

Watch Night Service was held in St Mary's Cathedral, where special music was sung by the choir, the anthem being "In the Beginning" and "The Heavens are telling." Canon Waller, B.D., preached. Services were also held in St Munchin's Church, where Canon Robertson preached, and in the Methodist Church, George street, where Rev H Deale occupied the pulpit.

To-day, New Year's Day, services were held in the City Churches of all denominations, and there were large congregations.

DEATH OF MR P FINUCANE.

We regret to observe the announcement of the death which occurred to-day at his residence, Carrigarron House, Caherounlish, of Mr Patrick Finucane, a highly esteemed resident of the district. The sympathy of very numerous friends will be extended to his relatives in their bereavement.

Office and High Mass at Bohermore Church at 10.30 on Thursday morning, and the funeral takes place immediately afterwards for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery.

Roll of Honour

His relatives have received intelligence of the death in action on the 28th ult, of Second-Lieut E O Foran, Royal Munster Fusiliers, son of the late Mr C Foran, of this city.

should be kept. That was Mr Morley's contention.

Mr Morley—That is right.
Mr Griffin has introduced the wages question, but it is not a matter of wages at all, but of fidelity to an agreement. I must say that Mr Griffin has shown himself quite powerless in such a position.

Mr Griffin—It all resolves itself into a question of wages with the men, but no one will agree with the breaking of the agreement.

The Chairman—Mr Morley has offered to consider the wages question if the agreement is observed.

Mr Morley—Yes.
Mr Griffin—I don't want to discuss the matter further.

The Chairman—I take it that nobody else wishes to make any observation on this question. Having heard Mr Morley's statement I am afraid as matters stand at present we are in a helpless position.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS.

Applications for the position of Auditors were read from Mr F A Johnston and Mr P J Barry, and on the motion of Mr G E Goodbody, seconded by Mr F J Cleary, they were re-elected.

THE ENGLISH MAIL

A letter was read from Mr M Guerin, Postmaster, intimating in reply to the Board's request that whenever the English mail was late notice to that effect would be posted in the Post Office windows.

beet, 1s 3d per lb; soup beet, 6d per
BREADSTUFFS.—Wholesale Prices at
—Bakers' Flour, 4s 3d per sack; Best
44s 3d per sack; Wholemeal, 44s 3d
Oatmeal, 80s per sack; Oaten Flake 1
0d per cwt; Bran G 3, £14 0s
Pollard, G 1 and 2, £14 15s per ton

PIGS.

The following are to-day's prices—
Pigs (1 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lb. to 1 cwt. 2 qrs.
140 per cwt; Stout (1 cwt 2 qrs. 15 lb.
3 qrs.), 140s per cwt; Overweight (1 cwt.
1 lb. to 1 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lbs.), 140s
Sevy, Overweight (over 1 cwt. 3 qrs.
137s per cwt; Do. (over 2 cwt. 0 gra. 14
Unfinished, special price; Berkshire
stones), 140s per cwt; "Sixes" (over
under 10 stone), 140s.

TUESDAY'S PIG MARKET.—There
bonanzas in market. They sold at 100
to 75s 0d.

CORK BUTTER MARKET.

THIS DAY.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

Supply small. Weather cold. For
Seconda, —
Market bare of butter.

NEW YEAR PRESENTS

New Blouses, Furs, Breakfast Coats,
Gowns, Silk Hosiery, etc, etc, now show
THE FASHION MART.

HUNTING.

THE COUNTY LIMERICK HOUN

JANUARY.

WILL MEET ON

Wednesday, 2nd.....Kilfinny C
At 11 o'clock.

MISCELLANEOUS ITE.

Sir R Ford, K.C.B., head of the Army
Department in Ireland, is about to re-
active service, his term having expired.

The new fat ration for Germany will be
into 30 grammes of butter and 40 grammes
garlic—a total of about 2½ ounces per
person.

The Bank of England announces that it
accept under discount at 4 per cent
Government Treasury Bills having not as
six months to run in payment for applica-
National War Bonds.

The crew of twenty-two of the Swedish
Iris, together with a pilot from Italy,
landed at Clacton on Saturday, the steamer
grounded on Long sands and become a total
She was a vessel of 1,200 tons.

The Automobile Association and Motor
has made strong representations to the
authorities urging that the inland revenue
on motor vehicles should be modified for
the reason that their use will be severely
by limited fuel supplies.

The negotiations for the purchase of the
fine wheat crop by the Allies, says a
Ayres telegram have reached a favourable
decision. The Government is not publishing
details of the transaction until the negotiations
have been ratified.

President Wilson received numerous
celebrations on Friday upon the 61st anniversary
his birthday, which he celebrated quietly
family at the White House. Mr Wilson
Scottish-Irish ancestry on both sides. He
twenty-eighth President of the United States.

Since the beginning of the war 92 daily
weekly papers have advanced their
Swansea's two evening papers advance their
from 4d to 1d from to-day. The "Daily
Constitution," Corkins, and the "Kerry
Reporter" announce an increase in price