

presidency of the Lord Mayor. The sinking of the "Leinster," which has involved the loss of hundreds of lives, men, women, and children, has sent a thrill of horror throughout the land. Public bodies, as might have been expected, condemned the outrage in unmeasured terms, and so also have public men in Great Britain. This barbarous and fiendish outrage of the Huns has made a deep and painful impression in this country, and while, as said, it is denounced and condemned as an appalling crime against humanity, our next act is to do what we can to help the sufferers of the disaster, so many of whom have lost a father and bread-winner. Hence the inauguration of the Relief Fund, which we have every hope and belief will result in a capital sum being realised, the interest on which will be of material help to those who have suffered an irreparable loss by this cruel disaster. We feel assured that Limerick, which has had the experience of its share of the prevailing sorrow, will generously support the Relief Fund.

DEATH OF MR THOMAS J FRANKS, J.P.

We regret to record the death, which took place on Friday, at his residence, Ballyscaddane, of a leading and highly-esteemed county gentleman, Mr Thomas John Franks, J.P. in his 80th year. Mr Franks was an old member of the County Limerick Grand Jury, a lauded proprietor, and was extensively interested in agriculture. He was of an invariably kindly and courteous disposition, and very popular with all classes in the community, who sympathise with his family in their bereavement. Funeral to Galbally Church and Dundryleague, leaving Ballyscaddane at 1.15 p.m. on Monday.

PLOUGHING DEMONSTRATION.

Under the auspices of the Limerick Motor Works, a ploughing demonstration will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday next, on the lands of Mrs O'Brien, Ballycummin Castle, when the merits of the Ford tractors on the farm will be exhibited. The demonstration should be of great interest to all interested in ploughing operations, and we feel assured that farmers will fully avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them by this enterprising firm next Wednesday.

STRIKE AT MESSRS O'CALLAGHAN'S TANNERY.

The tanners and labourers employed at Messrs E O'Callaghan's establishment in Lower Gerald Griffin-street, to the number of 200 to 250 workers, went on strike yesterday morning owing to being refused an increase of wages which they demanded. So far as ascertained, an increase of 10s per week was asked by the men, the employers' offer of a lesser sum—2s and 2s, it is stated, to certain classes of the employees—being declined. Employers and a deputation from the men are to meet on Monday.

MILITARY FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Rte. J O'Donoghue, Royal Air Force, Flower Down Camp, took place on Thursday afternoon, with full military honours. The deceased soldier was a native of Limerick. The cortege left the Hampshire Depot at 2.45 p.m., headed by the band of the 2nd Batt, Hampshire Regt. An officer and his party of 50 men represented the Royal Air Force. The first part of the service was held at the Catholic Church in St. Peter's-st., and was conducted by the Rev Fr. N'gle. Subsequently the funeral procession, to the accompaniment of Chopin's "Funeral March," proceeded by way of the High-street and South-gate street to the West Hill Cemetery, where the interment took place. The body was conveyed on a gun carriage, the coffin being draped with the Union Jack. The firing party was supplied from the R.G.A. Aving on Park Camp, and, after three volleys had been fired over the grave, the "Last Post" was sounded by a trumpeter. Deceased's parents, who accompanied him on his way from Limerick to be with their boy in his last moments, were deeply affected by the extreme kindness of the Matron and staff of the Red Cross Hospital, Winchester, Hampshire Chronicle.

BATHING BOX FUND, KILKER

We are glad to know that this fund is receiving good support, as our readers will see by reference to our advertising columns in this issue.

WAR SAVINGS CONFERENCE.

A conference has been convened for Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at 8 p.m. in the County Council Chamber, the object being the formation of a local committee for the Borough and County "to encourage and promote a spirit of thrift and economy amongst the poorer classes of the community, and the children, by enabling them to invest small savings weekly in War Certificates, this being the Government investment that yields the largest profit." Miss Deane, representing the National War Savings Committee, will address the meeting, which will be presided over by Mr W. R. Gubbins, J.P., Chairman of the County Council.

CITY RATEPAYERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

At the meeting of the City Ratepayers' Protective Association in the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening, Dr W. A. Fogarty presiding, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, in addition to those published in our last issue:—That a deputation of this Society be appointed to wait on the Committee of the Technical Institute and the Department of Agriculture and lay before them the opinion of this Society, and that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with them to arrange to meet the deputation.

RUMOURED RESIGNATION OF LORD FRENCH.

The "Times" Dublin correspondent says—"I learn on good authority that Lord French may soon offer, if he has not already offered, his resignation of the Irish Vicerealty. If the statement be true his decision will be deeply regretted."