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HOUSING QUESTION.

Mr. Law has announced in the Commons that the Government intend an early date to introduce a Housing Bill for Ireland. It is to be seen that the measure will deal with the pressing needs of Ireland. Conditions here are so different from those in England that special provision for this country is essential, and it is recalled that in his address on the reputation of the Irish Municipal Association in Dublin last month, the speaker admitted that a scheme for Ireland must necessarily proceed on different lines from those which have already been adopted in England. The housing question is one—perhaps the most important—of social reforms, for until the people are placed in healthy and invigorating surroundings, comfortably and decently housed, the progress of the nation will be retarded. The conditions of the tenements in our big cities and towns are, in the Chief Secretary's description, "grotesque" and as Mr. Cowen, I.G.I., in his speech on "Housing in Towns," at a meeting on Thursday evening, said—"Never before in the history of the world has there been so general and so generous a desire to ameliorate the lot of the working classes. The proposals in the forthcoming Bill will be awaited with an ordinary interest, especially on the financial aspect of the question. Up to the present, at all events, the means come up to expectations or disappointments. In other words, it was some months ago that loans would have been given by the Treasury, but would have had to be borrowed in the open market by the Municipal Authorities. By this arrangement would not solve the housing question, as the deputation to the Chief Secretary forcibly pointed out in their report. It was such a case as was put before him that he proposed to further communicate with the Government on this the most vital aspect of the housing question. We may, therefore, expect the Bill to see the light, hope to find terms for dealing adequately and with the housing question in Ireland, and will enable building operations to be carried on forthwith. Liberal State aid is

the drapers' assistants at Messrs. Messers. for a minimum wage, while the coachbuilders' operatives demand a forty-seven hour week and 1s 3d an hour, which, since the men left work, has been advanced to 1s 6d an hour. The employers have offered the men a forty-seven hour week and 1s 1d an hour, a diminution of four working hours a week, and an increase of 6s 11d a week in their wages. It is understood that the men's demands have been conceded by some of the employers.

THE PRELIMINARY PEACE TREATY.

A French view is that the preliminary peace treaty will be ready for communication to the Germans before the second week in April, and the meeting between the representatives of the Entente and the German plenipotentiaries will then take place at Versailles.

AEROPLANE ACCIDENT NEAR BIRR

Fatal Result

At Crinkle yesterday morning an aeroplane crashed into the house of Mr. Henry Friend, J.P., and remained caught in the roof. It is stated that the pilot, a lieutenant of the R.A.F., with a passenger, was looping the loop. The machine skimmed some trees and fell into the house. The pilot, it appears, was not seriously injured, but the passenger was rendered unconscious. Mrs. Friend, it is stated, had only recently left the room into which the machine fell.

A Birr telegram this afternoon says that the pilot is recovering, but that the passenger, also a military man, died at noon.

DEATH OF MR W A WICKHAM.

We regret extremely to announce the death of Mr. William Arthur Wickham, which occurred on Wednesday at Bradfield, Berks. From the brief particulars to hand, it would appear that he collided outside the college gates with a pony trap while motor cycling, death ensuing shortly after the accident. Mr. Wickham, who was quite a young man, filled the important position of Bursar of Bradfield College, where he was very popular, and was previously in the Army, having immediately after the declaration of war obtained a Commission in the Royal Fusiliers. He was a gentleman of a most genial, spirited, and generous nature, which endeared him to all who knew him, and the news of his sad death, which has cut off so prematurely a bright and promising career, has been heard of with deep regret by numerous friends in Limerick, by whom he was held in affectionate regard, and who extend their sincere sympathy to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wickham, Ballinacorra, and relatives, in their poignant and unexpected sorrow.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

We publish in our advertising columns this evening some of the leading figures of the annual balance sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited. The business of this great institution in 1918 was far and away the best in the Company's entire history, which is thus a record of marked success in the annals of this corporation. In the Ordinary Branch no less than 84,453 new policies were issued during the year.

the dogkey with a thick heavy such manner that the animal staggered at Mason kept beating the donkey in while he remained in view of Constable Mason sent a deputy to answer He said there was not a better donkey rick, and that he was not cut on the A fine of 20s and costs was imposed.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASE.

Father Hannan, C.C., St. Michael's and the necessary inquiries made for the three children named Guerin to at School. The necessary order was made

FLOUR RESTRICTION ORDER

Richard Harris, William street, Bourke, a small farmer from Derrishen, were summoned under the Restriction Order, 1918, the first name for selling ten stone of flour, and Bourke, two stone being the limit at one sale. There was no defence. Bourke living some twenty miles from that he had since obtained a permit of ten shillings and five shillings on the vendor and purchaser respectively

HURLING ON THE STREETS

Patrick Sheehan, a youth, was seen hurling at the Crescent on Sunday, 23rd. Constable Holohan proved the charge and the defendant would not stop when fined one shilling and costs was being mitigating circumstances.

MOTOR REGULATIONS.

Patrick Fitzgerald, motor car driver, was fined for not having a tail light on while passing through Clonmel on the 23rd. Constable Byrne gave evidence, and the defendant was fined one shilling and costs. A fine of 1s, 9d extra costs. Court was adjourned.

CHARGE OF LARCENY.

Christopher Tidings was prosecuted by Inspector Craig for the larceny of a watch and chain, a pair of boots, and a pair of trousers, the property of one Michael O'Shea, described as a sailor from New York. District Inspector Craig said since it was ascertained that Tidings was from the Army, the Hussars, and it was to communicate with the Military Authorities to how the case would be dealt with, leaving Limerick, and in that case he have his deposition taken and adjourned. O'Shea was examined, to having met the prisoner on the 12th instant at a lodging Queen street. On the following day he missed the property, and subsequently on the 26th instant met the prisoner in the street and gave him in charge to Sergeant. The prisoner was found to be wearing boots and socks, and the watch and trousers were recovered at a local pawnshop. The prisoner was remanded, and the further charge adjourned.

FOOD AND DRUGS AGT.

James Maher, Ballysimon, was prosecuted by Sergeant Heffernan, Inspector of Food and Drugs Act, for selling, on the 23rd, last, new milk to which ten per cent cream had been added as an adulterant. It was admitted, but the defendant was not been supplying milk to the city of Limerick there had been no previous complaint. It was found up to the stand that this instance defendant, in answer to Mr. O'Sullivan, added that there was no milk in the neighbourhood for some time, and some milk was taken and water added