

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

In consequence of the earlier departure of the evening trains from Limerick, and the curtailment of the hour for posting to m. at the General Post Office, it has been found necessary to issue the editions of the *Chronicle* at an earlier hour than hitherto. Advertisers will, therefore, please note that the latest hour at which advertisements can be received at this office on issue days is 3.30 p.m. Publication of any notices received after that hour cannot be guaranteed on that evening.

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE

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THE TELEGRAPH SYSTEM.

The fiftieth anniversary of the transfer of the Telegraphs from private ownership to the State is now being celebrated, and though the event is one of historic interest, it does not appear to excite very great attention. Still it cannot fail to remind us of the wonderful developments of the "wire" that have taken place in the past half century, with all the advantages that have accrued to trade and commerce, to the individual and the Nation. The Telegraph, like the Postal Service, is inseparably bound up with the affairs of every-day life at all hours and at all times. Especially so is it interwoven with the ceaseless course of Press activities, and more so than ever in the past thirty years or less. While telegraphic delays during the late war were unavoidable, there still remains much room for improvement from a newspaper point of view. As the "Irish Times" remarks—"If an important Press telegram is delayed, whole legions are affected. A jubilee ought to be an occasion for unmixed congratulation, but we cannot congratulate the Post Office Telegraph Department on its recent and present dealings with the Irish Press." What the larger dailies complain of applies equally in a relatively important degree to provincial papers, which are striving their utmost to keep up-to-date, but are sorely handicapped by frequent vexatious delays in the receipt of Press telegrams. A root cause of the evil is the overhead wire system. As our contemporary points out—"The unprotected state of the telegraph wires on the Welsh coast is an ancient grievance which threatens, in spite of repeated protests, to become still more ancient. The Welsh wires remain the sport of every storm, and are the main cause of the Irish newspapers' frequent and melancholy apologies for the absence of essential features. Departmental economy, or parsimony, is another reason assigned for delay, but whatever be the cause, an improvement in the system is most essential, and one of the means by which it may be achieved is the laying of underground wires for the construction of which in parts of England provision has already been made by the Government. It is to be hoped that similar provision with respect to the Irish Service will not be long deferred. Referring, however, to the jubilee of the telegraphs which the State took over on the 5th of February, 1870, from the Companies owning them, many interesting facts and figures are recorded showing the marvellous development of the system within the past half century. When the transfer took place the Post Office began with 1,000 telegraph offices and 1,800 offices at railway stations. By 1872 some 5,000 offices were in existence, and so on until we have the huge number to-day which link up every part of the United Kingdom no matter how remote or isolated it may be. Then, as to the cost of telegrams, as much as 7s 6d was required in the early fifties for a twenty-word telegram to Liverpool, and about 14s to Aberdeen. In 1870, the average cost of an inland telegram was 2s 2d with an additional charge of 1s for Sunday messages. To-day the average cost of an inland telegram is 10d, so that notwithstanding the increased rates now, and for some time past in operation, we are in an infinitely better position from the point of view of cost than those who lived and moved in the "old times." Of course, the vast expansion of telegraphic

LATE CITY DISTURBANCES

DEATH OF MISS JOHNSON,

Inquest.

City Now Quiet.

After the painful happenings of Monday night, when Mr Richard O'Dwyer was shot dead in his licensed premises, Catherine-street, and Miss Lena Johnson while going to her home in Thomondgate was dangerously wounded, the city was normal on Tuesday night. Miss Johnson, who was taken to Barrington's Hospital immediately after being shot in the abdomen, lingered until half-past eight on Tuesday night, when she succumbed to her injuries. From the first her condition was hopeless. She was of a very quiet and inoffensive disposition, and for a few years had been an attendant at the Coliseum Picture Theatre, where she came into close contact with the public, who held her in the highest respect and esteem. With the relatives of both deceased the utmost sympathy is expressed in the city, irrespective of class or creed.

On the intervention of the Mayor and Mr Phillip the military and police patrols were withdrawn from the streets on Tuesday night, and this helped materially to allay the anxiety of the citizens, who feared a recrudescence of disturbance. It was on the whole a wise proceeding on the part of the authorities.

Last night the peace of the city was again maintained. The military were again confined to barracks and there were no police on the streets on regular beat duty. The various Picture Theatres were closed on Tuesday night.

Funeral of Mr O'Dwyer.

The remains of the late Mr Richard O'Dwyer, who was a native of Rossmore, Gould's Cross, were removed to St Michael's Parochial Church on Tuesday evening, and were followed by a large concourse of people. Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock Requiem Office and High Mass was celebrated for the deceased in presence of a large congregation. Rev Fr Hayes, C.C., St Michael's, was celebrant of the Mass; deacon, Rev Fr Carroll, C.C.; sub-deacon, Rev Fr Hannan, C.C.

At the conclusion of the service, the funeral left for the railway station en route by the 12 o'clock train for Dundrum, Co. Tipperary, the interment taking place immediately after at Kilpatrick cemetery. The cortege to the cemetery was of considerable proportions, and fully expressive of the sympathy felt for the deceased, who met his death under such tragic circumstances. In the cortege various interests in the city were represented, as well as friends from North Tipperary, of which Mr O'Dwyer was a native. Members of the Arch-Confraternity, of which he was a member, marched in the procession, wearing their medals.

The chief mourners were—Mrs Ellen O'Dwyer (widow); Michael, John, and Thomas O'Dwyer (brothers); Mrs Ryan (sister); Miss Fitzgerald (sister-in-law); John Fitzgerald and T J Cunningham (brothers-in-law), and other relatives.

The clergy present were—Rev Fr Dwyane, Adm, St Michael's; Rev Fr Carroll, C.C., do; Rev Fr Hannan, C.C.; Rev Fr Thornhill, C.C.; Rev Fr Treacy, C.C.; Rev Fr Hayes, C.C.; Rev Fr O'Connor, P.P., St Mary's; Rev Fr Kelly, C.S.S.R.; Rev Fr Connolly, Adm, St John's; Rev Fr Rice, C.C., and Rev Fr Carroll, C.C.

On reaching Dundrum station the remains were received by Rev Fathers Moloney and Hannan, C.C., who officiated at the graveside. The cortege from Dundrum to Kilpatrick cemetery was large and representative, and bore testimony to the popularity of the deceased, and the sorrow felt for his widow and relatives in their bereavement.

At the meeting of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family on Tuesday night Rev Father Kelly, C.S.S.R., referred in sympathetic terms to what had occurred, and asked the prayers of the congregation for the repose of the soul of Richard O'Dwyer, who was a member of the Confraternity. He advised those present to make no delay in proceeding homewards and to keep boys off the streets. There was no meeting of the Boys' Confraternity last night.

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MISS JOHNSON'S DEATH.

Inquest Opened and Adjourned

Invitation to Authorities.

An inquest was opened in the Board-room, Barrington's Hospital, yesterday, on the late Lena Johnson, who died in the institution on Tuesday night from a bullet wound.

Mr J F Barry, J.P., City Coroner, conducted the investigation.

Mr J S Gaffney, Crown Solicitor, and District Inspector Craig represented the authorities.

Mr J H Moran and Mr J J Dundon, solicitors, were for the next-of-kin.

The following were sworn on the jury—Michael J McCarthy (foreman), John Hickey, John White, Peter Quilligan, William Merritt, Patrick Browne, Arthur Greenwood, Thomas Donoghue, Francis McMahon, Thomas Geary, Joseph Ryan, William O'Leary, Patrick Meany, and John Madigan.

The Mayor was present during the proceedings, which were confined simply to evidence of identification, pending the production of whoever was in charge of the military and police patrols.

Francis Johnson, a labourer, living in Windmill street, deposed that the deceased, Lena Johnson, was his daughter. She was twenty-three years of age and unmarried. He last saw her alive about a week ago.

District Inspector Craig—She did not live with you?—No.

Mr Moran said he appeared, with Mr Dundon, for the next-of-kin of the deceased. As it would be obviously impossible to go into all the facts of the case that day it was necessary, as far as he was concerned, that there should be an adjournment of the enquiry. He had consulted the other side on the matter, and the view was that to-morrow week would be a suitable day for the adjournment. As he was on that question he desired to give notice verbally to the authorities, and he was sure the jury would agree with him that at the adjourned inquest they would have the advantage of having present whoever was in charge of the armed patrols of military and police on the night in question. He was giving formal notice verbally for that purpose.

The Coroner—Very well. Mr Dundon—I would suggest, on account of the inquest to be held on Tuesday next, there should be an adjournment for a fortnight.

The Coroner—Why?

Mr Dundon—You don't know how long the other inquest will take.

The Coroner—Then we can further adjourn this enquiry.

Mr Gaffney—It would be very hard on this jury to summon them and then send them away for a week.

Mr Moran—Intimation can be given to the jury before hand that they will not be required. Of course we are not here to inconvenience the jury nor anyone interested in the inquiry.

The Coroner—What day do you suggest we should adjourn to?

Mr Moran—Neither Mr Dundon nor myself have any engagement for to-morrow week.

The Coroner—Well, Mr Gaffney, what do you say?

Mr Gaffney—I will agree to what is suggested. We have another inquest for Tuesday, and if that inquest extends over that day it will be an inconvenience.

Mr Moran—I am providing for an interval of one day. The inquest was adjourned until Thursday the 12th, at 2 o'clock in Barrington's Hospital.

The Coroner—Well, Mr Gaffney, can you give us any guarantee, as regards Mr Moran's application?

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THE STRIKE

Men Resume

After protracted negotiation strike, which affected so serious factoring firms through the 14th as announced in our last issue. The terms of the settlement closed, but it is understood known within a few days. Phillip, O.F.M., Chairman Board, and other members as the Mayor and Very Rev P.P., V.F., spared no efforts in happy termination of the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Hal interest in the negotiations supplies, especially fuel, pro on the community, through strike, and the relief from learned with pleasure by the To-day the men resumed firms affected by the dispu garde," which arrived in the of November, with a cargo Bannatyne and Sons, is being

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 The chief mourners were—Francis Johnson (father); Mrs Bridget Johnson (mother); Charles and Patrick Johnson (brothers); Mrs Harriet Slattery and Mrs Delia Meade (sisters); Michael F Slattery and J J Meade (brothers-in-law); P Moloney, P Conlan, senr; P Conlan, junr, Asst. Town Clerk; Lena, Babe, Dora, and Ellen Moloney, Tessie and Anne Conlan (cousins).  
 The clergy present were—Very Rev Canon O'Driscoll, P.P., V.F., St Munchin's; Rev Fr Moloney, C.C.; Rev Fr Halpin, C.C.; and Rev Fr Phillip, O.F.M.  
 A number of floral tributes were laid on the coffin, including one of choice flowers from the proprietors and staff of the Coliseum Picture Theatre.  
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### "AN EVENING WITH DICKENS."

A rare treat is in store for the public to-morrow evening when the distinguished lecturer, Mr Ernest Wellbeloved, will, under the auspices of the Literary Class of the P.Y.M.A., lecture on "An Evening with Dickens." There will be numerous selections from the famous author. It is an altogether admirable programme, and we anticipate the lecture hall will be crowded to hear Mr Wellbeloved, of whom the Press speaks in the highest praise. "The Glasgow Herald," for instance, says:—Mr Ernest Wellbeloved, of London, proved a master of the art of elocution, and delighted the audience with such various recitals as 'Bob Sawyer's Party,' 'Old Cheeseman,' and 'The Death of Sydney Carton,' as well as with character sketches of 'Mr Chadband, Fagin and Little Nell's Grandfather.'

### LORD MAYORELE CT OF DUBLIN,

#### Premier's Invitation to Attend Parliament.

Dublin, Wednesday night—The following letter addressed to Alderman T Kelly, M.P., Lord Mayor-Elect of Dublin, has been received at 6 Harcourt Street:—  
 "10 Downing Street, Whitehall, S.W., 2nd February, 1920.  
 "Sir,—On Tuesday, February 10th, His Majesty will open Parliament in person. An Address will be moved and seconded in answer to the gracious speech from the throne. I hope you may find it convenient to be in your place.—Yours faithfully,

The Railwaymen's Negotiating Committee representatives of the Ministry of Transport at the Shelburne Hotel, Dublin, this morning in connection with the wages paid to workers on the Irish railways. Yesterday evening representatives of the National Union of Railwaymen of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen arrived in Dublin from London for the purpose of the negotiations. It is stated that the Government, through the Board of Trade, has agreed to pay the English rate of wages to the Irish locomotive men, and that the Negotiating Committee will press for extension of the same rates to all grades of railway workers in Ireland.

The representatives of the National Union of Railwaymen are:—Messrs J H Thomas, M.A., J Niven, J J Jackson, W Race, A Matthews, Law, and P Murphy. They arrived at West Wall Row Station at 6.30 yesterday evening by boat train, and drove to the Westbrook Hotel, Rutland square, where they are staying during negotiations.

Last night they had a conference with the Council of the National Union of Railwaymen. Mr Thomas, on arrival, declined to make statement to the Press.

The representatives of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen also arrived by the same train.

### ARRESTS IN THE CITY.

Early to-day a force of military and constabulary arrested under the Realm Act, J Moran, Prospect Hill, who is after serving a term of imprisonment, under a courtmartial sentence John Cahill, Catherine street and Thaddeus Kelly, Carey's Road. The prisoners were conveyed under military escort by the 12 o'clock train to Cork.

Wm McAuliffe, arrested yesterday at Abbeville, was also conveyed to Cork. As the prisoners left Limerick there were cheers in honor of Sinn Fein.

### RAILWAY CLERKS' CLAIMS.

Mr J P O'Farrell, Secretary of the Irish Railway Clerks' organisation, with Mr A Walsh, representative on the Executive of the Railway Clerks' Association of the United Kingdom; Mr Walkden, Gen Secretary; Mr W E Hill, A Secretary, and Mr J M Roberts, Treasurer, had a conference on Tuesday at the Ministry of Transport with Sir Wm Marwood for the purpose of discussing certain details in connection with the arbitration of the national settlement made last year with the Stationmasters, Clerks, and Superintendants in Great Britain with a view to having the terms of that settlement extended to Ireland.

Mr O'Farrell afterwards told me, writing in "Independent" London correspondent, that the result of the conference he was hopeful that a satisfactory settlement would be reached Monday, when Sir W Marwood would receive the deputation and give them a reply. The Irish members of the deputation left for home last night.

### IRISH TRADE WITH AMERICA.

In a Consular report issued from the Department of Commerce at Washington reference is made to the possibilities of increasing trade between Ireland and U.S.A. The report reviews the progress of the Ford industry in Cork, and points to the successful operation will require the provision of steamship service between the United States, Cork, and between Cork and two or three continental ports. The industries in the Cork district are tabulated in the report, which also refers to the fact that no exports were declared from the Limerick agency in 1917 and 1918, but in 1919 total value declared was £25,844 and in 1920 £23,331.

### TOBACCO PRICES.

Announcement of Increase in Income Tax.—The Press Association states that in