

Reduction of Postage in U.S.A.

While we are faced with an increase in postal rates in this country, there has been already a decrease in the United States. Early last year the Senate and House Conference agreed to restore the pre-war postage rates on letters and postcards, and since that date the familiar 2-cent letter rate has been in operation. Of course, the financial strain has been less severe in the United States than in European countries.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Irish fishery values fell to £23,390 in March, as against £28,000 in the corresponding month last year.

The Countess of Limerick's health is improving. She left London yesterday for a stay in the country.

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. Donagan, victuener, Mallow, was drowned by falling into a stream while playing.

Railway Policeman T. O'Neill was killed at Mallow Station, being crushed between the buffers of two goods waggons.

Cork Corporation decided to alter the name of King street to MacCurtain street in order to perpetuate the memory of the late Lord Mayor of the city.

In the Chancery Division, Dublin, on Saturday, Mr. Edward Leahy, solicitor, O'Connell-street, Limerick, was appointed a Commissioner for Oaths in this district.

It is understood at Queenstown (writes a Queenstown correspondent) that a number of naval ships, not connected with that port, are likely to arrive there during the present week, and that much more leave will be given the crews.

While shunting coal trucks from the north jetties to the G.S. & W.R. premises, Cork, John Mahony was instantly killed by being caught in a steel rope and whirled round a capstan. He was aged 35 and leaves a wife and four children.

About 19 officers and 420 other ranks of the 17th Lancers have arrived in Dublin from England, and were conveyed in three special trains to Ballycullig and Buttevant. The Athlone garrison, it is stated, is to be provided with travelling searchlights.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN BEGG.

Many old friends not alone in Limerick but far outside, will regret to learn of the death of Captain James Begg, which took place yesterday at his residence, Harbour View, at an advanced age. The deceased had a very long experience of seafaring life, more than sixty years it is said. He was for many years a master mariner, and the owner of sailing vessels to and from the port of Limerick. He was a man of a very kindly and genial disposition, a most interesting raconteur, and one whose memory carried him back to notable events illustrating the perils of the deep. He was a highly respected citizen, and there is much sympathy with his relatives in their bereavement. The funeral takes place from St. Michael's Parochial Church on Wednesday, at 2 p.m., for Mount St. Lawrence.

MESSRS. HARTIGAN'S CATTLE SALES.

At the Paddocks, Mulgrave-street, Limerick, on Saturday last, 24th April, Messrs. Hartigan held their weekly Cattle Sale. Entry numbered 125. The demand was good for forward stores, which met with a ready clearance at satisfactory prices.

COMMITTEE.

The following announcement has been made:—
The Irish Banks have found it necessary to make a small half-yearly charge for the trouble and expense entailed in keeping current accounts. A charge of 10s 6d per half year is to be made as from the 1st January, 1920.

The Irish Banks have arranged that on and after the 1st April, 1920, commission will no longer be charged upon cheques collected for the credit of current accounts; but in the case of overdrawn accounts, while the amounts lodged will be credited at once, credit for interest purposes will not be given until the proceeds of cheques have been received.

Bank of Ireland, Belfast Banking Company, Ltd., Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., National Bank, Ltd., Northern Banking Company, Ltd., Provincial Bank of Ireland, Ltd., Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., Ulster Bank, Ltd.

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LECTURE BY MR ERSKINE CHILDERS

Tomorrow night at 8 o'clock Mr Erskine Childers will deliver a lecture in St. Michael's Temperance Hall, Lower Cecil street, on "Our Savings: a National Loss." The subject is one of far-reaching importance, and will give the distinguished publicist and writer a rare opportunity of placing before the citizens a duty that should be everybody's first and primary concern. Mr Childers is an author and lecturer of world wide reputation, and has for some years been in close contact with the financial affairs of the Kingdom. He is the author of that standard work "A Framework of Home Rule," and the sensational publication "The Riddle of the Sands."

IMPORTANT TO RETURNING OFFICERS.

Being unanimously of opinion that the order of the L.G.B. of December, 1919, appointing Clerks of Councils Returning Officers was valid, the Lord Chancellor, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Ronan, and Lord Justice O'Connor, allowed an appeal by Mr Egan, Castlebar, Clerk of the Mayo County Council, from a judgment of the Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice Pim, from which Mr Justice Kenny dissented, granting an application for a writ of quo warranto directed to Mr Egan to show by what authority he purported to act in the next elections, in view of Mr T. Moalair's earlier appointment as Returning Officer for elections in June 1919, which were postponed.

CO WEXFORD POLICE BARRACKS ATTACKED.

A Two Hours Siege

Police barracks in the village of Glonroche, Co. Wexford, were attacked yesterday. The attack began at one o'clock and lasted for two hours, the police replying to the fire of the raiders. The latter were eventually beaten off. As a sequel to the attack, all persons passing to the fair at Enniscorthy yesterday morning were held up and examined.

THE CURFEW ORDER.

Curfew arrests in Dublin this morning numbered 28. The Dublin correspondent of the "Evening Standard" says there is a general belief that the Order will be repealed immediately.

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