

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

In consequence of the earlier departure of the evening trains from Limerick, and the curtailment of the hour for posting to p.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 for that evening.

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE

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GERMANY AND REPARATION.

The Conference between the British and French Premiers at Lympe, near Hythe, was one of the first importance, and the fact that it occupied only two days, or rather less of that time, is an indication of the intimacy as well as the decisive character of the proceedings. Beyond the official reports, however, the news as to what took place is somewhat scanty, but it is evident that reparation by Germany for losses and damages caused by her was the chief object of the Conference. The official statement issued on Friday afternoon would be accurate. The same time would be put on financial obligations which mean in the end to be decided upon. Experts from Britain and France are to prepare immediately for approval by their two Governments for a minimum total for the German debt, which will be capable of acceptance by the Allies, and at the same time compatible with Germany's capacity to pay." They will also determine the methods of payment, and establish the conditions for the division of the spoils between the Allies, "in accordance with the agreements which, in the case of certain Allied countries, have already been provided at, and which remain to be finally settled in the case of other allied countries." France, it would seem, is giving priority of payment in the interests of her war-ravaged districts, and no doubt claims of Belgium which also suffered so

CITY TRAGEDY.

Street Attack.

Prominent Man Shot Dead.

A sensation was felt in the city on Saturday evening last when it became known that Mr James Dalton was shot dead within a couple hundred yards of his residence in Clare street. The occurrence, as far as can be stated with anything like accuracy, took place at half-past six. He left work at mid-day, and some time after six o'clock he was with his father-in-law in Mr J Humphrey's licensed premises, Clare street. After being in the public house for a brief period they came out and parted. While Mr Dalton was walking to his home he was set upon by a party of from four to six men, armed with revolvers, who fired point blank at him. He ran from his assailants towards his house, but they were quickly up to him. The first volley took effect, and he fell close to a small thoroughfare leading from Clare street corner. He was seen to struggle, and while in a prone position some further shots were discharged at him. The attacking party escaped by a narrow passage, Flag lane, leading into back Clare street. Subsequently he was attended by residents of the locality, and removed to Barrington's Hospital, where Dr W. P. Dundon, house surgeon, pronounced life extinct. A superficial examination of the body disclosed at least four wounds. There was a bullet wound through the right chest, passing through the liver, which lacerated that organ. There was a bullet embedded over the heart, and another lower down in the same region. In all he received four bullet wounds in vital parts of the body, and another in the right hand close to the thumb.

The body was ultimately taken to the hospital morgue awaiting an inquest.

The shooting, as stated, caused the greatest excitement, but happening in what is more or less an isolated district in the city boundary, it was not generally known up town till after seven o'clock.

The deceased was at one time prominently connected with the Sinn Fein organisation. He took a leading part in the East Clare and North Broomcommon Parliamentary elections. He started life as a compositor, and for some years past was clerk in the Electric Lighting Department of the Corporation. He was a champion middle-weight boxer, an athlete of considerable repute, and trainer of the All-Ireland Limerick hurling team of 1918. About two months ago, while returning home to dinner, he was fired at and wounded in the hand, but continued at his business from day to day since then until Saturday last.

During the attack on him on Saturday a little girl, Eileen Lowe, aged six years, who came into the line of fire, was shot in the leg, a bullet passing through the calf, causing a jagged wound. The injury, however, is not serious, and the little one was doing well to-day.

After the occurrence a party of police, some armed, under District Inspector Marrinan, visited the scene of the tragedy, and remained for some time. So far no arrests have been made. Deceased leaves a widow and a large family.

LIMERICK COUNTY ELECTION

Five o'clock last evening was for the withdrawal of candidates for County Council elections, which took place on the 8th June, provided there was no morning official intimation was given. J. P. Quaid, J.P., County Secretary, Officer, from the Deputy Return Officer, from the withdrawal of candidates for County Electoral Areas, this is uncontested.

The following have, in the past, been elected:—

Castleconnell Electoral Area: Patrick Ryan, Doon; Anthony Connell; B Laffan, Killonau; a Cahernonliab.

Bruff Electoral Area (Four Seats): M Ryan, Ballinacree; Mungret; and J Wall, Bruff.

Rathkeale Electoral Area: McDonagh, Baneha; M Cahill, Ahalis; and J Dunne, Glin.

Newcastle West Electoral Area: J Quaid, Clonlara; M P Leahy, John O'Shea, Newcastle West; Ballyrawley.

The only County Electoral Area which is a contest is Kilmallock, which has been nominated for four seats.

As far as the elections of 1920 are concerned there are no contests in Tipperary No 2, Mitel Newcastle West Divisions. In the County of Limerick, there is one contest, namely, Castleconnell Kilmallock Area, which is also in Limerick No 1 Area, Limerick Rural Divisions.

CITY POOR LAW

The following have been nominated for representation from the City Board by Mr W M Nolan, J.P., Returning Officer:—

Customhouse and Market Ward—J Rea, P O'Halloran, T Foley, Irishtown Ward—Mrs A. Shina, and J McSweney. Dock Ward—P O'Flynn, P J T Benson, Miss C DeCourcy, Glentworth and Shannon Ward—O'Connor, J C O'Connor, J G M Hartney, and Alderman P.

There will be a contest in the City Wards, eight candidates have been nominated for seven seats.

LIMERICK DISTRICT ELECTION

Yesterday the Returning Officer, Limerick Union offices for the candidates' withdrawals in the No 1 Electoral Area, and Area. There is but one contest in the Area, that for O'Brien's Bridge, candidates to go to the polls are Messrs E O'Dwyer (outgoing) Ryan, John Vaughan, and