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CONTROL OF SHIPPING.

Some time since it was anticipated that the Ministry of Shipping would cease its relations at an early date, but the reason for its continuance is explained in a report of the Select Committee on National Expenditure, which has just been published. It is pointed out that the Government exercised control over wheat and sugar, and without control of shipping for these commodities "it would have been impossible to keep the country fed during the last twelve months." The Ministry by its system of licences had been able to direct traffic at low freights for certain essential articles, and it was also enabled to relieve somewhat the congestion at the ports by diverting a considerable amount of the traffic into the coastal traffic. Port congestion, or the result of it, is, however, described as "serious beyond words" and, it is told, is "largely due to the eight days a week, general working at the ports, and deficiency of coal which cripples British tonnage." There is thus afforded a strong argument for the development of our port trade, for as things are, and have been for some time past, vessels are forced to sail from British ports without cargoes, and consequently, all the profits of a voyage must be earned on the home passage. This is one effect of the reduced coal output in Great Britain, the export of which has dropped very largely compared with the years immediately preceding the war. On the other hand, the view of a Government official, as given to the "Evening Standard," is that more unemployment could be caused by the export of manufactured articles being reduced through inefficient coal for home industries. If the output improves more coal will be available for export, which will, of course, be all the good for the shipping trade, as it is the Shipping Committee states that the efficiency of British merchant tonnage trading to the United Kingdom has diminished by 30 per cent owing to the congestion at the ports. As to the tonnage available it would appear that the total world tonnage, steam and sail, stood in July, 1914, at 46 1/4 million tons; in 1919 it had increased to 47 9/10 million tons, while 51 millions were estimated at July 1st, 1920, thus evidencing a steady expansion in the world's mercantile activities now that a gradual return to the normal, after years of disaffair with all its accompanying dislocation of trade and commerce, is taking place. New tonnage representing 7.7 million tons

FUNERAL OF MISS GREGG.

The remains of the late Miss Eleanor Johnston Gregg, whose death took place at 6 Victoria Terrace, on Tuesday evening, were interred to-day at the family burial place, St Mary's Cathedral. The funeral, which was attended by numerous friends, left the residence of the deceased lady at 11 o'clock, and on arriving at the Cathedral the remains were borne into the sacred edifice where the service was held. The officiating clergy were the Dean, the Chancellor, and Rev V G Sutcliffe. The latter read the opening sentences of the burial service, and the Dean the lesson, after which the Chancellor delivered a very impressive and touching address in which he paid tribute to the life work of the deceased lady, quoting in connection therewith the text "Patient continuance and well-doing."

The hymn "Peace, Perfect Peace" was sung at the beginning of the Service, and "Now the Labourer's Task is O'er" immediately before the remains were removed from the Church to their last resting place.

The committal sentences were read by Chancellor Waller.

The chief mourners were—Miss Anna Gregg, Miss Elizabeth Gregg, Miss Kathleen Gregg (sisters), and Miss Dyas.

The clergy present were—The Bishop Right Rev Dr Orpen, the Very Rev the Dean of Limerick, Rev Chancellor Waller, Very Rev the Dean of Killaloe, Rev Canon Swain, Rev Canon Robertson, Rev V G Sutcliffe, Rev A E Hewatson, Rev T A Clarke, Rev Precentor Atkinson, Rev A W Neill.

Amongst the general public were—Mr W Waller, D.L; Mr J Stewart, Mr M Guerin, Mr R Copley Langford, J.P, High Sheriff; Mr C H Fitt, Mr R Conyers, C.E; Mr W Thompson, Mr A Shier, Mr W Myles, Dr J J Long, Mr J G McNab, Mr A Hall, Mr H Stewart, Mr W Holliday, J.P; Mr R Despard, Mr G Bolshaw, Mr T Ledger, Mr M Walsh, Clonlara, etc.

Flowers and wreaths were sent by the following— "From Mrs G Goodbody, with sympathy"; "With love, from Mrs H Webster and Miss Dyas"; "From her friend, Frank Salkeld"; "In affectionate remembrance, from Chancellor and Mrs J T Waller: 'The Master is come, and calleth for thee'"; "With affectionate memory, from all at Kilpeacon Rectory"; "In affectionate remembrance, from E Maesy"; "With deepest sympathy, from the Limerick Branch of the Y. W.C.A."; "In loving remembrance of a very old friend, from Dr and Mrs F W Kennedy"; "In deep sympathy, from Mr and Mrs W J Maonab and J G Maonab"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs A Nelson (Waterford)"; "In loving memory, from Miss Parkes (Belfast)"; "In remembrance and deepest sympathy, from Grace Angley"; "In loving remembrance, from the friends at No 5 Upper Hartatonge street; 'A token of love, from Laura and Flossie'; "In loving memory, Celia Bell, Eva Sweeney"; "With deepest sympathy, from the Misses Holmes (Belfast)"; "With dear love, from Mina Griffiths"; "With loving sympathy, from Ida J Hewson, Isaiah, 60-20"; "With all my sympathy, from Mrs Sweeney"; "In loving remembrance, from the 'two Fannies'"; "With love, from the Misses Taylor (Hollypark)"; "With love, Dymple"; "In loving memory, from the children at the Roxborough School"; "With best respect and loving gratitude from the Havergal boys, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me'; "From the girls of the Orphan Home"; "With deepest sympathy from an old friend, Mrs Welch, Newtown, Clonlara"; "From Mr and Mrs E F Conyers, with loving sympathy"; "In loving remembrance, from Mrs Gillespie."

CITY SHOOTING

Three Constables Wounded

A half-past four this evening a police van was fired on by an armed party of men on Henry Street. Three of the patrol, consisting of new police constables, were wounded, two named Jones, and one named Oakley, etc. They were removed to the military hospital.

Later particulars show that the van was fired from the corner of Henry Street by about six armed men, who opened fire on the patrol as it got into Newenham street. Three were fired, three of which, it appears, were on the patrol, and the shooting by the van was returned with vigour, but it is not known with what result. Immediately afterwards a large number of people assembled, and police in lorries were rushed to the scene. The wounded constables were taken to the military hospital, where an ambulance, and a consultation was subsequently by the medical staff of the hospital. One of the policemen was shot in the thigh in the region of the abdomen, and the other was wounded where in the right side.

THE ENNISTYMON AFFAIR

The following official statement was issued from the General Headquarters, Ireland, on Thursday: "At about 10.30 p.m. last night a party of returning to Ennistymon Barracks was fired on by fifteen civilians, who attempted to disarm them of their revolvers. After a severe struggle during which twelve shots were fired, the party were dispersed. One of the assailants was killed and several were wounded. The constables were wounded, and retained their revolvers." An Ennis correspondent writes that a man named Conway died from wounds, and another named McMahon was badly injured. Several others received minor injuries, and one named Curtis had some of his fingers blown off afterwards turned out in force, but the disturbance.

The Inquest.

Mr James Lynch, solicitor, Corcoran, yesterday opened the inquest at Ennistymon Courthouse on the body of Michael Conway, who was shot in a collision with a motor car in that town on Thursday night. Evidence of residents was sworn, with Mr Thomas O'Connell as foreman. The body lay in the Catholic Chapel where it was brought on Thursday, and was viewed by the jury, and afterwards returned to the courthouse for the hearing.

A pathetic incident in connection with the occurrence was that when Dr O'Dwyer, the parish clergyman, his messenger summoned a priest who proved to be a brother to the deceased. Father Conway happened to be home, and was much affected on learning of the fate of his brother. He had been until lately employed as a local establishment. He had his passport for America.

At the inquest Head Constable Waller sent the authorities. There was no identification for the next-of-kin or for the military. Michael Krawley, of Ballinacorney, identified the body as that of his nephew, Dr Peter O'Dwyer, Ennistymon, etc.