

ly a satisfactory settlement of the matter is speedily arrived at. There are many economic claims to be advanced in favour of such a settlement that surprise is felt at more energy not being thrown into the endeavour to find a way out of the difficulty. As far as one can observe all the classes affected, trade, businessmen, farmers, are most anxious for a settlement, and his being so, there should not be much difficulty in removing the obstacles which stand in the path leading to a settlement. Some people may fancy that the closing down of the railways does not affect Ireland, that her own material resources within her own shores are sufficient for the needs of her population. But it is not so, however, as the tyro in economic matters may easily prove for himself, and any further continuation of the present ordeal will convincingly prove that Ireland if she does not possess many gifts from Nature's bounty does not possess them all, interdependence between her and other countries being necessary if she should live and prosper. How difficult it may be to separate politics from social questions, from the details of every-day life, this question of the closing down of the Irish railways is wholly an economic matter, and one that has to be decided on business lines and business lines. It concerns all Ireland, vitally concerns the people of every class making up the population, and must not be treated or confined to any one section of her population. Industry and wisdom are the main essentials for a settlement that is the only one that is the best for the country, and all other considerations should be brushed aside in seeking a solution which will open up again the avenues of commerce and enable all to be concerned to develop Ireland's resources without let or hindrance of any kind. To handicap or fetter, as has been done by this way dispute, Ireland's material interests by the prolongation of closed down railways is but straightening the road to disaster and ruin, and this has begun to be recognised by all classes. There is not a moment to lose if a great danger is to be averted. The question, at present, is an urgent one, and there will be

at once to say I am very sorry intended to learn from your published letter that threatening letters have been received by you and some of your clergy. I have asked the County Inspector to call on you in the matter. I must say I think it most unfair to attribute every wrong act such as these, and also the shooting of poor Father Griffin, to the Crown forces. I have striven hard to control the feelings of my men, and unjust charges added to their constant expectation of assassination make the position very difficult. I would welcome your assistance in tracing the perpetrators of the terrible murder, as we fear, of poor Joyce—('This was the National school teacher,' the Chief Secretary interpolated, 'who was kidnapped three or four weeks ago')—and also of Father Griffin. Need I assure you that no one longs more than I do for the end of the reign of the gunmen. If you have any suggestion to make, either as to steps for your protection, or for the protection of any of your clergy, I shall, of course, do anything I can."

Sir H Greenwood added that the Divisional Commissioner was a devout Catholic.

Mr Devlin—Is the right hon gentleman aware that members of the House are getting threatening letters from the Black and Tans?

No reply was given.

DEATH OF MR JOHN McNAMARA.

With very sincere regret we record the death of an old and valued member of the composing staff of the "Chronicle," Mr John McNamara, who passed away at his residence, Bishop-street, last evening, after an illness of some duration. For some thirty years Mr McNamara had been connected with this journal, and his excellent traits of character, uprightness, ability, and zeal, won for him the esteem of all departments in this office, who, like his colleagues and many other friends elsewhere, have heard of his premature demise with no ordinary regret. He leaves a widow and family to mourn his loss, and with them deep sympathy is expressed in their keen sorrow.

The funeral will take place at 3.30 p.m. to-morrow from St. Mary's Parochial Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

MAN SHOT DEAD IN CO LIMERICK.

An official report states:—An assistant school teacher, Mortimer Duggan, who was in company with a number of men at Broadford, County Limerick, refused to halt when called upon to do so, and ran instead across some fields. He was pursued, fired upon, and shot dead.

ARRESTS IN CLARE.

Last evening Mr John Hayes, D.C., the Glen Killaloe, was, with others arrested by a party of police and conveyed to Limerick. Mr Hayes is a member of the Limerick Board of Guardians and No 2 District Council.

TRANSFERS OF RESIDENT MAGISTRATES

The "Dublin Gazette" announces the following appointments—Mr Joseph Kilbride, heretofore R.M. in County Galway, to be R.M. for the County of Cork; Lieut-Col Michael Williamson, heretofore R.M. for County Limerick, to be R.M. for County of Galway; and to be stationed at Galway; Col Robt Leonoe Owens, heretofore R.M. for County Cork, to be R.M. for County of Limerick, to be stationed at

of Commons last night, in reply to questions dealing with ambush in Co Cork, explained the force mentioned in the telegram, was composed entirely of ex-officio conspicuous in the late war.

To-night, in Macroom, Sir H there are fifteen officers lying sick the victims of Irish assassins. The House would care to pursue question of odd patrol in Ulster, or the burning in the face of this challenge to this House and of civilisation.

Captain Redmond said he did not think there was anyone in that House who had done him or those associated with him anything but the deepest and most at the tragic event to which they had referred. Murder had never been the patriotic Irishman as a means of attaining ambitious, and murder was the inevitable result of despotism and the aspirations of the Irish people. But one had got to get rid of the conditions of Ireland from all points of view if the Government could not escape them in this matter.

Captain Loseby called attention to the fact that there were not 40 members present there were not 40 members present was counted out.

POLICEMEN FIRE A Constable

A Youghal Correspondent has reached Youghal that two policemen were ambushed and wounded, one fatally, at Castlemartyr on Friday night. Killeagh showed that Sergeant Quinn was promoted last week, and Constable Quinn was transferred from Castlemartyr to Killeagh, his wife. Constable Quinn had been transferred to Killeagh, and Sergeant Curley transferred to Ballyquicke. At Killeagh Barracks were evacuated they were transferred to Castle for Mogeely by the 7.45 p.m. train. Constable Quinn walked towards their barracks bridge at the head of the villa on, one report says, from a mile. Constable Quinn was hit in the arm, escaped wounded. Constable Quinn was in the left side. The two policemen were shot at in Cork, where the constable died this morning.

COUNTY CORK

Two Soldiers

According to an official report military were ambushed between Kildorrery on the 26th inst. Two were killed and three wounded, one missing. Fire was returned, and the attackers are as yet unknown.

COMPENSATION O'BRIEN'S BILL

Compensation claims have been made by the Secretary of Clare County Council with the burning down of the bridge at the beginning of the year. Margaret Crowe claims £5,000. Maogaret Crowe claims £5,000. Maogaret Crowe claims £5,000. Maogaret Crowe claims £5,000.

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