

themselves and their households.
 planting of fruit trees and fruit bushes can
 satisfactorily done during the next few
 months, and it is to be hoped that every
 farmer and cottier will turn some attention to
 this matter while the season for planting is
 open. The growing of fruit is a profitable
 enterprise, and it can be carried on with
 considerable trouble and at comparatively
 low expense. The taking up of such
 an industry on a more extensive
 scale than at present would not only add to
 the income of the nation but would in time
 result in an improvement in the health of the
 people by reason of the fact that it would
 generally lead throughout the country to a
 larger use of fruit, which eminent medical
 authorities hold to be so beneficial as a commodity.

LYLDE SHIPPING CO, LTD
GLASGOW, GREENOCK AND LIMERICK
SERVICE.
 From Glasgow—Monday, 27th Dec. From
 Limerick—Friday, 31st Dec. Carrying general
 cargo and live stock.

LIMERICK FIRE BRIGADE
 Banked by Cork Corporation
 The Town Clerk has received the following
 letter from F W M'Carthy, Esq., Town Clerk,
 Cork:—
 "Town Clerk's Office, City Hall,
 Cork, 30th December, 1920.
 "DEAR SIR—I am directed by the Corpora-
 tion of Cork to express their thanks to the
 Corporation and citizens of Cork for the invalu-
 able services rendered by your Brigade
 during the recent conflagration in Cork. Please
 convey to the individual members of your
 Brigade our appreciation of their work.—Yours
 faithfully,
 "F W M'Carthy, Town Clerk,
 "W M Nolan Esq, Town Clerk, Limerick."

WINTER COSTUMES
 In all Latest Styles. Reasonable Prices.
 The Fashion Mart, 15, Patrick street.

MISTAKEN FOR DE VALENA
 "I Hear from Paris," says Mr Gossip in the
 "Daily Sketch," "that on Christmas Eve at
 one of the most exclusive Parisian restaurants
 the story went out that President de Valera
 was in the room, and was young man was
 made the object of a cordial demonstration by
 the admirers. They were all wrong. The
 hero of the evening was a London Pressman."

COALITION CLUB
 Yet another addition to the list of political
 clubs is threatened. The Coalition Liberals,
 who recently broke away from the Eighty
 Club, have now decided to call the new orga-
 nisation the 1920 Club. The methods to be
 pursued by the new club are similar to those
 of the parent body, but with Lloyd-Georgian-
 ism as the objective.

BANK RAIDERS ARRESTED
 Six armed men, four wearing uniforms, held
 up the Northern Bank at Struckstown, Co
 Roscommon, on Thursday afternoon, and
 robbed a sum of about £1,000. The manager
 slipped out a side door and summoned the
 police, who arrested the six raiders as they
 were leaving the premises. A sum of £960 was
 recovered.

SOLDIER IMPRISONED

The Prisoners
 The prisoners taken during the raid at
 Cahergillamore House are at present confined
 in the New Barracks, Limerick. Nobody is
 allowed to see them, not even the Catholic
 Chaplains, pending the result of the military
 inquiry which, we understand, is proceeding.
 One of the prisoners is in the military hospital
 but his condition is not dangerous. Others of
 the prisoners were only slightly wounded and
 are all doing well.

TRAINS AGAIN
Limerick Railway Services
Normal To-day

The Great Southern and Western Railway
 Co resumed the ordinary train services to-day
 in accordance with the full time table. The
 normal number of trains practically are there-
 fore to run to and from Limerick, beginning
 to-day, as was arranged in the time table drawn
 up last June. By this service 20 trains will
 leave the city daily and 20 trains arrive daily.
 The only trains out are the 2 20 p m from
 Dublin to Limerick and the 5 15 from Limerick
 to Dublin. The trains left and arrived to-day
 as usual and without any incident of note.

CITY TRAGEDY
YOUNG GIRL KILLED

A sad shooting tragedy took place in Limerick
 on Sunday night. A young girl named
 Isabelle or Elizabeth Scates went out for a
 walk with an auxiliary constable on Sunday
 night, and while they were going down a
 thoroughfare leading from Henry street
 towards the docks they were accosted by
 four men, who took the policeman's re-
 volver from him after a struggle. The
 constable then got free of his assailants,
 and while he was trying to escape Miss
 Scates, it appears, threw herself between the
 men and the constable, with the result that
 a shot fired at him struck her in the right
 breast and inflicted a wound which proved
 fatal. The police were quickly on the scene,
 but the attacking party got away, and the
 young woman, whose age was given as 27, was
 conveyed to Barrington's Hospital, where she
 was found to be dead. The body lies at the
 hospital, pending the holding of a military
 inquiry into the occurrence. Miss Scates was
 a member of a family residing in the city, and
 much sympathy is felt with them in her
 extremely sad death.

OFFICIAL REPORT
 Dublin Castle reports that four men accosted
 Constable Richardson as he was walking along
 a street in Limerick on Sunday night accom-
 panied by a girl named Elizabeth Scates, aged
 twenty-two. They attacked and overpowered
 the constable, and took his revolver, and turned
 it against him to fire. The girl rushed in
 between the men and the constable and was
 shot dead through the breast.

CONDITION OF ROADS
In South Tipperary

At a meeting of the South Tipperary County
 Council, Mr L J Dalton (Chairman) presiding,
 A long report was read from the County
 Surveyor, which said the roads had been fairly
 well maintained, considering the very much
 increased cost and the general increase in
 civilian and military motor traffic. The cost
 per mile for road repair had increased from £10
 in 1914 to £24 in 1920. Wages had increased
 from 12s to 42s per week; still the cost per
 mile was much under the cost in other
 counties.
 The Chairman said they had only £49,000 to
 credit for road work, which would carry them
 on to the 31st December only. It, therefore,

called for Europe; and the other, that he
 fears to appear in public during a possible Irish
 settlement.

POPE AND DISARMAMENT
 A Reuter message from New York says:—
 Among the latest messages received by the
 New York newspaper, "The World," which
 during the last few days has been running a
 disarmament campaign, is one from Cardinal
 Gasparri on behalf of the Pope expressing his
 whole-hearted approval and support of a
 scheme which the Holy See was the first to set
 forth.

Christmas in Paris
 An Exchange message from Paris says:—
 Paris fested Christmas Eve with much gaiety
 and expense. Where people flaunted too in-
 solently their luxury, however, they were
 booed and hissed by the public. Midnight
 Mass was celebrated at all the churches, and
 with special solemnity at the Madeleine and
 Notre Dame.

A Much-Needed Organ
 Past pupils and other friends of the Jesuit
 Order in Limerick, knowing how great is the
 need for a new organ in the Sacred Heart
 Church—the old instrument being quiet worn
 out—have organised an Orby Sweep in con-
 nection with the Irish Gap at Clonanna.
 Prizes value £500 are offered. Any assistance
 rendered by past pupils and others throughout
 the country will be much appreciated by the
 Committee. Tickets (1s each) may be had
 from the Secretary, 66 O'Connell-street, Limerick.

AN UNUSUAL DINNER
 A Reuter message dated New York, Tuesday,
 says:—One thousand guests will sit down to-
 night to a dinner of a very unusual character.
 The fare will be of the simplest, consisting of
 beef stew, bread and cocoa, and will cost only
 22 cents per head (nominally 11s), yet each
 guest will pay not less than 1,000
 dollars (nominally £200) for the meal.
 Mr Hoover, who has organised the dinner,
 is head of the European Relief Council, and he
 has undertaken to collect 85,000,000 dollars to
 feed the starving children of Europe. The
 menu which is to be served will represent the
 exact ration which the Council proposes to pro-
 vide each day for the children. The place of
 honour between Mr Hoover and General Per-
 shing will remain vacant, except for a child's
 high chair, to serve as an emblem of the
 Absent Guest.

KILMALLOCK MAN RE-LEASED
 Mr John Cahill, draper, Kilmallock, who
 was arrested and taken away under military
 escort on Tuesday, was brought back again
 that evening. In accordance with the new
 proclamation he was, it appears, taken under
 guard as a precaution in case of an attack on
 the convoy. Mr Cahill, who is a respectable
 business man, is very popular locally, and has
 taken an active interest in the national orga-
 nisations, particularly the Gaelic League.

LIMERICK MAN'S DEATH
 Numerous friends will much regret to learn
 of the death of Mr Robert Windham Hunt
 which took place on Christmas Day, after a
 illness of some duration. The deceased, who
 was a comparatively young man, was son
 of the late Mr W E Hunt, and grandson of
 the late Mr Robert Hunt, J.P., of this city. In
 a kindly and unassuming manner made him vi-