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WHITSUNTIDE.

Although the weather prophets are somehat reserved as to Whitsuntide weather hey put us into a cheerful frame of mind hen they anticipate that Monday next nay be something warmer than it is just ow. Certain it is that the atmospherical onditions have improved in the past ew days. The harsh biting winds, bringing vith them downpours of icy rain and hail ave disappeared and given way to tolerably air conditions which, though cloudy and to ome extent uncertain, suggest that the etter days for which we have been long waiting have come to us at last. At all events one feels that early Summer deferred as it has been, has arrived, and so it is hoped that Whitsuntide will bring with it cloudless skies and bright sunshine that will serve very materially to make the holiday or, to some, holidays thoroughly successful and enjoyable. One of the most popular holidays of the year, Whit Monday, comes to us after the depressing weather of Spring and affords the city man the first opportunity of paying a visit to the country where the pastures are now fresh and green, and the trees clothed in radiant foliage. Again, there will be many trippers to the sea-side and other places of interest here, there, and everywhere, to reach which special arrangements have been made by the railway companies, and as happily things are returning to the normal throughout the country, we may well anticipate that the Whitsuntide traffic on this occasion will be of greater volume than it was twelve months ago. One may hope that the Whitsuntide holidays will prove the forerunner of a system of cheap rail excursions, which in pre-war years were so popular and successful. The regular tourist traffic, too, should expand this season. Let us hope that the influx of American and also visitors from cross-Channel will this year materially increase, and if so the country will be all the better for it, from the point of view of business, and from the social aspect as well.

day afternoon.

The Flemings were charged with having conspired together to disturb the peace and overthrow the Government within the Free State of Ireland, and to assist evil-disposed persons known as members of the Irish Republican Army to insurrection, while O'Malley was charged with being in possession of 25 rounds of ammunition without a permit.

The prisoners were remanded without bail.

Two of the deportees, Patrick Wood, a stoker, and Thomas Wood, a labourer, who had been arrested on warrants issued at the instance of the Public Prosecutor, charging them with being in possession of revolvers and ammunition, which were found at their lodgings, were remanded at the Birmingham Police Court yesterday.

NATIONAL ARMY REPORTS.

Reports issued by National Army Headquarters, Dublin, on Thursday night, contained the following:—"In the Limerick area troops from Listowel and Tarbert making a search of Ballyguoghlin district located a dug-out, in which one service rifle and some rifle ammunition were discovered. Two active irregulars surrendered to the troops with arms at Ballybunion on the 15th inst. In the same area troops arrested William Kennedy and John Walsh."

Last night's report includes the following:—"In the Waterford Command area troops arrested William Simpson, Crohane, and John McGrath, of Limerick City.

DEATH OF MR W. O. STOKES

In Buenos Aires.

The following appears in a Buenos Aires contemporary:—'With deep regret we announce the demise of Mr William O. Stokes, the popular and much respected Superintendent of the Missions to Seamen Institute, Calle San Juan, 234, Buenos Aires. The deceased passed away unexpectedly yesterday morning, at the Institute, and the news of his death will be generally lamented by his numerous friends of the British Merchant Service. 'Paddy,' as his friends termed him, was born in Limerick 43 years ago, and he certainly proved himself to be a true son from the 'City of the Broken Treaty.' Generous and good-hearted, he assisted many a straggler or dead-beat on the road whereon hope can be found, and his charity and his faith in frail humanity recognised no limit or border line. May his ashes rest in peace." The sad event occurred on the 18th April.

Deceased was son of the late Mr Wm L. Stokes, J.P., of this city, and, like his father, was a very prominent athlete. He was a member of the P.Y.M.A. and Limerick County Football Clubs, and played with the latter in senior matches with conspicuous ability. The sympathy of the citizens is extended to Mr Stokes's widow, children, and relatives in their bereavement.

ST. MICHAEL'S GIFT SALE.

Mr A J. Eakins occupied the chair at the weekly meeting of Committee *re* St Michael's Gift Sale, to be held on Thursday week, 31st May.

It was mentioned that at the Shortened Evening Service to be held on Sunday week, Mr F. Muspratt had kindly consented to give an Organ Recital (three selections). Mr H ydn will give a 'cello solo, and several ladies have been invited to assist with vocal items.

It was announced that the response to the appeal for books for the Book Stall was very encouraging, and Mr E. C. Winter, who has charge of the Stall, will be very pleased to receive any further parcels that friends may send, or, on receipt of a card, will gladly send for them

The Children's Fairy Play, "Puss in Boots," is

to March 20, 1923, subject to the of the Compensation (Ireland) Co provisions of Damage to Propert Bill at present before the Oire essential that the settlement of relation to the aforesaid period, or undefended, be left exclusively of Finance, who acted on bel British Government and of Saorstat Eireann. It was re that no action should be taken discharging any criminal injury respect of the period 21st Janua March, 1923, even though a rat struck and collected for the pur

The Chairman—Was a rate s ment of these decrees?

The Solicitor replied in the a

The Assistant Secretary o decrees had been paid in som least paid in part.

It was decided to carry out th tained in the letter.

CLAIMS FOR COMPEN

Concerning the question of damage to, or destruction of, since the 11th July, 1921, a le the Ministry of Local Governm was decided that compensation of certain categories of dama occurring after 11th July, 1921, 1923, should be met from publi circumstances, it would be n Council to take any further investigating claims, as res matter would now devolve on Minister had instructed the each county or county borough oppose on his behalf all clai under the Bill; but it would b less the necessity for co operation between the Counc State Solicitor.

Mr Clery thought the Coun sented on the Commission set Minister, inasmuch as ther defended in which the amo excessive. Since that time p hands in many parts of the co

The Solicitor said the Counc to the Shaw Commission that be represented in all claims o

Mr Clery proposed that the Council be represented on th in all claims of £200 and upw

Mr Blackwell seconded th passed.

TUBERCULOSIS MEDIC

A letter was received from ment declining to sanction th P. Lane as Tuberculosis Me County on the grounds that was inadequate, and that he qualifications. Should the their attitude the Departmen the National Health Insuran withdrawal of money from th Committee.

The Chairman proposed, seconded, that the letter be

As an amendment, Mr Ste Mr Clery seconded, that th new election.

On a division the voting w ment and eight against.

The proposition was de same voting.

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