

**LIMERICK CHRONICLE CITY HOLD-UP AND ROBBERY.**

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**OUR READERS.**

Next being Christmas Day, this will not be issued that the next publication will be on December 27th.

**CHRISTMAS TIDE.**

With all its hallowed and holy, is once more close upon us, next the great Christmas be commemorated in the home it will bring peace to all who are blessed with its goods. To the poor the official sympathy of the well-to-do of yore, be extended to a poorer lot, and so make their conditions of life better than some little way better than conditions of life permit. It is on that "most excellent gift" we feel assured there will be on this occasion to the general freely and generously to a peace. Looking back on the month, it is a matter of no relation to realise that Christmas comes to us quite differently as a season, or, indeed, its present the past few years. The state of the country, strife, and contented us from enjoying Yuletide our wont in peaceful days, and, the dislocation of the train and red railway travel difficult and slow, with the result that friends far away were unable to join our circle. Happily, all this peace and order have now returned, and we are free today to put aside for a moment the cares and the worries of existence. For this we must be thankful, and we must be thankful for the bright prospects of our future—prosperity and tranquility. All preparations have been made in accordance with the requirements of the season by our merchants and traders, always so enterprising as they are, present quite a festive appearance.

A daring hold-up and robbery took place in the city last night, in which four armed and masked men were engaged. Some time before six o'clock the raiders, who evidently, from their movements, knew their ground, entered the office of Messrs. Morgan McMahon and Co., timber merchants, Ellen-street, and held up the staff, which at the time consisted of the secretary and lady typist, in addition to a man who was transacting business at the place. The occupants were ordered to hold up their hands, and had no option but to comply, while two of the raiders rifled the desks and seized £16 and cheques for a couple of hundred pounds, which they took away with them. The alarm being given, and in their hurry to get clear, one of the raiders fired four shots through the office window. In their flight one of the men collided with a passer-by and fell, but recovering himself, succeeded in escaping. In the course of a few minutes detectives were on the scene and made an exhaustive search in the locality, a congested one, but made no arrest.

**LIMERICK CITY YOUTH**

**Body Recovered from Canal.**

The body of a youth named Daniel McMahon, aged eight years, who resided with his parents in the Irishtown district, was recovered from the Grand Canal this morning. Some three weeks ago the boy, after leaving school in Clare-street, did not return to his home, and an exhaustive search was made for him, and a description of him given to the Civic Guard. The discovery was made by two men as they were passing along the Canal bank, when they noticed the body floating near the first lock. Word was conveyed to the Civic Guard Station at John-street, and the remains subsequently removed in the Fire Brigade ambulance to Barrington's Hospital.

**CHRISTMAS AMUSEMENTS.**

The St Stephen's Day meeting at Greenpark is always a most popular feature of the Christmas-tide holidays. The entries for the coming reunion are good, and a very interesting day's sport is assured.

Next day, Thursday, coursing men will enjoy an attractive card at Caherdavin, the draw for which appears in another column.

The picture houses have fully catered for the enjoyment and entertainment of the citizens.

At the Gaiety Theatre, owing to the great success of the fine dashing picture, "The Prisoner of Zenda," it will be again screened on Monday next. There will be a matinee at 3.30. On St Stephen's Day and three following nights, with matinees at 3.30 each day, there will be produced "Hearts Aflame, a dramatic photo-play, and one illustrating the greatest forest fire ever filmed.

At the Athenaeum, on Xmas Eve, a bright comedy, "The Rail Rider," will be produced, and the children will be interested to learn that on St Stephen's Day there will be a special matinee for them at one o'clock. The programme, which will also be produced at the other performances, 3.45, 6.45, and 9 p.m., will include "No Luck," "The Arabmen Nights," and "Golf". At the Grand Central Cinema "Boomerang

**LATEST NEWS.**

**TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.**

(SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE.)

**BRITISH RAILWAYMEN'S WAGES.**

**Mr J H Thomas and A.S.E. Action.**

Commenting on the decision of the Associate Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen regarding the National Wages Board award, Mr J H Thomas said—"We would have been warring in our duty did we not, having regard to all the circumstances, agree to sign the report."

The National Executive of the Associate Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen met in London to-day to draft the form of the ballot which to-day's conference of delegates decided to take on the question of the acceptance or rejection of the National Wages Board award.

**CHARGE OF HOUSE BREAKING.**

James Eddie Vivian, the chief witness for the prosecution in the Brixton taxi-cab murder, was remanded with a man named John Dawson, Wimbledon to-day, on a charge of breaking open and entering residences, and stealing jewellery valued at seventy-six pounds. When charged, Vivian said he was quite innocent.

**CATTLE IMPORTATION INTO AUSTRALIA**

**To be Prohibited from Great Britain and Ireland.**

The Australian High Commissioner is asked by the Commonwealth Government to warn shippers that it is proposed to issue a Proclamation under the Quarantine Act prohibiting the importation into Australia of cattle, sheep, swine, and goats from Great Britain and Ireland.

**MR LLOYD GEORGE INDISPOSED.**

Owing to a slight indisposition Mr Lloyd George was unable to leave for Orleioth this morning. His illness is not serious.

**SPORTING.**

**LINGFIELD MEETING ABANDONED.**

Snow continued to fall at Lingfield during the night, and the course being covered to some depth the Executive decided to abandon the meeting.

**RUGBY FOOTBALL**