

BRITISH PREMIER'S SPEECH.

The speech of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at York on Saturday covered a variety of topics, domestic and international, and may be regarded as a review of the work of the Government during the few months that it has been in office. Certain it is that in that period there has been no social or political upheaval, such as those of a pessimistic turn seemed to have anticipated. The new Government quickly devoted itself to the consideration of the affairs of State and Mr. MacDonald has undoubtedly proved his ability and worth, and perseverance—a fact which all sections of the House have not been slow to recognise. Mr. MacDonald appears well satisfied with the results that he and his Government have accomplished. So much so that he does not see why there should be a general election for two or three years to come. It is true that the British people do not want a general election in the immediate future, and are content to give the Labour Government full opportunity for the development of its official programme. But everyone knows the devious and uncertain ways of political life. The present Government is in reality a minority in the House, and, therefore, it remains to be seen how long the present conditions of unstable equilibrium are likely to last. As to this, the political prophets look on a general election as a much nearer possibility than two or three years hence. At all events, whenever it should come, Mr. MacDonald is naturally proud of his stewardship, as he may well be. He shows that his Government has been admittedly successful in respect of Foreign Affairs. Russia has been recognised, and the outcome of the Conference now sitting in London will, it is hoped, be fraught with mutual advantage to the two countries, and Mr. MacDonald is undoubtedly entitled to every credit for his efforts in that direction. As for Germany, he maintains that by letting her join the League of Nations the organisation would be completed on which he hopes to found the future peace of Europe. If, as believed to-day, the conflict of views between France and Germany is materially abating, we owe that result largely to Mr. MacDonald's wise Statesmanship and foresight. So far as domestic subjects are concerned, the ever present problem of housing occupied the Premier's chief attention in his speech. He freely paid tribute to the sincerity of previous Governments in endeavouring to solve this very acute problem, and he has high hopes that success will attend the efforts of the Labour Administration "to produce houses that it would be a pleasure to people to live in." To that end all parties interested, employers and employees, must lend a helping hand, as the Premier so fairly and candidly pointed out in his reference to the subject.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Dublin Spring Show.

CITY DROWNING FATALITY.

A middle-aged man named James O'Brien, of Pennywell, accidentally fell into the Abbey river at Look Quay, on Sunday night, and was drowned. It appears that as he was going down the slip he fell and toppled into the water, and before help was forthcoming he disappeared. The deceased was a married man, and yesterday the body was recovered a short distance from the scene of the occurrence.

The Inquest.

An inquest was held in Barrington's Hospital last night, by Mr J S McNeice, into the circumstances touching the death of the deceased.

Evidence of identification was given by Mary O'Brien, widow, who stated she last saw her husband alive at 3.15 p.m. on Sunday, when he was in good health.

John Griffin deposed to being at Assembly Mall on Sunday night at 10 o'clock, when he saw a man in the river. He attempted to reach him but failed, and with the aid of another man named Christopher Elliot an effort was made to rescue him by means of a boat, and a rope which was thrown to him. The tide being running at the time the man disappeared, and it being dark the search for him was abandoned.

Similar evidence was given by Christopher Elliot, and testimony as to the finding of the body was given by Patrick McInerney.

Dr W P Dandon, House Surgeon Barrington's Hospital, attributed death to drowning, and the jury returned a verdict of accidental death by drowning.

CHILD'S BODY RECOVERED FROM SHANNON.

The dead body of a female child was taken from the Shannon opposite Custom House Quay on Sunday evening by a man who was fishing at the place. It was removed to the morgue of Barrington's Hospital, and an inquest was held subsequently by Mr J. S. McNeice, City Coroner, and a jury. No evidence was forthcoming as to the identity of the child, and a verdict was returned that death had taken place naturally before the body was placed in the water, this being the medical testimony.

THE LATE DR. C. H. BLOOD.

In our issue of Saturday the following names of those present at the funeral of the late Dr. C. H. Blood were inadvertently omitted:—Lord and Lady Inchiquin, Mr R Studdert, Claragne, Co Clare; Mr George Studdert, Captain Delmege, Mr Charles Russell, Mr Geoffrey Russell, Dr Ryan, etc.

Wreaths were sent by the following:—"From his Wife"; "From FitzGerald, Gladys, and Bindon Blood"; "From Joe, Lila, and Barbara"; "From Phebe and Aggie"; "From Mrs Leader, Jack, Violet, and Mrs Delmege"; "From Inez and Cecil"; "From Mr and Mrs Westropp, Kilmurry Rectory"; "From Ian"; "From May and Dick Burke"; "From Espine and Mrs Ward"; "From Mrs MacDonnell and Mrs Russell"; "From Julia Leahy"; "From Mr and Mrs Owens and Mrs Friel"; "From all at Shannon View"; "From Mrs Bailey and Miss Bowes"; "From Mrs Gerald Goodbody."

THE LATE MRS HANNA.

The remains of the late Mrs Hanna, widow of Mr Robert Hanna, 121 O'Connell street, Limerick, whose demise at the ripe age of 79 years we recorded in our last issue, were removed from her residence at Greytones on Sunday evening, and conveyed by motor hearse to Limerick. They rested over-night in the Wesley Chapel, O'Connell street, of whose congregation the deceased lady was for a long span of years a member, up to the time of her leaving Limerick with the family some time ago. The service was held in the church at nine o'clock yesterday morning, and the Rev C H Crookshank in his address paid a touching tribute to the deceased lady, referring to the affectionate regard in which she was held by numerous friends, and the fact that her demise snapped a link between the present and a generation gradually passing from us.

The interment was in the family burial place at St Munchin's, where the committal service was read by Mr Crookshank. Canon Robertson also took part in the service.

The chief mourners were:—W A Dunlop (brother); Robert A Hanna, Wesley F Hanna, Victor E Hanna, F Asbury Hanna (sons); B Morley Nelson (nephew); Walter N Metcalfe, J J Smith (A'uncle).

Wreaths were sent by—The daughters of the deceased; Bertie and Grace; Victor, Elizabeth, and Vivienne and Derrick; Wesley, Irene, and Merle; Asbury, Haddis, Rob, Fred, Alon, and Merril; Kathleen and Fred; Pat, Peter, and Mcceran; Morley and Amy.

NORTHERN BOATING DISASTER.

Four Persons Drowned.

Four persons lost their lives in a boating disaster which occurred last evening in Lough Beg, a small lake on the Lower Bann, about two miles from the northern end of Lough Neagh.

The victims are;—Mrs Kate O'Donnell, of 117 Cyprus street, Belfast; her daughter Mary O'Donnell; a child named Frank Quigley, aged 3½ years, and an unknown man from Belfast.

Three others were rescued. The party were on their way to Church Island, which is in the centre of Lough Beg.

They had a sail erected, and were in the act of changing places, when the boat capsized.

THE LYRIC.

"Trial by Jury."

The Crescent Operatic Society, under the auspices of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Society, presented "Trial by Jury" at the Lyric Hall last night with two performances. It is now many years since this fascinating work of Gilbert and Sullivan was produced in the city, and on this occasion no exaggerated opinion is expressed when we say that a more faithful reproduction it would be impossible to conceive. From every view point the play received able and convincing treatment, both from principals, chorus and orchestra. The situations, in which "Trial by Jury" abound, are clever and skilful, and were delightfully brought out. They were clothed in a fresh and crisp garb, which made them decidedly engaging, and those who had not already seen the opera saw a specimen of the incomparable collaborators' repertory that time has only helped to brighten. The principals gave a very pleasant interpretation of the roles entrusted to them. The solos were expressively rendered, and the dramatic side was admirably sustained. The choral music was a very helpful factor in the ensemble, while the orchestra was finished and tuneful. The scenic effects left nothing to be desired, and on the whole the opera was produced with great fidelity and attractiveness.

It was preceded by the humorous sketch, "The Fair Equestrienne," and will be produced twice nightly during the week.

THE ATHENÆUM.

At the Athenæum Picture Hall last night large audiences enjoyed the bill of fare provided by the management. The film "Trooper O'Neil," featuring Charles Jones, was the principal attraction, and was a decidedly interesting and powerful romance. It portrayed a well knit and highly drawn presentation of the North West Mounted Police, whose exploits were recounted in dramatic detail. The picture, which is richly coloured with thrilling scenic incidents, will be continued to-night and to-morrow, and those in quest of a really stirring affair should not fail paying a visit to the Athenæum on these nights.

THE GAITY.

The principal attraction at the Gaiety Theatre last night was the film "Monna Vanna," a highly romantic affair, and one that has occupied an outstanding position in the cinema world. "Monna Vanna" has certainly justified the tributes paid to it, and featuring as it does Ethel Clayton in a characteristic role, the essentials of a magnificent story are told with a charm and skill that are decidedly novel. The film, which is rich in dramatic effect and power, will be on exhibition during the whole of this week, and should not be overlooked by those who desire a marvellously well-conceived theme, and one that has held the attention of cinema goers for a considerable time.

GRAND CENTRAL.

The Easter week attraction at the Central is the presentation of Grand Opera produced under the auspices of the Furness Williams Opera Company. Last evening's strong casts presented the old and ever green favourites "Maritana" at three o'clock, and at night "Il Trovatore" was under tribute. Both operas were very faithfully interpreted, the music being rendered with fine effect and the situations were powerfully drawn. There were large audiences present on both occasions, and a feature of the presentations was the chorus numbers, which were full and well balanced. Various popular operas, as advertised in our Saturday issue, will be produced during the week.

HOCKEY.

During the week-end Railway Union, Dublin, visited Limerick, and kept three engagements with local teams. In none of the encounters were the visitors pressed to any great extent, and won easily. Yesterday at Farranstone they engaged P.Y.M.A., and a hard match resulted thus: Railway Union 5 goals

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