

League of Nations at its assembly in September next, and if, as is usual, safeguards are devised under a name, then it is hoped that something will have been done to cut out the European tangle. Its necessity and final adjustment would be to Europe, and the atmosphere in which prevailed at the Chequers, to say the least, an encouragement to important developments towards peace at last in sight.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

### Registrar-General's Report.

Births and deaths registered in the Dublin Registration Area and in the eleven principal urban areas of Saorstát Éireann, with rates per 1,000 of the population respectively, which, for the purposes of these estimates at 870,256, are given in the Registrar-General's report for the week ending 17th inst. The births are registered at 26.6 in the Dublin Registration Area, 35.4; Limerick, 46.0; Waterford, 48.0; and the deaths from all causes appear to be equal to the following annual rates per 1,000 of the population:—Twelve Town Districts, 13.5; Dublin Registration Area, 13.1; Dublin City, 13.2 and 12.9; Limerick, 16.2 and 17.4; Waterford, 5.7 and 10.0. The deaths from principal epidemic diseases registered in the town districts during last week were at an annual rate of 0.5 per 1,000.

### LORD INCHQUIN.

Lord Inchquin, fifteenth holder of this old title, and a direct descendant of Parlock, died at his residence, Dunster, celebrated his sixtieth birthday on the 17th inst. He was formerly in the R.F.I.C. and is still in the Reserve of Officers. He married his father in 1910, and in the same year was elected an Irish representative on the Board of Trade. His marriage with the elder daughter of Mr. Johnson Foster, of Moor Park, Ludlow, resulted in four sons and three daughters. His eldest son, Donough O'Brien, held a commission in the Royal Artillery and served through the war, and was wounded. In 1921 he married the daughter of The Viscountess Thesiger, second daughter of Viscountess Thesiger.

### LATE DR R. B. LEADER.

The funeral of Dr Leader from his residence, 10, Upper Mount Street, to the ancestral family burial place at

because there were threatening letters and notices of every description circulated in Clare every day of the week. There were people who fattened on that kind of conduct. Usually they were not able to write their names or spell properly, and invariably they wrote in the name of the Republicans.

It was high time that such despicable conduct should be brought to an end, and, if the State thought that they could convince a jury that the accused in this case wrote a threatening letter, it would be well worth the expense of bringing a handwriting expert to give evidence.

## GRAND CENTRAL.

At the Grand Central last night the management presented the bright and fascinating musical comedy production entitled "April Showers." There were large audiences at both houses, especially at the second performance, and the comedy, which embraces ten episodes, is one of those captivating Osborne productions which have such a vogue at the present time. The ravens was admirably staged, and the music tuneful and melodious, while the situations, which are diverting and novel, were a feature of the production. Mrs. Eve Lawrence portrayed the name part very gracefully, while Mr. Bert Rogers upheld the rather exacting rôle of "Captain Jack Marsden" with skill and resource. Mr. Barry Barnes fitted the part of "Snooker," a many-sided rôle, the characters of "Mary Rose" and "Miss Haston" being capably represented by Miss Reva Dawson and Miss Marie Bennett. The premier danseuse, Mlle. Lella D'Elora was a clever and entertaining part of the presentation, while Madam Richardson's "Seven Dandy Lasses" supplied some very taking vocal numbers.

"April Showers" will be on during the week, and such a highly entertaining production should attract crowded houses.

### DEATH OF REV. FR. CLIFFORD, P.P.

We regret to record the death of the Rev. E. Clifford, late parish priest of Monagea, Co. Limerick, which took place on Saturday at Castledrogh, Charleville. The venerable gentleman, who had attained the ripe age of 86 years, retired from the Ministry a few years ago. He was very highly respected by all classes and orders.

### NEW ORDER FOR HEAVY MOTOR CARS.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health has made an order under the Motor Car Acts prescribing that every heavy motor car used on any highway shall be fixed with a reflecting mirror so constructed and fixed and of such a character as will enable the person driving such heavy motor car to perceive the approach of any vehicle proceeding in the same direction and overtaking such heavy motor car.

The order will come into operation on July 14th, 1924.

A "heavy motor car" means a car whose unladen weight exceeds two tons but does not exceed seven and one-quarter tons.

### CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD

The 13th examination of the Central Midwives' Board, Saorstát Éireann, was held simultaneously in Dublin and Cork on the 17th and 18th June. Sixty-one candidates entered in Dublin and 18 in Cork. Of the 79 candidates one did not attend, 19 failed, and 59 passed satisfactorily. The

he was in the place the day previous thing was in order. The last notice character posted up was three weeks burning, and subsequent to that a notice able to the distribution of the land the locality.

Mr O'Sullivan raised a preliminary the applicant was not owner of the Mr Blood-Smyth—Did you, Mr a letter from the intending purchaser not going on with the sale?—Yes.

When?—A couple of days before Mr O'Sullivan—Have you got have a copy of it.

Mr O'Sullivan—I demand the original the kernel of the case.

His Honor postponed the case production of the letter.

The Earl of Dunraven claimed Clement-Talbot motor car taken by the 11th May, 1922.

Capt Whitehead, steward, to Dunraven, claimed in respect to taken on the same occasion.

Mr J Dodd, solicitor, appeared applicants.

The evidence went to show that on the 11th May, an employe of Lord J knocked up by armed men, taken and forced to open it. They took Clement-Talbot and Crossley cars.

Mr R. McCoy, private secretary to Dunraven, stated that when the car was returned it was practically worthless. £450 insurance had been paid on it.

His Honor awarded £450 in respect to Clement-Talbot, and £73 in respect to car.

Gerald E Goodbody, Woodedown, £20 for the felling of six trees, and of a wall on his lands on the 22nd J.

The same applicant was awarded felling of trees and the breaking of wall on the 1st July, 1922.

Colonel Hulton was allowed £ seizure of a Chevrolet motor car at House on the 15th January, 1922.

On the occasion in question the luncheon with Mr G E Goodbody armed and masked men visited the car away.

The Earl of Dunraven claimed damage to furniture, the cutting shooting of a horse, and the seizure Adare in 1922.

The evidence given was that February, 1922, the R.I.C. barracks after evacuation by the police, irregulars, who demolished the premises driven out by National troops in July.

In June the National troops occupation of the cigarette factory, and dislodged by irregulars. A August a regular battle took place in Both sides attacked heavily, and a fired into the place by the National Those struck the applicant's stable the Protestant church and the hotel damaged. Carpets, curtains, and this building were destroyed, while spanning the River Malgue in the d be dismantled at the instance of t

During the firing a horse was shot and His Honor awarded £1,125 13s 8

### METHODIST CONFERENCE

#### And Licensing Bill

At the Annual Conference of the Church in Ireland, sitting in Cork, resolution was unanimously adopted.