

alarming suddenness, taking completely by surprise people who were at the time engaged in their daily occupations, or spending a few hours relaxation from dull care at some place of amusement. The result was death and destruction to a helpless and panic-stricken community. The storm swept along the southern shore of Lake Erie, which forms part of the boundary between Canada and the United States, and several towns and villages which lay in its track are now reduced to ruins. It is difficult to conceive the terrifying experience of the inhabitants, albeit that the reports which appear in the Press give us in cold print a vivid idea of a picture of desolation and chaos, in which men, women, and children were the victims. The towns which suffered the greatest damage were Sandusky, the Lake Erie Post, and Lorain, with a population of some three thousand people. These two places have been wiped out, the material damage alone being estimated at between three and four millions sterling. Worse still is the loss of life, which is believed to be heavy. Perhaps the saddest episode in this tale of woe was the wreck of the State Theatre at Lorain. It was crowded at a matinee performance, when, without a moment's warning, the place collapsed before the fury of the storm. Heartrending scenes followed, and all through the afternoon and night the cries of injured women and children were pitiful. In short, one thousand buildings in Lorain alone were unroofed and destroyed, and seven thousand people have, it is estimated, been rendered homeless by the tornado. It recalls the Japanese disaster, and others of a like character in recent years, and leaves still unexplained those awful visitations of Nature, which from time to time suddenly sweep over peaceful and smiling lands, and bring death and havoc in their train.

THE LATE REV DENIS R. SHANAHAN.

The obsequies for the late Rev Denis R. Shanahan, formerly Parish Priest of St Mary's, took place yesterday morning. At eleven o'clock, solemn High Mass was celebrated for the soul of the deceased clergyman in St John's Cathedral. The Bishop (Most Rev Dr Keane) presided at the Mass which was celebrated by the Rev Fr Connolly, Adm, St John's; deacon, Rev Fr Rice, C.C, St John's; sub-deacon, Rev Fr Rea, C.C, Patrickswell; and master of ceremonies, Rev Fr Maonamara, C.C, St John's. There was a large number of the clergy in the choir, and after the solemn Service the funeral took place for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The clergy in the choir included—Right Rev Monsignor O'Donnell, P.P, V.G; Canon Begley, P.P; Canon Kirby, P.P; Canon Griffin, P.P; Canon Fitzgerald, P.P; Canon Russell, P.P; Canon Lee, P.P; Rev Fr Hogan, President St Munchin's College; Rev Fr M Murphy, P.P; Rev Fr O'Connor, P.P; Rev Fr Graham, P.P; Rev Fr Fitzgerald, P.P; Rev Fr O'Carroll, P.P; Rev Fr McCarthy, P.P; Rev Fr Dwayne, Adm; Rev Fr Sampson, C.S.S.R; Rev Fr McDonnell, C.S.S.R; Rev Fr Bonaventure, O.F.M; Rev Fr Anslem, O.F.M; Rev Fr Leonard, O.F.M; Rev Fr Matthew, O.F.M; Rev Fr Redmond, O.S.A; Rev Fr Quigley, O.P; Rev Fr Kelly, S.J. The chief mourners were—D Shanahan, Jas Thornhill, J Bennett (nephews); Gerard, Timothy, and Jas Shanahan (grand nephews); Mrs A Shanahan, Mrs Thornhill, Mrs D Shanahan and Mrs J Bennett (nieces); Mrs J F Shanahan (sister-in-law). The Bishop officiated at the grave.

OIL, COLOUR, AND IMPLEMENT TRADE.

order to preside over the Boundary Commission, if, after consideration by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, one is set up, had a long interview with Mr J H Thomas, the Colonial Secretary, at the Colonial Office to-day. He will spend the next few weeks in getting himself acquainted with the facts of the Irish situation. The Judicial Committee, it is expected, will meet in the middle of July. Mr Justice Feetham left for Ireland to-night.

OBITUARY. MR M. J. PURCELL

The death, which we announce with regret, occurred at his residence, Castleville, Kilmurry, on Sunday night of Mr Matthew J. Purcell after a comparatively brief illness. The deceased gentleman, who was in his seventieth year, was a well known and respected citizen, and a former Justice of the Peace for the county. While he farmed considerably, his attentions were chiefly confined to the breeding of horses. He was a prominent supporter of the Irish turf, and owned such well-known performers as Katurde, Hampton Lad, Monaleen, and Woodstown, to mention but a few. The late Mr Purcell was one of the oldest directors of the Limerick Race Company, and was a frequent exhibitor at cross-Channel and Dublin sales. Only on Saturday last the Arnett Plate at Phoenix Park was won by Flying Phoenix, which he bred, and was sold by him last year. Office and High Mass at 10 o'clock (new time) to-morrow in St John's Cathedral. Funeral takes place immediately afterwards to Mount St Lawrence Cemetery.

MRS MEADE (BULGADEN).

We regret to record the death, which occurred yesterday at St John's Hospital, of Mrs Nancy Meade, of Ballinscala, Bulgaden. Deceased lady, who had been in failing health for some time past, was very highly esteemed in Bulgaden and surrounding districts, where she was very popular, and her premature demise has occasioned deep sorrow and widespread sympathy with her relatives. She was a sister of the Rev Stephen O'Dea, C.C., Pallaskeury, and of Mr James J O'Dea, Crescent Emporium, Limerick. The remains will be removed to St John's Cathedral at six o'clock this evening. Requiem High Mass to-morrow (Wednesday) at 11.30 a.m, new time, and the funeral leaves immediately afterwards for Dromin.

MR GEORGE J. BELSHAW.

Many old friends in Limerick will regret to learn of the death, which took place yesterday at Ifford, of Mr George Joseph Belshaw, eldest son of the late Mr George Belshaw, Mount Vincent Terrace, Limerick. Their sympathy is extended to his relatives in their bereavement.

SINGULAR INCIDENT ON A LINER.

Four young men boarded the liner Megantic in Cobh Harbour on Saturday, and brought one of the passengers to a waiting tender. The ship's captain, when informed, demanded the men's release, and his captors allowed him to return to the liner, which then sailed for New York.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Ministerial Stations.

The final draft of stations of Methodist ministers in Ireland for the ensuing year, approved by the Cork Conference, includes the following:—

- LIMERICK DISTRICT.
C. Henry Crookshank, Chairman of District.
Robert Moore, B.A., Secretary of the District Synod.
Limerick—C. Henry Crookshank.
Roserea—John England.
Birr—William S. Morris.
Cloughjordan and Borrisokane—Robert Moore, B.A.
Adare and Rathkeale—J. Arthur Hynes (Rathkeale), William H. Green, B. Com.
Galway—Percy S Shipway.

GRAND CENTRAL.

"What Cheer."

At the Grand Central last night large houses gave a hearty reception to the musical comedy revue "What Cheer," a diverting medley of song and dance. The revue, which is conceived on novel lines, embraces seven scenes of a picture-que character, and the audiences at both performances greatly enjoyed the treat provided by the management of this popular house. The Scotch comedians, Hayes and Austin, were the pivot of the entertainment; their macraon, the Scotchman and the Yank, was a delightful feature of the

JULY STAKES.
Runnymede (Archibald) ...
Firooze Maha (V Smyth) ...
Santa Savina (J Childs) ...
Also ran—Goldeu Evening, Ph Pide, The Monk, Dandaloo, Ni and Lambs Laugh.
[Winner trained by L B]
Betting—11 to 4 agst Golden Firooze Maha, 8 to 1 Silver Ido 10 to 1 Phalaros and Lams L Runnymede, 100 to 7 others.
BOTTISHAM STAKES
Girondist (McLachlan, jnr) ...
Patagonia (Donoghue) ...
Mandelieu (Weston) ...
Also ran—Tudor King.
Trained by L Wang
Betting—11 to 8 on Patagonia, 3 to 1 Tudor King, 10 to 1 Girondist Won by 4 lengths.
APPRENTICES' PLATE
Radlett (L Cupi) ...
Fiver (Danie) ...
Orangerie (L Jacobs) ...
Also ran—Chiltington, John W Tarantula, Camblo, Moosme
Winner trained by F S
Betting—5 to 2 agst Fiver, 11 to 1 John Wallop, 8 to 1 Kwango

CARLISLE MEETING.

HOLM HILL H'CAP.

King Willow (Taylor) ...
Nuna (Gilchrist) ...
Blandus (Halme) ...
Also ran—Orpine, Rosedew, Foe Mountain, Kilwick, Servas All, N Winner trained by Vag
Betting—3 to 1 Rosedew, 7 to 2 to 1 Blandus, 5 to 1 Nuna, 100 to 1 Won by a short head.

SOLWAY H'CAP.

Sun Cure (R Crisp) ...
Rosso (Beasley) ...
Oxford (Evans) ...
*Dead heat.
Also ran—Irish Elf, Flock, C Combustible, Glass Ball, Hairy and Domodossolo.
[Sun Cure trained by McCorm trained by Kenwick
Betting—3 to 1 agst Boy Mac, 4 to 1 Sun Cure, 6 to 1 Crush, 7 to 1 others.

DECIDER—Rosso (J Beasley) (Smirke). Winner trained by J F Betting—5 to 4 on Sun Cure. Won by a length.

CORBRY CASTLE PLATE

Low Road (Thwaites) ...
Maxim Gun (Dobie) ...
Martanax (Ladson) ...
Also ran—Pricelist, Ptarmigan, E Jos, Templestone, Ifwedo, Cottag Anna and Kolinsky.
[Winner trained by Bew
Betting—9 to 4 agst Low Road, Marten and Kolinsky, 7 to 1 Mart Templestone, 10 to 1 Ptarmigan, 10 to 1 Won by a length.

DENONSHIRE PLATE

Pivotal (J C Storie) ...
J. bbok (owner) ...
Medallion (R Ranton) ...
Also ran—C. Lindale and Blaenor
[Winner trained by J Ren
Betting—5 to 2 agst Colindale ar to 1 Pivotal, 6 to 1 Jabbox, 10 to 1 Won by a short head.

TRIAL SELLING PLATE

Poet's Dream (J Taylor) ...
Willowbed (C J Morris) ...
Billing Arbours (C Wheatley) ...
Also ran—Whitewall, Kildale, G Wild Land, Angelus, Sunskew f.
[Winner trained by Vag
Betting—5 to 4 agst Wild Land, Dream, 4 to 1 Willowbed, 5 to 1 to others.
Won by 3 lengths.

CASTLE PLATE

The Border ...
Rustling Belle ...
Kissing Song ...
Seven ran. Betting—Evens The

LIMERICK JUNCTION MEETING.

SELLING PLATE.

Irish Delight (T Burns) ...
Homeland (Meany) ...
Castle Dodd (M Keogh) ...
Also ran—Sable Lady.
[Winner trained by Parkins
Betting—3 to 1 on Irish Delight, Homeland, 10 to 8 others.
Won in a canter.

SPRINTERS PLATE.

Billie Sharp (T Burns) ...
Poor Princess (Moylan) ...
Royal Green (E Foley) ...
Also ran—Batling Man