

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

In consequence of the earlier departure of the evening trains from Limerick, and the curtailment of the hour for posting to the General Post Office, it has been found necessary to issue the editions of the *Chronicle* at an earlier hour than hitherto. Advertisers will, therefore, please note that the latest hour at which advertisements can be received at this office on issue days is 3.30 p.m. Publication of any notices received after that hour cannot be guaranteed on that evening.

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UNEMPLOYMENT QUESTION.

Unemployment in the Irish Free State continues acute, all the more so in these winter months, with harsh, inclement weather, and all the privations and suffering that follow in its train. The problem is undoubtedly a serious one, seeing that the number of unemployed in the State is stated to be something like 90,000, and we can readily understand what that means. Remedial measures are absolutely necessary for the relief of distress, and in the Dail on Thursday the Government introduced certain provisions which on the whole were favourably received by the House. First of all, there is to be allocated a supplementary estimate of £250,000, of which, as Mr. Blythe, Minister of Finance explained, by far the largest sum is to be spent by the Land Commission on land improvement in districts that have felt most severely the effects of the bad harvest and the shortage of fuel. Next, there is to be a new Unemployment Insurance Bill, which, as Mr. McGilligan pointed out, proposes to provide additional funds for the benefit of unemployed persons during the "fourth benefit year." This will terminate on the 25th of March next, and claims have been received from 46,341 persons, of whom it is estimated 41,000 would be entitled to relief for a varying number of weeks. The gravity of unemployment is evidenced by the fact that in normal times the rate was 7 per cent. of the insurable population, while to-day it is between eighteen and twenty, a fact which indicates a very depressing state of things from a trade and an industrial point of view. Ex-National Army men, who hitherto were not entitled to unemployment insurance, are now to be brought into benefit, and it is calculated that of the 30,000 demobilised men, 11,000 will be eligible for relief. It was explained by the Minister that the proposals under the Bill would involve borrowing to the extent of a quarter of a million. It was urged by one of the speakers that special benefits should be extended to agricultural workers, and the trite observation was added that the dole will not settle the unemployment problem. Undoubtedly reproductive work is the right

THE LATE HON. MARY SPRING RICE,

The Funeral.

The funeral of the late Hon. Mary Ellen Spring Rice took place yesterday at one o'clock from Mount Trenchard for the family burial place at Lcughtill. It was a striking demonstration of respect and sympathy. Farmers representing Co-operative Societies all over the county, members of the Gaelic League, and several Protestant and Catholic clergymen were present, as well as the residents of every class in Foynes and district, where, as elsewhere, the deceased was beloved for her charming disposition, and her life's work for the people's welfare. The main portion of the burial service was held at Mount Trenchard by the Rev. Treasurer Abbot, Rector of Akeston, who also read the committal services at the graveside.

The remains arrived at Foynes from North Wales via Dublin on Thursday night, and were carried to Mount Trenchard by former members of the I.R.A. and members of the Transport Workers' Union, who also lined the roadside at the funeral yesterday.

The chief mourners were—Lord Monteagle, father, and the Hon. Thomas Spring Rice, brother of the deceased lady.

It would be impossible to give a list of the general attendance, but amongst the immediate relatives or friends of the family present were—Miss V. D. Knox (cousin), Mrs. Vere O'Brien, senior; Mr. Hugh Vere O'Brien, Mrs. Vere O'Brien, Mr. Aubrey Vere O'Brien, Mr. Donogh R. O'Brien, Miss Nellie O'Brien, Dr. Dorothy Stopford, Captain J. J. White, Nantunan; Mr. H. Hunt, Inchirourke; Mr. R. Copley Langford, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. John Little, Mr. E. Stevenson, Irish Co-operative Wholesale Society; Mr. O'Donovan, do.

The wreaths were very numerous. The village of Foynes was in mourning, all places of business and private houses being closed during the funeral.

Condolence from the Corporation.

At the meeting of the Borough Council on Thursday night,

Mr. P. A. O'Brien said they had all read with deep regret during the past few days of the lamented death of the Hon. Mary Spring Rice, which occurred in Water. The late regretted lady had been in failing health for some time, and about a year or so ago a letter was received from her from a sanatorium in Switzerland. Nevertheless, her death came on all who knew the deceased lady as a shock, and was heard of universally, and especially in the County of Limerick, with the deepest sorrow. He begged to propose the following resolution, regretting that the occasion for it had arisen:—"That we hereby offer to Right Hon. Lord Monteagle the expression of our sincere regret at the demise of his only daughter, Miss Mary Spring Rice. This lady, whose name recalls ancestors honoured in the annals of Limerick, was remarkable for her unostentatious zeal for the well-being of the people among whom she lived, and to whom her kindly and gentle demeanour so greatly endeared her. She was equally remarkable for her whole-hearted devotion to the cause of the Gaelic League and the promotion of the Irish language. That this expression of our sympathy be conveyed to Lord Monteagle." He thought the resolution expressed the feelings of the members of the Corporation.

Mrs. O'Donovan said that as one who had the privilege of being associated in some humble way with the work of Miss Spring Rice, she begged to second the vote of sympathy and regret. It was hardly necessary to recall to people Miss Spring Rice's very valuable work in the cause of the country and in the cause of humanity. What she had done was still fresh in the minds of the people, both as regards politics and in the language movement, and they remembered vividly the very valued work she accomplished for the benefit of the people among whom she lived. Her death came as a very severe blow just now to Lord Monteagle. It was a great affliction to him to be deprived of the comfort and companionship of his daughter in his declining years. She (Mrs. O'Donovan), while regretting the occasion had arisen for such a resolution, believed it a privilege to be able to say a word of sympathy and regret on such a great loss.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

THE CHURCH.

CITY DISTRICT SESSIONS.

Before Mr J. M. Flood, District Justice, yesterday.

Thomas Buckley, publican, Thomondgate, was prosecuted for a breach of the Licensing Laws on the 27th ult.

The evidence of Sergeant O'Connell was that on the night in question he visited the publican's premises and found three men there, who were resident in the city. The men were playing draughts in the kitchen, and there was a half bottle of stout close to one of them. The bar was closed.

Mr E. D. Hunt, solicitor, appeared for the publican, who stated that two of the men were guests, and the third being on the premises before half-past nine, went into the kitchen when the bar was closed to watch a game of draughts. There was no drink served after the legal hour.

Mr Flood imposed a fine of 10s and costs on the publican.

William Gilligan, pig-buyer, was charged with being in possession of revolver ammunition on the 27th ult.

Sergeant Magee deposed to searching the defendant's house on the date in question, and finding on top of a press in his bedroom five rounds of '38 ammunition and five rounds of '32 revolver ammunition. The explanation he received was that the '38 ammunition was picked up in the street by his youngster, and the other he received from a shoemaker.

Mr J. S. Gaffney, solicitor, said there was no criminal intent, and that every facility was given the sergeant to search the house.

The defendant was bound over in his own security of £5.

Thomas O'Halloran, publican, High Street, was prosecuted for contravening the licensing laws on the 23rd November, when, according to the evidence of Sergeant Magee, at 10.45 p.m. he visited the premises and found three men on the premises.

The defence was that the men were invited guests.

The prosecution was dismissed.

Michael McKnight, publican, Wickham street, was prosecuted for a like offence on the night of the 26th ult at 11 o'clock.

Guard Brady stated that on the night in question he observed light in the licensed premises. He knocked at the door and was kept waiting thirteen minutes. When he entered he found two men resident in the city on the premises.

Mr M. C. Burke, solicitor, appeared for the publican, who was fined £2 and costs.

Mr Flood said if a summons were entered for not opening in time for the Guard he would certainly impose a fine of £1 for that offence.

Elizabeth Bourke, general dealer, was prosecuted for failing to make a proper entry with regard to the purchase of 2 cwt of lead on the 20th November.

Sergeant Magee stated that there was no proper entry of the lead, and when he asked her where it was she replied that she had sold it. She was, however, unable to give an account to whom she sold it.

A nominal fine of 2s was inflicted.

Limerick Compensation Claims.

Before Judge McElligott, K.O., yesterday, in the County Court-house.

Claude Boucher, Tullamore, was awarded £13 12s 6d for the seizure of motor parts on the 22nd February, 1923, when his Garage was broken into. The same applicant was allowed £35 for the seizure of the body of a motor, at Baggotstown, in July, 1922.

John Hammersley, Pallasgreen, was allowed £12 for the burning of corn and hay, in October, 1922.

Martin Sheehan, Roxborough, was awarded £50 for the shooting of cattle on the 11th July, 1922.

The Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., claimed in respect of the seizure of £150 from the branch office at Doon on the 22nd August, 1922, when between 12 and 1 o'clock on that date a party of armed men raided the premises and held up the staff. They were ordered into the manager's room, and while there the money was taken. The leader of the gang, when leaving, said the money would be restored when Lloyd George returned.

An award of £150 was made.

The same applicants claimed for the seizure of £166 11s 4d from the same branch office on the

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