

required in case of a prosecution. The Bill, in short, proposes drastic changes in the existing British road rules, and it deals with an important subject in which all classes of the community are interested from various view-points.

## COLLAPSE OF MASONRY

### In City Picture Hall.

During a picture performance at the Lyric Hall last evening portion of the wall at the back of the stage collapsed, causing something like a panic amongst the audience, which was mainly composed of children. Fortunately no one was injured, and very wisely the pictures were continued, thus avoiding a stampede. The masonry fell with a crash, and a boy named Walsh, employed as an attendant, had a narrow escape from serious injury. He collapsed from shock, and was taken to Barrington's Hospital, where he was treated.

## CITY DROWNING MYSTERY.

A drowning fatality, the identity of the victim of which has not been established, occurred at Limerick quays on Saturday evening. Sometime about five o'clock a man, wearing a gray suit of clothes and of strong build, walked down one of the streets leading to the river, and when he got to Mount Kennett Quay he jumped into the water. At the time there was a heavy flood and the man was swiftly taken down stream. It is stated that when he was in the river a lifebuoy was thrown to him from a vessel that was lying at the quayside, and that he refused to avail of it with the remark, "It is no use, my time has come." A search was made for the body yesterday and to-day, but so far it has not been recovered.

The search for the body was continued to-day, but was unavailing. It is now likely that it will be some time before it is recovered, owing to the heavy fresh in the river. It was rumoured this evening that the victim was a dock labourer, but this has not been confirmed.

## PRESENTATION TO MR E. A. NEALE.

On Friday evening a meeting of the principal officers of the late G.S. and W.R. Company was held at Kingsbridge for the purpose of presenting Mr E. A. Neale, who recently retired from the position of general manager, with a token of their esteem and regard. Mr G. E. Smyth, the former traffic manager, in making the presentation, referred to the uniformly happy relations which had always existed between Mr Neale, his officers and staff.

Mr Neale, in reply, expressed his appreciation of the mark of affection from his former colleagues, and recalled many happy incidents during his long service with the company.

## ALLEGED BURGLARY.

Two young fellows named James Hanley and Michael Regan were arrested on Sunday night by the Civic Guards on the charge of breaking into the confectionery premises of Mr P. Foley, Catherine-street. Some time after seven o'clock two members of the Garda were on patrol duty in the vicinity of the place, when they noticed a light in the premises. They approached and

following letter :—

Roinn Tionnscoil agus Trachtála,  
(Department of Industry and Commerce),  
Braid Mhuirbhtseal Uacht,  
Baile ata Clíath, 15th December.

A DHUINE UASAIL,—I am directed by the Minister of Industry and Commerce to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 8th instant, and to state, in reply, that the question relative to the allocation and expenditure of Public Grants for Roads, Housing, etc., is one for the Department for Local Government to which a copy of your letter has been forwarded with a request that urgent attention may be given to the matter.

"With regard to the question of Unemployment Benefit, I am to state that payment under the Bill, at present before the Oireachtas, cannot be made until that Bill becomes law. The measure is being put through all the stages with all possible speed, but the exact date on which it will become law cannot be stated. I am to add that no time will be lost in making payment of the benefits that can be paid under the Bill when it passes into law.

"Signed,

"GORDON CAMPBELL, Secretary.

"Secretary, Unemployed Workers  
Council, Bank Place, Limerick."

## ALLEGED STOLEN BICYCLE.

On Saturday night Charles Gilligan, Wolfe Tone-street, was arrested by Detective-sergeant McFaul on a charge of being in possession of a stolen bicycle. The machine had been missing for some time past, and as a result of enquiries it was found in the possession of the accused, who was remanded to the next City District Court.

## DIOCESE OF LIMERICK.

The Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, has made the following appointments—Rev. William Dwane to be P.P., Patrickswell; Rev. W. P. Harty, C.C., St. Michael's; Rev. J. Cooper, D.D., C.C., St. Michael's; Rev. M. Quinn, C.O., Donaghmore; Rev. T. O'Sullivan, C.C., Tournafulla; Rev. J. Ryan, C.O.; Ardpatrick.

## THE VACANCY IN THE SENATE.

Lord Monteagle and Sir Simon Maddock have been nominated for the vacancy in the Senate, caused by the resignation of Colonel Sir Hutchinson Poë. The election, by members of the House will take place after the Christmas recess.

## DEATH OF MR H. S. SAMS.

The death, which we regret to announce, took place this morning at 7 Osmington Terrace, of Mr Henry S. Sams, in his eighty-seventh year, and after an illness of three weeks duration. The deceased was an official of the Army Clothing Factory for nearly half a century, and was a personal friend of the founder of that establishment, the late Sir Peter Tait. Mr Sams was a man of wide culture and travelled extensively. He was a member of the defunct Limerick Field-Club, and took a deep interest in that institution, as well as in antiquarian subjects. He was a very kindly gentleman, respected by all who knew him, and his death in the fullness of years is regretted by his colleagues of the Factory and by many friends. The funeral takes place at 10 o'clock to-morrow for St. Mungahan's.

## CO. AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.