

Arising out of the decision of the Limerick Borough Council to invite Mr P McGilligan, Minister for Industry and Commerce of An Saorstát; to interview the Corporation in reference to the Shannon Power Scheme, Mr W. M Nolan, Town Clerk, has received the following communication from Mr McGilligan's Secretary:—

"A CHABA—I am desired by Mr McGilligan to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo.

"In reply, Mr McGilligan desires me to express his regret at not writing you sooner, and to state in explanation that he had hoped to have the contract with Messrs Siemens Schuckert signed some days ago, and that he might then have been in a position to visit Limerick. Unfortunately Mr McGilligan's hopes did not materialise, and he now fears that his other business engagements will prevent any visit to Limerick in the near future.

"Mr McGilligan trusts that your Council will realise the importance of getting the contract with Messrs Siemens Schuckert signed as soon as possible, and that any delay, even for the very real pleasure of meeting your Mayor and Council, would be undesirable."

DEATH OF MISS A. C. CROKER, O.B.E.

We regret to record the death of Miss Alice Georgina Croker, O.B.E., daughter of the late Captain Edward Croker, 17th Lancers, and Lady Georgina Croker, of Ballynagarde, Co Limerick, which took place at 4 St Mary's Road, Dublin, at an advanced age.

Miss Croker, who was educated privately, was a lady of much talent. She was Secretary of the Royal Irish Association for the Employment and Training of Women from 1886 until 1903, and Secretary under the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction of the Irish Training School of Domestic Economy from 1903 until 1910.

Miss Croker was Honorary Treasurer to the Dublin Committee of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers' Prisoners of War Fund, 1914-1919. In the many phases of women's activities on behalf of the soldiers and sailors during the war she was a notable figure in Dublin. Working with other noble women in the cause of humanity, she spared no effort in attending to the comfort and wants of soldiers and sailors, and in alleviating the sufferings of the sick and wounded. For her efforts the Order of the British Empire was conferred upon her by His Majesty the King.

The funeral, which took place yesterday, was private.

GAIETY THEATRE.

William Farnum, in "The Man Who Fights Alone," was screened to large audiences at the Gaiety last night. Farnum will be remembered by all picturegoers, and in this picture he plays an entirely new role, that of a husband who meets with a serious accident which compels him to carry on his calling of a Civil Engineer in a bath chair, but worry and the cares of his family play havoc with his health, and he is put to the greatest test of all, "fighting alone" for home, health and happiness.

Baby Peggy in "Stepping Some" is entertaining, Hodge-Podge and Paths complete a first class programme, which will be shown again to-night and on Wednesday.

Thursday next Fay Compton and Nigel Barrie will be seen in "Claude Duval." This picture is one of the most popular romantic dramas ever seen on the screen, and one that is full of genuine interest besides being well portrayed.

LINERS AT COBH.

Cobh, Saturday.—The North German Lloyd steamer "Stuttgart," with mail and passengers from Bremen, via Southampton, arrived here at 6.30 p.m. Having embarked passengers and despatches, she proceeded to New York at 9.20 p.m. All well.

Cobh, Saturday.—The Hamburg-American Line steamship "Thuringia" arrived here this evening, and having landed a number of passengers proceeded for Hamburg. All well.

The following were amongst the passengers on the "Thuringia" from New York:—Honorable Victor L Berger, M.C. of Milwaukee, Socialist member of Congress, and recognized leader of the Socialist party of America; another prominent legislator was Thomas Duncan, Socialist member of the Wisconsin State Legislature, and Secretary to the Mayor of Milwaukee; also Rev H P Smyth, Editor of the "Chicago Citizen," and prominent in religious circles; John J Keating, Deputy Comptroller, New York City; Richard Carr-wonky, eminent violinist, composer, and conductor; Frank V Eckelmann Golm, Consul General to Panama; Alfred Homberger, President of the Armitage Varnish Company, with his son, Alfred, jr.; together with a large number of other prominent men.

Cobh, Sunday.—The Hamburg-American Line steamship "Westphalia" arrived here this morning, and having embarked a number of cabin and third class passengers and Canadian mails, left for Halifax and New York. All well.

COLISEUM.

Bowyer-Westwood Opera Company.

This fine company, which has drawn large and highly appreciative audiences during the past week, opened a second week's engagement at the Coliseum last evening with the production of Balfe's beautiful opera "Rose of Castille." It was received with undoubted favour by a big house, who heartily applauded the principal, and there were several encores. The choruses were full and very tuneful, and, as usual, the orchestral music was played with fine effect.

There is again a rare feast of opera in store for the music-loving public this week, and a big measure of support should continue to be accorded the company who have established themselves as prime favourites with the local public.

This evening "Maritana" will be produced; Wednesday "Daughter of the Regiment," Thursday "Carmen"; Friday, "La Traviata"; Saturday matinee (3.30), "Il Trovatore"; Saturday evening, "Bohemian Girl."

INFORMATIONS REFUSED

Information was refused at Kilkee, last Friday against two brothers named Fitzpatrick, of Querin, West Clare, on a charge under the Treason Bill of having seditious documents in their out-house.

POLICE RAIDS IN CORK.

Many Houses Searched.

Detectives attached to the Civic Guard in Cork, under Superintendents Mansfield and Carbery, carried out a number of raids in Cork on warrants issued under the Treason Act during the past week. As many as twelve houses were raided in one night.

It is stated that treasonable documents were found in one case and firearms in another.