

OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

ndents sending in letters or reports for Saturday's "Chronicle," and these are requested to let us have them where at all possible. Otherwise Saturday's issue cannot, owing to space, be guaranteed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

ers will kindly send in all substitutes advertisements on Friday mornings. I guarantee to insert in Saturday's issue any advertisement received after 2 p.m. on that day.

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WEATHER AND SHOPPING.

Weather is not uncommon in December. It is at present, and has been for some past, depressing it may be to some extent, in the absence of bright sun, but it is still preferable to the rainy weather which we have by far too much of on the islands. People are naturally looking on the weather prospects for the holidays, now but eleven days away. Will it be a green Yuletide, with frost or snow, as depicted on the Christmas card? It is more likely to be the former, as has been the case now for many years past; but if the weather holds dry and fine, there will be time for grumbling, and a welcome opportunity for healthful exercise spent with pleasure. As it is, the weather is favourable for the holidays, which has already begun to show itself. With characteristic skill our leading city houses are decorated in seasonable garb, beautified with displays of the most up-to-date and useful goods. No wonder that the thronging gaze on these windows, day and evening, and the little ones, are fascinated by the fairyland of business should become brisk from now on, and it is noticeable that people are buying this year earlier than usual. It is a wise procedure not to buy in your stocks till a day or two before Christmas. It is far more really, for the housewife, to say of the business community, that it should come in early, as unnecessary inconvenience will thus be avoided. In London the Christmas spirit is on in a striking manner this year, and it is the influx of people to the special facilities for shoppers are induced by additional buses, and the services on the underground cannot, of course, forget that the sentiment is rife in this country as well as in the Channel, but let us hope that the trade will prove bright and brisk, and in accordance with the traditions of the present-giving is our uppermost wish. Let us hope, at the same time, to regard for the requirements of those who, at this glad season, need special attention and sympathy.

GENERAL COMMENT.

General's Report.
Deaths and Deaths recorded for the registration Area and for the eleven provincial urban areas of Saorstát Éireann, with the annual rates per 1,000 of population, which, according to the Registrar-General's (Preliminary Report) is given in Table I. of the Registrar-General's Report for week ending

DEATH OF REV. A. H. STANISTREET.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred suddenly on Friday last, of the Rev. Arthur Handel Stanistreet, Precentor and Canon of Killaloe Cathedral. The sad event, which took place at the Rectory, Killaloe, has been heard of with sorrow not only in the diocese, but in Limerick, where he had many friends. A most kindly and courteous gentleman, he was held in the highest regard and esteem by all classes and creeds in the Diocese of Killaloe, where the entire of his ministerial career was spent. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and at Oxford. Ordained in 1887 he was admitted to the United Diocese in that year, and was incumbent of Lorrha from 1894 until 1897. He was many years Rector of Killaloe, whence he was later on appointed to Newmarket-on-Fergus, and a few years ago returned to Killaloe. He was Domestic Chaplain and Private Secretary to Bishop Chester and Bishop Wynne from 1887 to 1896, and from 1916 until 1919 he was temporary Chaplain to the Forces. He was appointed Precentor, Sub-Dean, and Canon of Killaloe in 1897, and Rural Dean of Upper O'Malloy in 1909. He was elected to various Diocesan offices. A talented musician, his services were freely given to the Diocese, especially in the training of the choirs at the annual Choral Festivals, in which he took a leading and devoted part for many years past. The sympathy of numerous friends is extended to Canon Stanistreet's family in their bereavement, which causes a void that will long be felt in the ranks of the clergy of the diocese of Killaloe. The funeral was private.

THE FREE STATE ELECTION.

May be He'd in June.
The probable date of the dissolution of the Dáil is a secret that is being jealously guarded, but the fear of the Government's political opponents that an inconveniently early election might be sprung on them seems lately to have abated, if it has not entirely disappeared. I have the best authority for stating, says the political correspondent of the "Irish Times," that the dissolution will not, in any circumstances, take place before Easter. In well-informed quarters it is believed that the election will take place at the end of June or the beginning of July.

ARMED ROBBERY.

£850 Taken from Bank Manager
The manager of the Munster and Leinster Bank at New Ross, Co. Wexford, was yesterday held up by three masked armed men, who made off with £850. The manager was proceeding to a branch office some eight miles away at the time of the affair. A thorough search of the surrounding districts is being made by the Civic Guards.

COUNTY GROUNDS SOLD.

The County Limerick Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club has disposed of the major portion of the County Grounds, on the Ennis Road, to Mr Joseph Kennedy, building contractor, whose intention, it is stated, is to build on the site. The Trustees of the Club have reserved the tennis ground, the land sold running from that point to the corner of the Workhouse Cross, and as far as the residence of the Medical Officer of the City Home and Hospital.

GREASY FOOTPATHS.

The greasy condition of the flagways and footpaths in or near the city is experienced by pedestrians much to their discomfort, if not risk of slipping. A further application of the brush by the Corporation cleansing staff would therefore be welcomed.

PROPOSED NEW BUS SERVICE.

It is learned that application will soon be made to the Corporation by the promoters for leave to run a new bus service in the city. At the moment it is questionable if the licensing authority will accede to the application, as they may consider that one company engaged in an omnibus service is sufficient.

DOCKER'S TRAGIC DEATH.

Inquest and Verdict.

The inquest on the body of Christopher Gleeson, dock labourer, aged 24 years, and married, of Watergate, was resumed in the Boardroom, Barrington's Hospital, last evening by the Deputy Coroner, Dr T. Foley, and a jury.

Sergeant Power conducted the enquiry; Mr J. S. Gaffney, solr., represented the next-of-kin; Mr J. Dodds, solr., for Messrs J. Bannatyne and Sons, the consignees of the grain cargo; Mr J. Dundon, solr., for the owners of the steamer "Portland Maru," and Mr K. Donnelly for the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

The Deputy Coroner stated at the previous sitting evidence of identification was given by the widow, and the medical testimony was given by Dr W. P. Dundon, who stated death was due to fracture of the base of the skull.

Patrick Cahill deposed to being employed as foreman in the discharge of the "Portland Maru," and to engaging the deceased to assist in the vessel's discharge. The deceased commenced work at 11.30 o'clock on last Wednesday morning at No. 2 hatchway. The last time he saw deceased was at half-past twelve, and it was part of his duty to ascertain if there were any of the men on the vessel at 2 o'clock. He went along the vessel, called out the names of the men employed in the work of discharge, and did not get any response from Gleeson. At half-past three he called out deceased's name again, but got no reply. Witness then made enquiries, and learned from a man named Farrell that the deceased left the vessel at 12.45 o'clock to go to his dinner. At 10 o'clock that night Mrs Gleeson, the widow, called at witness's house, and asked about her husband, and he told her to get into communication with another vessel, as it was usual for a docker working a couple of hours on one boat to transfer to another. Witness asked Farrell if he were sure that Gleeson left the vessel at 12.45 on Wednesday, and he replied that he was sure. At 3 o'clock next day, the 9th instant, witness and another man searched the vessel for the deceased, and on lifting the covering off hatch No. 2 he saw the deceased lying flat with the right hand extended and the knee bent. There was blood on the back of the head, and a piece of timber lying between the shoulder and head.

In reply to a juror, the witness stated that it was not unusual for men to work on one boat for a couple of hours and then to leave for another vessel. They might not be seen again for a couple of days, and that being so, he thought deceased might have gone on to the Liverpool boat.

Another Juror—You have no check on the men?—No.

So that a man may be working for you and you may not be aware of it?—I would not, as the vacancy is generally kept for sometime in the hope the man may turn up. Answering Mr Gaffney, the witness said he was employed by the ship's agents, and witness did not suggest that deceased fell through the fore hatch. He fell from the first deck, and when he was discovered the timber "shore" was alongside him, which would indicate that it fell with him. There was no protection from the floor between the decks and the hatchway.

To Mr Dodds—The grain in No. 1 hold was discharged before the vessel came to Limerick, and the men were working at No. 2 hold, and the distance between both was about thirty feet.

By Mr Dundon—The men engaged in discharging grain vessels always had their boots off. Daniel Farrell, dock labourer, in his evidence, stated that deceased worked with him at No. 2 hatch until 12.45 p.m., when they got between the decks to put on their boots before leaving for dinner. Witness left for dinner before deceased, whom he thought followed after him.

Similar evidence was given by Patrick Creamer, another docker, and evidence as to the distance between No. 1 and No. 2 hatches was given by the master of the steamer, Captain Ikuno, as 28 feet.

The jury found that deceased was killed by accidentally falling into the hold of the ship, and were of opinion that precautions should have been taken to protect the open hatchway. They sympathised with the widow and family of the deceased.

DROMCOLLOGHER TRIAL.

THE ARDEE BOG MURDERS.

Labourer on Second Trial.

In the Central Criminal Court yesterday, before Mr Justice O'Byrne, the Ardee bog murders in February, 1924, when an old man and his son, living together in a lonely cabin, were shot by masked raiders, who, it is suggested, carried out the crime for a reward, were recalled, when a young man named Eugene McKeever, of Breslanstown, Ardee, Co. Louth, who was charged with the murder of John Smith, junior, was put on trial for a second time, the jury having disagreed at the first trial in June last.

When the case came up in June, James Myles, a young peasant, who lived about four miles from McKeever, was found guilty of the murder of John Smith, senior, and was sentenced to death. He was subsequently executed in Mountjoy Prison.

The evidence at the trial of McKeever yesterday had not concluded when the Court rose till 10 o'clock this morning.

THIS DAY.

Our Dublin correspondent wires:—
The accused, Eugene McKeever, giving evidence to-day, stated he heard of the murder on the following day. He denied having been at Smith's house on the night of the murder, or of having got money from two people to murder the Smiths.

LICENSING PROSECUTION AT NEWCASTLE WEST.

At Newcastle West District Court, before Mr P. P. O'Donoghue, B.L.
Mrs Mary Lynch, Knockaderry, was prosecuted for a breach of the licensing laws on Sunday, November 7th, and two men named Michael Keating and Jeremiah Hickey were charged with being on the premises. Mr R. Cussen appeared for the defendants.

Guard Sullivan stated, about 8.30 p.m. on the night of the 7th November, he entered the licensed premises of Mrs Lynch by the back door. He saw three men sitting by the fireside with pints in front of them. He questioned the men, got their names and asked them to account for themselves. The first man was Cors. O'Donnell, Ballytrown, and he satisfied witness that he was a bona-fide traveller. Michael Keating, Ballyallinan, admitted he was not a traveller, and Jeremiah Hickey said he thought he was a traveller. Witness asked the publican to account for the men on the premises, and she said they represented themselves as travellers.

Mr Cussen said the extenuating circumstances in the case was that those men were out for a beagle hunt around by Rathfreedagh, and when returning they called into Mrs Lynch's for a drink. That was all.

The District Justice imposed a fine of 10s on the publican, and 10s on each of the men who were not travellers.

NEW YORK IN FIVE DAYS.

46,000-Ton Ships for German Line.
Berlin, Monday.—The Norddeutscher Lloyd Company have decided to place orders for two Transatlantic liners of the Columbus type, having a gross tonnage of 46,000 each. The vessels will be fitted with engines which will enable them to reach New York in six days from Bremerhaven and in five days from the Channel ports.—(Reuter.)

SAFETY IN THE AIR.

Lifebelts for All Machines.
Precautions which should be taken by pilots before leaving the ground are the subject of an official notice issued by the Air Ministry. This draws attention to a paragraph in the Air Navigation Directions, which stipulates that a safety belt must be carried in all flying machines for each person (including the pilot), carried in an open cockpit, and that such equipment must be maintained in working order. The attention of pilots is drawn to the necessity for ascertaining before flight that the belts are properly secured in all cases, and that when a seat is unoccupied the safety belt should be so fastened as to avoid the possibility of fouling the controls.

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