

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents sending in letters or reports for insertion in Saturday's "Chronicle," and these should be brief, are requested to let us have them on Fridays, where at all possible. Otherwise insertion in Saturday's issue cannot, owing to measure of space, be guaranteed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers will kindly send in all substitutes for standing advertisements on Friday mornings. We cannot guarantee to insert in Saturday's issue any advertisement received after 2 p.m. on that day.

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

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THE MISSISSIPPI FLOODS.

In these islands it is difficult to realise the havoc, disaster, and serious loss of life which have been caused by the floods in the Mississippi Valley. The newspapers contain details of a terrible visitation which has aroused the deepest sympathy throughout the world with the thousands who have been rendered homeless, to say nothing of the relatives of those who have perished in the avalanche of raging waters. It was hoped that the dynamiting of the embankment, or "levee" at Poydras, near New Orleans, the Paris of America, would, as the result of the inundation of four hundred miles of farm land south of the city minimise the flow of water from the regions above. But according to the latest reports the floods are still rising, and approaching the lower limits of the great city. And the danger is that a day of heavy rain might give a further irresistible impulse to the floods. As it is, in the States of Arkansas and Mississippi ruin is widespread, wide areas of fertile lands have been submerged, and it is quite evident that a great deal of the damage caused to farmsteads, hamlets, and towns will be absolutely beyond repair. The American nation with characteristic energy, has, however, risen to the occasion. First of all, the Army and Navy are co-operating with the local State authorities in the matter of rescue work, while all the resources of medical science are being applied towards grappling with the danger of disease and epidemics. Again, a huge relief fund of something like two millions sterling is being organised by President Coolidge and Mr. Hoover, and already it is

FATAL SHANNON SCHEME ACCIDENT.

An accident, with an unfortunately fatal result, occurred at the Shannon Scheme works at Annegrove, near Blackwater, on Tuesday night, the victim being John J. Hartnett, aged 20, unmarried, who resided at White Wine Lane, City. He was a fireman employed on one of the engines, and it appears was, at the time of the accident, engaged in coupling the engine to some waggons. In the operation, it is stated, the engine suddenly jerked, and Hartnett was crushed by the buffers, death being practically instantaneous.

The Inquest.

Mr. Patrick Calloo, Coroner for East Clare, held an inquest at Blackwater to-day into the circumstances under which the deceased was killed.

Superintendent Mooney, Killaloe, conducted the enquiry; Mr. J. S. Gaffney, solr., appeared for the next-of-kin; Mr. J. Dodds, solr., for Messrs Siemens Bau-union, and Mr. K. Donnelly represented the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

Dr. Humphreys in his evidence stated that on examining deceased he found that the lungs were ruptured, and the cause of death was internal hemorrhage and cardiac failure.

Evidence of identification having been given by Michael Harnett, White Wine Lane, father of the deceased, John Murphy, brakeman, employed on the scheme, stated he was standing on the footplate of an engine at Annegrove, at 8.10 p.m. on the 3rd instant. His engine was proceeding slowly towards the canal drawing nine bogie waggons, and he saw another engine carrying three bogies. After the points being changed he saw a man get on to the buffers between the two last bogies attached to the other engine. After going twenty or thirty yards he noticed that one of the bogies had left the line, and saw the man jammed between the bogies. The engine immediately stopped, and witness assisted in releasing the deceased, Hartnett, who was then unconscious.

The witness was questioned by Mr. Gaffney to show that if the permanent way had been properly made the bogie would not have gone off it.

Dr. Kleemann, engineer on the scheme, stated he measured, in conjunction with Mr. Buckley, Government Engineer, the rails at the place where the accident occurred, and found them quite correct. The permanent way was in proper order, and it was not true to suggest that the sleepers were displaced where the accident happened.

The jury found that John J. Hartnett met his death by being caught between two waggons while employed on the Shannon power scheme, and that the accident would not have occurred if the rails were in proper condition.

THE GENERAL EL

Dissolution Date Decided On

In the Dail on Tuesday, Mr. Johnson asked if Pres could give any indication as to regarding the dissolution?

President Cosgrave—I position to give any information that of which the House is possession.

Mr. Johnson—That is not President Cosgrave—I this in hands ought not to occupy fortnight.

A City Candidate

With the object of selecting to represent the interests of the Dail, a conference comprised Cumann na nGaedheal and of and mercantile community evening in the Town Hall exchange of views the conference until to-morrow, and in the agreed to approach three of the city and ask them to give of opinion on the matter. Should they consent to go forward a name will be submitted to the Cumann na nGaedheal, which in the Town Hall to-morrow, understood, be the choice of

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

The National League Executive to organise its forces in the the approaching general election this object a meeting is to be Hotel at 8 o'clock on Saturday. It will be addressed by Mr. B.L., who, it is understood, policy of the League.

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Mr. R. G. Cleary, National date, speaking at Loughnava said that the cost of running was a pound for every tick gave. Such a strain on the people be borne much longer. I half the land was under stock of it not stocked at all. I unable to pay rent, rates, or a less expensive Government there would be no place for country.

Cumann-na-nGa Candidate

The following Conventio candidates to stand under the Cumann-na-nGaedheal a ing election have been ratified

Roscommon—Messrs A. Martin Conlon, T.D. & Ser