

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 want 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 STORM'S HAVOC.

The storm of Friday night last, which sprang up with remarkable suddenness, was the worst experienced in these islands for very many years past. This was the case so far as loss of life is concerned. The most tragic of all was the disaster off the Connemara coast, where thirty-nine poor fishermen, residing in hamlets in that region, have lost their lives. These western toilers of the deep always ply a hazardous trade. They go to sea in all weathers, and in frail craft. On Friday night they were taken unawares by the terrific storm, and the majority of them never returned, leaving their dependants, approximately set down at a total of 73, to mourn the irreparable loss of husband, son, or friend. It is an appalling chapter in the annals of the merciless sea, and has evoked the deepest sympathy throughout our land and in other countries as well. Sorrow, inexpressible in mere words, is felt for those brave fellows who have "sunk beneath the wave, fast by their native shore," and next to this is the thought for their stricken families and relatives. It must be some consolation to them to find that not a moment has been lost in taking steps for organising a relief fund to alleviate the distress certain to follow in the train of this disaster. This fund will, we feel assured, have the support of the Free State Government, and that the charitable public throughout the length and breadth of Ireland, and across the Channel and America, will do their part in bringing some relief to the stricken ones, though, needless to say, nothing can adequately console them for the loss of their loved ones. Looking across Channel, the storm, too, has exacted a serious toll of life. Some twenty persons in all perished in various parts of the country, and the most pathetic incident recorded there was the drowning of three persons as the result of the flooding of a hospital in Lancaster by a tidal wave. All round the English western coast sea walls and promenades were smashed by mountainous seas, and, as in Ireland, the velocity of the gale was terrific. On the whole the damage to property, serious and extensive as it was, might have been far worse. It does not compare with the ravages

DEATH OF MR ARCHIBALD MURRAY.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr Archibald Murray, which took place at his residence, Portland, North Circular Road, on Saturday night last in the 87th year of his age. He had been in failing health for sometime past, and towards the end his demise was not unexpected.

His passing removes from our midst one who for a long period of years was conspicuous in the commercial life of Limerick, though in public affairs he took but a limited part. A keen business man, he was chairman of two important city concerns—viz., Messrs William Todd & Co., Limited, and Messrs J. Matterson & Sons, Limited. As an employer he was very kindly and considerate, and was held by all classes and creeds in the community in the highest respect and esteem. He was President of the Chamber of Commerce in the years 1914-17, and he brought to bear on the proceedings of that body his sound and ripe experience of everything concerning business affairs, and especially all that tended to the welfare of his native city. On the occasion of the Centenary of the Chamber in 1915 he entertained the Directors at Adare. Frequently in his time he was Foreman of the City Grand Jury at Assizes. He was the oldest surviving Governor of Barrington's Hospital, and a member of the Executive Committee. He was also a Governor of St John's Hospital—in fact, so far as his generous and spontaneous benevolence was concerned, he was connected with the various charitable institutions in the city, which to-day mourn the loss of a staunch and thoughtful friend.

For the unbroken span of 40 years Mr Murray was President of the Limerick Protestant Young Men's Association. Here his calm and dignified presence will long be missed. He took the deepest interest in the welfare of the Society, especially in that of the junior members, and when it celebrated its Golden Jubilee nearly a quarter of a century ago he made the magnificent gift of £1,000 towards the renovation of the building as it then was, and the liquidation of debentures resting on the Institution. He never missed an annual meeting (to say nothing of his interest in committee work) until within the past couple of years, when his health had begun to give way, and on each occasion, no later indeed than last week, he was re-elected with unanimity, a compliment which was intended as a slight tribute to his generous and untiring interest in the P.Y.M.A. Furthermore, it may be remarked that in the Jubilee year already referred to the Association had a striking portrait of its President painted by Mr St. John Hare, himself a Limerick man, and this, as the members know, finds a place of honour in the reading room.

Mr Murray was one of the oldest surviving members of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, having by several years outlived some other prominent citizens who were members of that body. He was senior Elder and Clerk of Session, and in his time held various other Church offices. The deceased gentleman, who was a bachelor, is survived by four brothers—Mr Andrew Murray, Mr James Murray, Col. Murray, and Mr Bruce Murray.

Touching tributes to the memory of the deceased gentleman were paid on Sunday morning in the Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Mr. Neill (who will make a more extended reference at the funeral), and Rev. Chancellor Swain at St Michael's Church.

The funeral will leave Portland to-morrow, Wednesday, at 9.30 a.m. for the Presbyterian Church, where the service will be held at 10 o'clock, and at 10.30 it will leave that church for St. Mary's Cathedral.

LIMERICK BOUND STEAMER ACTION

In the Teeth of the Gale.

Seaman Drowned.

The Limerick owned steamer Kerry Head (Captain Macaskill), from London, with a cargo of cement, bound to her home port (Limerick), put into Cobh on Saturday morning for bunkers, she having encountered the full force of Friday's heavy gale, during which a young seaman on board the Kerry Head, named Howard, and a native of Limerick, was washed overboard and drowned.

On Friday afternoon, when the steamer was 30 to 35 miles south-west of Old Head, Kinsale, she experienced the full weight of the storm. Capt. Macaskill, anticipating the position, had previously prudently put his steamer's head to the then prevailing south-west wind and terrific sea, and it was whilst thus situated that young Howard was washed overboard, and though all possible was done in the circumstances that then prevailed to rescue the lad, by throwing overboard life-lines, floating fenders, etc., the efforts were, unfortunately fruitless, and the young fellow was lost sight of. It was at this period that the Kerry Head was having her fearful experience. She was absolutely engulfed in the seas. They swept over her fore and aft, going over the tops of her masts, with the wind howling fiercely, and it was in this position that the fine seamanship of the master, J. Macaskill, was demonstrated, by the skilful handling of his vessel. She eventually rode through the storm, and reached port safely as stated. The weight and force of the wind can be imagined when it is recorded that the iron ladder leading from the deck to the steamer's bridge were torn from their fastenings and blown overboard.

It is learned that Howard, the young man who was drowned, was the only support of his mother, a widow, living in the city.

The Kerry Head in Port.

The steamship Kerry Head, which experienced the full force of Friday night's gale, arrived in port this morning, minus one member of her crew of fourteen, Seaman Howard, who was washed overboard and drowned at half-past four on Friday evening. The chief engineer, Mr J. W. Hall, Clontarf Place, City, in a conversation, said it was the worst storm he ever experienced during his association with the mercantile marine service. The sea, he said, rose mountains high and washed the ship from stem to stern. The great danger was that they would run short of bunkers, but the little vessel, he said, behaved splendidly under the expert seamanship of Capt. McGaskill, to whom he paid a fine tribute for coolness and bravery. Twice, he said, he thought it was all over with them, having been buffeted about for more than twelve hours.

ALLEGED WRONGFUL ENTRY.

At the Circuit Court to-day, Mr J. F. Power brought an action against Patrick Dillon, contractor, Thomondgate, for wrongfully entering into the Butter Market with machinery, and causing damage therein.

Mr W. Moloney, B.L. (instructed by Mr E. Leahy, solr.), appeared for plaintiff, and Mr J. J. Dodds, solr., for defendant.

Plaintiff's evidence was to the effect that he was Receiver for the Markets' Trustees. The defendant brought machinery into the Butter Market without authority from him, whereby a number of flags were broken by the working of the machinery. He had made a lease to the late Mr Barry, and this lease was surrendered back to him in April, 1924. The machinery was placed in the

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