

CURRENT COMMENT.

Defective Gas Supply.

Complaint has been made for sometime past, and not without foundation, relative to the quality of the city gas supply. At a recent meeting of the Corporation, when attention was directed to the subject, it was stated in extenuation that the low pressure was attributable to the fact that portion of the machinery was being overhauled, and when completed there would be no cause for cavil or complaint. One would think that after the lapse of a month some improvement would be noticeable, but at the moment not only is the pressure defective, but the odour from the gas is, to put it very mildly, very unpleasant. If the citizens are paying for gas the least they are entitled to is good illuminating power, minus the disagreeable malodour, which they have now to endure. In the interests of the consumers the Gas Committee should take steps to give a better quality article.

COUNTESS HAIG'S VISIT.

To-morrow evening, at 4 o'clock, Countess Haig, accompanied by her daughter, Lady Victoria Haig, and Major-General Sir Wm. Hickie, will visit the city and address the Legion of British ex-Servicemen at the Legion Club, Lower Hartstonge street. Last night the Countess, with her daughter, arrived at Adare Manor from Nenagh, where they are the guests of the Earl and Countess of Dunraven.

CHILD FATALLY BURNED.

A little boy, named Thos Walsh, aged two years, succumbed to burns received at his parents' home, Lock-quay, a couple of days ago. The child was playing with another in the kitchen, when he stumbled and fell into a pot of boiling soup. He was taken by the mother to Barrington's Hospital and detained, but from the outset little hope was entertained of his recovery. At the inquest held by the City Coroner, Mr J. S. McNeice, yesterday, the medical evidence showed that death was due to shock from burns, and a verdict accordingly was recorded.

INJURED CIVIC GUARD'S CONDITION.

On enquiry it was learned to-day that Guard M. Bourke, who was knocked down and gravely injured by a motor car while on patrol duty near Bindhill on Saturday night, is progressing as well as could be expected. The Guard was taken on the bonnet of the car for some distance, and sustained a compound fracture of the left leg and an incised wound six inches long on the left side of the neck. Another Guard who was with him on the occasion escaped injury.

MESSRS FORDS' WORKS.

Cork Made Tractors for U.S.A.

The first consignment of tractor parts manufactured at the Cork factory of Henry Ford and Son for assembly at Detroit is being loaded on ss. Hatteras at Ford Wharf, Marina, Cork. The Hatteras has net tonnage of 3,472, and gross tonnage of 4,571. She is commanded by Capt Doen.

She is taking on board between 400 and 500 tons of manufactured tractor machinery at Ford's for Detroit. This is the first large consignment of manufactured parts to be sent from Cork to the parent factory in the United States. The work of loading is being carried out by the staff of Messrs Dowdall and Co., shipping agents.

LIMERICK MURDER CHARGE.

Jury Unable to Agree.

After retiring three times by the direction of Judge Johnston, the jury were unable to agree in the case in which Edmond Curtin (20), labourer, was charged with the murder of Eugene Ryan (8), at Kilmallock, on September 13.

Accused, in his direct evidence on Monday, denied that he had anything to do with Ryan's death.

IRISH LIGHTS SERVICE.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday, Mr Kelly (Labour, Rochdale) asked whether a date had been agreed to for the taking over of the Irish Lights service by the Free State.

Mr Williams (Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade)—No, sir. The future of the Irish Lights service is still under the consideration of his Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom and in the Irish Free State, and I regret that I cannot state when a decision is likely to be reached.

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