

DEATH OF MR JOSEPH MERRICK.

The death of Mr Joseph Merrick, Laurel Hill, which took place at the County Infirmary last Thursday evening, has been heard of with deep regret by a wide circle of friends in Limerick. He was a son of the late Mr J. Merrick, of the firm of Merrick Brothers, at one time extensive sugar merchants in Limerick. For many years he had occupied the responsible position of chief engineer in the firm of Messrs W. J. Shaw and Sons, and enjoyed the confidence and high regard of his employers and the various staffs of the concern. He was a man of a most courteous, gentle, and retiring manner, and his premature demise, although he had been in failing health for sometime past is deeply regretted in the city. Sympathy is extended to his widow (who is a daughter of the late Mr Morgan Fitzmaurice, Harbour Master), his two daughters, and two sisters, the Misses Merrick, in their bereavement.

The funeral took place this morning at eleven o'clock from the Presbyterian Church, Lower Mallow street, whither the remains had been removed last evening. The service was taken by Rev G. A. McMillhatton, and appropriate hymns were sung, and a funeral march was played at the close. The cortege was large and representative, and included Mr M. D. Shaw, Captain E Shaw, and Mr B. Gubbins. The staffs of Messrs Shaw were present, as well as representatives from the other bacon curing firms, the Monster drapery houses, and other business interests. There was a large number of floral tributes. The interment was at St. John's Churchyard.

CO. LIMERICK RAZOR ATTACK.

Old Man Sent to Prison.

Dublin, Friday.

In the Central Criminal Court, Green Street, Dublin, to-day, before Mr Justice Sullivan, Patrick Quinn (70) pleaded guilty to the unlawful wounding of his son Maurice, at Castlematrix, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.

In sentencing the prisoner, his Lordship said the use of a razor on a human being with intent to wound could not be tolerated for a moment by any judge. Taking all the circumstances into consideration, he could not impose a lighter sentence than twelve months' imprisonment.

Mr Vincent Rice, K.C., appeared for the State, and Mr Liston (instructed by Messrs Liston, solrs), appeared for the accused.

CIVIC GUARDS AND ALLEGED MOTOR INCIDENT.

DE-RATING QUESTION IN CO. LIMERICK.

Motion to Postpone New Rate.

At the last meeting of the Limerick Co. Council,

Mr Hewson proposed a long resolution dealing with the de-rating question, and asking whether the Minister consents to postpone the date of making the new rate until such time as the De-rating Commission, or otherwise, shall define the attitude of the National Executive as regards withheld relief in the matter of de-rating. The Executive were asked to direct the De-rating Commission to bring in their findings before the end of the present financial year.

Mr Downey seconded the motion.

Mr Madden, who moved a direct negative, pointed out that for the past three or four months there were imperative orders from the Ministry for Local Government to close the collection by 31st March. He characterised the motion as a retrograde one.

Mr Hyland seconded.

On a division 8 voted for the motion and 9 against. The motion was accordingly declared lost.

The voting was :—

For the motion—Messrs Canty, Colbert, Condon, Curtin, Downey, Frawley, Hewson, and Humphries—8.

Against—Messrs Brouder, O'Donnell, Mackey, Hyland, Madden, Mitchell, Quinlan, Scanlan, Tobin—9.

DEATH OF MR P. RIORDAN.

We regret to record the death which occurred yesterday at his residence, Laurel Hill Avenue, of Mr P. Riordan, oil and colour merchant, William street, as the result of an attack of pneumonia. He had been less than a week confined to his house, and the news of his demise in the prime of life came as a great shock to his numerous friends. He was the last surviving son of the late Alderman P. Riordan, at one time Mayor of Limerick, and in later years manager of the Corporation Gas Works. Mr Riordan, who in his earlier days was a Professor in Carlow College, was a gentleman of a most genial and kindly manner, and was held in the highest esteem and regard by his fellow citizens. Deep sympathy is felt with his widow and family and sister in the bereavement which has so unexpectedly come to them.

Owing to Mr Riordan's lamented death, the dance announced to be held at the Catholic Literary Institute, on March 4th, has been postponed.

BY WIRE

TO-DAY

BRITISH ESTIMATES

Permanent to Local Government

The estimates of the coming financial year are £368,095,208, as against £295,446,198,878 over the previous year.

Mr Pethick Lawless has written to the Treasury, asking for the £100,000,000 of Exchequer grants to be made available to the Local Government (Scotland) Bill.

MR LLOYD GEORGE

Reported Resignation

Mr Lloyd George is reported to have drawn to-day to the attention of the newspaper that he has resigned from the Liberal Parliament, and that he has never made that statement for doing so.

The newspaper reports that Mr Lloyd George was reported to have resigned as a Member of Parliament on Thursday last.

WOUNDING

Twelve Months

Leslie Aynsley, 12, pleaded guilty at the County Court to the unlawful wounding of his 12-year-old wife and was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment in the second division.

He was defended by Mr. Manton.

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