

latest developments in the British political crisis to-day were the dispatch of orders to Lord Perth, British ambassador in Rome, to leave for London tomorrow to receive the Government instructions regarding the Anglo-Italian talks. He arrives on Thursday and will return to Rome early next week.

It is presumed that the talks will be resumed immediately after his return. Halifax, who is temporarily in charge of the Foreign Office, to-day received the French Ambassador, whom he is fully informed of the latest position regarding these talks.

KEEPING IN TOUCH.

The Government was in accordance with the practice of keeping in touch with France in matters affecting the two countries.

Anglo-Italian talks will be pursued separately from the Spanish problem, which is being left meanwhile with the Intervention Committee.

The proposed Anglo-Italian agreement, however, would include a settlement regarding the Spanish situation.

The National Council of Labour in London today decided to convene a meeting of all Labour bodies to discuss the political situation. The Council also adopted a resolution viewing the situation with the utmost gravity and recommending the Government to take the necessary steps to deal with the causes which led to Mr. Eden's resignation.

DEATH OF MAN, LAUGHTER TRIAL

Count Gormanston, 22 year old, of Meath Peer, was found not guilty at the Central Criminal Court, Dublin, before Judge Davitt, of the charge of the murder of two men as a result of a collision on the Dublin-Howth railway on August 28th last. After hearing the evidence for the defence, the jury returned the verdict as acquittal, and Lord Gormanston was then discharged.

THE PERFECT HUNTER.

Game-breeders, and hunter-breeders in particular, will find "The Farmer and Breeder" dated February 22nd of great interest. Each copy includes a photogravure chart, in size 17" x 11", depicting the points of a perfect hunter. In addition, the special Irish edition gives full particulars of agricultural activity in Ireland.

Ryan came on the scene. Her screams alarmed the man, who immediately jumped off the counter and ran on to the street. He decamped in the direction of St. Francis Abbey, while the guard outside ran off in the opposite direction.

The Civic Guards in Mary Street are making active investigations into the matter.

SHOCK FOR WIDOW.

Found Her Son Dead.

On returning from 11 o'clock Mass at the Dominican Church on Monday morning, Mrs. Phillips, a widow, living at 3 Little Glentworth Street, found her son, Thomas, dead in the kitchen.

The deceased, who appeared perfectly normal when she was leaving the house, had apparently succumbed to a heart attack. He was 37 years old and was in receipt of a British Army pension.

As a result of a certificate from Dr. C. Molony, who was immediately called in, an inquest was not deemed necessary.

SUCCESSFUL LIMERICK BOXER

Joe Kiely, the young Limerick boxer who for some months past has been domiciled in Glasgow, is having a merited run of successes. Lately he defeated Hugh Hendrick, of Colebridge, in a six-round contest. "Boxing," the official British organ, describing the fight, says:—"When Joe Kiely, of Limerick, is on the bill you will have fireworks. He exploded all he had when he out-pointed Hugh Hendrick, of Coleridge. Kiely's fierce bursts stirred the crowd and nonplussed his opponent."

This is Kiely's seventh successive victory.

"WHILE THE CAT'S AWAY"

While members of the Fianna Fail, the majority party in Clare County Council, were holding a private meeting to-day to decide how they should deal with an item on the agenda, the minority party, Fine Gael, with the aid of other members, formed a quorum.

By the time the Fianna Fail members

Annual Auction

On Saturday, February 2nd, Mr. de Courcy, Auctioneer, held a sale of grazing land at the Hotel. There was an attendance of buyers from all parts of Clare, Limerick, and the surrounding districts. Lots were offered at a high price. Prices again showed a tendency to the advance, showing an increase of 10% on last year's prices, good demand. Over 400 acres were sold. Top price of £6 per acre was paid for a lot by Mrs. Moloney, Athlone.

The following were some of the principal transactions:—

Shanakyle and Clouduard, for Mrs. Heffer, 17½ acres, 70s. per acre; 9 acres, 65s. per acre; meadows, 20 acres, 30s. per acre; carhee, 39 acres, 30s. per acre.

Athlunkard, for Mr. Lawn, 13 acres, 75s. per acre; docks, 3 acres, £18, but 13½ acres, 60s. per acre.

Ballyglass and Fairyleps, of Mr. W. J. Hoce, ceased—5 divisions set at 15s.; £11; £20; £16; at Castlebank, Ardnacrusha, Cormack—2 divisions set at 80s per acre.

Derryfadda, 80s. per acre; Meelick, 24 acres, 80s. per acre.

Ballykeelaun, 50s. per acre; Ardnacrusha, bulk lot; Ardcloney, Killaloe, Garraun, 50s. to 67s. 6d. per acre; tra East, £30 bulk; etc.

Successful clearance held at Ruanard, Clonmel, Butler, and at Truacloney, for reps. of the deceased, Ardnacrusha.

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Now that the long awaited bridge have been delivered, the construction of that part of the Lock Quay, where a sale took place in the summer, proceeded with at once.

It was found necessary to build the Abbey River wall from the bridge supported by steel piles.