

acclaim the action of Great Britain and all the leading papers pay high tribute to Mr. Churchill for his courage for his determination not to tolerate nonsense from Japan.

There was great diplomatic activity in Washington to-day. President Roosevelt invited Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, at the latter's request, and it was understood that the situation in the Far East was discussed at length.

LENGTHY CONFERENCES.

Following the audience with the British Ambassador, the President received Admiral Richardson, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Navy, and Admiral Leahy, Commander of the Atlantic Fleet.

In political circles great significance is attached to these conferences, and it is generally believed that the United States is preparing for any emergency.

Admiral Leahy, at the conclusion of a conference with the President, told his representatives that he was sending additional vessels to the Far East and that thousands of troops would be attached to centres where their services might be required.

AN OPEN SECRET.

Another Washington message says that it is an open secret that the United States Government is working in the Far East in co-operation with the British Government. A flare up in the Far East is anticipated, and in anticipation of such a development precautionary measures are being taken, such as the evacuation of American subjects from vulnerable localities.

LABOUR DISPUTE

Strike Of Carpenters

CORPORATION DISCUSSION

Last night at the meeting of Limerick Corporation, the Mayor (Ald. D. Bourke) presiding,

Mr. Hartney referred to the strike of carpenters in the city and said that at present the Corporation had four contractors on a building scheme. Two of the contractors were involved in the strike and he understood that the carpenters on strike were prepared to go back to work on the old rate provided following a settlement, the new con-

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DEATH OF MR. A. M. DE PRINS

It is with very deep and sincere regret that we chronicle the demise of Mr. A. M. de Prins, which took place at his residence, 8 Barrington Street, Limerick, last night after a prolonged illness.

The late Mr. de Prins was born in Limerick of French parents and he possessed to a remarkable degree a charm of manner so characteristic of the people of France. He was held in very high esteem by the citizens, and his demise will occasion profound regret and sorrow.

Phons. de Prins, as he was affectionately called, was one of nature's gentlemen. Full of bon homie and animated with a strong spirit of camaraderie, he endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact, and it is no exaggeration to say that he won and retained the respect, esteem and confidence of hosts of friends.

A splendid conversationalist and the possessor of a rich brand of humour, his companionship was much sought after and at social and other gatherings Phons. de Prins was a prominent, yet unobtrusive, figure.

For many years he was French Consul in Limerick, and in that capacity he displayed marked ability and on more than one occasion he was complimented by the Government in Paris for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office.

He took a very great interest in sport in general, but in Rugby in particular. For many years he was a prominent member of the Garryowen R.F.C. and was honoured on different occasions by being elected to every office in the club. Some years ago he was elected President of the Munster Branch and was a member of its Committee for a very long period. Cricket, too, had a fascination for him and in that connection he did more than a man's share in founding and promoting the Catholic Institute Cricket Club.

The late Mr. de Prins was a teacher of music by profession, but his knowledge of the arts was not confined to music alone. A man of great erudition he was an all-round scholar and, it should be added, a fine linguist. His passing, as already stated, will be learned of with deep regret and sorrow, and we join with the general public in extending to the widow our deep and heartfelt sympathy.

The remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church this (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock, and the funeral will take place to-morrow (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock.

TRALEE MAN CHARGED

Rev. Father Gore greatly interested in swimming baths for chiefly on moral grounds. Besides, a scheme would provide employment for the Rev. Dr. Cowper of such a large number of the citizens were benefited but there was very much to be made if the Corporation were desirous to promote that reason he would be the City Surveyor's subject.

ATTITUDE OF

The City Surveyor's attitude towards a scheme of work for swimming baths, within the Corporation Department. The estimated cost of the works was £116,000 of which £25,000 was earmarked for swimming baths. The Department has a number of schemes and of £25,000, but the latter have not been included.

Mr. O'Malley said that the question of swimming baths was being energetically by the Corporation. He knew a recommendation of a swimming bath made by the Corporation should have proper places not near as swimming baths, but ordinary that nothing in eight years to make in this respect.

Mr. Hartney said that his reproach on Limerick Corporation for public swimming baths was short of a disgrace. He said that no baths were available for the people and that they could take baths at

OTHERS MATTER ATTENTION

Mr. Casey said that Geraghty was active in the matter. He took a very great interest in the movement to provide other matters had been chiefly housing—no other could be made. It was his opinion that the Corporation should consider the question as soon as possible.

Mr. Keyes, T.D., said that he was very backward in the matter of swimming baths, and no time was being made in the city making the city more comfortable but he was convinced that it was better to wait and do it rather than erect it rather than

The Mayor said that it was one of financial matters that the two Deputy Mayors, Mr. Keyes, would confer with himself and the Corporation grant for 1941 for

The Manager said that the surveyor was very anxious that swimming baths provided.