

a set of fur garments.

DEARER TAXIS

Dublin and Cork are to pay more for their taxis, for the minimum rate has been raised from one shilling to two. This increase, it is claimed, is due to the scarcity of petrol, which prevents the taxi drivers from undertaking more than a limited number of city fares.

EGYPT AND ITS BREAD SUPPLY

The Egyptian Government has decreed that all bread must have at least 50 per cent. of wheat flour, and has taken steps for the rapid importation of additional wheat from Australia and Canada.

CITY GAS SUPPLY

We have been informed by the City Manager (Mr. J. J. Berkery) that the gas service will be on all day on Christmas Day.

On Christmas Eve and St. Stephen's Day the service will be made available as long as circumstances permit.

In normal times for pleasure and amusement elaborate dance halls were erected, and the first outside band to place in Limerick at dancing entertainment was the Adelaide Pheasant orchestra. This was the first act of the tragedy, and steps should then have been taken to prevent its continuance. However, when it came to local bands to give "Kiss the Boys Good Bye," etc., they deserved the "Big Apple." A division was challenged by the opposition and Mr. A. Killeen, E., who presided, after a brief summation reminded the members that concepts of a personal or sentimental character should be ignored in recording their votes, and in registering opinions they should be mainly influenced by the merits of the arguments presented by both sides.

MOTION CARRIED.

The House then divided and when the chairman announced the result it was greeted by loud applause, for the motion was carried by an overwhelming majority.

For the motion, speakers were—Miss Finucane, Mr. A. Gloster and Mr. W. J. Feehan. Against the motion were:—Miss Goodwin, Mr. J. Fitzgibbon and Mr. T. Cosgrove.

as solicitous for the blind as was her predecessor.

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CHRISTMAS TRADE.

Despite the war and its attendant anxieties and worries, Christmas shopping is very brisk. As a matter of fact, trade would be much better if it were possible for retailers to supply the range of goods in demand. However, the purchasing public are accommodating themselves to the conditions obtaining, with the result that the turn-over in the different shops up to the present has surpassed expectations. Saturday was an exceptionally busy day in the city, but there is reason to believe, owing to the late arrival of foreign mails, that business tomorrow and Christmas Eve will establish a record.

PORTABLE BARRACKS

The building of huge portable wooden buildings for the Russian war zone has been proceeding for several months in Norwegian factories, says the French News Agency. The German Government have also been buying hundreds of these barracks in Sweden. The barracks are for use by the sick and wounded and also as kitchens and bakeries.

PETROL RATION

The petrol ration for January is unchanged, but there is no guarantee concerning future rationing. There is no change in the domestic paraffin ration for January, which remains at one gallon.

DEATH.

Fitzgibbon (Donnybrook) — On December 21, 1941, at his residence, 23 Morehampton Terrace, Donnybrook, Patrick C., eldest son of the late John and Mary Fitzgibbon, 42 Wickham Street, Limerick; deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife, brother, sisters, and a large circle of friends. R.I.P. Funeral by road from Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook, after 8 o'clock Mass tomorrow (Tuesday) for burial in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, arriving at city boundary at 12.45.