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## DEATH OF A TALENTED CITIZEN

A talented member of a singularly brilliant Limerick family passed away on Monday last in the person of Mr. John P. MacDonagh, 8 Park View. The deceased, who was himself a man of deep and wide culture, was brother of Mr. Michael MacDonagh, the distinguished journalist and author, who retired some years ago from an important position on the staff of the London "Times." Other brothers were Mr. George MacDonagh, for many years Chief Reporter of the "Irish Independent"; Frank, also an eminent journalist, who spent most of his Press life in London; and Thomas and William, who followed the printing trade. The only survivor of the family, all of whom had a particularly strong literary flair, is Mr. Michael MacDonagh, who is now living in honoured retirement in England.

The late John MacDonagh was an exceedingly cultured man. He was widely read and had a particularly fine grasp of Irish history, political and otherwise, archaeological subjects having a special interest for him. He knew old Limerick and its story intimately, and frequently wrote admirable articles and sketches relating to such topics and many others as well. He had, indeed, to a marked extent the family gift for writing and literature and was a very entertaining conversationalist. A great admirer of Michael Hogan, the "Bard of Thomond," he was mainly instrumental in having a monument erected a few years ago over the grave of that Limerick genius in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. He was hon. secretary of the Memorial Committee and in that capacity rendered splendid service in getting in the required subscriptions. Mr. MacDonagh was formerly an official of the Limerick Employment Exchange, retiring some years ago on pension. He was a very kindly, courteous, good-hearted man, and enjoyed, as he richly deserved, the good wishes, confidence and respect of all classes. His remains were removed to St. Michael's Church on Tuesday and the funeral took place next day to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, the attendance on both occasions being very large and representative. To the bereaved relatives and friends we extend our very sincere sympathy.

## ALL-STAR VARIETY AT THE LYRIC

Last Sunday night the Lyric put on a variety show that attracted a

Mr. Murphy said that there was a big drop in employment in the building trade owing to conditions arising out of the war. He did not suppose that more than 100 workers were at present constantly employed in the city. The Federation had to contend with builders who were not members and who were not obliged to observe the bonus order, if made.

The Chairman said that was a circumstance that obtained pretty generally throughout the country.

Mr. Browne said that the Union would see to it that no big building project would be undertaken unless the full rate was paid.

Mr. Gough submitted that the shortage of materials was having a serious effect on the industry. The National Council of the Federation was satisfied that a further increase in wages could not be justified now. If wages were to go up it was feared that the unemployment position would be aggravated. There were little or no prospects of a substantial building scheme being carried out in the Limerick area in the immediate future. The master builders acknowledged that the increased cost of living had imposed heavy burdens upon all classes of workmen, but the Association, nevertheless, had been forced to the conclusion that under present circumstances any increase in wages in the building trade would be inimical to the interests of all parties in the industry.

This concluded the hearing of the application, and the chairman said that the Minister would issue his findings in due course on the recommendation to be made by the Tribunal.

## WAR SITUATION

The Moscow wireless stated today that the Soviet forces had recaptured Chuguyev, an important town on the central front. For the past two days heavy fighting took place for the possession of Chuguyev and, according to Russian claims, severe losses were inflicted on the Germans.

Other messages say that 25 miles south-west of Kharkov a fierce battle is raging. The Russians state that repeated German assaults have been beaten off.

It was reported in Berlin today that the position of the German troops in the Ukraine has improved considerably during the past few days. The whole of the Donetz Bend is now claimed as included in the territory reoccupied by the Germans.

Despatches from the South-west Pacific state that in air raids on Japanese positions in New Guinea and Timor severe damage was inflicted on the enemy.

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