

MR. CHRISTOPHER LYNCH

Mr. Christopher Lynch, the celebrated tenor, is back home at Rathkeale after completing a course of special study in London. His coaches were Mr. Julian Kimball, formerly the leading tenor at Covent Garden, and Mr. Joseph Lewis, Staff Director, B.B.C.

Mr. Lynch will commence an Irish tour in January. His first recital will be given in the Savoy, Limerick, on January 9th. Since his last public appearance he has made wonderful progress and all critics agree that he is certain to establish for himself an international reputation.

On Monday evening, in Dublin, before returning home, he gave a short private recital in the Shelbourne Hotel for a few friends. "J. O'N.," writing in the "Irish Independent" on the recital, said:—

"Christopher Lynch, the young tenor who is destined to earn a big name for himself in the world of music, reported progress in a short recital given to newspaper representatives and a few friends at the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin. This is the second intimate recital given by this singer which I have had the pleasure of attending, and the simplicity with which he encourages frank criticism of his efforts to take a front rank place, indicates that he has a full realisation of his task.

"Opening with Schumann's 'Almond Tree,' he showed that he had gained enormously in vocal control, though the concluding phrases in the lower register were not quite successful. Brilliant tone and greatly improved breath control were displayed in a series of songs such as 'Mary of Argyle' and 'When Other Lips.' Again I was struck by his sense of performance, his sincerity, poise, and beautiful quality of tone. He has a magnificent higher register, capable of development that would make it unique.

"Undoubtedly, with continued study, he is the best candidate Ireland has produced in many years to take a prominent place in the ranks of international singers."

NEW ARCHBISHOP

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SUCCESSOR TO CARDINAL HINSLEY

Right Rev. Bernard Griffin, titular Archbishop of Abya and auxiliary Bishop to Archbishop Williams, of Birmingham, has been appointed Archbishop of Westminster at the early age of 44 years. The appointment, which came as a surprise in Catholic circles in London, was announced to-day by the Episcopal Delegation in London.

Dr. Griffin, who succeeds the late Cardinal Hinsley, served with the British Navy and Air Force during the last war. He was born in Birmingham.

ANOTHER MENTAL HOSPITAL INQUIRY

The Minister for Local Government has directed Dr. Joseph Kearney, Inspector of Mental Hospitals, to hold a sworn inquiry into the administration of Killarney Mental Hospital on January 11th.

throughout the country. They were very kindly lent by the artists for this purpose. They are representative of the work of the various artists and afford an excellent opportunity of seeing the virile condition of art in Ireland to-day. Different people have different tastes in art and probably everyone will not like all the pictures, but it would be a queer person, indeed, who, having visited this exhibition, went away with the feeling that some of the pictures, at least, did not appeal to him. I have great pleasure in declaring the exhibition open and hope it will be visited by many of our citizens. It will be open every day from now until the 30th December, with the exception of Saturday, Sunday and Monday next.

REGRETTED GLIN DEATH

Deep regret has marked the passing of Mr. Maurice J. O'Shaughnessy, rate collector, Glin, which sad event occurred recently following a brief illness. The late Mr. O'Shaughnessy, who was for many years associated with public life in West Limerick, was also a great sportsman, being one of the founders of Glin Coursing Club, of which he was secretary and treasurer for many years. Deep sympathy is extended to the bereaved family on their great loss.

SHANNON SCHEME POWER FOR FOYNES

It is expected that the E.S.B. will supply Foynes with electricity early in the new year. Work is at present in progress on the erection of standards and the laying of wires. The extension is being made from Askeaton. It is believed that the local plant at present functioning will continue to supply current to private consumers.

TWO SISTERS RECEIVED IN RELIGION

Two sisters, daughters of Mrs. Kathleen Madigan and the late Denis Madigan, Ballyvocogue, Askeaton, County Limerick, have been received in religious orders. Miss Mary Madigan (Sister Lucey) has been received into the Ursuline Order, Cork, and Miss Kathleen Madigan (Sister Lelia) into the Mercy Order, Tipperary.

RECENT PRESENTATION

In the supplied report of function held at Glin recently, at which a presentation was made to Dr. M. E. Cussen, recently retired Medical Officer, Pallaskenry Dispensary District, the name of Mr. John Lyons, Bolane, Kildimo, was inadvertently omitted from the list of those who attended.

KILLED BY "DOUBLE-DECKER"

Miss Sarah Healy (68), of Mary's Lane, Upper John Street, Cork, was fatally injured when knocked down by a double-decker bus near her home yesterday.

ST. MARY'S BAND—At a specially convened meeting of the above band, the following resolution was passed in silence:—"That we, the members of St. Mary's Band, tender to the relatives of the late Mrs. McNamara (Thomondgate) our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement."—M. Bourke, Hon. sec.

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Barracks, said that on the date in question he was cycling from Newport to Limerick. When he reached McMahon's publichouse he got off his bicycle for the purpose of going into the publichouse. After alighting from his bicycle he stood to answer a question put to him by a woman about the bus. He was standing on the left-hand side, facing Limerick, and saw two lights approaching from Limerick. The approaching cyclists had plenty of room in which to pass. Witness looked back in the opposite direction and saw other lights approaching, and then he felt a rub against his elbow. He saw the cyclist swerve across the road, and he then fell helplessly off his bicycle.

This concluded the evidence and the jury brought in the verdict given above.

LIMERICK DOCKERS

In connection with statements made at the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board on Monday to the effect that the dock labourers had refused to operate the electric crane for the bunkering of ships, the Mayor (Mr. James McQuane), Ald. D. Burke, T.D.; Ald. J. Reidy, T.D., and Mr. M. J. Keyes, T.D., to-day, had conversations with the officers of the Dockers' Union. Following an exchange of views, it was decided to hold another conference to-morrow morning in the Mayor's Office, Town Hall, to which Mr. James O'Keeffe, President, Chamber of Commerce, would be invited.

A FATAL FALL

When returning from threshing operations to his home in Blarney, Co. Cork, on Monday night, John Mulcahy (34), was thrown from a tractor and killed at Ballyknock, Co. Waterford, near Carrick-on-Suir.

A RECORD PRICE

The record price of 87/- for 14 lobsters was realised on the Dublin fish market yesterday.

one collection cutting across the other.

A suggestion that Army uniforms which were sent back to the stores should be made available for purchase, was made by Mr. M. J. Lynch.

Supt. P. Collieran related that 15 Guards, in 14 days, had distributed all the ration forms in the city. He offered to give particulars which would enable collectors to canvass every house in a speedy manner, as the appeal was urgent.

Rev. Father Ephrem, O.F.M. said that clothing would be more valuable than money, and Rev. Father Barragry, S.J., spoke in favour of a particular Sunday for the collection.

After various other views were expressed by different speakers, the Mayor said that the prevailing view appeared to favour a general collection, in the making of which all voluntary organisations would assist. He paid a special tribute to the Limerick Shoe Factory for their magnificent gesture.

The following Committee were appointed to go into details:—The Mayor, Rev. Dr. Cowper, Mr. J. J. Dundon, solr.; Mr. F. G. O'Reilly, Mr. P. O'Callaghan, Mr. J. O'Keeffe, Mr. M. J. Lynch, Mrs. Coleman, Miss F. Burke, and Mr. T. O'Halloran, N.T.