

men met with a terrible death last night on the Franco-Belgian frontier. One man—a man of seventy—fell headlong into vat. A young man jumped forward to his aid; his companion and fell in after him. Third man, the father of the young man, in an effort to save his son, also plunged into the vat.

JEWSBOYS' RASHNESS.

On Tuesday evening Francis Barrett, dead as a newsboy, while suffering from the effects of drink, threw himself into the river at Monkennett Quay. The tide was fully in at the time, and some men who happened to be in the Storage Company's Premises apprised of the occurrence, and rushed to Quay side, where they saw Barrett struggling in the water. A lifebuoy was thrown to the unfortunate man, who grasped it, and was pulled out. The police soon afterwards arrived on the scene, and hearing the nature of the occurrence arrested Barrett, who was charged at the Police Court yesterday morning with attempting to take his own life, and with drunkenness. The accused was sent to prison for a month on the charge of drunkenness, with an additional term of two months on the more serious charge, in default of giving bail.

SALMON FISHERIES BILL

In the House of Commons yesterday. Mr. Joyce asked the Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture (Ireland) whether the Bill promised in relation to salmon fisheries (land) has yet been drafted, and can he say when it will be introduced. Mr. Birrell, who replied, said the Bill had not been drafted, and would be introduced at the earliest opportunity.

SERIOUS AFFRAY AT BROSNA.

Several Arrests.

An exciting affray took place at Brosna, Co. Kerry, on Sunday evening, on the occasion of an election address in connection with the municipal councillorship of the district. Mr. D. Reidy, who is a candidate, addressed a meeting, and when it was over some rival supporters got into collision with each other, with the result that a number got wounded. One man's collar bone broken. A number were arrested.

POOR LAW ELECTIONS.

The most recent withdrawals from the Poor Law election contests in the city are:—From Abbey Ward—Alderman John O'Brien; from the Gientworth Ward—Alderman T. J. Undergast who has been a guardian for several years past. These added to the names already published bring the total up to 137. There were 7 papers declared invalid. There were contests in seven out of eight wards in the city.

JUVENILE SMOKERS.

At Tuesday's meeting of the House of Commons the Committee considering the Children's Bill, of Robert Cecil moved the rejection of the clause relating to the giving of cigarettes to children. He said it did not matter if a boy looked older than his age, but if he appeared under 16, it would be an offence to give him a cigarette, whatever was his real age. He was not sure it would be the position in reference to so many members of the House under such a law. The clause was passed by 31 votes to 16.

TRAM STRIKE IN OHIO.

The funeral that did not come off was the means of introducing the husband and brother-in-law to each other for the first time, and the latter has now taken the former back with him to Kerry, where he is in a position to find him constant employment at his work.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. P. J. Hayes.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hayes, wife of Mr. P. J. Hayes which took place yesterday morning at her residence, Commercial Hotel, Catherine Street. The deceased lady who was only in her 23rd year was daughter of the former proprietor of the hotel, the late Mr. John McNamara. She had been in failing health for some months past and her demise was not unexpected. Passing away at such an early age her demise is deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends to whom she was endeared, by her kind and gentle manner and deep sympathy is expressed with her bereaved husband and relatives in their keen sorrow. The funeral took place to-day from St. Michael's R.C. Church for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, and was largely attended.

The chief mourners were—Mr. P. J. Hayes (husband), Messrs Callaghan and John McNamara (brothers), Mr. Kody McNamara and Mr. Thos. McNamara, Kilkishen (uncles); Mr. M. O'Brien Clarina, and Messrs J. and W. Lowry, Tipperary (cousins).

The clergy present were Rev. Fr. Lee, and Rev. Fr. Devane.

Several wreaths were sent including one from the Commercial Football Club.

Mr. Richard Lunn.

The death of Mr. Richard Lunn, grocer, Wickham street, which occurred on Tuesday evening after a short illness, has been heard of with great regret by a wide circle of friends. Deceased was a very popular citizen, and as a Poor Law Guardian discharged his duty ably in the interests of the ratepayers, while at the same time evincing a sympathetic concern in the interests of the poor. The Board yesterday passed a resolution expressive of its sincere sympathy and condolence with Mr. Lunn's family, and adjourned the meeting as a mark of respect to his memory.

The funeral, which took place this morning from St. Michael's R.C. Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery was attended by a large gathering of sympathisers from city and county.

The chief mourners were—James, Richard, and Michael Lunn (sons), May, Christina, and Josephine Lunn (daughters), Patrick and Thomas Lunn (brothers), Mary and Ellen Lunn (sisters), William John, and Edward Hewson (brothers-in-law), Mrs. Bridgeman (sister-in-law) James O'Brien (Emly), Michael Feheny (Askeaton), Michael and James Cahill, Mrs. J. O'Brien, Thomas Landon (Kilteely), Hubert Guehin, Robert Barry, William and Joe Bridgeman, Michael Lunn (Herbertstown), Thomas O'Brien, James O'Regan (Glenogra), Timothy McNamara, James O'Brien (the Asylum) R. O'Brien David Roche (cousins).

The clergy included Father Lee, Adm. St. Michael's; Father O'Connor, C.; Fr. Devane, C.C.; Father O'Shea, C.C.; Father Carroll, C.C.; Father Hannan, J.P.; Father Bonaventure, O.S.F.; Father Peter, O.S.F.

Father Lee officiated at the graveside.

Mrs. J. M. O'Sullivan

We regret to observe the announcement of the death after a long illness of Mrs. O'Sullivan wife of Mr. J. M. O'Sullivan G.P.O., which took place at his residence Grattan Villa to-day. The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to Mr. O'Sullivan in his sorrow. The funeral will take place on Saturday morning at ten o'clock from St. John's Cathedral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

TRAIN DERAILED.

Passengers Killed and Injured.

12th, a later—Further details concerning the murder of Mr. Scott-Moncrieff have been obtained at Khartoum from people who came from near Tugr.

It appears that before Mr. Scott-Moncrieff's Mohamed Effendi Sherief started for Tugr, they were warned to keep clear of Abdel Kaider.

Unfortunately they disregarded this warning. When they reached Tugr they got off the camels, and went unarmed on foot to the village where they met Abdel Kaider, who invited them to his house. They accepted the invitation, and were offered tea.

While drinking it they were attacked by Abdel Kaider and his followers, and stabbed to death with spears. It is stated that Mumur Sherief was killed first, and that when Mr. Scott-Moncrieff, who was sitting on an angareeb (a horse) saw his companion was attacked, he beat his head and then waited for death with a smile.

Mr. Scott-Moncrieff joined the Sudan Government service in 1906, and was appointed Deputy Inspector of the Blue Nile Province in 1907. He was only 25.

EARTH'S FINEST RACE.

"Foxhunters are certainly the finest race on earth," Mr. L. Ernest Pretty declared at the annual meeting of the Essex and Suffolk Hunt. A Prime Minister, he continued, had a difficult part to fill, but his office was a bed of roses compared with that of a master of foxhounds. A master had to be one of those wonderful people who passed everybody, for even if Disraeli came down from Olympus, with a pack of heaven-born hounds, and hunted so close through fire and flood as to kill all the foxes in the Tending Hundred of Essex, some one would complain that the hunts of the goddess were too slow, and that she herself was too fast.

THE KILRUSH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

New Town and Poor Rates Made.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

At a special meeting of the Kilrush Urban District Council held in the Town Hall for the purpose of striking Urban rates and Poor rates for the coming financial year, Mr. B. Culligan, J.P., (Chairman), presided.

The other Councilors present were—Messrs W. J. Glynn, J.P.; Thomas Ryan, J. Carr, John Mahony, J.P.; Michael Crotty, Michael O'Meara, J. J. Keating, and John Murphy Town Clerk.

The statutory notice of intention to make rates having been read and publication of advertisements proved.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded Mr. Mahony, a Town Rate of 2s. 6d. in the £ for the service of the year ended 31st of March 1909, chargeable to the Union District, was adopted unanimously, and the warrant signed by all the members present.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded Mr. Glynn, a Poor Rate, covering the same financial period, of 5s. in the £, was also adopted struck without dissent or objection.

The Chairman said the rates were the same as last year, but in this new levy had to include a sum of £66 law costs, incurred in litigation forced on them in this matter.

Mr. Ryan—Only for that the people would have a further reduction of at least 4d. in the £. In the course of some discussion on the matter.

The Chairman said that although they had to pay an amount that they need not, yet he may say that their new rate compared most favorably with any town in Ireland he knew of.

Mr. Crotty—What do both the rates we may to-night come to, everything included?

Town Clerk—7s. 6d. in the £.

Mr. Ryan—What was the highest rate town had to pay?

Town Clerk—It was 10s. 6d. in the £ a year.