

THE COAL TRADE CRISIS.

With but a few days to elapse before the threatened general coal strike takes place—in fact it has partially begun—public anxiety is at the straining point. Conflicting reports have been circulated as to the possible result of the efforts of the Government to stave off what, in the words of Sir Edward Grey, would be the "greatest National disaster in our history." There are those who are optimistic, there are others who hold a gloomy view of the situation, but it is largely conceded that no great development is likely to take place until the conference of the Miners' Federation, which meets in London to-day, has brought its deliberations to a conclusion. Meanwhile public unrest, anxiety, and alarm throughout the country are becoming more and more acute. There is no interest, public or private, that is not absorbed in this gigantic struggle, the issue of which now trembles in the balance. Already tension in various industries across the Channel have received notices of the closing down of work—would the coal stoppage actually take effect. This is one vital aspect of the question which cannot fail to weigh seriously with public opinion. At the same time there is the position of the private consumer, who for weeks past has had to pay largely increased prices for his supplies and who, needless to say, will be in a far worse position with the stocks at the collieries and stores actually becoming less and less. The whole question is then of enormous importance to the people of the Nation, and so, as Sir John Simon rightly pointed out the other day, a third party vitally interested in securing reconciliation and peace, and that is the general public. A very timely and most representative expression of opinion from the public point of view was the meeting of the Lord Mayors and Mayors of the United Kingdom held in the Mansion House, London, last Saturday evening. The meeting was convened by the Lord Mayor of London, and although but 24 hours' notice had been given, no less than 170 Chief Magistrates of the Cities and Boroughs in England and Wales were present in support of the object in view. The resolutions recorded the profound anxiety with which a general stoppage of the work at the mines is regarded, and called on the leaders at both sides to recognise the paramount claims of the community. They were further asked to weigh in the utmost attention any points of possible agreement which might be submitted to them by His Majesty's advisers or from any other quarter. The attitude of South Wales, where there are two sections of men's leaders holding divergent views, is regarded as the most important factor in the whole situation, but it is interesting also that the trouble is specially acute in Derbyshire, where a coal strike began yesterday on the expiration of the miners' notices, and within 24 hours it is expected that 25,000 hands will be idle. Conferences continue to take place between the coalowners' committee, the men's representatives, and the Premier, and we must hope for the best as the possible outcome of the negotiations, as also of the proceedings of the Miners' National Conference in London to-day. The vital question at issue is the acceptance by the owners in the British coal fields of a minimum wage principle, and the probability of this is conceded there will be breathing space for the discussion of details. It is said that the majority of South Wales owners are prepared to agree to the principle conditionally, but that on the other hand a strong minority is against it. As a whole, however, the feeling to-day has become more optimistic that some modus vivendi will be reached by the eleventh hour, and so it is what would be nothing short of a National calamity affecting all interests and classes in every end of the country to the other. It is very encouraging to note from this evening's news that the prospects of a settlement are generally hopeful, the utmost confidence prevailing in official circles that the result of to-day's conferences will be an agreement between the coalowners and men.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Limerick Race Company.

The annual meeting of the Limerick Race Company last evening was a pleasant reunion for the members and Shareholders, and during the comparatively brief period which the proceedings

FATALITY AT BALLINACURRA.

Inquest To-Day.

A painful sensation was caused in town last night by the report which quickly got circulation that a young woman named Mary Delohery, who acted as housekeeper to Mr. Frederick Hall, Inspector of Bailiffs, had shot herself, and was lying dead in an apartment of Mr. Hall's residence at Ballinacurra. The police were communicated with, and Sergeant Wilson, Ballinacurra, at once apprised the city police authorities, who were investigating the circumstances of the fatality to a late hour last night.

An inquest was held at 2 to-day at the residence of Mr. F. Hall, No. 2 Roseville Terrace, Ballinacurra, by Dr. M. R. Clery, J.P., Hospital, Coroner, on the body.

District Inspector Craig conducted the enquiry, and Mr. W. E. Counihan, solr., represented Mr. Hall.

The following were sworn on the jury:—Cornelius Daly (foreman), William Sewell, Joseph Sheridan, Patrick Mulqueen, John Daly, George O'Dea, Thomas McNamara, Michael Hartigan, John Kelly, John Griffin, Michael Ryan, John Lynch, John Malone, Matthew Fennessy.

The first witness examined was John McMahon, Cratloe, brother-in-law of the deceased, who gave formal evidence of identification. The deceased would be twenty-four years of age next June. She was employed by Mr. Hall as housekeeper for the last seven or eight years, and was left handed.

To Mr. Counihan—As far as witness knew she was treated well by Mr. Hall, to whom she went with the full consent of her parents.

Dr. John Holmes was next sworn. He stated that he was called to Mr. Hall's house sometime before 5 o'clock last evening, and arrived by motor car. On entering the house he found the dead body of Mary Delohery in the room where the inquest was being conducted. After satisfying himself that life was extinct he drove to Ballinacurra Barracks, and brought Sergeant Wilson back with him. Before proceeding to the barracks he made a superficial examination of the body, and found a bullet wound over the region of the heart, and a hole in the clothes corresponding with the wound on the body. The woman was lying on her back on the floor, and the features were quite calm. In conjunction with Dr. McGrath he made a post mortem examination on the remains. There were two slight contusions on the back of the right wrist, and on further examination found a wound over the region of the heart between the fourth and fifth ribs, and a wound of exit at the back. There was also a wound at the back between the eighth and ninth ribs. On making a post mortem witness traced the cause of this wound through the left lung, the pericardium, the heart itself and the lung posterior. The pericardium and left pleura were filled with blood. Death was due to shock, occasioned by hemorrhage. The bullet (produced) would, in his opinion cause the wound described.

The Coroner—Do you think it is suicidal or accidental? Indeed I could not say.

District Inspector Craig—Could it be self-inflicted?

Witness—Yes, by a left-handed person.

District Inspector Craig—Was she wearing a watch when you saw her?

Witness—I don't know.

District Inspector Craig—Was your attention called to a hole in the wall of the room?

Witness—Yes.

District Inspector Craig—And did you measure the distance of that hole from the floor?

Witness—Yes.

District Inspector Craig—And the distance from the point of exit from the body.

Witness—Yes.

District Inspector Craig—What is the distance of the floor to the hole in the wall?

Witness—Four feet and an inch.

District Inspector Craig—And the distance from the point of exit in the body?

Witness—The same. Four feet and an inch.

A Juror (Mr. Sewell)—Was the wound an oblique wound?

Witness—No. It was direct.

Another Juror—Would it not be easier to inflict that wound with the right hand than with the left?

Witness—No.

A Juror (Mr. Sewell)—How long do you think she was dead?

Witness—A very short time.

Dr. M. S. McGrath deposed to assisting Dr. Holmes in making the post-mortem. He heard his evidence, and entirely agreed with it. The bullet produced might cause the wound, which brought about death.

Frederick Hall was then called. Before he was sworn the Coroner intimated to him that the District Inspector had said that he should be cautioned. It was optional with him to give evidence if he desired.

Mr. Counihan—At your own desire, Captain Hall?

Mr. Hall—Yes.

Mr. Counihan said he would examine him but the Coroner said it would be better for the District Inspector to do so.

District Inspector Craig—What are you, Mr. Hall?

Mr. Hall—Inspector to the Limerick Fishery Board.

District Inspector Craig—You know Mary Delohery? Yes. She was in my employment for seven or eight years, and lived in my house with her niece, Cissie Haugh.

Further replying to the District Inspector, the witness said he remembered Cissie Haugh coming in from school yesterday about half-past three. At the time he was in the kitchen with the deceased, and after Cissie Haugh had taken her dinner she went out with her. After a short time Mary Delohery returned by herself, and when witness, who was in the yard, saw her he came into the house. He was preparing to go on duty, and the revolver (produced) was on the table in the hall with a lanyard attached to it.

OUT AND ABOUT.

District Inspector Carroll has been transferred from Callan, Co. Kilkenny, to Kilrush, Co. Clare.

The Spring Assizes for South Tipperary open in Clonmel on the 8th March. The appeal list is a remarkably light one, there being only 25 cases listed.

Lady Gort, who was Miss Corinne Gort, and married her cousin, Lord Gort, last year, has given birth to a son and heir at 77 Cadogan Gardens.

A lecturer from the National Health Insurance Committee will attend at Limerick Workhouse at 11 a.m. to-morrow to explain the provisions of the Insurance Act.

At the recent examination held in Dublin, the following passed, and obtained the Certificate of Sanitary Sub-Officer—Mr. T. Butler, New Ross; Miss E. Buttery, Clontarf; Miss K. Kennedy, Mount Bell; Miss M. O'Donnell, Buttevant; Mrs. M. Pigott, Limerick.

Much regret is felt at the death of Mr. Michael Flanagan, Kilmallock, who in his early days was one of the best all-round athletes in Munster. His sons include John Flanagan, the famous hammer-thrower, and Tom, who acted as manager to Jack Johnson at the Reno fight.

The body of Constable Connell, R.I.C., who was drowned at Rossport Ferry, near Belmullet, on January 2nd, while being rowed across in a frail curragh, has been washed ashore there. The body of Connell, was recovered on 3rd January. That of J. MacGrath, the boatman, has not yet been found.

The death has taken place at his residence, Thornhill, Birdhill, County Tipperary, of Mr. John Healy, J.P. The deceased was a large cattle dealer in the South of Ireland. He took an active interest in local affairs, and was a member of the Co. Council since the passing of the '98 Act, and previous to that was an ex-officio member of the Nenagh Board of Guardians.

On Friday night next Mrs. D. Conyers, a distinguished local authoress, will deliver a lecture on "Charles Dickens" before the members of the P.Y.M.A. Literary Class. The Committee are to be congratulated on arranging to have a lecture on the creator of "Little Nell" and many other characters, and in the hands of Mrs. Conyers the subjects are certain to be attractively dealt with.

The following notice has been sent to each member of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland:—

"SIR,—We beg to draw attention to the fact that a special meeting of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland will be held (D.V.) on Thursday, the 21st March, 1912, at 12 noon, in the Synod Hall, Christ Church Place, Dublin, under the mandate of his Grace the Primate of All Ireland.

The meeting will be summoned for the purpose of taking counsel as to the present crisis in relation to the welfare and responsibilities of the Church of Ireland, and of adopting resolutions in reference thereto.

There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in Christ Church Cathedral at 10.30 a.m.

Yours faithfully,  
R. A. KERNAN, Canon, B.D.,  
ARTHUR W. SAMUELS,  
Hon. Secs. of Special Committee."

RINK PALACE.

A most amusing picture, now showing at the Rink Palace, is that entitled "A Well-washed House," a story of two mischievous children. The other pictures are well up to the usual Rink standard, and on Wednesday night a complete change of pictures will take place.

CONCERT AT BRUFF.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

A concert and tea party were held in the Adelaide School, Bruff, on Thursday in aid of parochial expenses. The Rev. W. L. Shade Rector, and Mrs. Shade, ably assisted by the ladies of the parish, left nothing undone to make the entertainment the success it proved to be. There was a large attendance, and a very enjoyable evening was provided. The platform and room were tastefully decorated with green-house plants and evergreens sent by the Hon. Mrs. Nigel Baring from the gardens at Rockbarton.

The Misses Victoria and Gladys Hinchey opened the concert with a duet "Gay Little Girls from Japan," an action song with fans. Mr. T. Bennett sang several humorous songs, and subsequently gave two recitations, all of which were highly appreciated. The next item was a song "Violets" by Mrs. T. Bennett, which brought forth an encore. Miss Hinchey sang "She is far from the land," by Thomas Moore, and was heartily applauded. One of the principal items was given by Mrs. Costelloe—a recitation, "The Old Irish School Master." Miss Bevan sang two songs in her usual pleasing style. Mr. Hinchey sang "The Village Blacksmith," very effectively. Mrs. Westropp gave a piano-forte solo, "Warblings at Eve," and subsequently two other pieces, all of which were rendered with marked ability. Mr. Baker gave several humorous songs, one, "The Kerry Beer-drinker" which was specially popular. Miss V. Hinchey sang "Bring me a Rose" very tastefully. Mr. William Albert gave a character sketch from "Nicholas Nickleby," and "Mr. Squeers, the Yorkshire Schoolmaster." He was in capital form. Miss Hinchey played a pianoforte solo from "Intermezzo in E Minor," by "Sohamamu" very skillfully. Mr. William Hunt sang a humorous song which was listened to with great pleasure. Miss Higgins sang "The Flight of Ages," and delighted the audience. Mr. Henry Hunt gave "The Mountains of Mourne" in very happy style. Mr. O. Bennett sang "Paper Bag Cookery," and so pleased the audience that he had to respond to

HARBOUR BOARD.

The Swivel Bridge.

Further Discussed.

The Mayor presided at the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners yesterday.

The other members present were—Messrs. J. Ellis Goodbody, F. C. Cleave, D.L.; J. H. Roche, J.P.; L. Morley, J. M. Russell, M. Dooley, B.C.; P. Glynn, B.C.; Alderman O'Brien, T. Meany, B.C.; W. Holliday, J.P.; J. Quin, J.P.

The officials in attendance were—Messrs. J. F. Power, Secretary; H. V. Morony, Engineer, and J. Fitzmaurice, Harbour Master.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

The Secretary read a letter signed on behalf of the Harbour employees asking that, as St. Patrick's Day fell on Sunday this year, that the Board would be good enough to grant Monday the 18th as a holiday instead.

Mr. Morley—I think Monday should be recognised as the holiday in the circumstances.

Mr. Dooley—Monday will be the Board holiday. The application was granted.

COMPLAINT AGAINST A PILOT.

The meeting next investigated a complaint received against Pilot Blackwell, in reference to his refusal to take a vessel into the Askeaton river recently.

Blackwell appeared before the Board and offered an explanation, which was not regarded as satisfactory, and he was cautioned as to his future conduct.

THE SWIVEL BRIDGE.

The Mayor said the next business on the agenda paper was to consider the question of whether the bridge proposed to be constructed over the river to replace the wooden structure at Sarsfield-street should be a fixed or a swing bridge.

Mr. Goodbody said he did intend to take up a little of the time of the Board as possible on this question, but at the outset he should say that he felt very strongly on it. The difference in cost between the erection of a fixed and a swing bridge was so considerable as a fixed rate to cause the Board some thought, and for that reason he would like to press his resolution of last day, to the effect that the Board should express an opinion on the point in favour of a fixed bridge on certain conditions. The most important of these conditions, as embodied in his resolution, had relation to the vested interests, and if these were satisfied, as he hoped they would, he saw no insuperable difficulty in the way of having the bridge a fixed one. He had already given his reasons—

One of which was the convenience of access to the city, but a contrary opinion had been expressed by the Mayor on the part of the Corporation against a fixed structure. The Corporation felt that increased prosperity would accrue to Limerick under Home Rule, and for that reason the structure should be an open one. Well, the point that he (Mr. Goodbody) would like to make with regard to that was that the most sanguine expectations with reference to Home Rule hardly applied so far as the prosperity of Limerick was concerned in the immediate future. Mr. Morony had given him the approximate estimates for bridges, leaving out the omnibus items incidental to law and other expenses. The first was a Schiezer rolling lift bridge, 40 feet wide, estimated cost £12,750; the second an ordinary swing bridge, 40 feet wide, estimated cost £9,333, and the third an ordinary swing bridge, 30 feet wide, £7,121. Then for a fixed bridge, 40 feet wide, £3,820, and for a fixed bridge, 30 feet wide, £3,056. The difference between the prices for an ordinary swing bridge, 40 feet wide, and a fixed structure of the same width, was £5,513, and for an ordinary swing bridge, 30 feet wide, and a fixed bridge of the same width, £4,095. Well, said Mr. Goodbody, Home Rule or not the money that would pay for any of these structures would be Irish money. He was in Dublin last week, and went unofficially to see a member of the Board of Works with reference to this matter, and gathered from him that under no consideration could they look forward to a grant from that Board towards the cost of putting up this bridge. He certainly did not encourage him, and they might take it from him (Mr. Goodbody) that the money would have to be found by the ratepayers, presumably of the Counties of Clare and Limerick, the Borough of Limerick and Harbour Board. That there should be a bridge constructed they all conceded. Everyone sympathised with the predicament in which Messrs. Cleave were placed by having to make a long detour of the city to take their goods to the railway station. It was an intolerable predicament, and that there should be a new bridge was the general feeling. The Corporation some time ago invited Lord Pirrie to take some of his works to Limerick. That was a very good thing; but the Corporation should also feel it their duty to encourage the existing industries in Limerick, and should not grudge Messrs. Cleave every concession in developing their business. The way that firm was hampered at present did not justify, from the point of view of Limerick, the development of a trade which affected the workingmen as well as the firm itself. (Hear, hear.) From a labour point of view alone a new bridge was necessary at this place. He suggested that there should be a conference of the bodies that were to contribute towards the erection of the bridge, and let them thrash the whole matter out.

The Mayor—You make that suggestion before forcing your resolution?

Mr. Goodbody—I should like to say that the bridge is necessary. I feel that very strongly myself; but there is no argument, as far as I can see, for going to an enormous cost for a swing bridge. As the Harbour Board is going to be saddled with the brunt of the expenditure for the undertaking, it is for us to say, or at any rate to express our opinion of the kind of bridge that is most desirable. Therefore, I would ask the Harbour Board to support my resolution, and to say that a swing bridge is unnecessary. I am quite open to listen to arguments from the other side.

Mr. Holliday—Would it not be necessary to have a Board of Trade Enquiry?

Mr. Goodbody—They will not give it to us. We must undertake the whole responsibility.

were industries already should be facilitated. interests of industries also be constructed, but in the public. At the moment I to vote for a permanent. The Mayor—The berth opposite Messrs. Spaight that is wrong. Mr. Morony—It is, but away the bottom. Mr. Morley—Are the n tion on the Board bound bridge? The Mayor—Their han by the resolution of the Corporation are determin means in their power t and will not contribute I certainly would not fe tion. Mr. Holliday said if the by Mr. Goodbody, was of, should be a fixed one. Corporation could recon present there were heavy Nicholas street, Rutlan street, and the wear t could be avoided by having substitute the one now at That was a matter that a Corporation, and, as reason that it would. The Mayor thought the was a very good one. Ald. O'Brien—Does Mr. resolution now, or wait for ference? Mr. Goodbody said he resolution passed by tl Board to the effect that a necessary. Mr. Quin said at the pres quite sure what kind of a b see erected. Mr. Holliday—We canno to decide. (Laughter). Mr. Quin said Mr. Goodd vested interests concerned would be no difficulty in th bridge a permanent struc know how much compensat interests. They might be s the figure might run into £ should not bind itself to an; sorry for. The Mayor—I think you is something in what Mr. Q Mr. Quin was of opinion should sit before the Board. Mr. Goodbody—The Cora tion in sending us their o resolution, and I do not hesitate in giving expressio day. The matter has been day fortnight. Mr. Quin—I think you Conference first. Mr. Morley—As regard heard from a very promi Corporation that it is t Corporation to employ legal to their position with refer this bridge. Quite apart f whether it should be a swiv they are also to have engi whether a bridge is neces think that is a very proper should fortify themselves apart from the opinions g Board. I do not know if t be held until we got their of The Mayor—I am afraid i take action you will wait u Alderman O'Brien—Mr. G the difference in the cost c bridges, and has provided £1,000 to Messrs. McGuire the other interests that will Mr. Holliday—There has £1,000 compensation to Mess Alderman O'Brien—I beg has spoken of giving Mess compensation. The Mayor—It may have feeler, but there was no offer Alderman O'Brien—Yes, a The Mayor—Is there any t Goodbody to waive his resolu Mr. Goodbody—I do not see why this Board should no in favour of a fixed bridge. Alderman O'Brien—This Goodbody did not see his resolution because he had not back him up. Mr. Holliday—Shame. Mr. Goodbody—I may not The Mayor—Is there any resolution? Alderman O'Brien—Yes, resolution of the Corporation fixed one. Mr. Goodbody—That is not A division was taken on tl the voting was For—Messrs J. E. Goodbod H. Roche, W. Holliday, and Against—Messrs L. Morley P. Glynn, M. Dooley, T. Mear —8. Mr. Quin did not vote, and declared lost. Mr. Holliday proposed the held of delegates from the bod construction of the bridge with mining what kind of structure The Mayor said he had a qualified way. If the contribute towards the expense and opposed a fixed structure, not vote against the Harbour B ever structure they liked th expense. Mr. Holliday—The Harbo going to do it at their own Mr. Morley seconded the t was carried unanimously.

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London, last Saturday evening. The meeting was convened by the Lord Mayor of London, and although but 24 hours' notice had been given, no less than 170 Chief Magistrates of the Cities and Boroughs in England and Wales were present in support of the object in view. The resolutions recorded the profound anxiety with which a general stoppage of the work at the mines is regarded, and called on the leaders at both sides "to recognise the paramount claims of the community." They were further asked to weigh with the utmost attention any points of possible agreement which might be submitted to them by his Majesty's advisers or from any other quarter. The attitude of South Wales, where there are two sections of men's leaders holding divergent views, is regarded as the most complicating factor in the whole situation, but it is evident also that the trouble is specially acute in Mid-Derbyshire, where a coal strike began yesterday on the expiration of the miners' notices, and within 24 hours it is expected that 25,000 hands will be idle. Conferences continue to take place between the coalowners' committee, the men's representatives, and the Premier, and we must only hope for the best as the possible outcome of these negotiations, as also of the proceedings of the Miners' National Conference in London to-day. The vital question at issue is the acceptance by the owners in the British coal fields of the minimum wage principle, and the probability is that if this is conceded there will be breathing time for the discussion of details. It is said that a majority of South Wales owners are prepared to agree to the principle conditionally, but that on the other hand a strong minority is against it. On the whole, however, the feeling to-day has grown more optimistic that some *modus vivendi* will at the eleventh hour be arrived at, and so every what would be nothing short of a National calamity affecting all interests and classes from one end of the country to the other. It is very encouraging to note from this evening's telegrams that the prospects of a settlement are distinctly hopeful, the utmost confidence prevailing in official circles that the result of to-day's conferences will be an agreement between the masters and men.

### CURRENT COMMENT.

#### Limerick Race Company.

The annual meeting of the Limerick Race Company last evening was a pleasant reunion for the chairman and Shareholders, and during the comparatively brief period which the proceedings lasted there was nothing to disturb the harmony that existed throughout. Indeed, it could not be any well otherwise, for the dividend declared by the Directors, 12½ per cent, free of income tax, as most satisfactory in view of the expenditure made to improve Greenpark race course, now one of the finest in Ireland, with special free stabling for horses. There was the railway strike too, which so affected trade in the autumn and compelled the postponement of several meets throughout the country, and by which the Limerick Company, as the Chairman stated yesterday, something to the effect of £300. The Shareholders have every reason to be satisfied, all things considered, with the year's working, for the success of which the Chairman, Directors, and the Secretary were eminently deserving of the unanimous thanks voted so cordially to them by the meeting.

#### CLONANNA COURSING--TO-DAY.

The sport at the Tenants' Meeting at Clonanna today was very fine, and the attendance was large. Results:—

- #### THE MAIGUE STAKES.
- Spinning Wheel beat Soldier's Pride.
  - Shaun Still beat Greek Fire.
  - Gybe beat Splendour.
  - Sea Beauty a bye.
- #### Semi-Final.
- Spinning Wheel beat Shaun Still.
  - Gybe beat Sea Beauty.
- #### Stake Divided.
- #### THE TENANTS STAKES.
- ##### First Round.
- Knockpatrick beat Sublimate.
  - Regular Rambler beat Dark Daisy.
  - Liberty Lass beat Mountain Mystery.
  - Sweet Betty beat Mazer.
  - Monoplane beat Menias.
  - Refined Singer beat High Constable.
  - Guillotine beat Ballynanty.
  - Dhonn Fierna beat Nellie Ray.
- ##### Second Round.
- Regular Rambler beat Knockpatrick.
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- #### Semi-Final.
- Regular Rambler beat Sweet Betty.
  - Monoplane beat Dhonn Fierna.
- #### Final.
- Monoplane beat Regular Rambler.

Earl of Dunraven has left London for the Manor.

fourth and fifth ribs, and a wound of exit at the back. There was also a wound at the back between the eighth and ninth ribs. On making a *post mortem* witness traced the cause of this wound through the left lung, the pericardium, the heart itself and the lung posterior. The pericardium and left pleura were filled with blood. Death was due to shock, occasioned by hemorrhage. The bullet (produced) would, in his opinion cause the wound described.

The Coroner—Do you think it is suicidal or accidental? Indeed I could not say.

District Inspector Craig—Could it be self-inflicted?

Witness—Yes, by a left-handed person.

District Inspector Craig—Was she wearing a watch when you saw her?

Witness—I don't know.

District Inspector Craig—Was your attention called to a hole in the wall of the room?

Witness—Yes.

District Inspector Craig—And did you measure the distance of that hole from the floor?

Witness—Yes.

District Inspector Craig—And the distance from the point of exit from the body.

Witness—Yes.

District Inspector Craig—What is the distance of the floor to the hole in the wall?

Witness—Four feet and an inch.

District Inspector Craig—And the distance from the point of exit in the body?

Witness—The same. Four feet and an inch.

A Juror (Mr. Sewell)—Was the wound an oblique wound?

Witness—No. It was direct.

Another Juror—Would it not be easier to inflict that wound with the right hand than with the left?

Witness—No.

A Juror (Mr. Sewell)—How long do you think she was dead?

Witness—A very short time.

Dr. M. S. McGrath deposed to assisting Dr. Holmes in making the post-mortem. He heard his evidence, and entirely agreed with it. The bullet produced might cause the wound, which brought about death.

Frederick Hall was then called.

Before he was sworn the Coroner intimated to him that the District Inspector had said that he should be cautioned. It was optional with him to give evidence if he desired.

Mr. Counihan—At your own desire, Captain Hall.

Mr. Hall—Yes.

Mr. Counihan said he would examine him but the Coroner said it would be better for the District Inspector to do so.

District Inspector Craig—What are you, Mr. Hall?

Mr. Hall—Inspector to the Limerick Fishery Board.

District Inspector Craig—You know Mary Delohery? Yes. She was in my employment for seven or eight years, and lived in my house with her niece, Cassie Haugh.

Further replying to the District Inspector, the witness said he remembered Cassie Haugh coming in from school yesterday about half-past three. At the time he was in the kitchen with the deceased, and after Cassie Haugh had taken her dinner she went out with her. After a short time Mary Delohery returned by herself, and when witness, who was in the yard, saw her he came into the house. He was preparing to go on duty, and the revolver (produced) was on the table in the hall with a lanyard attached to it. The lanyard was then unbroken, and the revolver was loaded for sometime previous, probably a month. It was a six-chambered revolver, and he was in the act of putting his hand on it to get the lanyard round his neck when she put her hand on it, and snatched it before he could put his hand on it.

District Inspector Craig—Did she say anything?

Witness—I think she said you don't want this and held it up. I made a grab at it.

District Inspector Craig—Had you and her a sort of scramble for the revolver?

Witness—Yes, playing like.

District Inspector Craig—Did she break away?

Witness—Yes. I stooped. I think I heard the revolver fall when she opened the door, and came into this room and closed it after her.

District Inspector Craig—Before she broke away had you a hold of her?

Witness—Yes. I was in the hall after she going into the room looking for the revolver.

District Inspector Craig—Do you know how the lanyard was broken?

Witness—No.

District Inspector Craig—What happened when she went into the room?

Witness—The bang of the door and shot went off almost immediately.

The Coroner—What did you do then?

Witness—I opened the door and saw her lying on the floor inside.

District Inspector Craig—What way was she lying?

Witness—On her back, with her feet close to the door.

District Inspector Craig—Where was the revolver when you came into the room?

Witness—A couple of feet from the body near the wall.

District Inspector Craig—Did she say anything after you going in?

Witness—No; she never spoke, and I think she died at once.

District Inspector Craig—What did you do next?

Witness—I lifted her up, and pulled her over a bit, and went next door and asked them to send for a doctor that there was an accident after occurring.

Further answering the District Inspector, the witness said he never heard the deceased say anything about committing suicide. He was always on friendly terms with him, and never had a quarrel with her one way or the other. On previous occasions she had tried to prevent him from taking the revolver with him and her reason for that was that she believed he might meet with an accident while cycling. He could not believe that she shot herself deliberately, it must have been an accident, and nothing else.

In reply to Mr. Counihan, the witness stated that he practically reared the deceased, and regarded her in the light of a daughter.

Cassie Haugh, niece of the deceased, was next examined, and stated she returned from school at half-past three o'clock yesterday, when she saw her aunt and Mr. Hall sitting at the kitchen fire. They appeared quite friendly, and after a time

that a special meeting of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland will be held (D.V.) on Thursday, the 21st March, 1912, at 12 noon, in the Synod Hall, Christ Church Place, Dublin, under the mandate of his Grace the Primate of All Ireland.

The meeting will be summoned for the purpose of taking counsel as to the present crisis in relation to the welfare and responsibilities of the Church of Ireland, and of adopting resolutions in reference thereto.

There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in Christ Church Cathedral at 10.30 a.m.

Yours faithfully,  
R. A. KERNAN, Canon, B.D.,  
ARTHUR W. SAMUELS,  
Hon. Secs. of Special Committee.

### RINK PALACE.

A most amusing picture, now showing at the Rink Palace, is that entitled "A Well-washed House," a story of two mischievous children. The other pictures are well up to the usual Rink standard, and on Wednesday night a complete change of pictures will take place.

### CONCERT AT BRUFF.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

A concert and tea party were held in the Adelaide School, Bruff, on Thursday in aid of parochial expenses. The Rev. W. L. Shade Rector, and Mrs. Shade, ably assisted by the ladies of the parish, left nothing undone to make the entertainment the success it proved to be. There was a large attendance, and a very enjoyable evening was provided. The platform and room were tastefully decorated with green-house plants and evergreens sent by the Hon. Mrs. Nigel Baring from the gardens at Rockbarton. The Misses Victoria and Gladys Hinchey opened the concert with a duet "Gay Little Girls from Japan," an action song with fans. Mr. T. Bennett sang several humorous songs, and subsequently gave two recitations, all of which were highly appreciated. The next item was a song "Violets" by Mrs. T. Bennett, which brought forth an encore. Miss Hinchey sang "She is far from the land," by Thomas Moore, and was heartily applauded. One of the principal items was given by Mrs. Costelloe—a recitation, "The Old Irish School Master." Miss Bevan sang two songs in her usual pleasing style. Mr. Hinchey sang "The Village Blacksmith," very effectively. Mrs. Westropp gave a pianoforte solo, "Warblings at Eve," and subsequently two other pieces, all of which were rendered with marked ability. Mr. Baker gave several humorous songs, one, "The Kerry Beer," which was specially popular. Miss V. Hinchey sang "Bring me a Rose" very tastefully. Mr. William Albert gave a character sketch from "Nicholas Nickleby," and "Mr. Squeers, the Yorkshire Schoolmaster." He was in capital form. Miss Hinchey played a pianoforte solo from "Intermezzo in E Minor," by "Sohamann" very skillfully. Mr. William Hunt sang a humorous song which was listened to with great pleasure. Miss Higgins sang "The Flight of Ages," and delighted the audience. Mr. Henry Hunt gave "The Mountains of Mourne" in a very happy style. Mr. O. Bennett sang "Paper Bag Cookery," and so pleased the audience that he had to respond to an encore with "The Stuttering Porter." Miss Hinchey sang "I'll Sing Thee Songs of Araby," and Mr. Popham "You Can't Think of Everything." The Misses Victoria and Gladys Hinchey gave a duet "Where are you going to my Pretty Maid." Miss Alice Hunt presided at the tea table. Cakes and other good things were sent in by the ladies of the parish.

### INFANT FOUND DEAD.

The body of a newly-born infant was discovered on Sunday in a field at Farranshane by two small boys. The remains were wrapped in a cloth and enclosed in an outer cover of brown paper. The police were communicated with, and yesterday an inquest was held by Mr. J. F. Barry, J.P., City Coroner. The evidence of Dr. Mulcahy went to show that the infant was still born. The umbilical cord was not attended to, but there were no marks of violence. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

witness and deceased took their bicycles to go to the Post Office, but the roads being muddy her aunt returned, and witness proceeded to the post office. When she returned she saw Mr. Hall, who told her of the accident to her aunt, and witness went to see her. As far as she knew Mr. Hall and her aunt never had a quarrel.

Jenny Foran, living at No. 1 Roseville Terrace deposed to Mr. Hall coming to her house yesterday evening about a quarter to five and asking for some help, as he thought Mary Delohery had shot herself. Witness and her sister Ina complied with his request, and saw the deceased in that room lying on the floor on her back with her head towards the fire place. Witness asked him if he had any whiskey or brandy in the house, and he said he was afraid it was all over. Captain Hall suggested to her to go for a doctor, and she went. The deceased girl was quite still, and witness thought she was dead. She did not hear the report of firearms.

Ina Foran corroborated the evidence of her sister.

Sergeant Wilson deposed to being summoned to the house by Dr. Holmes. He described the position of the body of the deceased in the room, and found that the woman was dead. He took possession of the revolver which he was pointed out by Captain Hall, who told witness that deceased and himself were joking in the hall with the revolver. That she ran into the room and shot herself. There was one empty cartridge in the revolver and five loaded.

Constable Hourihan deposed to finding the pieces of lanyard (produced) on a kitchen table of Mr. Hall's house last evening.

This closed the evidence, and the jury found that death was due to hemorrhage from a bullet wound through the heart, but how said wound was inflicted they had not sufficient evidence to show.

under Home Rule, and for that reason the structure should be an open one. Well, the point that he (Mr. Goodbody) would like to make with regard to that was that the most sanguine expectations with reference to Home hardly applied so far as the prosperity of Limerick was concerned in the immediate future. Mr. Morley had given him the approximate estimates for bridges, leaving out the onerous items incidental to law and other expenses. The first was a Schiezer rolling lift bridge, 40 feet wide, estimated cost £12,750; the second an ordinary swing bridge, 40 feet wide, estimated cost £9,333, and the third an ordinary swing bridge, 30 feet wide, £7,121. Then for a fixed bridge, 40 feet wide, £3,820, and for a fixed bridge, 30 feet wide, £3,056. The difference between the prices for an ordinary swing bridge, 40 feet wide, and a fixed structure of the same width, was £5,513, and for an ordinary swing bridge, 30 feet wide, and a fixed bridge of the same width, £4,095. Well, said Mr. Goodbody, Home Rule or not the money that would pay for any of these structures would be Irish money. He was in Dublin last week, and went unofficially to see a member of the Board of Works with reference to this matter, and gathered from him that under no consideration could they look forward to a grant from that Board towards the cost of putting up this bridge. He certainly did not encourage him, and they might take it from him (Mr. Goodbody) that the money would have to be found by the ratepayers, presumably of the Counties of Clare and Limerick, the Borough of Limerick and Harbour Board. That there should be a bridge constructed they all conceded. Every one sympathised with the predicament in which Messrs. Cleve were placed by having to make a long detour of the city to take their goods to the railway station. It was an intolerable predicament, and that there should be a new bridge was the general feeling. The Corporation some time ago invited Lord Pirrie to take some of his works to Limerick. That was a very good thing; but the Corporation should also feel it their duty to encourage the existing industries in Limerick, and should not grudge Messrs. Cleve every concession in developing their business. The way that firm was hampered at present did not justify, from the point of view of Limerick, the development of a trade which affected the workmen as well as the firm itself. (Hear, hear.) From a labour point of view alone a new bridge was necessary at this place. He suggested that there should be a conference of the bodies that were to contribute towards the erection of the bridge, and let them thrash the whole matter out.

The Mayor—You make that suggestion before forcing your resolution?

Mr. Goodbody—I should like to say that the bridge is necessary. I feel that very strongly myself; but there is no argument, as far as I can see, for going to an enormous cost for a swing bridge. As the Harbour Board is going to be saddled with the brunt of the expenditure for the undertaking, it is for us to say, or at any rate to express our opinion of the kind of bridge that is most desirable. Therefore, I would ask the Harbour Board to support my resolution, and to say that a swing bridge is unnecessary. I am quite open to listen to arguments from the other side.

Mr. Holliday—Would it not be necessary to have a Board of Trade Enquiry?

Mr. Goodbody—They will not give it to us. We must undertake the whole responsibility.

The Secretary read the resolution of Mr. Goodbody as published.

The Mayor—Of course, Mr. Goodbody, you have gone carefully into the figures?

Mr. Goodbody—Yes. They are the figures officially supplied to the Board a year ago by the Engineer.

The Secretary—Mr. Goodbody suggests a Conference between delegates from the four bodies to consider what kind of a bridge should be erected, and how much each should contribute.

Mr. Goodbody—Everything. My resolution should be taken as an expression of opinion as to what should be done.

The Secretary—Not as a binding resolution?

Mr. Goodbody—No.

The Mayor—There should be nothing unnecessarily binding in it?

Mr. Goodbody—No. You might substitute the word "might" for "should" in the resolution. The consent of the present users "might" be obtained, instead of "should" be obtained by compensation payment.

The Mayor said there was no doubt at the present moment of what he might think as to the kind of bridge to be put up. It was only the people at the other side that were chiefly concerned with what the nature of the bridge should be.

Mr. Goodbody said that was so.

The Mayor said, as he explained it at a previous meeting, the members of the Corporation on the Board were bound to oppose a fixed structure, but then if the Corporation did not come forward and subscribe their quota, he should certainly decline to vote as they pleased. If the Corporation were to oppose the putting up of a fixed bridge, and would not contribute towards the construction of a swing bridge, he would not feel bound by their resolution.

Mr. Holliday seconded Mr. Goodbody's resolution.

Mr. Morley—The difference in the cost of a swing bridge and a fixed bridge is £4,000.

Mr. Goodbody—Yes, 30 feet wide.

Mr. Morley said they had got a rough calculation of the indemnities to be paid Messrs. McGuire and the owners of turf boats. A great deal to his mind appeared to depend on what the difference in the price of the structures would be. Personally he was opposed to a fixed bridge, as a great deal of money had been spent in works above the Wellesley Bridge. There were berths opposite Messrs. Spaight's stores, capable of accommodating vessels of 150 tons, and of considerable depth, and it was a question whether it was the proper policy of the Harbour Board to for all time close up the navigation to that accommodation situated in the heart of the city. (Hear, hear.) He should say that he had never been approached by Mr. Cleve or any member of his firm with regard to the bridge, but if re-constructed it would of course suit the Lansdowne Factory. He did not see why there should be any objection to provide a proper structure at this place. As had been stated by Mr. Goodbody, the Corporation of the city had invited Lord Pirrie to come to Limerick, and it would be a good thing if he did come, but it should be remembered that there

### THE EVANGELIC

#### Day of Prayer for Ireland.

The following appeal Council of the Irish Branch Alliance:—

"We invite you to unite Sunday, 17th day of March (a day of special prayer) as a day of special prayer for Ireland.

"For more than 30 years has been issued. We return to Almighty God for the great has taken place during the department of our national and material. This should ment to us in looking for the hand of our prayer-heaven."

"From other points of anxious in the extreme. Unrest, the great public under contemplation, invigorated and far-reaching in country, but for the great are connected, call for earnest all dangers may be averted, overruled for His glory that kingdom which is right joy in the Holy Ghost.

"It is earnestly hoped that Churches throughout the co-selves of this opportunity, thanks to God for the me supplicating His blessing for loved land."

### COUNTY LIMERICK

#### Labourer's Strike.

The dead body of a labourer, of Gerah, was on Saturday in a stream running close by about two miles from Mite deceased's sons. All three Friday, their mode of conveyance and cart. The left for home and when something over a mile one of the sons went to speak father told the other to wait the car and he would walk or suggestion was agreed to. A fortunate man decided on a route home, in the course of a stream. From this bridge water would be a depth of 10 there would be about two feet surmised that when the poor this he stumbled or missed way and toppled over. When marks were observed on the violent contact with a stone. It is that the fall rendered him leave a wife and family to mourn.

A distinguished member of the profession, Sir Francis Cruise, M.P. at his residence, 93 Merrion Street had been in ill-health for some