

THE GALE. Serious Damage to Property.

Christmas Eve was remarkable for one of the fiercest storms that have swept over the country for a considerable time. Reports from various parts of Ireland, as well as from England and Scotland, show that the atmospheric disturbance was of a very general character.

Train Derailed in Kerry.

The morning train from Dingle to Tralee encountered the full force of the gale on a steep decline, and three passenger carriages, and three waggon were blown off the rails. Fortunately the derailed carriages were empty.

West Clare Train Derailed.

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Narrow Escape of Travellers.

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Ennis

Considerable damage was done to property in Ennis, roofs of houses being damaged, and slates, and bricks blown about. Some trees in the town, and vicinity were also blown down.

Limerick.

The gale in Limerick was very severe, but beyond slates and bricks being blown off some houses, and branches of trees snapping, no serious damage was done.

THE GALE IN LOWER SHANNON DISTRICT.

Our Glin correspondent writes—The North westerly gale which broke over the lower Shannon country shortly before daybreak on Tuesday, unroofed buildings, tumbled chimney stacks, felled trees, and set slates flying.

CHRISTMASTIDE.

Christmastide has come and gone, and it is to be hoped, carries with it the happiest recollections for every one. Christmas eve was fine and dry and the city presented a busy aspect till a late hour.

The Churches.

St. Mary's Cathedral was, as usual, very tastefully decorated with holly and ivy and flowers. A Carol Service was held on Sunday evening, and a very bright selection of Carols appropriate to the occasion was sung.

CITY ACCIDENT. Terminates Fatally.

Mr. J. F. Barry, J.P., City Coroner, and a jury of which Mr. F. McKearney was foreman held an inquest yesterday at Barrington's Hospital into circumstances touching the death of Martin Keane, which took place in the institution on the night of the 25th.

Head Constable McKernan conducted the inquiry. Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan, solicitor, represented Messrs J. and G. Boyd, Ltd., in whose employment deceased was.

The first witness examined was Sergeant Guerin who stated that at seven o'clock on the 19th instant he received word that Martin Keane was seriously injured while at his work at Messrs Boyd's, William street, and that he was removed to Barrington's Hospital. He repaired to the hospital at once, and saw the deceased, who was in bed. He made a statement with regard to his injuries. His observations were that that morning he was engaged at work, and while standing in the lift, used for taking goods from the ground floor on to the lofts, and while a distance from the ground the slack rope suddenly gave way.

The Coroner—Have you any idea how he was taken to the hospital?—Yes. He was admitted here at half-past eight.

Mr. McKernan—Was he constantly at the lift?—The Coroner—He could not answer that.

Mr. O'Sullivan—I am here on behalf of Messrs. Boyd, and I will give the jury all the information I can in the matter.

William Kitwan, a porter in Messrs. Boyd's employment, stated he was acquainted with the deceased who was unmarried, and aged about 48 years. The deceased lived in the city but his people belonged to Coonagh. He was a porter in the goods store of the firm, and the remains the jury had seen were those of Martin Keane. On the morning of the 19th, while at his work, at quarter-past eight, witness heard a noise, and went to see what was the cause of it. He found that the lift had collapsed, and saw the deceased lying on the floor. He asked witness and another man named Daly to take off his boots, which they did, and on examining his body found a punctured wound on the right side. Having regard to his condition, the ambulance was telephoned for, and the injured man removed to hospital. At the time of the accident there were twelve half boxes of Sunlight soap in the lift, representing 5 cwt., a hand cart, and the deceased. Witness could not say what caused the accident, but as far as he could see there was nothing wrong with the lift.

John Daly, employed at Messrs. Boyd's in the capacity of engine hand, stated that on the morning of the 19th, at a quarter past eight, he was at work. While in the act of passing through the engine-room, about five yards from where the accident occurred, he heard a crash, and ran in the direction whence the sound came. He found the deceased coming out from the lift with his hand to his head. Witness asked him what had happened, and he replied that "it" fell down.

Head Constable McKernan—That is the lift? That is all he said?

The Coroner—Well?

Witness—Kirwan and myself examined him, and found a wound on his right side.

Head-Constable McKernan—Did you examine the lift?—Yes; there was nothing broken.

Head-Constable McKernan—There was no rope broken?—No.

Mr. Whelan (a juror)—You are responsible for the working of the lift?—Yes.

Mr. Whelan—What caused the lift to fall?—I don't know. The best of my belief is that the ropes fouled, and it came down with a slap.

Mr. Whelan—The deceased was in the habit of working it?—Yes.

The Foreman—There was no rope broken?—No.

Mr. Whelan—There was never an accident occurred before in connection with this lift?—Not that I know of.

Mr. McKernan—Is the lift working now?—No.

The Coroner—What occurred?—The ropes got fouled.

The Coroner—Is there anything to prevent such a thing occurring again?—It may not occur for years.

Dr. J. Holmes, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, deposed that the deceased was admitted to the institution at half-past eight on the morning of the 19th. He was suffering from shock, and on examining him found a lacerated wound two and a half inches long on the right side of the chest, the wall of which was penetrated. The seventh rib was also fractured, and both ankles were contused. Death was due to exhaustion caused by penetration of the chest wall.

Mr. Edward Holliday, Corbalry, in reply to Mr. O'Sullivan, stated that the lift in question was made by Messrs. Waygood, London, and had been in use nineteen years. He was not aware of there ever being a lift accident in the concern prior to this occasion. This lift was used by all the workmen, a practice common in all places where elevators were installed. No one was specially told off to attend it at his firm nor in any firm knew of it. It was examined by the Inspector of Factories two days previous to the accident. He passed no remark with reference to the mechanism, but suggested some device with regard to the floor. If the rope broke there could not have been an accident as the lift was provided with a safety device which prevented any collapse.

Mr. O'Sullivan—How did the accident occur in your opinion?

I can only form an opinion on examination of the ropes which must have got fouled in some way or other. The deceased was an old employe and one of the best men we have ever had.

In reply to a juror, the witness stated that the ropes were capable of holding 50 tons weight.

This concluded the evidence, and the Coroner expressed the hope that in cases of serious accident occurring in the city in future the police should be notified.

Mr. Holliday said in this case he immediately notified the Certifying Surgeon of Factories, which he thought was sufficient.

The jury returned a verdict of death in accordance with the medical testimony, due to the falling of a lift. They added a rider recommending that Messrs. Boyd, Ltd., would place a competent man in charge of the lift, and that in future cases of accident be reported to the Constabulary forthwith.

THE DELHI OUTRAGE. Viceroy's Condition. Sympathy of Indians.

Delhi, Friday. The following bulletin was issued this morning. "The Viceroy's progress is good. Natural sleep is returning. The lacerated wounds are doing well, but there is some trouble in the punctured wound below the neck."

Bombay, Friday. The Indian National Congress has passed a resolution expressing horror and detestation at the dastardly attempt on the Viceroy's life, and sympathy with Lord and Lady Hardinge, coupled with the hope that his Excellency will make a speedy recovery.

Delhi, Friday. As Lord Hardinge will be unable to preside at the meetings of the Executive Council for some time, his Excellency has authorised Sir Fleetwood Wilson, Senior Member of the Council, to take his place.

Delhi, Saturday. To-day's bulletin says:—The Viceroy's general condition continues to be satisfactory.

THE CHURCH.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

Tuesday next, December 31st, being New Year's Eve, there will be a special service for the close of the year at 11 p.m. Anthem, "In the Beginning," "The Heavens are telling," "The Creation." Preacher, the Dean. On New Year's Day there will be Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m.

Sunday Services.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—Sunday after Christmas.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.—Matins and Holy Communion, 11.30 o'clock: Venite, Dye in F; Chants, Spohr (F) and Rogers (B flat); Service, Goss in A; Hymns, 88 and 504; Communion Service, Goss in A; Preacher, the Dean. Evening-song, 3.30 o'clock: Chants, Mornington (E flat); Service, Goss in A; Anthem, "Rejoice in the Lord" (Elvey); Hymns, 85 and 92; Preacher, Rev. Preceptor Addeley, M.A.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.—Sunday after Christmas.—8 a.m., Holy Communion. 9.50 a.m., Military Service; preacher, Rev. R. J. Colthurst, B.A. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; preacher, Rev. R. J. Colthurst, B.A. 3.30 p.m., Children's Service; Christmas Carols will be sung. 5.30, Evening Prayer; preacher, the Archdeacon.

TRINITY CHURCH.—Sunday after Christmas.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30; preacher, Rev. W. R. Keilor, M.A. Evening Prayer at 6.30; preacher, Rev. Canon J. T. Waller, B.D. Children's Service at 3.30.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—First Sunday after Christmas.—Morning Prayer, 11.30; Evening Prayer, 7.0. Preacher at both services, the Rector.

ST. MUNCHIN'S CHURCH.—Sunday after Christmas.—Morning Service, 11.30; Evening Service, 6.30. Preacher at both services, Rev. Canon T. B. Robertson. Special collection for Sustentation Fund of Parish.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH (Parson).—Morning Prayer, 11.45; preacher, Rev. T. F. Abbott, B.D.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Lower Mallow Street).—Morning, 11.30; preacher, Rev. R. H. Semple, M.A. (Cantab.). Evening, 6.30; preacher, Rev. A. T. Rentoul, B.A. Wednesday, January 1, 1913, New Year Service.—Morning, 11.30; preacher, Rev. R. H. Semple, M.A. (Cantab.).

METHODIST CHURCH (George-street).—Sunday, December 29th.—Morning, 11.30; evening, 6.30. Preacher, Rev. W. Young Northbridge.

KILKEEDY CHURCH.—Morning Service, 11.30; Evening Service, 4.0 (in schoolhouse).

THE BAPTIST CHURCH (Military Road).—Morning Service, 11.30; Evening, 6.30.

CASTLECONNELL CHURCH.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30 o'clock. Evening Prayer, 5.30 o'clock.

ADARE PARISH CHURCH.—Morning Prayer at 11.30 a.m. Evening Prayer at 6 p.m.

GOSPEL HALL (Mallow-street).—Meeting, 8 o'clock; Gospel Address.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Cecil Street).—Sunday, December 29.—Morning, 11 o'clock. Evangelistic Service at 8 p.m. in Friends' Meeting House.

New Years Eve Services.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—Close of the Year.—11 p.m.: Opening Hymn, 90 (2nd version); Hymn before Sermon, 506; Anthem, 506; Anthem, "In the Beginning"; "The Heavens are telling"; "The Creation"; Hymn after Sermon, 508; Preacher, the Dean; Recessional Hymn, 38.

ST. MUNCHIN'S CHURCH.—Services at 11 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Robertson.

METHODIST CHURCH (George Street).—Watch-Night Service (Tuesday), 10.45 p.m.; preacher, Rev. W. Young Northbridge. Everybody welcome.

LIMERICK BOUND SHIP'S EXPERIENCE.

A Limerick bound ship had a fearful experience on the voyage from Queenstown on St. Stephen's night. She was in tow of the Glasgow tug "Hibernian" and all went fairly well until off Kerry Head. It was blowing a terrific gale, and outside the Head the tug was forced to let the ship go. The Master of the vessel ran for Galway Bay where he found shelter, and the tug steamed for Limerick where she arrived yesterday morning in a weather beaten condition. In the sea she encountered the bridge was broken, the telegraph carried away, and the life boats smashed to atoms. All day yesterday the crew were engaged in attending to the damage and the tug leaves this afternoon for Galway to take the vessel to her port of destination.

THE RESUMED PEACE CONFERENCE.

Reuter's Agency learns that according to

LATEST NEWS. TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

(Special to the "Chronicle.")

TERRIBLE WEATHER AT SEA.

P. & O. LINER'S THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

Captain on Bridge for Two Days.

Privations of Passengers and Crew.

The P. and O. Liner, Narrung, arrived at Gravesend this morning, when Captain Bridewell her Commander, left the bridge for the first time since Thursday morning. She disembarks her passengers later in the day, and then proceeds to the Royal Albert Docks for repairs. The disabled liner slipped off the river under cover of darkness, and only a small tug got her, and a couple of watermen in a small boat, who secured her safely to a buoy. The Company's officials, and Mr. H. Smart, representing the High Commissioner for Australia, boarded the Narrung.

The fore deck was a mass of wreckage. The iron plate in the bulwarks was twisted like a piece of cardboard, and the door panels were smashed to fragments.

Captain Interviewed.

Interviewed, the captain of the Narrung said—The weather was not pleasant when we left London on Christmas Eve, but it was not until they passed the Channel Isles that they encountered the gale. That was Xmas evening, and the gale increased in fury until Boxing Day morning. They were then ahead of Ushant, and shipping water heavily. Speed was reduced to dead slow, the vessel's head was kept in the teeth of the gale, and she was hove to. So they remained all the morning. During his thirty years' experience of the Bay of Biscay he had never seen such a gale. In the afternoon a mountainous wave struck the vessel, swamping the whole ship, and wrecking all tackle in front of the mast. It flooded the passenger accommodation, and broke through the hold. The rudder deck was torn up, and turned back like paper. The only thing was to get the vessel round before a similar sea struck her. If she had taken another it would have been all up with her. He told the Marconi operator to signal for assistance, and this obtained several responses, the French Government offering to send a gunboat. Later he sent another wireless saying the Narrung was under control. It took him an hour and twenty minutes to turn round, and they were running four or five hours before they were out of danger.

The Chief Officer said the wave which struck the Narrung was seventy feet high. Two ladies said they went for forty-eight hours with nothing more than tea and biscuits. Another officer spoke of the fortitude of the wireless operator, H. A. Reynolds, who was using his instrument for forty or fifty hours. A passenger stated the hremen in the stokehold were up to their waists in water. On Friday night the men aboard gave up their bunks to the women passengers who had been flooded out. One lady said she was in a night gown and barefooted for two days and nights.

The Narrung discharged her passengers, and they left by special train for London.

RESUMPTION OF PEACE CONFERENCE.

Turkey's Counter Proposals Unacceptable.

The Peace Conference was resumed in London to-day, and lasted until 12.30, under the Presidency of Reshid Pasha, Turkey. It is officially stated that the Turkish delegates having presented their counter proposals, the delegates of the Allies made their observations, and the meeting was adjourned to Monday afternoon next.

Reuter states that the Turkish counter proposals submitted at the Peace Conference to-day were for Adrianople to remain Turkish, Macedonia to be converted into a Principality under the Sultan's suzerainty, with Salonika as the capital; Albania to be autonomous, under the sovereignty of the Sultan; the Egean Islands to remain Turkish, and the Cretan question to be left to the decision of Turkey and the Great Powers. The Allied delegates indicated the Turkish proposals were unacceptable. No reply was given as to whether the Turkish delegation were asked to submit new counter proposals which would take into consideration the basis of terms of the allies. The delegates replied that they would communicate with Constantinople and give the reply on Monday. The Allies declared that the discussion of the Macedonian reforms was quite unacceptable at this stage.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN AND MR. BONAR LAW.

The "Globe" to-day published a letter from Mr. Austin Chamberlain, in the course of which he says there is no contradiction

STOP PRE

TO-DAY'S BREADSTUFFS—Retail Bakers' patents, 25s 0d per sack; Specials, 22s 0d per sack; Wholesale, 20s per sack; Oaten Flake W. Bran £7 10s per ton; W. Pollard, £7 10s per ton; 25 10s per ton; Do. Barley Meal, 28 15s.

TO-DAY'S

MEAT—Roasting beef shbps, 10d per lb; hind c lb; fore quarters of m beef, 7d per lb; corned 6d per lb.

FISH—Whiting, 6d per lb; haddock, 8d per lb; halibut, 1s 0d per lb; ten 1s 0d per lb; whitebait, 6d per lb.

FOWL—Chickens from young ducks, 2s 6d; turkeys, 10s to 16s per 24s; geese, 6s to 8s.

EGGS—Hen eggs, 1s; duck eggs, 1s. 6d. to 1s.

BUTTER—Is. 2d. to 1s. HAY AND STRAW.—1 and 4 loads of oaten s; 60s. 0d. to 65s. 0d. p; to 50s. 0d.; coarss, 3s straw, 45s. 0d. to 55s.

COAL.—There were 15 White oats (round), 10 black oats, 9d. to 9 1/2d.

SATURDAY'S WEEK.—There were 6 cows at Milch cows from 214 to 6d. to 7 1/2 per stone.

TURKEYS.—There were 18s. to 23s. per ton.

MANGOLDS.—17s. to 18s.

BUTTER.—FIRTHIRD, 87s.; A, 114 126s. to 124s.; Factor average; demand fair.

SPO Cheltenham

Leckhampton Steeple 2; M.T., 3. Betting: agst Byzlan, 4 to 1 M.

Amateur Riders' Hat Tempo Belle, 2; Ben Lysander, L. Vaso, Messenger, Veldre, 1 Marine Parade, 3 t Lysander, 10 to 1 Brov to 8 Ben Chozie.

Maivern Three-Year of Fyre, 1; Allegiance ran—Park Lane, Sole Allegiance and Sole M to 1 Aladdin and Park Winecombe Hurd Waylace, 2; Queen's Alant, Alagon, Buoy a Betting—4 to 1 agst W to 1 Vertoi and Buoy homme, 10 to 1 Queen

Evesham Novices' Day, 1; Dilwyn, 2; Ac II, Atteolona, Royal Betting—13 to 8 agst Dilwyn, 7 to 1 others.

Charlton Steeplechase Belus, 3. Also ran Betting—5 to 4 agst 7 to 2 Dustman, 7 to 1.

RUGBY Rockwell College The attendance at t small this afternoon return friendly mate pretty even, and the Garryowen ... Rockwell College

KILRUSH COI This meeting held Field preserver, was BRACLET STAKE 2 1/2 agst bracet fourth dogs, 21 lb

Stakes divided, Mr bracelet. MOMB RS TAKE aged greyhounds, 21.

Stakes divided, Mr KILRUSH STAKES bounds, winner 21.

Stakes divided HU