

# THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE, TUESDAY

## THE BANK HOLIDAY.

of a very favourable nature was associated with the Bank Holiday yesterday, and, as a result, the exodus from the city was on a grand scale. The special trains were packed with passengers, and the manner in which the officials handled the traffic at the stations was excellent. There was not a single accident, and the trains were despatched with the utmost dispatch. The train at 8.15 carried a goodly number of passengers to the Baldoyle races, while many availed themselves of the cheap fares to Waterford for the day. Cork and Queenstown also came in for their share of patronage, but the bulk of the passengers travelled to Castleconnell and as well as to Adare and Foynes. At the chief attraction was the regatta, and a carnival was held at Foynes. To those who had bookings were large, and with a very highly favourable result, there was to be a marvellous enjoyment of the visitors. There was also an excursion by the "Shannon" to Kilrush for Kilkee. The day was so great that the rush for the day was so great that many were disappointed. This Bank Holiday constituted a record for the number of people who left the city, and was manifest last night at the railway station which was the centre of animation for the day as the trains were returning with their passengers.

## INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS.

to the number of 7,000 from all over the world will meet at the Albert Hall, to-morrow. The occasion is that of the tenth meeting of the International Congress of Medicine, and the subjects to be discussed are numerous and varied that they cover no less than sixty pages of the programme. There will be in addition 697 "demonstrations" of new methods of treatment, so the doctors, who are all interested in their work, have the greatest opportunity of a most interesting and educational day. It is thirty-two years since the last meeting which takes place every four years, was held in London, and the arrangements for this Congress have been on an elaborate scale. Dr. Barlow will act as president, and the Congress will be opened by Prince Arthur of Connaught. Each day there will be a general meeting at the Albert Hall, as well as the twenty-five special meetings. Mr. John Burns, as

## DROWNING FATALITY IN THE SHANNON.

A distressing drowning fatality took place in the Shannon, near Rhebogue, on Saturday evening, the victim being a young man named Christopher Gleeson, of Pennywell. The deceased and two boys named Kelleher were paddling about in a flat bottomed boat, known as a brecaun. On the suggestion of one or other of them they indulged in an effort to get the craft across the river in a certain time, and during the operation they changed places, causing the boat to turn. The three were thrown into the water, and Gleeson being unable to swim sank, and on coming to the surface made for the upturned boat, but missed it and he disappeared again. The other two after a severe ordeal succeeded in reaching the bank, and had the sad intelligence conveyed to Gleeson's parents. Later the body was recovered, and taken to the boy's father's home, from where the funeral took place yesterday. The circumstances having been communicated to the Coroner an inquest was not held.

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

The *Times* Education Section contains an article on Secondary Schools. It deals with the correspondence between Mr. Birrell and the Roman Catholic headmasters, and says, since its publication, a great many letters have appeared in the *Dublin Press*, but it cannot be said that there has been any decided expression of public opinion on the side of the lay teachers. The *Irish Times* has done its best for them, but the other daily papers remain neutral, and the Catholic weekly papers are, of course, vehement against Mr. Birrell, who is denounced as another Combes, intent on robbing the schools of their religious feelings and freedom. And, of course, the clergy can make out a very plausible case. Catholic Ireland, they say, owes what education it has almost entirely to the Church, not to the State, which for centuries refused to help, except on terms repugnant to the national and religious feelings of the people. In later times State-aid has been given reluctantly and stintingly, and what has been conceded is largely due to the steady pressure of the Church. The absence of proper endowment and the poverty of the country have made it impossible to provide schools, except on the most economical lines, and clerical teachers cost far less than laymen. Nor are they less efficient. An article in the *Irish Times* of last March has been

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## SPORTING.

### Brighton Meeting

Ovingdean Plate—Puss in Boots, 2; Dry, 2; More Noise, 3. Also ran—Bitter Tears and Smiles, Therapia. Bet against More Noise, 3 to 1 High and Bitter Tears and Smiles, 10 to 1 others.

Marine Plate—Absurd, 1; Ros Panasine, 3. Also ran—Le Sole Amulet, Laudes, St Tathwell. Bet against Absurd and Panasine, 4 to 1 Ros to 15 Amulet, 10 to 1 others.

Corporation Plate—Sunny Land, 1; Gracchill, 3. Also ran—Sylva, Dollabella. Betting—Evens Sunny Land, 100 to 15 Sylva, 100 to 8 others.

Hassocks Selling Plate—Two and Six, 2; Puzzle, 3. Also ran—Royal Escort, Scotch Proof, Rockfascia, 7 to 4 Court Cards, 9 to 4 Puzzle, and Six, 10 to 1 others.