

Emperor Francis Joseph on the attainment of his fifty-fifth anniversary of his succession to the throne, which was celebrated on Tuesday, from the interesting fact of a reign that in almost constitutes a record, the influence of the Austro-Hungarian Sovereign as a factor in European peace entitles him to unusual respect. The Emperor can look back, on the whole, with satisfaction on his career as one of the foremost monarchs in European diplomacy for a longer period than any one living. His policy at times suffered from reverses, but his reign will be remembered as that of a constitutional Monarch whose aim has always been the well-being of his country. The recent visit of the Heir to the Austrian Throne as a guest of King George is fresh in public memory, and serves as a confirmation of the alliance which will likely to continue between England and Austria, the second Power of the Triple Alliance.

Registrar-General's Report

The average annual death-rate represented by the deaths registered last week as appertaining to the Dublin Registration Area and the twenty-six principal provincial Urban Districts of Ireland was 1.4 per 1,000 of their aggregate population. For the purposes of these returns, it is stated at 1,199,180. The deaths registered during the past week, as appertaining to the principal districts, alphabetically arranged, corresponded to the following annual rates per 1,000: Dublin Registered Area, 1.7; Dublin City, 2.0; Belfast, 1.4; Cork, 1.8; Londonderry, 1.4; Liverpool, 1.7; Waterford, 1.4. The deaths from certain epidemic diseases registered in the principal districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 1.4 per 1,000. Among the 112 deaths from all causes for Belfast are two from scarlet fever, four from scarlet fever, one from typhoid fever, and one from diphtheria. Two of the deaths from all causes for Cork are from typhoid fever and enteritis of children under two years of age. Included in the five deaths from all causes for Dublin always is one each from measles and whooping-cough. Among the three deaths from all causes for London always is one from diphtheria, and of the three deaths recorded for Coleraine one is from enteric fever.

OUT AND ABOUT.

John S. Dunne, of the Nenagh Branch of the National Bank, has been promoted manager of the Macroom Branch.

The weather has become very severe and inclement. A stiff North-Westerly gale prevailed last night, and this morning the Clare hills presented a well-clad appearance.

The Catholic Literary Institute to-morrow evening will deliver an illustrated lecture entitled "The Home Life of our Forefathers."

The Armagh Chamber of Commerce has been visited by the British Embassy in Washington.

SUICIDE IN THE CITY.

A distressing occurrence, involving loss of life, took place last night at Catherine-place. On Monday last a family named Glynn, the father, mother, and five sons, came to Limerick from near Tipperary, and proceeded to Doonheen, near Patrickswell, in this county, with the exception of two of their sons, John Glynn, aged 20, and his younger brother, Hubert Glynn, who were left in the city with a view to getting employment as herdsmen, at which calling their male relatives had been accustomed in Tipperary. Last night John Glynn and his brother Hubert were out for a stroll through the city, went to a local theatre, and returned to their lodgings at Catherine-place about ten o'clock. The night was cold, and Hubert decided on lighting a fire in their bedroom. While engaged he heard a noise, and on looking round to see what was the matter he was shocked to see his brother lying on his back on the floor and blood coming from a wound in his forehead. He called for assistance and a clergyman and doctor were sent for. They arrived without delay, but Dr. Roberts found that life was all but extinct, and that deceased had shot himself with the revolver which was found near him. The city Coroner, Mr. J. F. Barry, J.P., was communicated with and an inquest was held at three o'clock this evening.

The Inquest.

District Inspector Craig conducted the inquiry on behalf of the Authorities.

Hubert Glynn, a small boy, deposed to being out with the deceased yesterday through the day. Witness's brother had some drink, and both went to a local theatre last night, returning to their lodgings after ten o'clock.

In answer to District Inspector Craig, the Witness said the deceased had said to him that police and spies used to be looking after him. Dr Roberts stated he was called to see the deceased, John Glynn, last night. He found him suffering from a gun-hot wound in the forehead, from which blood was oozing. The man was not quite dead when witness saw him first, but he died in a minute or so afterwards. The revolver, a five-chambered one, was by the side of the deceased.

In answer to District Inspector Craig, the witness said the wound which caused death was self-inflicted.

Mark Glynn, father of the deceased, gave general evidence as to the arrival of the family in Limerick on Monday. Deceased had been a post boy and in the Militia. Witness did not know he had a revolver, and he could not account for the action of the deceased. He never heard him say that police and spies were looking after him, save that he might have used such words if they were in the song he was singing.

Hubert Glynn, recalled by the Coroner, said it was three days ago that he heard the deceased say that police and spies had been after him. He did not see the revolver with his brother.

District Inspector Craig said the revolver was shown by the deceased at a public house in which he had been.

Sergeant Hawkins said that was so, but from enquiries he made he ascertained that the boy remained outside while his brother was within.

Sergeant Guerin and other witnesses having been examined.

District Inspector Craig informed the Coroner and jury that the revolver was a cheap one, possibly not costing more at first than seven shillings and sixpence. There was one discharged cartridge in the revolver, and some few other live ones found with the deceased.

After consulting, the jury returned an open verdict, that death resulted from a gunshot wound.

CONNAUGHT WIN ASSIZES.

THIS DAY.

The business of the Connaught Winter Assizes was continued this morning by the Right Lord Chief Baron Pales in the Crown Court. THE CHARGE AGAINST A POLICE CONSTABLE.

At the sitting of the Court, Thomas G. Constable in the Royal Irish Constabulary, stationed at Pallaskenry, who pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery, was put forward for sentence.

His Lordship said he could not refuse passing sentence on the accused—that would be to have regard to the nature of the offence and discharge him.

District Inspector Meredith, in reply to the Lordship, said the prisoner was in his cell some time.

His Lordship asked if the Inspector had any objection to the authorities would be satisfied with the offence of this nature.

The District Inspector answered negatively.

County Inspector Yates, in reply to the Lordship, said the prisoner would be dismissed with hard labour.

CHARGE OF FIRING AT.

Richard Lawrence Bourke was in charge of firing at his brother John Bourke with intent to murder, disable, or inflict grievous bodily harm, on the 16th October last at a place called Cloosh, Oughterard, Co. Galway. Messrs F. W. Price and H. McDermot were appointed to prosecute in this and other cases on the Crown.

Mr Fitzgerald-Kenny (instructed by the solicitor), defended the accused, who pleaded guilty.

One juror was ordered to stand by the prisoner, and were challenged for the prisoner.

John Edward Bourke examined by the Lordship stated that up to this occurrence the prisoner lived with him and his wife. They were joint lords in common of a small estate. On the 16th October, witness attended the land Oughterard in connection with a matter of application by one of the tenantry. The prisoner was not in Court, but he met him at a public house at Sweeney's Hotel where they had a drink. They proceeded home together and had a discussion. After dinner a discussion took place with the land court proceedings.

His Lordship—What was the discussion? I told him I was at the Land Court in connection with the application of a tenant to have a fair rent fixed. I explained it to him.

His Lordship—What did you tell him about the application? He told me that the application was dismissed.

His Lordship—The tenant's application was dismissed? Yes.

Mr Price—What did he say when you were there? He said it was peculiar that he was not acquainted about the Court proceedings. He was landlord of the estate—sole landlord.

What did you say to that?—I told him as much right to the property as he, and the discussion became hot then?—Yes.

Did he say anything to your wife?—No, she was round and abused her, using filthy language towards her.

Continuing, the witness said—I then told him that he was going too far, and that he was a gentleman. In reply, the prisoner reminded me if we did not clear out, meaning myself, we would be corpses before morning. Simultaneously, emphasised witness, stood up from the table, about seven o'clock. The prisoner put his right hand into