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THE ARMAMENTS QUESTION.

Mr. Lloyd George's recent outburst on the subject of the reduction of naval armaments is exciting a good deal of keen discussion in political circles just now. It is, of course, been apparent for some considerable time past that the contemplated increase in the Navy Estimates was the cause of much dissatisfaction among Liberals, who dread the prospect of new and unpopular taxation, but there is little doubt that those members would have been brought to "toe the line" when the division on the vote was taken, as has happened before. But, now that the Chancellor has spoken it is more doubtful whether they will allow themselves to be easily persuaded into supporting Mr. Churchill's programme. Possibly, however, Mr. Lloyd George on his return from Algiers may issue a statement further explanatory of his remarks at Criccieth, but even if he does he will find it difficult to dispel the undesirable impression which his statement on the armament question has created on the Continent, particularly in France, though in that country they are beginning to realise that the Chancellor's zeal sometimes outruns his discretion. It is satisfactory, however, to note from the speech of the Solicitor-General (Sir S. Buckmaster), at Keighley, on Thursday night that the policy of the Government is clear and decisive. That is "in the first place to preserve beyond risk the safety of ourselves and our Dominions, and for this purpose to establish and maintain the unassailable superiority of our fleet." This pronouncement must commend itself to the Unionist Party.

CITY FATALITY.

Law Clerk Drowned.

A particularly sad drowning fatality occurred in the Shannon during the early hours of this morning the victim being Lawrence Bergin, 30, a law clerk, and a native of Dublin. Some short time after one o'clock, Inspector Gleeson of the Night Watch was on duty with Night Constable O'Brien at Sarsfield Bridge, when they heard a shout, and a splash in the water at the railway. Accompanied by Night Constable Aherne they went to the place whence the shout came and observed the shadow of a man in the water. The Constables promptly used the life-hook, while the Inspector procured a boat from a steamer lying further up the quays. When the latter returned, the man had disappeared, and soon afterwards the body was recovered and taken in the boat to Howley's Quay slip. When Dr Roberts arrived, which was very soon, life was found to be extinct, and the remains were conveyed to the morgue in the Corporation Ambulance. The deceased who was a well-conducted and inoffensive young man had been employed at Messrs J. Cosgrave & Sons, Solicitors, Rathkeale, during the past twelve months. He was seen at Rathkeale station yesterday on the arrival of the three o'clock train from the city, and must have come in last night by either the 7.5 or 9.35 p.m. train.

An inquest was opened this evening by the City Coroner, Mr J. F. Barry, J.P.

LIMERICK NO. 2 DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr B Skehan, J.P., Chairman, presided at the meeting of the Limerick No 2 District Council to-day. There were also present—Messrs M Keane, P Mulqueen, J Madden, P Stritch, J.P., P Lane, James Keane, A Stritch, J Ryan, T Hogan, Joseph Keane, J Moroney, E O'Dwyer, and P McNamara, with the officials.

REPAIRS OF COTTAGES.

A letter was read from the Clerk to the Scariff District Council pointing out that as the cost of repairing cottages in the County Clare was very high, it would be advisable that in cases where decrees were obtained for failing to keep cottages in repair joint action in the matter of expense should be taken by the various Councils in the county.

Mr Madden suggested that the matter should be considered by the Council at a special meeting owing to its importance.

Mr Stritch thought they had nothing to complain of in the way the repairs were executed in their district, and it was decided to take no action on the letter.

CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Mr P Stritch a vote of condolence was passed with Mr D O'Carroll, a member of the Council, on the death of his mother. The meeting then adjourned.

THE CHURCH

KILLALOE FATAL

Some additional particulars of the railway fatality at Killaloe do not throw much light on the accident. The engine was a bogie or light engine tender, and is employed on passenger traffic. For some time past a locomotive has been working from Birdhill Junction on to Killaloe to the engine was a van in which were four passengers. The van followed, both running in opposite directions, but at different sides of the track. The bogie carriage also got derailed before the latter was much damaged. The carriage was thrown to the road, although it fell about forty yards or so previous to the accident. The passengers rendered assistance. An Officer from Killaloe, E. J. O'Connell, a member of the district, gave assistance and so did the railway men. The District Railway Inspector, Mr Henry, will be fully investigated by the Board of Trade Inquiry. The facts will be disclosed by the inquest to be specially summoned to

Inquest

In the Boardroom, Barrister Barrington, on Friday afternoon, Mr J. F. Barry opened the inquest on the death of the deceased on the 26 Wolfe Tone Terrace, in Fort Henry, in firing the engine of the railway at Killaloe.

The following were sworn:—Brien (Foreman), Joseph Jordan, Michael Cronin, Terence Griffin, Murphy, William Kieran, Daniel Lenihan.

District Inspector Dale inquired on behalf of the deceased man. Mr B Barrington, solicitor, and Western Railway Company represented the deceased man.

The officials of the railway were Messrs V P Perry, Pery and Mr R Harty, Locomotive Engineer.

Mrs Mary Conlan, mother of the deceased, identified the remains. She last saw him alive on the 26th of the month at a quarter to one o'clock, in good health.

Coroner—In his usual witness—Yes.

District Inspector Dale inquired on behalf of the Great Southern Railway.