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**LIMERICK LEADER.**

MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 12.

**WARNING FROM THE STATES**

THE steadily improving conditions of Ireland are not, unfortunately, accompanied by a corresponding diminution in the stream of emigration from our shores. Our people are still leaving the country in appalling numbers, although there are evidences that there is not now the same mad desire to quit the motherland that there was some years ago. The number of emigrants last year, if we remember rightly, was somewhat lower than usual, but the decrease was not nearly so marked as might be hoped or expected. The idea still seems to prevail very largely amongst our young people that life is pleasant and profitable anywhere but at home, and that fortune, if not fame, almost inevitably awaits all in lands beyond the seas. In too many cases, alas! the disillusionment is not only terribly sad but positively heartbreaking. We have often uttered a warning to Irish boys and girls against being lured by the "golden gleam," and we have more than once published letters from Irish exiles giving their own sad experiences or impressions, and reminding intending emigrants of the old saying that "Cows far off wear golden horns." Similar warnings and advice now come from the land of the Stars and Stripes, which has all along been the El Dorado of the dreams of so many generations of young boys and girls in this country. The New York correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* says that Mr. Wilson, the Secretary of the Department of Labour at Washington, is preparing a plan by which he hopes to enlighten uneducated foreigners who contemplate migrating to the New World under the impression that the streets of American cities are paved with gold. "Under the new immigration law," he adds, "it is harder than ever for the uneducated to enter."

**FOUND DROWNED**

TRAGEDY IN LIMERICK

YOUNG MAN'S SAD END

EVIDENCE AT INQUEST

A very sad drowning fatality occurred at the Limerick Docks in the early hours of Saturday morning. About 1.15 as Inspector Gleeson and Constable O'Brien, of the Night watch, were on duty in Sarsfield-street, they heard two shouts coming from the direction of the river. They immediately proceeded to Sarsfield Bridge, but heard no further noise. Soon afterwards they saw a dark object floating in the water, and going up the quay wall saw that it was the body of a young man. The constable procured a boat-hook and fastened it on to the clothes of the man and kept him afloat, while the Inspector went to a ship which was lying close by for help. A boat was lowered from the ship, and two sailors proceeded to the spot where the body was kept afloat. They put the body into the boat and brought it to the shore, where efforts were made to produce artificial respiration, but they were of no avail. Dr. Roberts soon arrived on the scene, and pronounced life extinct. The Fire Brigade ambulance was requisitioned, and the remains were conveyed to the City Morgue, where they lay for purposes of identification. During the course of the day it was ascertained that the remains were those of Laurence Bergin, a young man, stated to be a native of Dublin, and who had been engaged as a law clerk in the employment of the late Mr. William A. Cosgrave, solicitor, Rathkeale. It appears he was at the Clounanua Coursing, on Friday, and evidently intended to return to Dublin, as he had a ticket for that destination in his pocket.

**EVIDENCE AT INQUEST**

Mr. J. F. Barry, J.P., City Coroner, held an inquest on the deceased in the City Courthouse on Saturday evening. Mr. J. Hogan was foreman of the jury.

Mr. David J. Madden, Rathkeale, was the first witness examined, and in reply to Head Constable M'Kernan, who conducted the inquiry, stated that the body which he had seen in the Morgue was that of Laurence Bergin, of Dublin, who was employed as a solicitor's clerk by the late Mr. Cosgrave; the deceased resided with witness for about nine months; witness saw deceased, who was about 24 years of age, at the Rathkeale railway station about 3 p.m. on Friday; he was then in his usual good health, and went by the Tralee train towards Newcastle.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said the deceased was near-sighted, and wore glasses. Night Constable J. C. O'Brien was next examined, and said he was on duty in Sarsfield-street on Friday night; about 1.30 on Saturday morning he heard shouts from the direction of the Swivel Bridge, and he proceeded to go thereto; witness after some time heard a noise in the water opposite Power's coal yard; he saw the body of a man floating, and he caught his clothes with a boat-hook, and with the assistance of Night Constable Quinn held the body over the water till a boat arrived; the deceased was brought to the slip in a boat, but life was then extinct; there was no one on the bridge when witness arrived there, and he believed the shouts which he heard came from the man in the river; witness could not say how the deceased got into the water.

In reply to a juror, witness said the deceased had no collar on when he was taken from the water.

Dr. J. Roberts was next examined, and said he was called up to see the deceased about 2 o'clock; when he arrived on the scene the deceased showed no signs of life; witness assisted at the efforts to induce respiration for about half an hour, but all to no avail; in witness's opinion death was due to drowning.

To a juror—The abrasions on the face and chest were such as to be caused by a fall into the river, which was very low at the time.

Constable Shannon, of William-street Station, gave evidence of being called to the scene of the occurrence at about 1.30 a.m.; witness assisted the two Night Constables in holding the body over the water by means of a life-hook; he also assisted in applying artificial respiration.

In reply to a juror,

Witness said he could not say if there was anyone in the company of deceased; the deceased had no collar on when taken from the water, and his shirt was opened.

The jury found a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

The jury also drew the attention of the Coroner to the discreditable state of the Morgue, and Mr. Barry intimated he would draw the attention of the Corporation to the complaint.

**Probable Release of Thaw**

IMPORTANT NEWS TO-DAY

A Central News wire from New York to-day says:—It is expected that Harry Thaw will be released within a day or two.

A later message says:—Mrs. Evelyn Thaw, on hearing of Harry Thaw's probable release, said something terrible was bound to happen. The New York State Authorities declare the New Hampstead proceedings illegal.

**POSITION IN SOUTH AFRICA**

The Central News says that an effort will be made to raise in Parliament the whole South African industrial opposition at the earliest possible moment.

**GAELIC LEAGUE**

Limerick County Committee

POSITION OF IRISH IN THE SCHOOLS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY COLLECTION

A meeting of the Limerick County Committee of the Gaelic League was held in the Gaelic League Rooms, Thomas-street, on Wednesday evening last. Rev. J. J. Kelly, C.C., vice-president, occupied the chair. The following members of the Committee were present—Rev. T. Wall, C.C., D.Ph. (Dromcollogher); Rev. M. Hayes, Newcastle West; Dr. Moloney, Cappamore; Miss Wallace, N.T., Askeaton; Miss O'Brien, Kildimo; Seán Ó Conaibáir, G.L. Teacher, Pallaskenry; Tomás Ó Conaibáir, Secretary.

Seán Ó Conaibáir, G.L.O., representing the *Corporation*, was also in attendance. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the following—Messrs. T. W. W. Bennett, J. P., President, Kilmallock; Laurence Roche, J. P., Bruree; J. J. O'Kelly, N.T., Chairman County Board G.A.A.; W. Purhill, N.T., Foyines; T. Hanley, N.T., Abbeyfeale.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read the Secretary stated that as a result of the inquiries he had instituted with regard to the position of Irish in the schools of the city and county he was now in a position to place the following facts before the meeting. There were in all 228, in 118 of which the teaching of the language seemed to be conducted in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. In 9 schools Irish was taught but the pupils were not presented for examination before the Inspector of the National Board. There were 44 schools on the curricula of which the language had no place at all and there remained 57 schools about which no information had been so far forthcoming.

The position of affairs was considered, on the whole, fairly encouraging. With regard to those schools from which no replies had been received, notwithstanding that both managers and principals had been repeatedly written to on the matter, it was the sense of the meeting that, as a last resource, the National Board be now communicated with; and the information sought after would be easily obtained in this way.

The County Council scheme, in reference to the teaching of Irish in connection with technical classes in vogue in Carlow and other places, was discussed at some length, and it was decided to get definite information about it with a view to its early adoption in Limerick.

On the suggestion of S. Ó Conaibáir it was decided that an effort be made immediately to revive the old *caobhada* in the county which had become moribund within the past few years, and the committee promised all the assistance possible in the work of resuscitation.

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On the motion of the rev. chairman, it was unanimously decided that a general meeting of the committee be held on Saturday, February 11th, when final arrangements with regard to the holding of *geadmáin na h-Éire* collection in every parish in the county would be made.

After some other routine matters had been dealt with, the meeting adjourned.

**FOR THE LANGUAGE**

FORTHCOMING DEMONSTRATION IN LIMERICK

DR. DOUGLAS HYDE TO SPEAK.

Some few days ago it was intimated in this journal that a language demonstration was being organised for the city of Limerick. We are now in a position to state that the date is fixed for Sunday, February 1st. The demonstration, which is to be held in the open air, promises to be a great success. The Mayor of Limerick (Alderman P. O'Donovan) has kindly consented to preside, and a large number of public men from the city and county have promised to be present on the platform. There will also be a strong muster of Irish Ireland priests. Dr. Douglas Hyde, who might truthfully be styled the King of Irish Ireland, is to travel from Dublin to deliver the principal address, and he is expected to make a strong pronouncement regarding the Gaelic League and the future Irish nation. An *Ósáobh* always gives us sound and educative talking, and on this important occasion he is expected to strike the right note, true nation-building, and to outline a new mode of action for Gaels in Munster. Dr. Hyde will be supported by numerous other speakers, the names of whom will appear later. A series of resolutions embodying the demands of the League, in the interests of the Irish language and the nation, are to be put forward at the meeting, and it is expected that everybody interested in the furtherance of the cause of Ireland who can possibly do so will attend, and that "an *Ósáobh* *coirinn*" will receive in the City of the Valiant Treaty the welcome he deserves.

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