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Irish Volunteers as approximately 192,000 and that of the CARSON Volunteers as 85,000. The statement is well calculated to still further increase the sobering and chastening effect the remarkable growth of our National army is having on those whose sole argument against Home Rule is summed up in the hypocritical phrase "Ulster will fight." The leading organ of Unionism in Ireland almost enthusiastically cheered on the Irish Volunteers at the start in the vain hope that they would refuse the Irish Leader a voice in the control of their movement, and thereby bring disaster on the cause of Self-Government. Its attitude regarding the matter, however, seems to have undergone a complete change since the country made it manifest that the Volunteers were out to loyally support Mr. REDMOND in any action he may advise with regard to the nation's struggle for her rights. Now the *Irish Times* realises that the Volunteers, instead of becoming a source of weakness, are actually a tower of strength to Home Rule, and it admits with a sort of despondent whine that "they have become a very great fact in the political situation." We completely agree with our Tory contemporary when it says, as it does in today's issue, the National Volunteers are "the stuff of a fine army," but we unhesitatingly challenge its assertion that "their existence is due primarily to the British Government." This latter statement is as much at variance with the truth as is the contention of the embryo "statesmen" who laud and ask cheers for CARSON for having, as they say, been the primary means of having a National Volunteer force established in Ireland. The man to thank for the existence of the Irish Volunteers is not CARSON but REDMOND, whose masterly tactics and superb leadership in the struggle for Home Rule drove Sir EDWARD into such a frenzy of despair that as a last resort he decided to leave the field of constitutionalism and turn to a pretence of physical force in the attempt to keep Ireland from her rights and to keep her perpetually under the heel of an Orange and Freemason Ascendancy. The argument that it was "the Generalissimo" gave the rest of Ireland the cue by forming his Volunteers in Ulster can be very effectively answered by stating—as it can be stated with truth—that it was REDMOND first drove the Volunteer idea into CARSON'S head. Were it not for the brilliant and superb leadership of Mr. REDMOND we would have no Volunteers in Ireland to-day. That is a fact that cannot be denied and in itself, even if there were no other reason, it constitutes a strong argument why Mr. REDMOND and his Party should have not only a potent but a supreme voice in the control and direction of the National Volunteer movement. The country had better look to this matter, too, and beware of the plausible but insidious and dangerous organising methods of some people who now pose as believers in Mr. REDMOND and the Irish Party, but would in reality wish for nothing better than the complete destruction of their power and influence. In any case, in the absence of a native Parliament the Irish Leader and his Party must be regarded as the centre of civil authority in Ireland—if we might so put it—since they are fully entitled to speak and act in the name of the Irish nation as a whole. The wisdom of the country in making it clear to all concerned that it recog-

mitted appealed from the decision of the County Court Judge at the Limerick Quarter Sessions in allowing respondent, who claimed £15, value of a race won by his pony, a decree for £12 and expenses. The evidence, which was published at length in our last issue, went to show that the stewards refused to give the stake won by plaintiff's pony at Herbertstown Point-to-Point Races on the ground that when measured by Mr. James O'Grady Delmege it was found to be over fifteen hands. Exception was taken to the method of measurement with a lath, and Mr. Nolan, V.S., Birr, deposed that the pony was under fifteen hands.

His Lordship in giving his decision said that on the question of fact namely the height of pony, he was of opinion that Mr. Delmege's measurement was conducted in a very crude way indeed. On that aspect of the case he had received a volume of testimony by Mr. Nolan, of Birr, who must be pretty well known by Mr. Moreton and Mr. Craddock, but he had what he considered better evidence of the height, and that was on the 23rd March the pony won the stake in a similar race at Athlone when she was properly measured and found to be under 15 hands. There was a suggestion that doctoring to reduce the height could be resorted to, but he had no evidence that any such thing was done. On the question of fact he found for the plaintiff, and having heard counsel on the legal point raised that the decision of the stewards was to be final, his lordship held that the rules of the Irish National Hunt did not apply to point-to-point races, and affirmed the decision of the County Court Judge.

Limerick Man Killed Shocking Railway Fatality

TRAGEDY NEAR NEW PALLAS

INQUEST ON THE VICTIM

A shocking fatality occurred on the Great Southern and Western Railway late in the hours of Wednesday night or early on yesterday morning in which a young man named Timothy O'Brien, aged about 30 years, and a native of New Pallas, was killed by a passing train about a mile at the Limerick side of New Pallas Railway Station. The body of the deceased was discovered by the fireman of the goods train which was proceeding from Limerick to Waterford and he at once informed Night Watchman Farrell at Pallas. Farrell journeyed on the down mail from Kingsbridge to Limerick and at the point where the body was discovered the mail train was stopped, but it subsequently proceeded to its destination. In the meantime the police were apprised of the occurrence and they were quickly on the scene. They found the body badly mutilated, the head being practically severed from the trunk. The remains were subsequently identified as those of Timothy O'Brien, whose brother resides at Landscape, near New Pallas, whither they were removed pending an inquest. It is stated that the deceased went on a visit to a cousin of his, a clergyman, at Dromkeen on Wednesday, and that he was making a short cut home by the railway when he was struck by a light engine which was running from Limerick. The Limerick Constabulary, on examination of an engine and tender, found that it afforded evidence of having come in contact with the young man's body. The affair has cast a gloom over New Pallas, where the deceased and his friends are much respected.

THE INQUEST.

On yesterday evening Dr. Clery, Coroner for East Limerick, held an inquest on the remains. Dr. O'Callaghan deposed to the injuries received by deceased, and said they could be caused by he being struck by an engine. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony, and expressed sympathy with the deceased's relatives. Subsequent to the inquest, the remains were removed to the Pallas church. A large number of sympathisers joined in the mournful procession. The company of Volunteers to which the deceased was attached marched in the cortege. The interment took place to-day at Nicker Cemetery.

Limerick Auditor's Success

Mr. Wm. O'Brien Hishon, the well-known public auditor, of 9, Lower O'Connell-street, Dublin, has passed the final examination of the Society of Accountants and Auditors. Mr.

DISCUSSIONS AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING

The Mayor (Alderman P. O'Donovan), presided at an adjourned meeting of the Corporation last night. The names of the other members in attendance are given in the subject division lists.

Four names were submitted to discharge duties until next year of Visiting Justices the Male and Female Prisons.

The Mayor was unanimously selected to one of the three vacancies, and on a poll Alderman M. J. M'Donnell and Mr. S. B. Quin were also appointed.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Molloy, Cappanuke, expressing his gratitude to the Council for the resolution of sympathy passed on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Crowe.

A letter was read from Messrs Mulligan Bros, and Todd, cycle agents, O'Connell-street requesting leave to line up a number of motor cycles outside their premises on Thursday next, the occasion of the Irish reliability trial in connection with which the city was included.

The application was unanimously granted.

The L. G. Board, wrote asking if the charge of £5 made by Mr. Baker, auditor, been lodged, and if not suggesting that should be done at once.

The Town Clerk explained that the charge was made in connection with the payment of the money to meet the expenses of Mr P. Foran, City High Constable, in going to Dublin to qualify as a meat inspector under the Public Health Acts.

Mr. O'Callaghan—We have declined to it.

Town Clerk—Yes.

Mr. Dundon said the matter would be taken before the Court and there could be no deferment.

With reference to the request for payment of £51 8s 1d received from the Inspector General R. L. C., in connection with the expenses of moving extra police into the city cope with possible trouble over the trade dispute at Messrs. J. and G. Boyd, the Town Clerk intimated that he had been in communication with the authorities on the subject, had received a further reply to the effect that the detachment of police in question had been ordered into the city by the responsible authorities and no distinction on the question of drafting police into any centre where required was made by the authorities responsible.

Mr. Flynn said that in Derry the Mayor consulted, and the same rule should apply to Limerick.

The matter was referred to the Proposals' Committee.

A communication was received from Her Excellency the Countess Aberdeen on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Civic Exhibition inviting the Mayor and Corporation to the opening ceremony in Dublin on the 1st instant.

Mr. O'Flynn—We will go provided that the Local Government Board undertake not to charge us.

The Mayor considered that the Corporation should attend as a protest against the attitude of the Belfast Corporation, who refused to be present at the opening ceremony.

Mr. Dalton said a number of southern public bodies also refused the invitation. They have been doing the flunkey for years, and it is time to stop it.

Mayor (hotly)—You have no right to that. This is no flunkey ceremony (hear, hear).

Mr. Dalton—It is.

Mayor—No, sir. I consider myself as going as a Nationalist as you, and I hope to be present (hear, hear).

Mr. Dalton proposed that the letter of invitation be marked read, but receiving secondly the invitation was accepted.

The Mayor, Alderman D. M'Neice and Mr. O'Callaghan were deputed to represent the Corporation at the general conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland to be held in Dublin on the 14th and 15th inst.

On the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Dalton, the outgoing members of the National Health Insurance Committee for the Borough were re-elected for a further term of twelve months.

On the proposition of Mr. Donnellan, seconded by Mr. M. Griffin, Rev. Father O'Driscoll, P.P., St. Munchin's, was appointed to succeed the late Very Rev. Canon Murphy on the following Committees:—Improvement School Free Library, Technical Education, School Attendance, District Lunatic Asylum, City Distress.

The Electric Lighting Committee of the Corporation *inter alia* recommended the following