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THE ITALIAN EARTH

Appalling Havoc

The "Giornale De Italia" reports that the earthquake caused tremendous destruction. Of six thousand inhabitants only a few are survivors.

At Sora three hundred people were rescued.

It is estimated that there are only a few of the inhabitants of Avezzano and the district of Capella is a heap of ruins.

FLOODS AND

A Matlock message states that the Derwent have risen rapidly and overflowed their banks. In the district of Capella is a heap of ruins. The rainfall last night was the heaviest in years and was accompanied by a severe wind.

TERRIFIC STORM IN NORTH

Liverpool and North Wales were visited by a terrific gale during the night. The gale stage erected at Rhyl last season was blown away, and the foreshore considerably raised. Very rough seas are being experienced.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER ROCK.

The Norwegian steamer "Svea" was driven ashore this morning struck on the Island of North Ronaldsay. The vessel is in a dangerous position. The crew were rescued, but a lifeboat and other articles were lost.

SUPPOSED LOSS OF

Wreckage Wash

A small vessel is supposed to have been wrecked at Tees Bay. Wreckage has been seen. A Redcar, also three life buoys belonging to the "Motor, North Shields." Not a member of the crew of the vessel.

FEARED LOSS OF BELGIAN SMACKS.

It is feared that during the gale the Belgian smacks will be driven ashore.

FARMER'S TRAGIC END.

On Thursday, Thomas Keogh, 61 years of age, a farmer, living at Finniterstown, Adare, was admitted to the County Infirmary, suffering from a serious wound in the throat, alleged to have been self-inflicted with a razor. He was conveyed to the institution by motor-car in an exhausted condition at one o'clock, and was examined by the house surgeon, Dr Humphreys. The unfortunate man, having been attended to, was removed to one of the wards, where death took place at 11 hours or so later.

An inquest was held last evening into the circumstances touching the death by Coronor J. F. Barry and a jury. The evidence went to show that the deceased, who was in comfortable circumstances, left his house after seven o'clock, and a few hours later was found in the haggard condition by his wife, lying in a pool of blood, with a blood-stained razor by his side. Assistance was hastily summoned, and he was attended by Dr Clifford, Adare, who ordered his removal to the County Infirmary, where he arrived at twenty minutes to one o'clock. At the institution everything possible was done to save his life, but without avail, and he passed away an hour later. According to the medical testimony, there was a wound in the throat which penetrated the windpipe and muscles. Internal hemorrhage supervened, and was the cause of death. The jury found that the deceased succumbed to internal hemorrhage caused by a razor wound in the throat, self-inflicted.

KILRUSH QUARTER SESSIONS.

Before his Honor County Court Judge Bodkin, K.C.

MOORE'S HOTEL.

Mrs Mason, Limerick, sought an ejectment order for possession of grounds in front of Moore's Hotel, Kilkee, against the proprietress of the hotel.

Mr Kenny, B.L. (instructed by Mr T. Kelly, of Kelly and Co, solicitors), appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr Corbett, B.L. (instructed by Mr Hickman), appeared for the defendant, Mrs Waters.

In opening the case for the plaintiff, counsel stated they wanted to get back the bit of ground in front of the hotel, which was used as a cricket lawn. All they were getting at present was £4, and they could get £20 for it.

and the principal artists appearing herein, for the Joseph O'Mara Opera Company's Limerick, commencing 1st February. The open their engagement on Monday with Tuesday, "Maritana"; Wednesday, first time in Limerick, "The Jewess"; matinee, "Carmen"; Thursday evening, "The Lily of Killarney"; Friday, "The Bohemian Girl"; followed by "Pagliacci"; matinee, "Il Trovatore"; and Saturday evening, "The Bohemian Girl." We find that Mr Joseph O'Mara himself will be singing no less than our times, namely:—In "Carmen" on Monday in his famous role of Don Jose, on Wednesday in "The Jewess," Thursday evening as Myles Mallopaleen in the "Lily of Killarney" and Friday in "Pagliacci" as Carlo. Limerick will have the opportunity of forming the acquaintance of the celebrated "Carmen" Melle Zelic de Massan, who will appear in both performances of "Carmen," on Monday night and Thursday matinee. Two other very fine artists are—Mr Lewis James, baritone, who will appear in "Carmen" (Monday), the "Lily of Killarney," and in "Pagliacci," and Mr William Anderson, bass, who will appear in "The Jewess," and "The Bohemian Girl." Amongst the other eminent artistes are—Miss Rita Wallace, Miss Raymond Amy, Miss Anna Lindsey, Miss Constance Bower, Messrs William Boland, Henry Thompson, William Russell, William Houghan, Kingsley Lark, all of whom have appeared with the company on its former visit, and all are under the conductorship of Mr Herbert Ferrers. The opera and music loving public of Limerick and district have much to be grateful for to their distinguished fellow-citizen for bringing such a splendid operatic combination, and for producing the finest repertoire of opera that has ever been presented to the Limerick public.

LIMERICK QUARTER SESSIONS.

County Court Judge Law-Smith continued the hearing of defended civil suits.

A case in which Catherine McInerney was plaintiff, and Daniel Moloney defendant, and which was remitted for hearing from the High Court, was adjourned to next Sessions, owing to the absence of a material witness. Plaintiff's claim was for £145 for work done and money paid by the plaintiff on behalf of defendant.

Mary Gough, of Collooney-street, sued Thomas Leonard, Military Road, to recover a sum of £50 compensation for damage sustained by the plaintiff through the erection of structural additions to plaintiff's premises.

Mr P Kelly (instructed by Mr T O'B Kelly, solicitor), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr J Gaffney, solicitor, for defendant.

Evidence having been given. His Honor said the claim was one of the most exaggerated ever made before him. He awarded plaintiff one shilling damages, and allowed the engineer, Mr DeCoursey his fee of two guineas.

Michael Hayes, of Fair Hill, Feakle, was the plaintiff, and Robert Neazer, 41 William Street, the defendant, in a civil bill brought to recover 20 damages sustained by plaintiff by reason of the negligence of defendant's employe in driving the mail car at Elton Hill, County Clare, on the 10th ult., whereby plaintiff's car and harness were broken and smashed to plaintiff's loss in the sum of £20. The damage was caused owing to a collision with plaintiff's car, and the facts were not disputed.

Mr M D McCoy, solr., appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr J H Moran solr., for the defendant. His Honor gave a decree for £19 15s, and £3 expenses, the defendant to be given the ownership of the damaged car and harness. Other cases were disposed of, and the Court adjourned.