

Limerick Officer's Graphic Narrative.

Writing to his relatives, a Limerick officer describing the North Sea battle says:—

In less than a minute after the action began every man on board our ship was at his station. When I got on deck (a destroyer) we steaming at the rate of 38 miles an hour and going to the attack. The German High Seas was there in full strength. We had only Battle Cruiser Squadron with attendant destroyers, so were much inferior to the enemy in numbers, but they did us the honour believing that whether we were many or few could attack them. The very opportunity of telling the Germans to fight was an inspiration to our men. We opened fire at 6,500 yards, soon the air was thick with shell both sides. They were falling around our hailstones. Many of these monsters, some nearly a ton weight, and any one of which have blown our ship to atoms, missed us by a few inches. One of these buried itself in foam produced by our propeller without hitting the latter. No language could describe the noise from the big guns was deafening. When a salvo was fired from a ship you see—first a huge sheet of flame which lit the whole vessel, a second later a terrific crash, after a few seconds you could see the shells sailing away. If one of these missiles of destruction lit on an unarmoured ship it was almost sure to be doomed, but if it lit on a torpedo boat or destroyer, it (the ship) disappeared almost instantly. A salvo from one of our cruisers at a German dreadnought fell short, and the smoke cleared away its attendant destroyer was gone.

The position of the enemy gave them an advantage in the matter of sight which we did not have, and this is the only explanation why a German warship ever returned to its base. The battle had continued for nearly two hours in the haze in our midst began to thicken, and the enemy fire slackened, and in a short time ceased. What was the cause? As well as we could see, the Germans had all the time been on the approach to their safety. They saw our battle-approach the scene of action, and hastily for the protection of their own mine fields. They remained a few minutes longer they have consumed neither coal nor oil on their wayward. They evidently had got enough of their preponderance of armament had been used. As it is we are confident that we were more than we got, and that victory—the fight went—was easily ours. Because a number of ships which the enemy attacked, and it would be nothing short of a miracle if these reached port. Very few of their ships escaped unscathed.

on the 90th Psalm "Lord, Thou hast been our refuge; from one generation to another," the hymn "Peace, perfect Peace" was sung towards the close. At the conclusion of the Service in the Church, where the prayers were read by Rev Mr Hewetson, the "Dead March in Saul" was played as the coffin was being removed to its last resting place. The committal sentences were read by the Dean.

Preaching at morning Service on Sunday the Dean paid a very touching tribute to the late Mr Lee, dwelling on his very long connection—47 years—with the Cathedral, he having held office under five Deans, and the valued and unceasing interest which he took in the Sacred edifice and the parochial arrangements of St Mary's.

FUNERAL OF MR. Z. P. LEDGER.

The funeral of the late Mr Z. P. Ledger took place yesterday morning, from his residence, Curraghgow, North Strand, for St Michael's Church. Here the service was held, and at its conclusion the cortege left for Mungret, where the interment took place at the family burial place. There was a numerous attendance of mourners to pay a last mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, who in business and private life was of a very kindly and courteous disposition, and his premature demise has occasioned much regret amongst the friends of the family.

The chief mourners were—Messrs T P Ledger, W Ledger, and G A Ledger, brothers; and G T Ledger, nephew of the deceased.

The clergy present were—Canon Swain, Rev W A Foley, St Michael's; the Dean, Canon Waller, Canon Robertson, Rev R H Semple, and Rev Mr Spellman.

The general public included—Messrs R W Twigg, H V Morony, W Reid, J O Myles, C O'Donoghue, A J Eakins, E G Fitt, T S Lawler, High Sheriff; A Wyde, Mrs O'Brien, J Mulligan, M Siater, E G Fitt, W Welply, D S Waters, H Trousdell, James Hewson, P R Toppin, J Bromell, A J Barnett, F Ebrill, J McNamara, D.C.; W Woodhouse, R Hanna, J O'Mahony, George street; J F Bennis, J DeCourroy, Mount Catherine; W B Smyth, A Walker, E Ludlow, P O'Meehan, L.D.S.; J B Waugh, B Gubbins, W Christy, S Christy, G Nestor, R Nash, and many others.

Canon Swain officiated in the Church, where the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung. He also read the committal services at the graveside.

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