

**THE WAR.**

**The Somme.**

**BRITISH ADVANCE ON 2,000 YARDS FRONT.**

**French Repulse Fierce Enemy Attack.**

The British yesterday continued their triumphal progress on the battle front north of Fiers. They have carried trenches on a front of 2,000 yards, and are now level with the east side of Faucourt l'Abbaye.

North-east of Thiepval we have stormed and carried Stuff Redoubt. The fortnight's bag of prisoners is 10,000.

The French met and overcame a strong attack against their new positions between Bouchavesnes and the south of the Bois l'Abbaye Farm.

The enemy were thrown back in disorder after losing heavily, and the French took 250 prisoners, including six officers, and nine machine guns.

The feature of the German official statement is its complete silence in regard to the loss of Combles.

It admits that "the pronounced salient of Thierval" was lost, and that on both sides of Courcellette "the enemy finally gained ground."

**Austrians Withdraw from Vulcan Pass.**

Apart from small encounters the war despatches contain little, save Austrian admission of withdrawal from the Vulcan Pass.

**Bulgarians Repulsed by Serbians.**

The British report, no new development on their Struma and Doiran fronts. The French announce a Serbian repulse of violent Bulgarian counter-attacks, against their positions on Kajmackalan.

The Bulgarians claim to have repulsed a number of French attacks in the Florina region. Also they state that they have forced the Serbians to retreat along the Kajmackalan front. The Germans repeat the Bulgarian version of the Kajmackalan encounter.

**ROLL OF HONOUR.**

**LIEUT. R E DEANE OLIVER.**

Lieutenant Richard Edward Deane Oliver, R.E. was killed in action in France on the 7th inst. The only son of Mr Charles Deane Oliver, of Rockmills House, Co Cork, he had adopted his father's profession of civil engineering, but obtained last year a temporary commission as lieutenant in the "Sappers." His professional ability was soon recognised by his superior officers and his lovable disposition and quiet devotion to duty endeared him to his comrades and to his men. While carrying out some critical preliminary of trench warfare in an operation ultimately successful he was killed instantly by a shot in the head fired at close quarters. Almost the last representative in Ireland of a name once well and honourably known in Limerick and Cork, Richard Oliver died, in the words of his company commander, "a gallant gentleman and a soldier respected by us all." Those who knew him in private life mourn the sudden end of a promising career, and the loss of a much-loved friend.

**GALLANTRY IN THE FIELD.**

The "London Gazette" contains a list of numerous officers, non-commissioned officers and men on whom the King has conferred honours for gallantry in the field. They include the following:—

**VICTORIA CROSS.**

Temp Capt Eric Norman Frankland Bell (killed), late Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

**MILITARY CROSS.**

- 2nd Lieut Colin Bishop Callender, Royal Munster Fusiliers.
- Temp 2nd Lieut Noel Conrad Dawson, R Irish Rifles.
- Lieut Edwin Alfred Godson, R Irish Fusiliers, Special Reserve.
- 2nd Lieut (temp Captain) Christopher Harding, Royal Irish Rifles.
- Temp Capt Elliott Johnson, R Irish Rifles.
- Temp 2nd Lieut R W McKinley, R Inniskilling Fusiliers.
- Temp Capt T O Purdon, Leinster Regiment.
- Company S-M S Bullock, R Inniskilling Fusiliers.
- Company S-M E Power, R Irish Regiment.

**FUNERAL OF COUNTESS DUNRAVEN.**

The funeral of the Countess of Dunraven took place to-day at Adare, the ancestral seat of the family. Since the remains arrived at the Manor on Tuesday from Kenry House, London, the village of Adare was in mourning, and to-day there were expressions of regret on every side at the death of her ladyship. At a quarter past eleven o'clock the coffin which was of polished oak, was taken out of the Manor and deposited in the farm wagon in waiting. The cortege immediately formed up, and the sad procession wended its way to the Church by the main entrance. The funeral was of large dimensions, representative of the city and county, and of Adare in particular, where the late lamented Countess was beloved by all for her kindness of heart and disposition. The Earl of Dunraven, with Mr R R Ballingal, J.P., and Mr R H McCoy, his lordship's private secretary, walked after the bier. After them were Lady Ardee and Mrs Henley Eden in a carriage. Next came the men servants and maids, and the Countess's personal attendants, after which were the general public, who were followed by the pupils of the Protestant and Roman Catholic schools and the Christian Brothers schools in charge of their teachers. On arriving at the Church, the coffin was borne in by the employees on the estate, and the service was conducted by the Bishop, the Right Rev Dr Orpen, and the Rev H. Orpen, Rector of the Parish. At the conclusion of Beethoven's Funeral March, played on the organ, Hymn 90, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," was sung, after which Psalms 90 and 15 were intoned. Following the reading of the Lesson, Hymn 542, "Peace, Perfect Peace," was sung and concluded the service in the church. The remains were then removed to the mausoleum, near the cloisters, where the committal sentences were read by the Bishop. The coffin was subsequently placed in the niche reserved in the mausoleum, where lie the remains of former members of the house of Dunraven.

To-day at Nolton Church, Bridgend, Glamorgan-shire, a Memorial Service was held for the late Countess. The chief mourners were—The Earl of Dunraven (husband); Lady Ardee (daughter), and Mrs Henley Eden (sister). The general public included—Lord Clarina, Lord Emly, Sir Alexander W Shaw, Sir Vincent Nash, D.L.; Lord MacDonnell, W M Beauchamp, Clerk of the Crown and Peace; F J Cleave, R Cooper, J.P., Clarina; A Murray, President, Limerick Chamber of Commerce; Captain Sir François E Kearley, Colonel Sir Charles B Barrington, Bart; Captain J O'G Delmege, D.L.; T H Brett, Manager, Munster and Leinster Bank, Limerick; Dermot O'Brien, D.L., County High Sheriff; the Mayor (S B Quin, D.L.), J Cronin, Manager, Munster and Leinster Bank, Croom; Captain W Lyons, Croom Castle; J S Gaffney, Crown Solicitor; P E O'Donnell, solicitor; J A Doyle, solicitor; R Mannell, M E White, Major-General Lloyd, D.L., Rathkeale; P J Kelly, K.M.; W Holliday, J.P.; J F Power, Hon Sec, County Limerick Hunt; R R Ballingal, J.P., Adare; R F McCoy, Private Secretary to the Earl of Dunraven; E Holliday, W Waller, D.L.; Dr Clifford, W F Hussey, Colonel J Reilly, Peter Fitzgerald, J.P.; Very Rev Dean Hackett, Rev J Griffin, P.P.; Rev J Fitzgerald, C.C.; Rev Canon Abbott, T D Atkinson, D.L.; B K Lucas, County sub-Sheriff; P J O'Sullivan, County Solicitor; P Condon, J.P.; T F Ryan, County Surveyor; J M O'Grady, CG Meredith, District Inspector; D O'Shaughnessy, D R Browning, J.P., Bruree; Capt Verschoyle, J.P.; G E Goodbody, Captain J J White, D.L.; T S Lawler, B.C., City High Sheriff; Colonel Milton Henn, T W Browning, W M Nolan, J.P., Town Clerk; W B Fitt, R Galston, C.E.; L O'B Kelly, B.L.; J McNamara, D.C., Shelburne; Major J W Stapool, 5th Royal Munster Fusiliers; Colonel J O'Grady, C.B.; D S Doyle, Assistant Registrar-General, Dublin; R Nash, Registrar County Court Judge; W B Smyth, J F Halvey, J J Quaid, Secretary Co Council; M Fitzgerald, assistant do; A White, J.P.; Alderman P McDonagh, J McC Bennett, Ballinamona; T Butler, J.P.; Dr Molony, Ballingarry; E Shier, R Harris, M Doyle, M Gough, W Hassett, A Woodhouse, B E F Sheehy, C.E.; G O'Dea, W Latchford, E Hunt, solr; J Cosgreave, C.P.S., Rathkeale; R D O'Brien, J Clancy, V.S., Charleville; J Dodds, solr; T Rennison, C.P.S., Pallaskeury; W Byrnes, D Ruttie, P Ryan, C.P.S., Foyines; W T Smyth, R Legear, P Hayes, D Kelly, P O'Shea, R W Ievers, J F Greene, S C Vansittart, J.P.; J H Roche, J.P.; R Frost, B.; Chairman Limerick Board of Guardians; M McGrath, P O'Shea, M O'Shea, M Slater, C R B Heaton-Armstrong, C A Shade, C.E.; L Morley, M Collins, D.C.; P A O'Meehan, L.D.S.; W Ruttie, Sergeant-Major Rahilly, C Sheehan, etc.

Carriages were sent by—Lord Emly, T D Atkinson, the Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer, R Cooper, the County High Sheriff, J McC Bennett, J F Greene, Mrs O'Brien, W Waller, Dr Molony, etc.

**FATAL ACCIDENT AT ENNIS STATION.**

Ennis, Wednesday.

Last night there was a sad accident at the Ennis railway station. A young man named Thomas Morrissey, a native of Ennis, and employed as a shunter on the Great Southern and Western line, was engaged, about half-past eight, in shunting some waggons, when an engine which was passing struck him and knocked him down, passing over one leg and an arm, and completely severing them from the body. The poor fellow was at once taken to the County Infirmary, where he died some hours later. The deceased was a married man with five children, and was regarded as one of the best workmen at the station.

**The Inquest.**

An inquest was held in the Boardroom, County Infirmary, this afternoon, by Mr James Lynch, Solr, Coroner, Mr James Bredin being foreman. District Inspector Townsend, Ennis, Head Constable Hourihan, and Sergeant Peters, represented the police.

Mr T J Hunt, solicitor, appeared for the widow and next-of-kin. Mr J B Lynch, solicitor, appeared for Driver Michael Brinn and Guard Henry De Bussch.

Messrs R B Medcalf, District Superintendent, T Harty, Loco. Superintendent, Ed Doyle, Stationmaster, represented the Railway Company. Mrs Mary Morrissey, widow of the deceased, was first called, and gave evidence that she lived in the Turnpike. Her husband was a "shunter" on the railway here. He was 23 years employed at the railway, but she could not exactly say how old he was. He came to his dinner the previous day at 4 o'clock, and went back at 5 o'clock, and that was the last she saw of him until she saw him in the Infirmary about a quarter past 9.

Patrick Sullivan next stated that he was acting as relief stationmaster at Ennis for Mr Doyle, stationmaster. Last night, in or about 8.15 p.m., the carriages of the night mail were at out half-way up the platform, opposite the West Clare line, on the uproad platform. The engine was not attached. Witness had been in the booking office, and he came up to see the head porter, beyond the pass-over bridge. He came back against the time the goods train had come in from Tuam, at 8.11 o'clock. He saw the deceased, Thomas Morrissey, on the six-foot way, between the two lines, and he stepped between the rails of the up-track. As the deceased moved in from the six-foot way he addressed witness about waggons. Deceased seemed to have walked a short distance along the rails, in the direction of the mail carriages.

Witness continued that when he turned to the left the engine that was about to be attached to the carriages then passed him suddenly, backing towards the carriages. Then he saw the deceased turn, as if to turn to his right side, or to turn on to the six-foot way. He had a hand lamp and a shunting pole with him. Witness then heard a thud, and heard the pole break. He did not see the deceased actually knocked down. This was between the door to the first-class refreshment room, and the entrance to the platform—the ticket office door. Some people who were on the platform shouted, and the engine driver put on the brakes at once. Witness followed after the engine, but had not reached it before it stopped. The engine was not going fast, steam having been shut off. It might be going 10 miles an hour at the time.

Witness here added that he could not give an opinion as to what rate the engine was going under the circumstances he would prefer not to express an opinion.

To Mr Townsend—It was going at the usual rate at which an engine backs up. When the engine stopped, witness summoned assistance, and some porters came up and they got a stretcher, and he also sent the parcel porter for a priest. The body was removed on the stretcher to the Infirmary.

To the Foreman—It was the duty of the deceased to be where he saw him on the six-foot way, for the purpose of shunting the waggons that had come in.

Mr Martin Lynch gave evidence that he was at the station the previous night in connection with some pigs. He was on the near up platform. He saw the deceased.

Where was he when you saw him?—He was on the six-foot way, opposite the first-class bar, speaking to the acting stationmaster, Mr Sullivan. Deceased then stepped in between the main rails. He was speaking to Mr Sullivan about some waggons, when the engine came down and struck Morrissey on the back.

Coroner—Was that as he was speaking to Mr Sullivan?—Yes.

What side did it come from?—From the Clare-castle side; it was backing. I saw him knocked down. He was dragged a considerable distance by the engine. Witness shouted to the stationmaster to send for a priest, that the man was killed.

Coroner—How far did the engine go after it struck him?—It went back to the carriages just outside the foot bridge.

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had passed over him. of the engine.

Coroner—When you g do?—I could not look Parkinson came and assis Foreman—If the man the tender obstruct your To Mr Roche (juror) light at the place, and platform, which was ab out off the view. Decees feet 7 inches.

To the Foreman—He b usual way, neither fast r To Mr Lynch—Before the shunting operations completed.

Foreman—Would it be on the engine to the carr. Mr Lynch, solr—I was Whose duty would it be t the train? The fireman. Dt Thomas Coghlan ga at the County Infirmary t 9 o'clock, when the deoc there. He examined him and found that the righ the wrist and elbow was was alive. The right le below the hip was mar shook about half-past 12. to the operating-room, v formed an operation o portion of the leg and the the arm were amputated about 11 o'clock, and had not recovered consc shock; the result of the a

Dr J H Couahan was Nurse Susan Moloney, said that the deceased d a.m.

John O'Connor, porte said he was sent by the for the deceased, and he deceased to the Infirma 42 years of age.

The Coroner said tha deceased man received the Ennis Station, and th of these injuries. He enough to find an open v Foreman—I think so, s ally, that any blame atta eular. It is a very sad o

Coroner—Yes, one o cidents that will occur, attach blame to anyone. The jury found that th County Infirmary from Ennis Station, by being t an engine driven by Mich

The Foreman said he s that the deceased was s e capable official, and that railway company would consideration when deal family. Undoubtedly he kind and obliging always

The Foreman add d ti first class shunter, havin and taken a first place in purpose.

The jury also expres family of the deceased.

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