

The weekly meeting of the Limerick Board of Guardians was not held yesterday, owing to the advent of the Christmas holidays. By direction of the Board the inmates were treated to special Christmas fare on Monday and again on Tuesday.

DEATH OF MR J P HALL, SOLICITOR.

The death took place at Ballyshannon, County Donegal, yesterday, of Mr James P Hall, solicitor, in his fifty-second year. The deceased gentleman, who was a practitioner in Limerick for upwards of twenty years, was fourth son of the late Mr Ambrose Hall, J.P. He served his apprenticeship to Mr John Ryan, solicitor, and was admitted to the profession in the June term of 1886, receiving third place in his final examination and a silver medal. He was a fine advocate, and his premature demise is regretted by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

DEATH OF MRS F. W. CROWE.

The death occurred at her residence, Courtbrack Villa, South Circular Road, last night of Mrs F W Crowe. The deceased lady, who was wife of Mr F W Crowe, superintendent Messrs W Todd and Co, had been ailing for some time, but her death was not altogether expected. She was of a kind and genial disposition, endeared by a wide circle of friends, and her demise at an early age is very keenly regretted, and sympathy extended to her husband and relatives in their bereavement. The remains will be removed to St Michael's R C Church at 6.30 o'clock this evening, and the funeral will take place at 1 o'clock to-morrow for the family burial place, Donoughmore.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AT CENTRAL HALL.

The Methodist Church, since the increase of the garrison in Limerick last October, has done its best to look after the interests of the soldiers. There are about 180 Wesleyans in the garrison and they at once opened the Central Hall, Bedford Row, as a soldiers' rendezvous. It has been largely patronized every night for reading, writing, refreshments, and recreation purposes. Every Sunday, after evening service, the men are entertained to supper, and as many as 120 men may be found there. On Christmas Day the Congregation provided a Christmas Party for the men. Tea was given at 5 o'clock, and it was followed by games, lantern views, and a sing-song. At 9 o'clock the men sat down to a real Christmas supper, which was dispensed by a number of lady and gentlemen workers. The evening closed with speeches, and the singing of "God Save the King." The men expressed themselves as thoroughly enjoying and appreciating all the Christmas entertainment and hospitality so generously provided for them.

SALE OF WELSH COLLIERIES.

The Central News states that the North Blaina Collieries at Blaina, Monmouthshire, the property of Messrs J and W Stone and Co., have been purchased by the Owmillery Colliery Co, Aber-tillery, as from January 1st.

the immediate direction of the Ministry of War, and the functions in connection therewith formerly performed by the General Headquarters will be transferred back to the General Staff at the Ministry of War.

Military Cross for Limerick Officer.

Lieutenant W. A. Harris, 6th Battalion East Lancashire Regiment, has been awarded the Military Cross for distinguished conduct in Mesopotamia. He is the only surviving officer of those who went over the parapet at the last charge for the relief of Kut, and in which engagement he himself was five times wounded. This gallant young officer also served in the Dardanelles operations, and has been for over two years on continuous service. He is the eldest son of Mr Richard Harris, of this city.

Economy Campaign for Women.

London, Wednesday night.

The National War Savings Committee has commenced an economy campaign specially designed to influence women of all classes. Women of the well-to-do classes are expected to give the lead, and a letter has been sent to Peersesses, wives of members of Parliament, and others asking for their help. They are requested to say whether they are willing to assist by holding drawing-room meetings or at-homes for the discussion of the subject by addressing meetings, by inducing the members of their households to join war savings associations, by personal example, economy in food, coal, light, etc. Up to the present favourable answers have been received from 227 ladies.

SOLDIER KILLED AT LIMERICK JUNCTION.

Limerick Junction, Wednesday Night.

A horrible fatal accident occurred here this evening. As the limited express mail to Dublin was moving out from the platform at 5.30 p.m., Private Francis Corieri, 4th Batt Munster Fusiliers, married, aged about 30, was seen running from the military free buffet portable table, with a cup of tea in his hand, apparently for somebody in the train. He slipped between the footboard and the platform, and the left leg and arm were caught in the carriage wheel, and the man's body was seen revolving along the platform edge for 25 yards, within which distance the train was stopped, after a great outcry and commotion from the unusually large crowd on the platform.

Railway officials disentangled the body from the wheel, placing it flat between the rails, and when the train moved off the man was found to be dead. The limbs were not mutilated, but the left arm and leg were broken. He lies in the waiting-room, awaiting an inquest.

He was not travelling by the train, but it is not known where he was presently stationed. Papers on him showed his wife to be residing at 29 Francis street, Cork, and Lieut Shugrue, Tipperary, who happened to be on the platform, identified deceased as having been stationed at Berehaven six weeks ago.