

MR D. M. BARRY

Accidentally Drowned at Pahang.

Brilliant Career Prematurely Ended.

Malay newspapers are just to hand giving an account of the sad drowning accident in Pahang in which Mr D. M. Barry lost his life, and giving a long account of his career in the East.

The late Mr Barry was born in Limerick in 1885, and was third son of Mr James Grene Barry, D. L., of Sandville, County Limerick. He was educated at Stonyhurst College, and on leaving school got a commission in the Limerick City Artillery Militia. He resigned his commission in 1905 on passing the examination for a cadetship in the Colonial Police, and was posted to the Federated Malay States, and went to Malaya in that year. The following year he went to China to study the language, and spent three years in Canton, then returning to the Malay States, where he was gazetted Assistant Commissioner of Police. Since then he served in the various States, and was appointed Deputy Commissioner in 1921.

During the war he volunteered, but the Malay Government refused to sanction his application, as the police were kept very busy owing to the influx of coolie labour during the rubber and tin boom, and the enemy propaganda which culminated in the mutiny at Singapore.

In 1919 Perak State was infested by well armed gangs of demobilised Chinese soldiers under a noted leader Chan Lun. They made their headquarters in the jungle, on the hills, and swooped down to plunder villages, and committed murders in various parts of the State, and got so daring that they came into villages by day and attacked police stations.

The Government after a time gave Mr Barry the job of ridding the country of this gang of robbers. He organised a mobile force of picked men, and started out on their tracks, camping in the jungle, keeping as close touch as possible with the robbers, coming in contact several times, but could not bring about a decisive engagement with them. This went on for some months until they were so harassed that they broke up into small parties, their numbers being greatly lessened by casualties and prisoners. By degrees he rounded up all these small parties and captured every member of the gang, including the leader, Chan Lun, and collected all their arms.

Mr Barry received the special thanks of the High Commissioner and Federal Council for his services in ridding the country of this gang, who were a serious menace to life and property.

The "Malay Mail" says:—"Mr Barry will be remembered not only as an efficient and courageous officer, but also as an all round sportsman, who established many records, and distinguished himself in every branch of sport in the States."

He represents his State at soccer, rugby, hockey, and cricket, and was also a leading player at golf and tennis, and was a prominent figure at the annual Malayan athletic sports; he held for many years the championships for the 100 yards, hurdles, and weight-putting. In all, he won over 50 cups and prizes for athletics and games while in the East. He also was the moving spirit in establishing golf and sporting clubs in various places in the States.

He had only lately gone to the State of Pahang, a district about the size of Munster, where the largest tin lode mine in the world is situated, employing over 10 000 Chinese coolies, to take up duty as Deputy Commissioner and Chief Police Officer. On Sunday, 18th February, he, with the Resident and principal European officials and party, about 15 in number, set out on a picnic excursion up the Galal River in house boats, and came to a place which seemed suitable for bathing, where they anchored.

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KILRUSH QUARTER SESSION

These Sessions were opened by Judge Bod K C, on Tuesday morning.

Mr James Lynch applied on behalf of Mrs J Waters for a transfer of the licences of West Hotel, Kilkee, formerly held by Mr Mic Williams, of whom she was the administratrix. The application was granted.

There was a large number of processes for and for shop goods.

It was stated that some of the parties refused to accept from the Post Office the envelopes containing the process. Service, however, held to be good, and decrees were pronounced against the defaulters.

Mr T Lillis, general draper, Kilrush, process against Mr Colman Qain, Secretary Farmers' Union for £21 10s 2d, price of man supplied to members of the Union.

Mr J M Lynch, solicitor, appeared for plaintiff Defendant did not appear, nor was he sent.

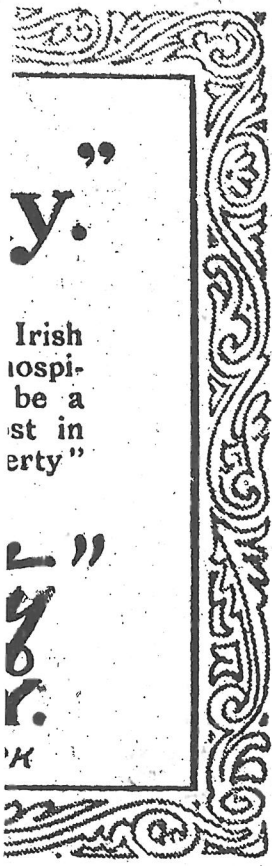
Mr Lillis proved the amount.

His Honor—Had you any conversation Mr Qain as to why the debts were not paid Plaintiff said he had. Mr Qain told him some of the manures did not arrive in good condition at the Ennis Station, and he had to return them over, and that some of the members of the Union to whom he sold the manures did not pay him for them.

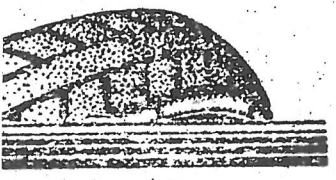
His Honor gave a decree with costs.

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