

article of food, and none could be expected, in view of the paucity of evidence and the indifference shown.

REV CHANCELLOR ARMSTRONG. KILRUSH.

At the meeting of the Kilrush School Attendance Committee, Mr G Brew presiding, the following resolution was passed:—

"That we, the members of the Kilrush School Committee, in meeting assembled, regret the departure of the Rev Chancellor Armstrong from amongst us. He took the keenest interest in the School Committee of which he was a member, and which no longer shall have his assistance. We are glad of his promotion, and wish him long life and every happiness in his new sphere."

WEST CORK TRAGEDY.

Scene at a Dance.

A report from Kealkil, a village six miles east of Bantry, says a good deal of firing took place there on Tuesday night, and several casualties resulted therefrom are reported. On the eve of Lady Day, August 15th, a large number assembled there annually for dancing and other amusements. A party of Free State troops from Bantry surrounded the place and held up several persons. Some people were engaged in a dance in a public-house, and shots were fired, but by whom the firing started is not clear.

The soldiers rushed this and fired. They say they were fired at from within. However, in the rushing Lieut. P. Connolly, Bantry, was shot in the back and seriously wounded. He was later on removed to Cork for treatment.

A civilian named Coakley, who was engaged in the dancing, was shot dead there and two other civilians named Connell and McCarthy, all from the Bantry district and locality, were dangerously wounded.

CITY LABOURER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

An inquest was held in Barrington's Hospital last evening by Mr J S MacNeece, City Coroner, and a jury into the circumstances connected with the death of Michael Burke, farm labourer, who died the previous day. The evidence went to show that the deceased, who was 38 years of age, worked at Singland for a farmer named Cusack. He had been subject to epileptic fits, and having been overtaken by one on Tuesday while at his work he died in a short time after receiving the ministrations of a priest. The jury found that death was due to natural causes.

AMERICAN A.O.H. AND FREE STATE.

At the biennial convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, held in Montreal, the outgoing President, J G Deery, said that while they regretted the Irish representatives were compelled to accept the terms which they did, yet the A.O.H were pleased to know the Free State had been accepted only as a step to complete independence. In the election to the National Board no supporter of Mr de Valera was returned. The new President is ex-Congressman M Donohoe, Philadelphia.

PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM CORK GAOL.

Four prisoners succeeded in effecting their escape from the Cork County Gaol during Tuesday night.

be heard.

Mr Rutledge points out that the arrest of Mr de Valera, which prevented him from addressing his constituents in Co Clare, shows that the Free State Government's "pretence of free speech and a free election is as hollow as their pretence that they represent the people of Ireland."

SOLDIER FATALLY SHOT

At New Barracks.

Last night an inquest was held in the County Infirmary by Mr J S MacNeece, and a jury, into the fatal shooting of John Monohan, a private in the National Army, at the New Barracks, in the morning.

Sergeant Lorney, National Army, stated that while in his room at the New Barracks he heard a shot, and on going in the direction whence the report came, he met Private Monohan, who was bleeding from a wound in the chest. Monohan was in a state of collapse, and told witness that he was shot by Private White. Witness having attended to the deceased, questioned White, who told him that the revolver went off accidentally while he was cleaning it for the Sergeant-Major.

Captain Sullivan stated that having heard the shot he went to the men's quarters and saw Monohan, who was then in a state of collapse, and died in a short time. He interrogated White, who told him that the shooting was accidental.

Dr Kirwan, military surgeon, deposed to examining Monohan, who had an entrance bullet wound above the left breast with an exit wound at the top of the shoulder. Death in his opinion was due to shock and hemorrhage caused by a bullet wound.

Private White, who volunteered evidence, stated that he was cleaning the Sergeant-Major's revolver in his room, and standing near him was the deceased. In the process of cleaning the weapon a bullet went off, and struck Monohan. Until the shot went off he did not know the revolver was loaded, and after the accident he found that in addition to the discharged bullet it contained two others.

The jury found that the deceased, John Monohan, died from shock and hemorrhage, caused by a bullet accidentally discharged by Private White.

CLARE ARREST.

Sean O'Keefe, the prominent supporter of Mr De Valera, was re-arrested on Tuesday. He was originally arrested during the conflict in Clare, and was only recently released from custody.

WAGES IN CORK.

The adjourned conference between representatives of the Employers' Federation and representatives of the various workers' Unions concurred was resumed at 11 30 a.m. yesterday. The proceedings, which were private, continued until 2.30 p.m., when a further adjournment was made until 11.30 a.m. to day.

THE BACON TRADE STRIKE.

Conference to be Held.

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce has convened a conference representative of the Bacon Merchants of Munster and the men, to be held next week with a view to an early settlement of the strike in the bacon trade, and which has been in existence for a month.

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