

Four People Killed.

The Press Association says:—A shocking motor car disaster occurred at Stokesay River bridge, Craven Arms, Shropshire, on Sunday, when four people—two men, a woman, and a boy—were killed.

The car, which was driven by a man, was proceeding across the bridge when it skidded and fell thirty feet into the river below. There were six people in the car, and the other two were rescued by a Wolverhampton doctor.

It is believed that the party were from Cardiff, and were proceeding to Church Stretton. One of those drowned was a blind man.

The accident occurred about three o'clock in the afternoon. When the car was pulled out of the river three of the occupants were found pinned beneath it. The fourth victim died shortly after being rescued. The party consisted of a grandfather (who was blind), mother and son, and another person. The mother of the boy and the driver were saved by the doctor, who plunged into the river and rescued them. The bodies were removed to a school near by.

HOCKEY.

North Munster Team.

Following the trial match played in Ennis on Saturday, resulting in a win for Whites by three goals to one, the following team was picked by the selectors to represent North Munster v. South Munster on Saturday, 17th January, in Cork—A. McNealon (Catholic Institute); H. MacFarlane (Ennis), W. Stockill (P.Y.M.A.), R. H. Mulligan (P.Y.M.A.), E. F. Butler (Maris), Capt. C. Moloney (Catholic Institute); V. O'Donovan (Catholic Institute), G. P. Cross (P.Y.M.A.), J. Harris (Catholic Institute), C. S. Wallace (P.Y.M.A.), V. Connolly (P.Y.M.A.)

South Munster Trial Match.

The following teams have been selected to play in the trial match to pick the South Munster team. The match is to be played on the O.I. Sports Ground, Cork, on January 22d, at 3 o'clock.

Colours—R. Lee (Dunmanway); A. S. Travers (Shannon Vale), S. E. Williams (C.I.), O. Montgomery (Mallow), R. J. Armstrong (Dunmanway), H. Wilson (Dunmanway); E. Pteroe (Mallow), T. H. O'Donovan (Shannon Vale), J. T. McBride (Fermoy), F. O'Shea (Mallow).

White—W. L. White (C.I.); E. Bernard (Dunmanway), G. Wellwood (C.I.); P. Skiele (C.I.), J. Ross (Shannon Vale), T. Casey (C.), D. Keane (Dunmanway), C. Stockill (Shannon Vale), M. Harley (Dunmanway), G. Casey (C.I.), E. H. Hall (C.I.).

CITY SUDDEN DEATH

Christopher O'Brien, aged eighteen years, died suddenly at his home in a lane off Newenham street early on Sunday morning. The deceased had been out during Saturday, apparently in the best of health, when he attended an entertainment in St. John's Temperance Society Hall. During the night he became ill, and died at one o'clock on Sunday morning. He had been suffering from the heart, and in the circumstances an inquest was not considered necessary.

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PRISON DEATH OF INNOCENT MAN.

Confession of the Real Robber Too Late.

Thirteen years after being sentenced to two years' penal servitude, the innocence of a man named Charles Guett has been established in Toulon court.

In 1911 a robbery by armed men took place in Toulon (says the "London Evening News") and three men were arrested, Guett being one of them.

He protested his innocence, but the victims of the robbery identified him as one of the robbers and he was sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude at Guiana Convict Settlement. Gu made several attempts to establish his innocence but without success.

Recently a dying man, named Ambrosini, confessed that he was the third man in the robbery. The news was telegraphed to the settlement in Guiana, but Guett had died a few days before.

A comparison of the photographs of Guett and Ambrosini shows an extraordinary likeness between the men, and this explains the tragedy.

STATISTICS.

Bankruptcies, Etc.

According to "Kemp's Merchantile Gazette" December 22nd, 1924, the Bankruptcies, Deeds and Petitions for Arrangement, and Bills of Sale in Ireland, published during the 50 weeks and 15th December, numbered 171, 259, and respectively, made up of 129, 183 and 80 in Free State, and 42, 86 and 81 in Northern Ireland.

For the corresponding 50 weeks of 1923, Bankruptcies in Ireland were 177, Deeds Arrangements and Petitions for Arrangement and Bills of Sale, 169, made up respectively of 158 and 87 in the Free State, and 60, 111, and Northern Ireland.

The number of Bonds and Judgments registered in Ireland this year, and published during same period, was 8,235, made up as follows: In Free State, against Farmers 2,672, Traders 2,362, and others 1,475. In Northern Ireland against Farmers 549, Traders 708, and others 283.

The number of Bonds and Judgments for corresponding 50 weeks in 1923 was 8,144, made up as follows:—In Free State, against Farmers 2,477, Traders 2,230, and others 1,241. In Northern Ireland, against Farmers 535, Traders 700, and others 394.

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