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THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1930.

THE RISKS OF THE ROAD.

The ever-increasing motor traffic in this, as in all other countries, has completely revolutionised the system of transport to which we were accustomed a quarter of a century ago. The control and direction of present day conditions constitute therefore a very difficult problem. The owners and drivers of those vehicles have their responsibilities, and so also have pedestrians. The essential thing is to minimise the numerous accidents which happen on the country roads and on the crowded streets of big cities. As is well known, the Government will soon introduce in the Dail a Traffic Bill which, it is anticipated, will provide stringent conditions dealing with mechanical transport, and there can be no doubt that when this measure becomes law it will have a very beneficial effect from the point of view of precaution and safety. But even without legislation ordinary safeguards, whether by motor vehicles or by the general public, ought to be taken, and these were clearly elucidated by General W. R. Murphy, Commissioner Civic Guards, who on Thursday night last, in a wireless talk in Dublin, dealt with traffic accidents and their causes. So far as pedestrians are concerned he would like to see the rule of the footpath made the same as the rule of the road—that is "keep to the left." This simple rule, he showed, would prevent many accidents, as the person stepping off the footway would face the oncoming traffic, instead of having his back to it, as he has when keeping to the right. Other practical suggestions of the Commissioner are—Look to the right and left before stepping from the footway; cross in cities at the corner of blocks or at recognised crossings; do not walk on the roadway when footways are available; do not cross streets diagonally, and do not rush across the roadway from behind vehicles. These precautions, simple as they are, would ensure safety, and reduce the number of accidents which constitute a serious toll of the road, many of them with fatal consequences. The Commissioner dealt specially with the conditions of street traffic in Dublin, where he showed that the fatal accident rate is higher in proportion to the population than that of Paris and Glasgow. The total accidents in Dublin in 1928 was 1507, of which 50 were fatal, and in 1929 it had increased to 1790, with 66 fatalities. He attributed thirty per cent of these accidents to causes within the control of the pedestrian, and fifty per cent within that of the motorist. How can these

THE SHANNON DISASTER.

SYMPATHY OF CORPORATION.

Meeting Adjourns.

At the statutory meeting of the Borough Council called for Thursday night last, the Mayor presiding,

Mr. P. Doyle, after the reading of the minutes, proposed that they adjourn the business of the meeting as a mark of their deep sorrow at the unfortunate catastrophe which had recently occurred on the Shannon, and in which three fishermen, citizens of Limerick, had lost their lives. He felt sure that every member of the Council felt deeply at the painful circumstances which had occasioned such sympathy and grief in the city, and sympathised fully with the families bereaved by the tragedy which had so suddenly and unexpectedly befallen them and deprived them of their breadwinners.

The Mayor said the Council fully endorsed the remarks which had fallen from Councillor Doyle.

Mr Forde desired to be associated with the resolution. He knew the men and their families personally, and felt the deepest sympathy with them in their affliction.

Ald. D. Bourke, T.D., also desired to be associated with the expression of sympathy tendered to the families of the deceased men, whom he knew personally, and for whom he had the greatest friendship. It was the greatest tragedy that had occurred in the Shannon for the past twenty years, and had occasioned the greatest sympathy all over the city and county.

Mr Place, as an old angler, wished to express his deep sympathy with the families of the deceased men.

The vote was passed unanimously, all members standing, and the Council adjourned.

Limerick County Board of Health passed a similar resolution, on the motion of Mr J. Mackey, Co.C., seconded by Mr D. Fahy, Co.C.

Body of John O'Connell Found.

The body of John O'Connell, aged 44, labourer, residing in Pennywell, one of the three victims of the Shannon disaster, was recovered at six o'clock last evening, a quarter of a mile from the scene of the fatality. While operating on the Limerick side of the river the search party came in contact with the body, which was conveyed to Barrington's Hospital morgue, pending an inquest.

Second Body Found.

The body of Thomas Madden, another of the victims of the tragedy, was recovered to-day, close to the place where John O'Connell was found. It was removed to Barrington's Hospital morgue pending an inquest. Thomas Anslow is the only victim of the disaster now missing.

Inquest Opened.

An inquest was opened this evening in the Co. Courthouse by Dr M. R. Cleary, Coroner for East Limerick, on the bodies of John O'Connell and Thomas Madden. Evidence of identification was given by Michael O'Connell and Michael Madden, brothers of deceased, and the inquest was adjourned pending the finding of the third body.

The jury expressed deep sympathy with the families and relatives of the deceased men, and commended the action of the Civic Guards in connection with the search for the bodies.

Inspector Chambers conducted the inquiry.

It is understood that the funerals of Mr John O'Connell and Mr Thomas Madden will take place to-morrow.

Echo of Shannon Shooting Incident.

Action Against Fishery Inspector.

Fisherman Gets £50 Damages

At Limerick Circuit Court yesterday, before Judge McElligott, K.C., and a County special jury,

Michael Clancy, net fisherman, Glue Yard Lane, Sandmall, brought an action for £300 damages against Captain John McCormack, Inspector to the Board of Fishery Conservators, and John Coleman and Bartholomew Cullina, water bailiffs, Castleconnell, for assault and battery on the morning of the 15th June. The action was remitted from the High Court.

Mr O. Moriarty (instructed by Mr T. Atwell), for the plaintiff, and Mr G. C. Cullinan (instructed by Mr A. Blood-Smyth) for the defendants.

The plaintiff's case was that on the morning of June 15 last he was proceeding in a boat down the Shannon near Castleconnell with his son. When they reached the Rock Pass, at Landscape, shots were fired at them from another boat which contained Captain McCormack. Plaintiff received fourteen pellets in the right hand, and was under medical treatment for three months. Two hours later, five miles down, he was overtaken by Captain McCormack, who charged him with illegal fishing. When he saw that he was wounded the Inspector took him to hospital.

Mr G. C. Cullinan asked for a direction, as there was no evidence that any of the defendants constituted the firing party.

The judge directed in favour of Collins and Coleman, and allowed the case against Captain McCormack to go to the jury.

The defence was that plaintiff, being in preserved waters with fishing gear, was called upon to halt and ignored the challenge. Shots were fired over their heads, but there was no intention to hit plaintiff.

In his address to the jury, his Lordship alluded to the value of the salmon industry to this country and the necessity for its protection. Poaching prevailed to an appalling extent on the waters of the country, despite the activities of the water-bailiffs. But poachers were entitled to the protection of the law as well as any of the citizens. Water bailiffs were entitled to carry firearms for their own protection in the discharge of their duty, but no water bailiff had a right to shoot as a poacher because he refused to halt when challenged. In this case McCormack fired several shots over the head of the plaintiff and into the boat. In doing that he was taking a great risk, and his lordship was of opinion that Clancy was entitled to a verdict for assault. On the question of the damages, that was for the jury, but there should be reasonable and fair damages.

The jury found for plaintiff, and assessed damages at £50.

A stay of execution was granted, on the application of Mr. Cullinan.

Rugby International.

ENGLAND v. IRELAND.

Great Irish Victory.

The International Rugby match at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, to-day, was witnessed by forty thousand spectators, who came from every part of the country, Limerick being well represented in the crowd.

The weather, though cold, was fine, and the turf being on the light side, contributed to a fast match.

England pressed for a considerable time in the first half, but the tackling of the

SPORTING

LINGFIELD PARK ME

GUEST HALL HUR

Family Hops (7 to 1) ...
Poppy (9 to 4) ...
Norman Baron (11 to 10) ...
Also ran—Double Chin, Beau Sabreur, Arch Court, K

TROYTOWN 'CH

Gib (13 to 8 agst) ...
Gregalach (11 to 4) ...
Gibus (20 to 1) ...
Also ran—Dun Sandie, L Transit, Sandy Hook, Cast Virtue, Eagle's Tail, Tootenhi and Irish Temple.

TRESPASSER HUR

Valois (9 to 4 on) ...
Sarong (100 to 6) ...
Somnus (11 to 2) ...
Also ran—Acrobatic, Audit Economy, Loyal Scot, and Gold

CLOISTER 'CHA

Spear o' War (13 to 8 on) ...
Saunter (10 to 1) ...
Holiday Hall (11 to 2) ...
Also ran—Blue Bag, The Dovedale.

SUSSEX HURDI

Venetian Star (4 to 1) ...
Dunshaughlin (6 to 1) ...
Golden Ermine (6 to 1) ...
Also ran—Viba, Monk's D; Bony Bisto, Dream of Fortun Lady Bickley, V.C.

GODSTONE HUR

Ivory (2 to 1) ...
Wild Rake (11 to 2) ...
Oliver Cromwell (2 to 1) ...
Also ran—Elcho, Young M; Clover, Harpagon, Yoho, Sla Boy, Vic, Mr. Fliin, Syndica Numida, Derryfine, Meander,

HARTIGANS' WEEKLY SALES OF CATTLE AND DAIRY

Saturday, 1st February—Weekly Cattle and Dairy Stock, at the Mulgrave street, Limerick. In demand; forward cattle freely bought after—2 yr. old heifers, £1 yr. old bullocks, \$10 to £12 10; 27 10s to 29 15s; calves, 25 to £1 cows, £20 to 24 5s, ordinary, £11. A most satisfactory clearance.—Auctioneers.

MR. WM. B. FITT'S LAND

To-day at the Salesrooms, 46 O Limerick, Mr. Wm. B. Fitt held a sale of land and grazing letting offered was part of the lands of Ballygriffin, for Mr John Punch, is as follows—Lot 1, Ballylucy, annuity, £14 7s 8d, was withdrawn by private treaty, the 1 deemed insufficient. Lot 2, area, 27a. 2r. 39p., 28a 26 17s 8d, was sold for the sum of Mr Joseph Bray, Manister. Lot area 1a. 2r. 28p., free of rent, was is for sale by private treaty McNamee & Co., Solrs., had 1 The lands of Little Kilrus modulation holding, contain 3p., statute, held under years from 1916, rent £18, were 1 for sale by private treaty. The g the lands of Bloomfield for H. I was let at £2 16s per acre.

HUNTING APPOINT

COUNTY LIMERICK FO

The above Hounds will meet at FEBRUARY.
Friday, 8th—Ballygriffin
Saturday, 9th—Ballygriffin
Monday, 10th—Fedamore
Wednesday, 12th—Newbridge
Friday, 14th—Kilmeedy
Saturday, 15th—Adare M; Mour—11 o'clock

THE LIMERICK HAR

The Limerick Harriers will meet Thursday, 13th Feb.—Clarina 1 Hour—12 o'clock

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