

# Death of Limerick Prisoner.

## ATHLETICS.

Munster, the home of some of the best athletes Ireland has ever produced, continues to maintain its proud reputation. Away back in the nineties the Province was rich in athletic talent, and this glorifying condition of things has practically obtained ever since, thanks, not to organised effort, but to the youth itself whose imagination has been fired and captured by the desire to emulate in an arena which makes the keenest demand on physical prowess and stamina. At the Markets Field, Limerick, on Sunday, Munster met Leinster in the inter Provincial Athletic Contest, an event which invariably attracts great interest, and at the same time serves to give people an opportunity of seeing the cream of our talent in action. No finer outdoor summer pastime can be imagined than athletics, be they track or field events, and for that reason everything possible should be done to keep them apart from the gamblers. At Sunday's contests it was all against the books, as they say, that Munster should obtain a victory. She did, however, obtain a verdict by three points in spite of absentees, but it must be said that Leinster also suffered in this respect, but not to the same extent as Munster which was without the splendid services of Dr. P. O'Callaghan, who is unbeatable at the weights. However, the Southern Province rose to the occasion, and in securing the decision by a three points margin in a programme of twenty-one events its representatives deserve the congratulations of all concerned for the promotion and furtherance of athleticism in this country. The score of 57 points for Munster to 54 for Leinster was sufficiently close to indicate the merits of the performers, and it must be conceded that our province has not in recent years maintained its reputation on the track. In this connection our men were badly outpointed, as they lost six of the eight events. That is not a creditable position, and calls for examination by the clubs, who should make it a point that sprinting and distance running are not made subordinate to weight-throwing and jumping. After all, the most spectacular and attractive branches of the athletic sports field are the running contests, and it is here that the United States of America focussed the attention of the world at the recent Olympic Games at Berlin. In the field events Munster put up her best achievement, and in this respect upheld a great tradition, handed down from John Flanagan, Denny Horgan, and Jack O'Grady, to mention but a few in a galaxy of giants. In the cycling events we were more or less out of the picture as the half mile, mile and three-mile races were won by Leinster, which has, more than any other of the Provinces, cultivated this branch of sport. Dublin has perhaps more cycling clubs than the whole of Munster for racing purposes, and all through the summer the public are catered for in long distance road races. Limerick, of late, has begun to assert itself in the matter of cycling events covering distances up to twenty-five miles, but if Munster is to make any impression in this department of athletics there must be an increase in the number of clubs, and more time devoted to training. It is a source of gratification to know that under the auspices of the National Athletic and Cycling Association the youth of the country has an outlet for its athletic talent, and the means, consequently, of bringing honour and prestige in the international field of emulation when Ireland again takes her place in the Olympic Games.

## LIMERICK CLUB'S "OPEN."

Limerick Open Golf Championships were held at Ballycough Links on Sunday. With the exception of heavy showers in the morning the weather was excellent, and play was of a high standard. Results—

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1. J. J. Kelly (16), 71.  
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Best gross—Sean Bourke, Labinch, 75. There were 90 entries.

Four-ball competition—1st, B. Kelly and J. Ferris 8 up; two couples tied for second with 8 up—they were M. Leonard and M. E. Quisen, and M. Daly and D. Lacey. 116 competitors took part.

The prizes were presented by Major De Ros Rose, President of the Club, accompanied by Miss Murphy, Lady Captain.

Including 1,400 million yen (about £2,000,000) for the War Office, Admiralty, and other Ministries, Japan's next budget will total 3,300 million yen (about £4,300,000) for the fiscal year 1936-37.

The lifeless body of Sean Glynn, 69, Pennywell Road, Limerick, a prisoner detained in Arbour Hill Detention Barracks, Dublin, was discovered on Sunday morning hanging by a towel from a bar in the window of his cell. The discovery was made shortly before noon by a military warder, and the body was removed to St. Brigid's Military Hospital.

He was a labourer, and had been living in Limerick with his parents. He was arrested with a large number of other Limerick men at Dunkerin, O'Faly, on the occasion of the banned I.R.A. pig image to Bodenstown on June 21 last.

The party of men were proceeding in the direction of Dublin in a motor lorry when they were apprehended, conveyed to Limerick in buses, and lodged in the County Jail.

## NINE MONTHS' SENTENCE.

On July 10, he was brought before the Military Tribunal, together with twenty-nine other Limerick men and a Co. Galway man on a charge of membership of an unlawful association. He was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, six months not to be enforced if within three months he entered into recognisance to keep the peace for two years.

At the hearing of the case Glynn refused as "a soldier of the Irish Republican Army" to recognise the Court. His parents were informed of his death by the local Gardai.

The following official statement was issued by the Government Information Bureau on Sunday night:—

"Sean Glynn, 69 Pennywell Road, Limerick, a prisoner in Arbour Hill, was found hanging in his cell early this afternoon when visited by a member of the prison staff.

"He was undergoing imprisonment under sentence of nine months from the 21st June, 1936, with six months not to be enforced if he entered into recognisance."

## Inquest Story.

### Allegations of Ill-Treatment

### Deceased Man's Letters to His Mother

Bruises found on the body, and regulations at Arbour Hill Detention Prison were the subject of questions in the course of the examination of witnesses at the inquest which opened in St. Brigid's Military Hospital, Dublin, yesterday, on the body of Sean Glynn (25), of 69 Pennywell Road, Limerick.

The inquest proceedings, which occupied four hours, were adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday.

The deceased man had been a prisoner in Arbour Hill since July 10th.

The large room in the hospital where the inquest was presided over by Dr. D. A. McFiegan, City Coroner, was crowded with relatives and friends of the deceased prisoner.

During the proceedings there were exchanges between Captain Duffy, Governor of Arbour Hill Prison, and Mr. A. Lynn, who, instructed by Messrs. Lehane and Hogan, appeared for the next-of-kin.

Mr. J. Geoghegan, K.C., with Mr. J. A. Geary (Chief State Solicitor's Office) appeared for the Governor of the Prison.

### FATHER'S EVIDENCE.

The first witness, Mr. John Glynn, father of the deceased man, identified the remains.

In reply to Mr. Lynn, the witness said that he had some difficulty at first in recognising the remains, the orderlies having put a cap on the head, which disguised him. His face was very much changed. The deceased boy had always been in good health, and never had shown any sign of insanity, nor had he ever threatened to take his life. He never had received any information or intimation from the authorities at Arbour Hill Prison or Mountjoy about the physical or mental state of his son. There was no insanity in either his own or his wife's family.

Capt. Buckley, Medical Officer, said that when he went to the barracks in response to a message at 12.45 p.m. on Sunday last he found life extinct. Face, ears, nails, and hands were livid. Death, in his opinion, was due to cardiac failure following asphyxia, caused by constriction of the neck.

### QUESTION OF BRUISES.

Mr. Lynn—Did you find any bruises on the back?—No.

If our medical man swears that he found two bruises on the back, would you contradict him?—Yes.

Replying to Mr. Geoghegan, the witness said that he had his M.B. and B.Ch. from the National University, and was a qualified medical man for 15 years. There were no marks of violence on Glynn's body.

Dr. J. Cronin, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., examined by Mr. Lynn on behalf of the next-of-kin, said that he examined the body and found two bruises on the back, but in the absence of microscopic examination it was not possible to say whether they were caused post or ante mortem. They might have been caused by post-mortem stains, but he could not say.

### TOWEL AROUND NECK.

Corporal O'Keefe, Arbour Hill, said that Glynn was called for 7 o'clock Mass, and after Mass he went back to his cell. Witness saw him occasionally after that. At about 12.30 p.m. Glynn was sitting on his bed reading a book. At about 12.40 witness brought Glynn's dinner. He opened the door of the cell and said, "Your dinner," but there was no reply. Witness looked in, and thought Glynn was sitting against the wall. Thinking he was sick he ran over to him, and it was then he noticed a towel around his neck. There were two towels tied together, one end looped around his neck, and the other end was tied around the support of a shelf above his head. Witness could not open the knot on the towels, and he called Corporal Teehan and the medical orderly. With their assistance the towel was cut, and the pri-

soner tried artificial respiration, but without result.

Mr. Lynn—Have any prisoners been removed from Arbour Hill insane?—Not that I know.

Do you know of any prisoner being taken screaming from his cell at night?—No, not to my knowledge.

If Mr. Donal O'Donoghue, editor of "An Phoblacht," who was a prisoner in Arbour Hill, swears to that, will you say he is telling lies?—I don't know anything about it.

Were you very much astonished to find the prisoner in the cell in that position?—Yes.

Did he go to Mass and Communion that morning?—Yes.

In what condition did he go; was he handcuffed between two Guards?—No.

Is it not true that your chaplain has complained about the fact that the prisoners cannot go to the altar unattended by Guards?—That is not true.

How did he go to Mass?—With the usual escort.

Would you pledge your oath he did not go to the altar with Guards accompanying him?—Yes, they did.

They accompanied him right up to the altar?—No, only to the seat.

Captain T. Duffy, Governor of Arbour Hill Detention Barracks, said the deceased man, according to the terms of the sentence, became eligible that day (Monday) for release on entering into recognisance to be of good behaviour. On Tuesday last he visited Glynn and asked him if he would be prepared to enter into recognisance. The prisoner said he was not.

Mr. Geoghegan here handed the witness a document and asked him to identify the handwriting.

Captain Duffy said that, in his opinion, it was the handwriting of Sean Glynn, and he had received it at 11 a.m. that day from Quartermaster-Captain Daly.

### CRUEL TREATMENT.

Mr. Geoghegan read the document as follows:—"Dear Mother,—Just a line to say good-bye. I feel I cannot stand this any longer. I have been subject to cruel treatment since I was arrested. Coming to Dublin the Guards passed all kinds of remarks, and said I was suffering from terrible disease and I would rot in a month. There were five of them on the right in the bus—Dalton, Buckley—he was in Ardnacrusha one time; he is now stationed in William Street—he was the worst. He reaped up sins of my brother. There were three others—Cuddy and Feary, and another sandy-haired fellow, I don't know his name, but he is usually with Buckley. All this was organised by McFaul. I was in the barracks at Limerick, and all the John Street Guards were there, and any of them did not know me. I was searched by O'Donoghue, the fellow that beat me in O'Connell Street with McFaul, and he passed me on to McNulty, and said I had nothing on me, when I had money. . . ."

A second letter, also identified as the handwriting of Glynn, was read by Mr. Geoghegan:—"Dear Mother,—I received your letter on Thursday. I was glad to hear from you. I also had one from May yesterday. Well, I must tell you the truth. Since I was arrested I have been subjected to all kinds of threats, in William Street Barracks and since I came here. The warders have used all kinds of dirty remarks towards me, and I am about fed up. I have done everything wrong since I came. I should not have taken a visit last week. When first I was arrested, when we arrived I was searched four times—three by Guard O'Donoghue and once by Detective Officer McNulty—and I then had no money in my pockets. When we were being removed to Dublin on our journey I was . . ."

Mr. Geoghegan—The last word may have been "beaten," but I don't think it is. The remainder of the letter is indecipherable.

Mr. Lynn—It could not be "beaten"—the word is too long. It may have been "blackguarded."

### SAW NOTHING ABNORMAL.

Captain G. Davis, medical officer, said that he examined Sean Glynn and saw nothing abnormal.

In reply to Mr. Lynn, witness said that when Glynn was sent to Arbour Hill there was no medical report from Mountjoy Prison, where he had been detained prior to his conviction. He visited Glynn four times between July 21 and August 11.

Captain Dr. Holmes Levers, St. Brigid's Hospital, said that he examined Mr. Glynn on his admission to the prison on July 17, and he was then in normal health, and showed no signs of mental instability.

Mr. Lynn asked if people were kept in solitary confinement for several months would it not tend towards insanity in some of them.

The witness said that a person highly strung might become neurotic, but every person would show different reaction.

### LETTERS IN CELL.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Daly told the Court how he found the letters that had been produced in evidence in the dead man's cell. They were torn up, he said, and he had pieced them together.

Mr. Lynn—Do you know if Sean Glynn was beaten?—No.

Did you beat a prisoner yourself last year, Simons?—No; I never beat a prisoner in my life.

The relatives present at the inquest, and who subsequently accompanied the remains to Limerick included—John Glynn (father), Mrs. Glynn (mother), Jos. Glynn (brother), Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. O'Flaherty, and Miss M. Glynn (sisters), Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. O'Brien, and Mrs. Carey (aunts), Messrs. P. Glynn and M. Downey (uncles), M. Harrington and P. O'Flaherty (brothers-in-law), Messrs. P. Lawlor and M. Egan (cousins).

### REMAINS ARRIVE IN LIMERICK.

A large crowd collected at the borough boundary at Pennywell to meet the cortege, but at 10 o'clock a message was received that the remains would not arrive until 2 o'clock a.m., owing to the fact that an adjournment of the inquest took place in Dublin.

At 1 o'clock this morning the remains arrived at St. John's Cathedral. The coffin, covered with the Tricolour, was placed in the mortuary.

### The Funeral.

The funeral of the deceased man took place to-day at 3 p.m. from St. John's Cathedral to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery.

## AIR LINERS.

Official corroboration of the reported selection of Foynes, Co. Limerick, as the site of an Atlantic air base is lent by the announcement yesterday that the Commissioners of Public Works have placed a contract for the "provision of temporary accommodation at Foynes Air Base."

After the passage of the Air Navigation and Transport Bill in the Dail on August 12, Tomas O. Deirg, the Acting Minister for Industry and Commerce, stated that if arrangements for the purchase of land could be completed it was thought that the new airport would be in the neighbourhood of Foynes.

During recent months excavations by experts and engineers of the Board of Works have been carried out at sites surrounding the Shannon Estuary at Foynes and Rynanna.

An engineer of the Board of Works said that the temporary accommodation for which contracts had been placed concerned the erection of a meteorological station. The location of the actual site for the base was not yet decided upon, he added.

The present contract has been placed with Messrs. J. Ryan and Sons, Thomas Street, Limerick.

## LIMERICK NUN'S INTERMENT.

The interment took place at the Convent of the Faithful Companions of Jesus on Sunday of Sister Maria Moloney, whose death occurred on Friday.

The Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, officiated at the graveside.

The clergy present were—Rev. Fr. Harty, Adm. St. Michael's; Rev. Dr. Cooper, C.C. do.; Rev. Fr. Moriarty, C.C. do.; Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick, C.C. do.; Rev. Fr. Brazill, C.C. St. John's; Rev. Fr. Chawke, C.C. do.; Rev. Fr. Moloney, Diocesan Secretary; Very Rev. Fr. Powell, O.P.; Rev. Fr. O'Flannigan, S.J.; Rev. Fr. Dowling, S.J.; Rev. Fr. Madigan, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Fr. Murphy, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Fr. O'Donoghue, O.S.A.; Rev. Fr. Hunt, O.S.A.

The chief mourners were—Mrs. Nora Leahy (sister), Mrs. Casey and Mrs. B. Creed (cousins), Mr. J. Leahy (brother-in-law).

The Rev. Mother and members of the Community were present at the interment.

## LATE DEAN OF KILLALOE.

The Very Rev. Henry John Gillespie, D.D., of the Rectory, Clonlara, Clara, Dean of Killaloe, died on March 31 last, aged 84 years, leaving property in England and the Irish Free State valued at £6,188. Probate of the will dated October 20, 1934, with a codicil of even date, has been granted to the Rev. Robert McNeill Boyd, B.D., M.C., of the Rectory, Killaloe, Clara. He leaves his personal effects to his wife, Mary Elinor, and his sons, the Rev. Henry Richard Butler Gillespie, Frank and Ivor, and the residue of the property on trust for his wife for life, and then for his children the share of his daughter, Eileen Maunsell, being held upon trust for her for life and then for her children.

"I can see nothing on the horizon that should interfere with Canada's friendly relations with any country," declared Mr. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister, before leaving for Geneva.

of the sacred edifice. The remains were borne to the mortuary to the hearse on the shoulders of members of the I.R.A. The coffin was covered with the Tricolour, on top of which was placed a number of wreaths.

## ADVANCE GUARD.

When the cortege moved off the hearse was preceded by a detachment of Fianna Eireann Boy Scouts in uniform, and a number of women wearing the uniform of the Cumann na mBan. A company of the I.R.A., who had been drilling outside the Cathedral, formed an advance guard. At either side of the hearse walked a guard of honour, and behind them the chief mourners and a large section of the general public.

Amongst those present were—Miss Mary McSwiney, Madame Maud Gonne McBride, and Mrs. Kate O'Callaghan.

When the funeral arrived at the graveside, members of the I.R.A. formed a cordon around the grave.

Rev. Fr. Coleman, C.C. St. John's, officiated at the burial, assisted by Rev. Fr. Brazill, C.C. do., and Rev. Fr. O'Grady, C.C. do.

## SHOTS FIRED IN AIR.

When the coffin had been placed in the grave shots were fired in the air and the Last Post was sounded.

"WOULD BEAR NO MORE."

Mr. Sean Keating, Dublin, then delivered a short funeral oration. Speaking in highly excited tones, he said that he represented the General Headquarters of the I.R.A. The deceased man was the victim of tyranny and injustice. He charged the Government with responsibility for what had occurred, and went on to say there were still 57 more of the dead man's comrades in Arbour Hill. They were detained under conditions which might possibly culminate in similar tragedies. The circumstances under which Sean Glynn died were sad in the extreme. The I.R.A. had borne a good deal of suffering, but they had come to the end of their endurance, and would bear no more.

A decade of the Rosary was recited in Irish by Miss Mary McSwiney, after which the gathering dispersed.

## DETECTIVES PRESENT.

A number of detectives mingled amongst the general body of the mourners.

Madame McBride arrived in Limerick this morning, accompanied by Mrs. O'Donnell, President of the Dublin Cumann na mBan, and Miss Maeve Phelan, representing General Headquarters, Cumann na mBan.

Wreaths were sent by—The Women's Prisoners' Defence League. "In loving memory of Capt. Sean Glynn, from the officers and men, Limerick-Batt., I.R.A." "The Clara Street Club." "Oglia na hEireann G.H.Q." There were also a number of Mass Cards, including one from "B" Company, 3rd Batt. Dublin

## LICENCE.

### Priest's Objection at Killaloe.

At Killaloe District Court, before Mr. H. L. Cobner.

Mr. T. E. Bennett, solicitor, made an application for a dance licence on behalf of Wm. O'Donnell, Bruree, for all Sundays and Church holidays in the year, from 8 to 11 summer-time and 7.30 to 10.30 in winter, also three Cinderellas, between 9 p.m. and 2.30 a.m. The dances, he said were the same as were granted twelve months ago, except that his client had reduced the number of late hour dances—he was not anxious to have such at all—and had put in for three. Notice had been served on the Board of Health.

Rev. Father O'Donnell, C.C. Bruree, said he had something to say to that. The Hall was in the centre of the village, and he happened to be living alongside it. There was scarcely any sanitary accommodation. People came out at all hours and were very noisy on the street. That was his experience of them. "The distance should be limited," he was understood to convey.

The Justice agreed it was not wise to have a hall in the middle of the street, and referred to the sanitary accommodation.

Mr. Bennett—I think if there was any danger to health or decency the County Officer of Health would have made objection. This officer has visited the place on two occasions.

It was mentioned that the building was formerly the parish church, and when the new one was erected Mr. O'Donnell purchased the old one and converted it into a hall.

The Justice said he did not think he was justified in refusing the licence because the hall was in the town. On the question as to whether the place is sanitary and if the dance created a nuisance he would like to know about it, and would let the application stand over to Bruff Court. He asked the Inspector to get the local Guards to look into the matter.

Inspector Brazill said he would cause special enquiries to be made and would give the result at Bruff on the 17th inst.

## REQUEST FROM A FOREIGN POWER.

Dramatic Scene.

George Andrew McMahon (32), went into the witness box at the Old Bailey, London, yesterday, and told a sensational story of how he had been asked by a foreign Power to shoot the King at the Trooping of the Colours in Hyde Park on July 16. If he failed the King was to be shot at in France.

McMahon said that this Power wished him to act as spy, and had given him money. It's representative tried to inflame him against the British Government and the British nation.

If he shot the King he was to receive £150. He informed the War Office of the plot.

Earlier there was a swift end to two of the three counts against McMahon. On the suggestion of Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord, the Attorney-General withdrew the first, dealing with being in possession of a revolver with intent to endanger life, and the second of presenting a firearm at or near the King.

Formal verdicts of not guilty were returned, and the third charge under the Treason Act was then proceeded with.

During his evidence McMahon also said he threw the pistol along the ground because he did not want to shoot.

"I had never any intention of alarming the King," he declared. "Rather to save him." It was the only way he could see to protect the King.

McMahon was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

## PRINCESS JULIANA'S WEDDING DATE.

The date of the wedding of Princess Juliana to Prince Bernhard of Lippe-Biesterfeld has now been provisionally fixed for early in December, and will take place at the ancient parish church of The Hague, or a the "cloister church," the venue of most official religious ceremonies at The Hague.

Princess Juliana, at a meeting of the Netherlands Red Cross Society, of which she is president, introduced Prince Bernhard to the members of the committee.

Prince Bernhard will attend the opening of Parliament to-morrow.

Exactly where he can be placed during the ceremony is a question that is occupying the minds of the authorities.

The general rule is that no foreigner may take out letters of naturalisation in Holland until he has lived in the country at least five years.

Exceptions to this rule can be made for reasons of State, so that Prince Bernhard will probably become a Dutchman within the next two or three weeks.

## MISS MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN MARRIED.

The marriage took place on Saturday in the Catholic Church at Santa Monica, California, of Miss Maureen O'Sullivan, the Dublin film star, and Mr. John Farrow, the Australian scenario writer.

Miss O'Sullivan, who became engaged in October, 1934, was in London recently with Mr. Farrow, and on that occasion took the opportunity to see her parents in County Dublin.

She is the daughter of Major O'Sullivan, Killiney, and has been a screen actress for five years. She met with success soon after she went to Hollywood in the film "Tarzan and His Mate," and since then he has played leading parts in "Tugboat Annie," "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," "The Thin Man," "David Copperfield," and "Cardinal Richelieu."

## COUNTY CLARE RAID SEQUEL.

Four young men—Joseph Murphy, Tullybrien; Patrick O'Connor, Clodney; Martin Sullivan, Tramore, and Patrick O'Loughlin, junr., Milford—were, at a Special Court at Miltown Malbay, remanded in custody charged in connection with a raid on the house of Patrick Roche, near Carrigaholt. The prisoners were taken by car to Limerick Jail under