

# Protest Meeting

## UNITED FRONT

### CHANGE OF POLICY ?

system, and adhered to that statement when he re-visited Limerick this year. Very many improvements had been carried out to Barrington's Hospital. There were now eighty beds instead of sixty-one, as formerly, and the upkeep was in the region of £5,000 a year.

#### NO ANTAGONISM.

In conclusion, the speaker emphasised that there was no antagonism to the Sweep, but that it was the distribution of the funds that gave them cause for worry.

The Mayor then called upon Alderman Goodwin, who moved the following resolution:—“This meeting strongly protests against the decision of the Hospitals' Commission to withhold any further grants to the voluntary hospitals in Limerick, and requests the Minister for Local Government to take steps to assure the continuance of Barrington's and St. John's Hospitals, which have rendered in the past, and are still rendering, such valuable services to the citizens of Limerick. It is the opinion of this meeting that the establishment of a regional hospital, which will serve Limerick City and County, and portion of the neighbouring counties, in no way justifies the abolition of the two City Voluntary Hospitals, which, in accordance with the original purpose of the Sweepstakes, should receive first consideration. And that in the interests of the citizens the provision of necessary extensions and their equipment, should not be further delayed.”

#### FOR THE VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS.

Ald. Goodwin stated that the Hospitals' Sweep was inaugurated to assist the Voluntary Hospitals. Both Barrington's and St. John's were amongst the first hospitals to be included in the hospitals to benefit from the Sweep. Their names even appeared on the Sweep tickets, and he believed that they had not only a moral right, but a legal right to benefit from the funds. If they could not succeed in getting assistance from the funds they had the alternative of testing the decision of the Commissioners in a legal manner. It was not sug-

# Death of Austrian Jewess

## STATE PATHOLOGIST'S VISIT

### Further Developments

To-day, the State Pathologist, Dr. J. McGrath, carried out a post mortem examination of the body of Mrs. Elsa Holfler, an Austrian Jewess, who was found dead with a bullet wound in her head in the Hotel Crescent, on Thursday night. The bullet entered at the right temple, and made an exit just over the left eyebrow. A feature that puzzled the doctors was that there was no sign of singeing or blackening of the skin.

#### AUTHORITIES SATISFIED.

It is learned that the authorities are satisfied that the wound was self-inflicted. The revolver which was found near the body, was of a Continental six-chamber pattern, and the fatal bullet, which was extracted by Dr. J. Holmes, is in the possession of the Gardai.

The State Pathologist removed certain organs for examination, as it is suggested that the deceased woman might have taken poison.

Detective Officer Stapleton, Fire Arms Expert, and police photographers, also visited the morgue in Barrington's Hospital to-day.

#### NO SUSPICION OF FOUL PLAY.

It was learned later that the relatives were given permission to remove the remains for interment, and there is no suspicion of foul play.

It is understood that since Mrs. Holfler is an alien, the authorities had to take every precaution to ensure that no irregularity would occur.

The woman's husband, Mr. Brack Holfler, has been in Limerick for some time.

#### COMMUNITY GREATLY DISTURBED.

The Jewish Community have been greatly distressed over the tragedy, which is attributed to the treatment of the Jews in Austria.

Mrs. Holfler was to have returned to Austria yesterday.

Deep sympathy is felt for the relatives and the Jewish Community in the city.

The inquest will be held at noon on Monday, when it is expected a verdict will be returned.

## President's Address

### Trying Year for Business

Mr. T. J. Loughrey, President of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce, presided at the annual general meeting of the Chamber to-day. The members present were—Messrs. E. O'Carroll, D. M. Lloyd, J. J. Johnson, J. B. T. C. Carroll, P.C.; G. Sheehan, E. Goodwin, and Captain Power, with Captain J. O. Power.

Mr. Loughrey, in his Presidential address, said—I wish to place before the members some of the activities of the Chamber during the past year, which embraces the time of our President's term of office.

On the whole, it has been a trying year for business. We are pleased with the settlements that have been made with the British Government during the year, and we are gratified by the results from the very good negotiations that was made by our Chamber. Like all other centres, trade has been disturbed on account of the about tariffs and other matters that arise from prolonged discussions of national interests, but that during the coming year will be placed on a proper basis in this regard, and that Limerick will benefit by the change.

#### PRECARIOUS CONDITION

We all regret the precarious condition of the Great Southern Railway behoves us to do everything possible to maintain the railway system so vital for business, especially in this large, important distributing centre as Limerick is.

Referring to Messrs. Cement, the President said—While the Limerick factory has not benefited to any great extent, we are glad that the products of the factory are of a high class, and that the cement compares with the best anywhere.

I am pleased to say that the Limerick Chamber are doing as well as can be expected, and we hope to see in the future some new industries started, so as to provide employment for the many people that depend on the development of industry for their livelihood, and to give an opportunity of this large community to engage in skilled occupation.

I am glad that the Chamber are doing well in the building of houses, which I am sorry to say that the Limerick generally is not in as flourishing a condition as we would expect, considering the number of houses that has been built in the County of Limerick and the surrounding counties has been small this year, but we trust that there will be a greater activity in the building of houses everywhere in the near future.

The President concluded his address by complimenting the members for their co-operation and complimenting the Secretaries for their efficiency.

#### HOSPITALS RESOLVED

The position of the Limerick Hospitals