

ment is to undertake considerable sea defences. A number of torpedo boats and patrol vessels are to be used to patrol the Irish territorial waters.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Important New Discoveries

Investigations conducted by the Swedish Bacteriological Laboratory into the causes of infantile paralysis have resulted in several new and important observations which are likely to increase knowledge as to the epidemiology and etiology of the disease, it is stated, in a recent official report.

For instance, it has been proved in respect of the discharge of the infantile paralysis virus from the human body that disease generator occurs in virulent condition in the excrement even in mild cases of the disease, without actual paralysis, and it has been possible to prove its existence there up to the 31st day after the person has been taken ill.

With respect to the existence of the disease generator in the human organism, investigations have shown that virus occurs in considerable degree in the mesenteric lymphatic glands. This circumstance would seem to support the theory that the contagion is transferred to the human body via the mucous membranes of the digestive channel.

Finally, there has been isolated recently in a water sample from a well a disease generator of a virus nature capable of producing in an ape a form of illness which in no respect differs from the infection state which is not seldom found in apes which have been inoculated with material containing typical infantile paralysis virus.

The results obtained by the laboratory are characterised as very important. A detailed plan has been drawn up for continued investigation for which new Government grants have been requested.

few days that hundreds of acres of land south of that town are inundated. No serious damage has been caused so far, as hay, root crops, and live stock have been removed from the fields in the vicinity of the river. The water, however, continues to rise rapidly.

RAILWAYMAN'S TRAGIC DEATH IN COUNTY LIMERICK.

While clipping a hedge at the rear of his cottage at Effin, Co. Limerick, David Barry, a signalman in the employment of the Great Southern Railway Co. at Chaleville Station, took suddenly ill, and expired. He had been for over 40 years in the employment of the Railway Company at Chareville.

Mr. William Carroll, Pullein, Tarbert, has grown on his lands a monster turnip weighing 37lbs. Mr. Mce. O'Connor, Coolnanoologh, Tarbert, has grown a turnip weighing 36 lbs.

Sixty shillings per ton is the price fixed by the Government for the coming season's sugar beet crop. This compares with 49s. 6d. paid in the current year. The Government expects that 70,000 acres will be grown as against 25,000 in the current year.

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