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BRITISH SQUADRON SHELLING FORTIFICATIONS.

A British squadron is shelling the forti-
fications but the attack is being met with
vigour by the land batteries, and from
the French battleship "Richelieu." Bri-
tish planes have bombed the town, and
it is reported that the "Richelieu" has
been damaged but not seriously.

The French claim to have brought
down three British planes, and it is ad-
mitted that one French plane is missing.

According to a Vichy despatch, 185 sol-
diers were killed and 363 wounded in the
first British attack on the port. In the
second attack the casualties were even
higher.

BRITISH VESSELS PASS GIBRALTAR

A message received via Madrid to-day
states that three British cruisers, four
destroyers and two submarines have
passed Gibraltar, and it is presumed that
they are on their way to Dakar.

The French admit the loss of the sub-
marine, Persee, at Dakar. She had a
displacement of 1,500 tons, and had a
crew of 62, most of whom are believed
to have been saved.

GIBRALTAR BOMBED

BODY RECOVERED

Shannon Drowning Tragedy

EVIDENCE AT INQUEST

The body of Felix Brennan, 22 years,
a native of Scattery Island, Kilrush, was
recovered from the Shannon at Teryoe
yesterday. Over a week ago the deceased
fell overboard at night from the s.s.
"Kyleclare," on which he was employed
as a seaman, and was drowned. At the
time of the accident the vessel was mov-
ing down the river and the deceased,
while closing the hatchways, missed his
footing and fell into the water.

Dr. J. P. Cleary, Coroner for East
Limerick, with a jury, opened an inquest
at the County Courthouse, Limerick,
to-day into the circumstances surround-
ing the death of the deceased.

Inspector W. Brazil, conducted the
proceedings on behalf of the State, and
Mr. E. T. Treacy, solicitor, held a watch-
ing brief on behalf of the Limerick
Steamship Co.

Inspector Brazil said that it was pro-
posed to take only evidence of identifi-
cation and medical evidence to-day, and
then to adjourn the inquest until the
"Kyleclare" returned to port.

FATHER'S EVIDENCE.

John Brennan, Scattery Island, father
of the deceased, said his son was a sea-
man by occupation. At the time of his
death he was employed on the s.s.
"Kyleclare." He last saw him alive on
the 14th September and he was then in
good health. His son was single and was
22 years of age. When on shore he lived
with witness. Witness saw the body of
his son at Barrington's Hospital that
day. His son did not suffer from any
physical defect.

Coroner—What was his position—
what rank had he.

Witness—He was an able seaman.

Dr. J. G. Tynan, House Surgeon,
Barrington's Hospital, deposed that he
examined the body of the deceased and
came to the conclusion that he died
from drowning. The deceased appeared
to be quite healthy, and there were no
external marks on his body. The de-
ceased was dead from about four to six
days.

FINDING OF THE BODY.

At this stage Inspector Brazil said
that it might be as well to take evidence
of the man who found the body.

Coroner—I think it might be as well.

John Tobin, 1 Andrew's Gardens,
North Strand, Limerick, said he was a
labourer by occupation. He went down
the River Shannon by boat on Monday
night last. He was accompanied by his
brother, Timothy, and a man named
Denis Moran. They spent the night fish-
ing and were returning yesterday morn-
ing and when passing the North Point
they decided to make a drag with the
net. They made a drag and subse-
quently a body rose to the surface. They
recovered the body and removed it to
the Quay. The body was clothed in blue
overalls and an oilskin coat and there
were stockings on the feet.

Inspector Brazil said that was all the
evidence he proposed to offer to-day.

The Coroner said he would adjourn
the inquest until the return of the
"Kyleclare."

The inquest was then adjourned pro-
visionally until 4 p.m. on Friday next.

SYMPATHY WITH RELATIVES.

Sympathy was tendered to the
bereaved relatives by the Coroner (Dr.
Cleary), by Mr. Treacy, on behalf of the
Limerick Steamship Company; by In-
spector Brazil, on behalf of the Guards,
and by the foreman of the jury.

OFFER WITHDRAWN

Lands Of Strand House

PROPOSED SITE FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Mr. Stephen O'Mara has withdrawn
the offer he made some months ago to
the Limerick Corporation and to the
County Council to place at their disposal
the grounds of Strand House as a site
for the proposed new Town Hall, Con-
cert Hall, County Courthouse and other
public buildings.

Mr. O'Mara's decision was disclosed at
the meeting of the City Council last
night, the Mayor (Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.)
presiding.

MR. O'MARA'S LETTER.

In a letter to the Corporation Mr.
O'Mara stated that since neither the
Council nor the County Council had pro-
ceeded with the Strand House site, and
did not appear to be in a position to do
so, he must, with much regret, withdraw
his offer.

"Conditions created by the war," con-
tinued the letter, "now oblige me to seek
some other means of developing the pro-
perty."

Mayor—That is very bad news.

Mr. Keyes, T.D.—It is one of the things
they are dropping over in London.

"A BOMBSHELL"

Mayor—It is a bombshell. We can't do
anything.

Mr. Keyes—Could anything be done in
connection with the matter?

Manager—At their last meeting the
County Council adjourned it for six
months.

Mr. Keyes said that the place had been
considered an ideal site for the buildings.
He added that the matter should not be
allowed to drop like that.

Mr. O'Malley—Can you offer to buy it
now?

Mr. Keyes said that the Council had
got an offer which was accepted as good
citizenship, and a good deal of work had
been done in connection with the pre-
paration of the plans. Unfortunately one
of the members of the County Council
put a fly in the ointment. He did not
think that they should let the offer fall
through, and suggested that Mr. O'Mara
be made aware of how far the Corpora-
tion had gone with the scheme.

Mayor—I think he held it open a long
time.

ASKED TO RECONSIDER DECISION.

On the proposition of Mr. Donnellan,
seconded by Mr. Keyes, the Council de-
cided to ask Mr. O'Mara to reconsider
his decision.

TARBERT COURT

UNLICENSED BULLS

At the Tarbert District Court, before
Mr. C. S. Kenny, B.L., D.J.,

All the excise licences for Tarbert,
Newtownsandes and Ballylongford were
renewed, there being no objection on the
part of the authorities.

Patrick O'Callaghan, labourer, Saleen,
Tarbert, was summoned for attempting
to draw 4/- unemployment benefit
illegally.

The defendant admitted the offence,
but pleaded ignorance.

The Justice applied the Probation Act.
J. Shanahan, Kilbaha, was fined 5/-
with 11/- costs and expenses, for having
an unlicensed bull in his possession.

For a similar offence, James Woulfe,
Gortnagoona, was fined 10/- with 11/-
costs and expenses.

Michael Fitzgerald, Lenamore, when
summoned for being in possession of an
unlicensed bull, explained that he did
not go in for breeding.

A fine of 10/- was imposed.

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