

Terrible Tragedy

Three Lives Lost

Spanish Point Drowning Fatalities

Painful scenes were witnessed at Spanish Point, Miltownmalbay, on Sunday, when, despite frantic efforts at rescue, three persons lost their lives. Their names are

—Mr Harrington, chief engineer, E.S.B., Limerick, and his daughter Helena, and Detective Officer Galvin of Limerick. Mr Harrington leaves four more children.

It appears Miss Harrington went out to sea on an air cushion which was pushed about by her father and Mr Galvin. The young girl got unseated and was thrown into the sea. Her father and Mr Galvin went to her assistance and all three got into difficulties.

Mr Moroney, who was several hundred yards away, ran to the rescue and succeeded after frantic efforts in bringing all three ashore. The young girl was alive when rescued, but died soon afterwards.

Doctors Hillery and McClancy did everything possible, but to no avail.

The wives of the drowned men were having lunch at an hotel close by. News of the tragedy was broken to them by the local nuns.

The Inquest

Death from drowning was the verdict at the inquest on the bodies of Mr Harrington and his daughter Helena and Detective Officer Galvin.

The coroner and jury complimented the daring feat of Mr Moroney, who, by himself and at the risk of his own life, carried the three bodies ashore. They also condemned the use of "lilos" as air cushions on this strand. They tendered sympathy with the relatives of the deceased.
