

ur Dublin correspondent wires—the death roll as a result of the explosion of a mine in the Glen of Mal, Co. Wicklow, is now increased sixteen as the result of the death, which took place this morning, of corporal Wm. Shannon, Maryfield race, Dundrum, Co. Dublin.

An inquest was opened to-day at Curragh on the sixteen victims of the explosion, but when evidence identification had been given the proceedings were adjourned sine

BOX OF JEWELS

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ATTERED WHEN 'PLANE CRASHED

he scattering of a box of jewels when a plane crashed was recalled at the death, announced to-day by the Press Association, of Mr. Jacques Cartier, the youngest of three brothers who built up a great firm of jewellers bearing their name. He was managing director of the London branch. A long box of jewels sent by the plane by air to King Zog of Albania in 1938 was smashed when the plane crashed. All the jewels were scattered over the countryside, but 1,000 worth of them were later recovered.

EW CENSORSHIP CHIEF

Mr. Thomas J. Coyne, Assistant Controller of Censorship, has been appointed Controller as from Monday last. Mr. Joseph Connelly, chairman of the Commissioners of Public Works, who was acting as Controller, is thus freed to devote his entire attention to Board of Works duties.

PAPAL INTERVIEW

The Pope yesterday (says a cable message) received Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's Personal Envoy to the Holy See. The interview lasted an hour.

Mr. McCormack said that a great deal of tractor ploughing resulted in a national loss, as the crops failed to grow in many cases. The land was simply torn up, no effort whatever having been made to cultivate the land. The Department should take action at once to see that all tractors were operated by skilled men. Licences should be issued only to men who had proved their efficiency in the working of tractors.

HEAVY LOSSES.

Mr. Ryan—If some action is not taken to ensure that the land is properly cultivated by tractors no wheat will be sown next year, because last spring farmers lost heavily in consequence of defective tractor ploughing.

On the proposition of Mr. McCormack, a resolution was passed requesting the Department to take suitable measures to ensure that all persons hiring out tractors are competent to manipulate them.

It was agreed to make an allocation of £100 for ploughing contests carried out under ordinary conditions.

It was decided to provide an allocation of £200 under the shelter belts scheme, being an increase of £80 as compared with last year.

It was also agreed to provide £1,500 under the lime subsidy scheme and £615 for boys' and girls' scholarships.

The C.A.O. said that all the allocations, including administrative expenses, amounted to £12,700.

DEATH OF LIMERICK MAN

Mr. W. J. Dudgeon, Western Representative of Messrs. Ranks (Ireland) Ltd., for the past nine years, has died at Lenaboy Park, Salthill, Galway, aged 58. A native of Limerick, he began his commercial career about 40 years ago with Messrs. Bannatyne, Limerick, and when that firm's business was acquired by Messrs. Ranks he remained with the new owners. His widow survives him.

TOLL OF SEA WAR

Records based on available figures reveal that in the first two years of the war 1,880 ships, aggregating 7,041,898 gross tons, were sunk, while 15,686 persons lost their lives and 9,253 are missing.

chalked up all over the city, and it was an absolutely new combination of letters, the citizens most certainly puzzled—and the was won.

"Quiz" once meant to "chaff" or "tease"; now it merely means a "hoax" or "trick".

Limerick has not been free from the freakishness of the practical joker, whose escapades have been enjoyed by all—except the victims.

Amongst hoaxes on record is one in which a sailor, asking where he could buy some "chips"—meaning chipped potatoes—was sent to a quick tempered woodworker, the result that the two almost came to blows; on another occasion a man with a bad stammer was asked to go to a stuttering shopkeeper to buy some goods, and the two figured out an angry scene, each thinking the other was imitating him.

On a recent occasion bogus goods came from a Clare village for all sorts of supplies, including loads of coals, which tired horses had to carry back to Limerick—a real cruelty to animals.

From these examples it will be seen that victims may be pardoned for not "seeing the joke"; in fact it is clear that

Altho' humour is good, there's a limit to jokes—

There's more malice than fun in the average hoax.

THE HARVEST

Much of the hay crop is ready for finding its way to the barns under the best conditions in West Limerick and over the Feale in the north (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent). Threshing of grain has commenced and only later so much of wheat are being reaped in the places. Potatoes are now plentiful and of excellent quality all round, selling at 8d. per stone. Turnips the market sells at from 2s. 27s. 6d. per ton.

£20,000 FIRE

An eighteen years old youth, Horace Pearse, pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey, London, to having started a fire at Weybridge, which caused £20,000 damage. He was sentenced to a Borstal Institution for 3