

male or shark species. It had a hole, but had one fin on body similar to the dorsal fin of a shark. Its long scaly body was in two knife-edge tails.

Arthur H. Rostron, former commander of the Cunard Fleet, was a sea-serpent off the south coast of Ireland many years ago. He was in 1907. He was at the time Chief Officer on the "Compania," which was making for Newcastle Harbour, when he was about two miles ahead. He at first thought to be a log. On coming nearer, however, he saw that it was a creature. "Its great head reared about eight feet out of water," he said, "and was moving from side to side with movements such as you see a hawk make when hunting on the lawn. There were protuberances where eyes might have been, but I could see none."

He described the creature as being a neck twelve to fourteen feet long, with a pair of small ears. In the records of the Navy and Merchant service we find many strange tales of monsters of the sea.

WHAT NORWEGIAN SAILORS SAW.

In 1746 ten Norwegian sailors told the truth of their story of one of these creatures which they had seen. "It had a long white mane," they said, "hanging down to the surface of the water like a parcel of seaweed hanging down. We saw four or eight coils which were about a foot thick, and, as far as we could see, there was a fathom's distance between each fold."

In the May of 1917, the captain of a merchantman "Hilary" sighted a monster while off the coast of Norway. In the ship's log he described it:

"The head was about the shape of a cow's, and was black; the thickness of the neck was probably not more than twenty feet. At first sight the creature suggested a tree trunk with only the knobby ends visible; the knobby ends were, in fact, its head and dorsal fin."

Some years ago a fifteen-ton monster of the deep was found by a fisherman near Roumani, about fifteen miles north-east of Tripoli. It was 48 feet 9 inches in length, 10 feet 7 inches in girth, and had a tail 11 feet long. The length of its lower jaw was 9 feet 3 inches, while its upper jaw was 8 feet 10 inches. The gills were 9 feet long. It did not belong to any of the known species, and was

It is claimed that extensive damage was done to docks and stores. Many big fires were started. Four British planes failed to return.

There was no German air activity over Great Britain during the night, but early this morning planes attempted to attack an East Coast town. Two of the raiders were shot down.

DEATH OF P.P.

REV. P. RYAN PASSES AWAY

It is with very sincere regret that we chronicle the demise of Rev. Patrick Ryan, P.P., Monagea, Newcastle West, which took place yesterday in the parochial residence.

The late Father Ryan was ordained in Maynooth over fifty years ago, and having laboured in the English mission for some years he was recalled to his native diocese and was appointed to a curacy in St. Mary's Parish, where many of the older residents still recall his great activities in the promotion of hygienic conditions. He also held curacies in Fedamore and Ballingarry. Some years ago he was appointed to the pastoral charge of Monagea, and during the intervening years he has worked with unremitting care and attention for the spiritual and temporal welfare of his people. Kindly and charitable to a degree, he was beloved by his parishioners, and his demise has occasioned profound regret and sorrow.

The obsequies will take place tomorrow following Office and Requiem High Mass at 11 o'clock.

NEW P.C.

Mr. M. J. Carmody, the popular and efficient clerk of the Ennis Urban Council, has been appointed a Peace Commissioner.

pale stripes under its jaw.

In his book, "Fangs of the Sea," Norman Caldwell describes an incident which he once witnessed, in which a sea-serpent was involved.

He and a friend once sighted a huge turtle floating on the water of a lagoon. He describes the turtle as being a monster, about four feet long and weighing about 500 lbs. As they watched the creature floating on the water "a mighty head that resembled the head of a giant snake came out of the water and struck once, only once. Then the turtle and the vast sinister head

be opposed. For the other candidates it is likely that four candidates will be proposed—Mr. John C. (Progressive), Mr. J. C. (Fianna Fail), Mr. James McC. (Labour), and Mr. P. Whelan (I.R.A.).

KILLED BY TRAIN

WEST LIMERICK TRAGEDY

While crossing the railway near Barnagh Railway Station this morning a woman named Mary Woulfe, Glendarragh, castle West, was accidentally killed by a passing train and received injuries which subsequently proved fatal.

Deceased was aged about 68. The body was removed to the castle West Railway Station, and an inquest will be held this evening by Mr. R. J. Cussen, solr., District Coroner.

DAMAGES FOR LIMERICK FARMER

A settlement for £350 and costs was announced before the judgment of the High Court, Mr. Justice Conor Maguire, yesterday, in an action in which James Hishon, Fernhill, Shanagolden, Co. Limerick, claimed damages against the Listowel Race Committee for injuries suffered as a consequence of a horse having fallen and broken a railing, portion of which was damaged by him at a race meeting at the Racecourse, Listowel, on September 25th last.

FIRE IN GILLOGUE BOG

An extensive fire occurred on Monday evening in the bog at Gillogue, some four miles from Limerick. The fire was first discovered by men who went to the bog to cut turf, and by then it had got a strong hold. The fire was blazing fiercely and the smoke was spreading in all directions. At the time a large group of men were to work on it. Eventually, however, the blaze was beaten out, leaving an extensive circular patch of charred bog in the centre of the bog.

NO REPRESENTATIVE

Notification of the annual meeting of the General Council of County Councils, with a request for the appointment of two representatives of the Clare County Council to attend, was received by the Peace Commissioner (Mr. D. O'Keeffe) transacting the business of the abolished Council. He said that