

HEROIC EFFORTS

To Save Comrade's Life

HOW A VOLUNTEER WAS DROWNED

The heroic efforts made by young Army Volunteers to save a drowning companion were revealed at the inquest conducted by Dr. J. P. Cleary, Coroner for East Limerick, in the County Court-house, Limerick, on Saturday, into the circumstances touching the death of Volunteer J. Meehan, aged 20 years, and a native of Ennis, who was drowned at Castleconnell on Sunday week.

Supt. Dunning appeared for the State.

Volunteer John Doyle said that on Sunday, 28th June, about 8 o'clock, accompanied by Volunteer John Wyse and Volunteer C. Walshe, he went for a swim at the Island Field House, Castleconnell. After they reached the ferry they were joined by Volunteer Meehan and all four went into the water together. I started to swim across the river followed by the deceased and Volunteer Walshe, went on Volunteer Doyle. Wyse, being a non-swimmer, remained behind. We reached the bank on the Clare side and rested there about ten minutes. It was about 80 yards from one bank to the other. We started to swim back. Volunteer Walshe was leading and Volunteer Meehan and I were swimming abreast. When we were about half way across Vol. Meehan asked me could I get footing. I failed to find the bottom, although I went down. When I came up Meehan had gone on about 15 yards to my left. I got almost abreast of him and when we were about 30 yards from the bank he was lying on one side of the water and shouted my name twice for help.

REALISED HE WAS IN DIFFICULTIES.

I realised that he was in difficulties and swam towards him. I asked him what was wrong with him and he did not answer. I got a grip of him by the arm and the leg. He was lying on his back and he was shouting, but his feet seemed crippled as he could not move them. I tried to calm him, but it was no good. I was joined by Walsh and between us we brought him five or ten yards. He brought me under water and we came to the surface again. I then caught him by the hair. Walsh shouted for help; there were two boats up the river from us. I saw Meehan and Walsh go under the water and I dived down after both of them. I struck blindly with my feet under water and all three of

FATAL PLAY

Child Falls Off Wall

DEATH FROM FRACTURE

Dr. J. P. Cleary, Coroner, held an inquest on Saturday into the circumstances of the death of Teresa McCaffrey, aged 8, O'Curry Place, Limerick, who died in the City Home on June 21st, following injuries received when she fell from a 3½ feet wall in O'Curry St. on June 19th.

Inspector Griffin conducted the inquiry.

Sergeant J. O'Mahony, O'Curry St., stated that in company with deceased's father he visited the City Home on June 21st. Later he went to the scene of the accident and saw a brick wall 3½ feet high, from which deceased had fallen. The top of the wall was triangular-shaped and very smooth. There was a concrete footpath immediately outside. It was customary for children to play in the vicinity.

SAW NO CUTS OR BRUISES.

Mrs. Josephine Ryan, aunt of deceased, said that on June 19th, about 9.15 p.m., deceased came running into the house crying and said she had fallen. Witness saw no cuts or bruises on deceased's head. Witness put deceased to bed and she was sick during the night. She called in the doctor on the following morning and deceased was removed to hospital.

Phyllis O'Brien (8) said that she was playing with deceased in O'Curry St. on June 19th. Deceased, witness and witness's sister got on top of the wall. Witness saw deceased slip off the wall and fall on her head on the footpath. Witness picked her up and took her home.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Dr. A. Humphreys, City Home and Hospital, said that deceased was admitted to hospital in a semi-conscious state on June 20th, and died the following day. Death was due to fracture of the skull and cerebral haemorrhage. The injuries were consistent with a fall.

The Coroner returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

Sympathy was expressed with the relatives.

CLARE'S AFFAIRS

MEETING OF A ONE-MAN

"COUNCIL"

The Commissioner for Clare (Mr. David O'Keeffe) sat in the Court-house, Ennis, and disposed of the business on the agenda for the Co. Council, the affairs of which he is now administering. It was the "annual" meeting of the Council, at which

WOULD NOT WORK

Mare That Went On "Strike"

DISTRICT COURT SEQUEL

The attitude of a mare that went on "strike" and "would not work at all" had a sequel before District Justice Gleeson at Ennistymon Court.

Michael Connolly, Main Street, Kinvara, sued Anthony Doherty, Lavareen, Ennistymon, for £25 damages for the alleged breach of warranty in the sale of a mare at Ennistymon fair on April 6th last.

Mr. A. J. O'Flynn, solicitor, Gort, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. P. J. Chambers, solicitor, defended.

PLAINTIFF'S CASE

Mr. O'Flynn said that his client attended Ennistymon fair on 6th April and purchased a mare from the defendant for £16, out of which the defendant gave back 5/- "luck." Mr. Connolly examined the mare for blemishes but could not find any, and before the bargain was completed, he asked the defendant if the horse was a good worker, and the defendant replied that it was a very good worker. When Connolly took the mare home, he found that she would not work at all. He went to the defendant and asked him to take the mare back but the defendant refused, and subsequently proceedings were instituted. Mr. Connolly even tried to get out of the mare by offering her for sale at a fair, but he did not get a bid for her. The mare was useless to Connolly, and he had to hire horses to do his work.

The plaintiff, in his evidence, bore out his solicitor's statement, and a number of witnesses were examined on behalf of the plaintiff.

The defendant, in his evidence, denied that he had given any guarantee with the mare. When the money was being paid, Connolly asked him if the mare was a fair good worker and witness replied that she was. Witness had the mare from the previous October. He had bought her from a man named Nestor, and he worked her all the winter, and spring and she gave every satisfaction.

"DID ALL CLASSES OF WORK"

Mr. Nestor, from whom the defendant had bought the mare, said that he had her from the month of April to October and she did all classes of work. He sold her to Doherty for £9, and while she was with Doherty, witness saw her working and carting. If he had known Doherty was selling her again, witness would have bought her.

The Justice said that he believed the mare would not work now, and if the defendant did not take her