

# CHILD DROWNED

## Arthur's Quay Tragedy

### EVIDENCE AT INQUEST

While playing with a companion at Arthur's Quay, Limerick, a child named Michael Bourke, aged 5½ years, fell into the river and was drowned. A passerby observed the body floating down stream with the tide, and Messrs. J. Hall and P. Lawless, of the Limerick Boat Club, launched a boat and brought it ashore. Though life appeared to be extinct, artificial respiration was applied by Dr. Roberts, assisted by members of the Fire Brigade and Red Cross, but without avail.

This is the second drowning at Arthur's Quay within the past few months, and the fourth within a year—all the victims being young children.

At an inquest held in Barrington's Hospital yesterday by Mr. J. S. McNeice, solr., Deputy Coroner, a verdict that death was due to asphyxia, following accidental drowning was returned.

Supt. Collieran conducted the enquiry on behalf of the State.

Dr. F. Crowe, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, stated that deceased was dead on admission to the Hospital. Death was due to asphyxia, following immersion in water.

Mrs. Margaret Bourke, mother of the deceased, stated that he was aged 5½ years, and the eldest of three children. After tea on Monday he went out playing with another child named Michael Kelly. Mrs. Gleeson, a neighbour, called to tell her that her son, Michael, was near the edge of the river, and when she rushed out he was actually in the water.

Joseph Hall, 1 Wellington Terrace, stated that he was passing over Sarsfield Bridge at about 7.15 when his attention was drawn to the body of a child floating on the water. He went down to the Limerick Boat club and procured a boat and went out and recovered the body. The body was brought into the club house, and Dr. M. Roberts, who was present, applied artificial respiration for a considerable time without result.

The Coroner and Gardai expressed sympathy with the parents of the deceased.

### TALBOT MUSICAL SOCIETY

I spent a delightful evening recently at a rehearsal of the Talbot Operatic and Orchestral Society. Limerick has long looked forward to a revival of an Orchestral

# FAMINE QUEEN

## Question of Removing Statue

### CO. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The question of having the statue of Queen Victoria—the famine Queen, as she was called—removed from the front of Leinster House, where the Dail meets, was discussed at a meeting of Limerick County Council on Saturday, Mr. J. W. Canty, Chairman, presiding.

A resolution was read from the Dublin Corporation urging the removal of the statue of Queen Victoria from the grounds of Leinster House, and that it be replaced by a fitting memorial to Lord Edward Fitzgerald.

Mr. McCarthy proposed the adoption of the resolution, and said that the statue of Queen Victoria should not be retained on any national ground. Leinster House was the residence of Lord Edward Fitzgerald, one of Ireland's greatest sons and patriots. It was time to have the last vestiges of English control removed.

Mr. McAuliffe seconded this proposition.

Mr. Quish proposed that no action be taken, as the question of the removal of the statue was a matter for the Government to decide at its own convenience. It was not fair to the Government to pass resolutions of this description.

Mr. O'Donnell seconded, and said that he agreed with Mr. Quish. The matter was one for the Government to determine and he had no doubt that the Government would take action at the appropriate time. The fight for Irish freedom was not finished at all yet. They had Partition, and so long as they had, the Irish question could not be regarded as settled. Until Partition was done away with they should not interfere with Government policy.

Chairman—We will have to take a vote on this matter.

Mr. McCarthy—It is only right and proper that the statue should be removed.

Mr. McAuliffe—I don't see what difference it would make to remove it.

Mr. McCarthy—The statue is repugnant to every national sentiment.

Chairman—There are two propositions and I will take a poll.

The following voted for the adoption of the Dublin resolution:—Messrs. Fitzsimons, Hayes, McAuliffe Maguire, McCarthy, Mitchell, McCormack, O'Connor, O'Grady, Quaid and the Chairman—11.

For the amendment—Senator Madden, Messrs. Cleary, Donagan