

FATAL FALL

Roadside Tragedy

ANNACOTTY MAN'S END

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, that death was due to cardiac failure following shock and haemorrhage, was returned at an inquest held at Barrington's Hospital, Limerick, on Monday evening, by Mr. J. S. McNeice, solicitor, Coroner, with a jury, into the circumstances surrounding the death of Michael Madden, Bunthota, Annacotty, who died at the hospital on Sunday following injuries received when he fell from his bicycle at Kilmurry on the previous evening.

Supt. P. Colleran, B.A., conducted the inquest on behalf of the authorities.

Dr. Francis Crowe, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, said that deceased was admitted on the 17th inst. He was then unconscious and had a deep wound on his left temple. He did not regain consciousness and died on the 19th inst.

Dr. Crowe added that he carried out a post-mortem examination and found that deceased had a fracture of the skull. Death, in his opinion, was due to cardiac failure following shock and haemorrhage.

George Madden, nephew of the deceased, gave evidence of identification, and said that the deceased was an employee of the Condensed Milk Co., Ltd., Limerick.

Michael Beegan, G.S.R. porter, said that on last Friday evening, at 6.30 p.m., he was cycling home and at Pennywell he caught up with the deceased, who was also cycling. They both had lights on their bicycles. When they came within 30 yards of McMahon's publichouse at Kilmurry, witness saw a man and woman on the road. The man was standing partly in the centre of the road. Witness was cycling on the left-hand side, while Madden was cycling on his right. Witness cycled on in order to give Madden room to pass, and when he had gone five or ten yards he heard a crash and saw deceased falling to the ground. Witness went back and saw that he was unconscious and bleeding from the head. Madden was later removed to Barrington's Hospital by bus.

Private John O'Neill, Sarsfield Barracks, said that on the date in question he was cycling from Newport to Limerick. When he reached McMahon's publichouse he got off his bicycle for the purpose of going into the publichouse. After alighting from his bicycle he stood to answer a question put to him by a woman about the bus. He was standing on the left-hand side, facing Limerick, and saw two lights approaching from Limerick. The approaching cyclists had plenty of room in which to pass. Witness looked back in the opposite direction and saw other lights approaching, and then he felt a rub against his elbow. He saw the cyclist swerve across the road, and he then fell helplessly off his bicycle.

This concluded the evidence and the jury brought in the verdict given above.

LIMERICK DOCKERS

In connection with statements

MAMMOTH FORCE

Used By Russians

FIERCER FIGHTING

Unbelievable and unprecedented masses of material and men have been thrown in by the Russians in their mammoth offensive in the Nevel area, says the military correspondent of the German News Agency. The Germans, he added, are attacking fiercely south-west of Krivorograd in the Dnieper bend.

The Red Army is stated to be less than 15 miles from Vitebsk, and is converging from three directions on Gorodok, the last big railway town before Vitebsk.

At the southern end of the White Russian line the Germans are increasing their counter-operations by launching a big thrust south-west of Zhloblin.

Judging by the areas further south chosen by the German Command to launch their attacks, their plan seems to be based on the hope of forcing the Russians back on the Dnieper over a wide front.

Already the German thrust at Koresten, in the Kiev salient, which is only 48 hours old, has run up against a big Russian defensive wall. The Germans are attacking strongly south-east of Kievoigrad, where they are trying to drive a wedge into the Russian lines. They have brought up considerable tank and infantry forces.

The Red Air Force has gone into action against German columns retreating towards Vitebsk. Here the roads are only narrow bands of firm ground between the surrounding swamps. The tanks are being forced off the roads into the swamps.

The German communique says that in the Crimea a Soviet battalion was encircled and annihilated. South-east of Krivoigrad German troops have advanced.

From Italy reports state that a tank battle is raging in the streets of Ortona. South-west of Ortona, Indian troops, in the centre of the line, made a further small advance and repelled two strong counter-attacks. Fierce fighting continued on the whole stretch between Ortona and Orsagna.

A GREAT TENOR

MR. CHRISTOPHER LYNCH

Mr. Christopher Lynch, the celebrated tenor, is back home at Rathkeale after completing a course of special study in London. His coaches were Mr. Julian Kimball, formerly the leading tenor at Covent Garden, and Mr. Joseph Lewis, Staff Director, B.B.C.

Mr. Lynch will commence an Irish tour in January. His first recital will be given in the Savoy, Limerick, on January 9th. Since his last public appearance he has made wonderful progress and all critics agree that he is certain to establish for himself an international reputation.

On Monday evening, in Dublin, before returning home, he gave a short private recital in the Shelbourne Hotel for a few friends. "J. O'N." writing in the "Irish Independent" on the recital, said:—

"Christopher Lynch, the young tenor who is destined to earn a big

ART EXHIBITION

Works Of Irish Artists

GRAND DISPLAY IN LIMERICK

An exhibition of the works of Irish artists, held under the auspices of the Department of Education, was opened at the Technical Institute Hall, Limerick, last evening by the Mayor (Mr. James McQuane, P.C.). The exhibition includes numerous paintings on loan from the artists represented, and is part of the Department's programme for the instruction of art to the schools.

The exhibition includes some 60 pictures by contemporary artists in oils and water-colours, and is remarkable for the variety of the subjects. For once landscapes do not dominate the exhibition and there are several remarkably fine portraits. Of particular interest to Limerick people is the painting, "The Four Courts," by Fergus O'Ryan, which shows the artist at a new peak of craftsmanship, and works of other local artists are "The Morning's Milk" by Dermot O'Brien, P.R.H.A., and "An Goirtin Eoman" by Sean Keating.

The exhibition will continue on December 23rd, 24th, 28th, 29th and 30th, and is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day.

MAYOR'S TRIBUTE.

Opening the exhibition, the Mayor said:—Of late years, there has been a great awakening of interest in art throughout the country. Our own city has not lagged behind in this respect, as evidenced by the fine collection of pictures that has been made for our own Municipal Gallery, and which we all hope will soon be housed in a fitting manner. Recently we have had opportunities of seeing exhibitions of the work of single artists, but in our exhibition to-day we have an opportunity of seeing not only the work of one artist but a comprehensive collection of pictures by Irish artists. The collection, which consists of 61 pictures, has been got together by the Department of Education, and has been made available for exhibition throughout the country. They were very kindly lent by the artists for this purpose. They are representative of the work of the various artists and afford an excellent opportunity of seeing the virile condition of art in Ireland to-day. Different people have different tastes in art and probably everyone will not like all the pictures, but it would be a queer person, indeed, who, having visited this exhibition, went away with the feeling that some of the pictures, at least, did not appeal to him. I have great pleasure in declaring the exhibition open and hope it will be visited by many of our citizens. It will be open every day from now until the 30th December, with the exception of Saturday, Sunday and Monday next.

REGRETTED GLIN DEATH

Deep regret has marked the passing of Mr. Maurice J. O'Shaugh-