

TO DISPUTED TERRITORY

In Moscow to-day Poland and Czecho-Slovakia filed claims to the disputed territory of Teschen.

The Provisional Polish Government in its statement of claim sets out that the disputed territory traditionally belongs to Poland, and that it should not be given to any other country. If the Teschen people were given self-determination they would join Poland.

The Czecho-Slovak Government states that the disputed territory belonged by right to them. Without the industrial and mineral resources of Teschen Czecho-Slovakia Government could not get on economically.

HELPING THE BLIND

The annual meeting of the Limerick Branch of the National Council for the Blind was held in the Town Hall this evening, the Mayor (Ald. Hartney) presiding.

Mrs. Kiely (Hon. Sec.) in her annual report, stated that there were 152 blind persons in the city and 150 in the county. She gave details of the efforts being made to help those people.

Mr. James Casey and Mr. James McQuane paid tributes to the local committee for their untiring activities on behalf of those afflicted with blindness.

An extended report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

DANGER OFF OUR COAST

Many drifting mines have been observed off South-East Ireland. Fishermen operating near Tuskar Rock, off the Wexford coast, have been warned. A large mine which drifted ashore near Carnsore Point was dismantled by Army authorities on Monday. Reports reaching the Department of Industry and Commerce state that there are many drifting mines and wreckage on or near routes followed by ships sailing to or from Irish ports. The Department has issued a warning to mariners to this effect.

GIRL SENTENCED

Mary Margaret Harvey (24), Lisheen, Co. Clare, who pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of her 2½-years-old son, Michael, by drowning him in a lake at Clondrinagh, Co. Limerick, between March 21st and April 21st last, was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment in the second division by Mr. Justice Davitt in the Central Criminal Court, Dublin, yesterday.

Mayoral salary. The present was no time for increasing salaries. Indeed, it was a time for rigid economy and he felt that a lead in that respect should have come from the chair.

The next business was proceeded with.

CASTLECONNELL BRIDGE

A public meeting was held in Clonlara on Sunday, Rev. T. Hehir, Adm., presiding, for the purpose of taking steps to preserve the military footbridge across the Shannon at Castleconnell for the use of the general public.

Many speakers urged that action be taken to have the footbridge taken over by the Clare County Council in conjunction with the Limerick County Council.

The following were appointed as a delegation to the next meeting of the Clare County Council:—Rev. Father Hehir, Messrs. Tom O'Shea, P. O'Shea, John O'Dwyer, and Michael Stritch.

N.Z. PILOT CRASHES IN DONEGAL

A 19-year-old New Zealand pilot had a narrow escape from death when his fighter plane crashed at Greencastle, Co. Donegal, on the west side of Lough Foyle, on Monday evening. The crash was seen by many people who had watched the plane's progress, after it had become obvious that something was wrong. The pilot stepped from the wreckage unhurt. The plane was taken into custody and a guard of soldiers from Dunree Fort placed over it.

KILLEELY GARDEN SCHEME

The judging in connection with the Killeely Garden Scheme will take place on Thursday, 5th of July. The scheme has aroused a good deal of interest and is sure to be productive of much good.

GIFT OF ELEPHANTS

Field Marshal Montgomery has offered two elephants which British troops found at Muenster to the Antwerp Zoo.

DEATH.

GLOSTER—On June 27th, 1945, at Barrington's Hospital, Arthur Richard Gloster (Archie), late of Goodwin and Co., Ltd., Limerick. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. John's Cathedral this (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock. Funeral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery on to-morrow (Thursday) at 3 o'clock.

The report—believed to be well founded—that it is the intention of the military authorities to demolish the footbridge spanning the Shannon at Castleconnell has aroused great anxiety. This state of uneasiness is not confined to a restricted area at both sides of the river; it extends right into the city. The footbridge, though erected by the military as part of a defensive scheme, was placed at the disposal of the general public. If it were to be demolished now the people would, as a result, be deprived of a great convenience. It is not surprising, therefore, that an outcry should be raised against the proposed demolition.

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COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTION.

Mr. P. J. Meghen, B.E., County Manager, has written to the Department of Defence urging that the footbridge be not demolished but vested in the County Council, who would be prepared to assume liability for maintenance. The public spirited action of Mr. Meghen is worthy of the highest commendation and it is to be hoped that his representations will have the desired effect. At a public meeting in Clonlara on Sunday a strong delegation was appointed to appear before the next meeting of the Clare County Council for the purpose of enlisting the support of that body with a view to having the span retained for the use and benefit of the general public, against whom it would be a crime if it were dismantled.

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PEOPLE'S PARK.

The People's Park is looking very neat and trim just now. The flower beds, laid out with great taste, add to the general attractiveness of the place and in that connection it is to be observed that the flowers are not being subjected to wanton damage. A visitor to the Park cannot help coming to the conclusion, however, that it has too many trees. Instead of being a "lung" of the city it is, because of the presence of numerous giants of the forest, a sunless lair. A place of rest and recreation, a park should have all the sun and air possible. The old beeches and elms should be felled and replaced by ornamental flowering shrubs.