

The existence of the bomb in itself opens up a prospect that can be truly appalling. There is, at the same time, a certain amount of consolation in the fact that the principles and discoveries which it is based can be used for man's true benefit as well as for human and material destruction. This "harnessing of the basic power of the universe," to use President Truman's description of the bomb, should have tremendous possibilities for good turned to the improvement of the conditions of the different peoples. The new force now made available could very well revolutionise every aspect of material life and bring hitherto undreamt-of boons to mankind if utilised in the proper way. It is certain that it could become a great blessing or a terrible curse and it is to be hoped it will be diverted into channels leading to the former result.

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Wars and armies as we have known them up to this time may become hopelessly out-of-date when the new bomb reaches full development. This terrible force is what is claimed to be and has the sinister potentialities ascribed to it, there may be no need at all for the sort of military units now comprised in the term defence forces! In this respect the future, indeed, is one of the utmost uncertainty. In the meantime all decent-minded people will re-echo Mr. Churchill's prayer that "these awful agencies will be made to conduce to peace among the nations and that instead of wreaking havoc upon the entire globe, they may become a foundation for world prosperity."

**BURNED BEYOND RECOGNITION**

Tokyo radio added that the dead and injured were burned beyond recognition, and that the authorities—air and naval—were not able to make any definite check on the civilian casualties. The city was a disastrous ruin. Those indoors were killed by the indescribable pressure and heat when houses and

**ARREARS OF RATES**

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**WINDFALL FOR COUNTY CLARE**

The Clare County Council last week received something in the nature of a windfall—a cheque from the Land Commission for £1,674 19s. 0d., representing six years' arrears of rates on the estate of Mr. Thomas Crowe, Dromore, Ruan. Whilst negotiations were proceeding for the acquisition of the estate by the Land Commission, the arrears accumulated and had constantly to be carried forward by Mr. Brian A. Casey, rate collector. Eventually, his solicitor, Mr. I. M. Houlihan, obtained judgment from the Master of the High Court for the amount due and had it secured by mortgage. The amount, as stated, has now been paid in full. It will, presumably, be deducted from the purchase price payable to Mr. Crowe.

**WOMAN'S FATAL FALL**

Ellen Stokes (66), unmarried, who resided at 3 Old Thomondgate, Limerick, sustained injuries to her head when she slipped and fell at the rear of her house. She was treated at home for some days, and on the 26th of July was removed to the City Home and Hospital, where she died on Sunday last. Deceased, a housemaid by occupation, was employed at the Royal George Hotel. An inquest will be held on Saturday.

**BRUFF OLD AGE PENSIONS CLAIMS**

At the quarterly meeting of the Bruff Old Age Pensions Subcommittee, Mr. D. McDonald, P.C., Vice-Chairman, presided in the absence of the Rev. Chairman, Very Rev. D. Canon Riordan, P.P., V.F., Bruff. Six claims were before the Committee and of these five were recommended at the full pension and one at 7/-.

volcanic outbursts and earthquake disasters have occurred there. In 1923 Tokyo, the capital, was practically destroyed by an earthquake shock and by the fire that followed as a result. Now, horror and destruction have come to Japan from the air, with one of its most important cities being wiped out by a force as great as that which lies within its volcanic mountains.

**BOY DROWNED**

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**ANOTHER FATALITY AT PLASSY**

Matthew Heslim (14), residing at 3 Pery Street, Limerick, lost his life while bathing with another youth in the vicinity of Plassy on Sunday. The boys were endeavouring to swim from one side of the river to the other, a distance of approximately 100 yards. Heslim got into difficulties midway across and went under before his friend, who had succeeded in crossing the river, could come to his assistance. The body was recovered some time later by Catholic Boy Scouts from Waterford, who are camping near the scene. This is the second drowning in Plassy within a few weeks. The inquest will be held on Saturday.

**FOUND DEAD IN BED**

John O'Shaughnessy (72), who lived alone at 27 Dixon's Lane, was found dead in bed on Sunday evening. The door of the house was open and a neighbour on going in to see him made the tragic discovery. Deceased, who was a native of Rathkeale, had last been seen alive at four o'clock on the previous afternoon. The only food found in the house consisted of a stale loaf of bread and two eggs. Edward Street Gardai had charge of the investigation and called in Dr. Troy, who issued a certificate to the effect that death was due to natural causes. In the circumstances an inquest was not deemed necessary.

**HARES IN PLENTY**

Clonfada, near Killaloe, is the happy hunting ground of the hare fraternity (writes our Killaloe correspondent). There they may be seen by the dozen disporting themselves on fine evenings. The shortage of cartridges leaves our local sportsmen at a disadvantage.

he got a fit he could not have fallen out.

**APPEARED DAZED.**  
Harold Reynolds, 5 Mitchell St., stated that at about 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday last he was passing along Denmark Street. While he was crossing the road he heard a thud, and on looking around he saw a boy lying on the ground by the kerbstone. He rushed over and saw the boy, who appeared to be dazed.

Inspector—How was he lying?—He was lying on his left side, with his face turned towards the kerb. Was he conscious?—Yes. He said "Leave me up" and struggled to stand. Some other people came along and we held him down until the ambulance came. The witness said the deceased had a wound on the arm and over the left eye. The Coroner said that it was clear the deceased suffered unfortunately from epileptic fits, and apparently got one of these fits when he toppled over the window sill, just at the moment when there was nobody looking after him. He wished to point out the danger of removing the lower part of a window on the top storey of a house. It was very difficult, he knew, when people did not have gardens to provide air, and, without censuring Mr. Hogan in the slightest, he wished to issue a warning to him and to others who might be inclined to use the same means of its dangers when children were around.

The Coroner brought in a verdict of accidental death and sympathised with the parents of the deceased. Inspector W. Byrnes, on behalf of the Gardai, associated himself with the Coroner's remarks.

**AS EFFECTIVE AS A SEVERE EARTHQUAKE**

The new atomic bomb, which is ten times smaller but two thousand times as powerful as a blockbuster, is said to have the effect of an earthquake. Dropped on a town, the bomb would be equivalent to a severe earthquake and would utterly remove the place, says a representative of the British Ministry of Aircraft Production.

**THE WORLD'S FASTEST AIRCRAFT.**

The new U.S. jet-propelled fighter plane, known as the "Shooting Star," flew from Staten, Ohio to La Guardia airfield, New York, a distance of 589 miles, in 62 minutes. Ottawa Radio reports. By averaging 570 m.p.h. it established itself as the fastest aircraft in the world.

Clare. At the expiration of his sentence he was discharged from the Army and joined the Royal Air Force but he had no documents of any kind to show that he was still there. On returning to this country he went to a hotel in Leeson Street and from an English visitor's pocket he took £35 in notes while the owner was asleep. At four o'clock in the morning the accused got up and went to O'Connell Bridge and waited there until 9 o'clock when he got a bus to Limerick. In Limerick he bought a watch for £8 and a ring for 35/-. Those articles were found on him when arrested, together with £6 4/10 of the stolen money.

The defendant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently, and the money found in his possession, together with the watch and ring, were ordered to be handed over to the person from whom he had taken the money.

**FILM STAR TO THE RESCUE**

Frank Sinatra, the film actor, saved a three-year-old boy from drowning in Los Angeles harbour on Monday. The boy fell 13 feet from a railing to the dock and rolled unconscious into the water. Sinatra, who was nearby, rushed across the dock, dived in, and pulled the boy to safety.

**CINEMA FINED £262**

Foy and McGovern Cinema Co., Ltd. (Managing Director, Peter Foy Glasgow), of Henry Street, Droichead Nua, were, at Droichead Nua, fined £262 10s. on 21 counts of failing to return to patrons the appropriate portion of the ticket issued to them on admission to the cinema.

**RAILWAY LETTER SERVICE**

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs announces that the railway letter service to and from Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which was suspended during the emergency, has now been restored.

**CITY SCHOLARSHIPS.**

In a report of the results of the Corporation Scholarships tenable at approved secondary schools for five years, it was stated that the annual value of the scholarships was £10. This should have read £15 per annum.

**LIBERTIES COURT**

District Justice Flood being on holidays, the usual monthly sitting of the Liberties Court was not held to-day.