

THREE DROWNED**Lough Derg Disaster****BARGE CAPSIZES IN STORM**

In a blinding hailstorm yesterday evening three men lost their lives by drowning in Lough Derg, under very tragic circumstances.

The names of the drowned men are Edward Leason, aged 45 years; John Boland, aged 32 years, and James McGrath, 30 years. They are all natives of Robertstown, Co. Kildare. They were members of a crew of a canal barge that was on its way from Dublin to Limerick.

A fourth man on the barge, Patrick O'Brien, also a native of Robertstown, was saved. He succeeded in swimming ashore, where he collapsed into unconsciousness. He responded, however, to artificial respiration.

It would seem that two barges took shelter from the storm in Garrykennedy harbour on Lough Derg. Between 3 and 4 p.m. the crews decided, as another boat had already left, to set out for Killaloe.

One barge—the St. James—took the other in tow, and all went well until Parker's Point, opposite Portroe, was reached, which is recognised as a very dangerous stretch of water in stormy weather. As the boats were rounding the point a hurricane, accompanied by a hail storm, developed. The little craft were battered and tossed about with the result that the tow rope broke. The St. James, however, was able to ride out the storm, but the other barge was capsized and sank. Two of the crew were observed striking out for the shore, but one of them was struck by a floating barrel of stout, and he disappeared. The other man, as already stated, succeeded in reaching the shore. It is believed that the remaining two members of the crew are imprisoned in the sunken boat.

The St. James, which, owing to the heavy seas, was unable to render any assistance, reached Killaloe, where the tragic affair was reported to the agents of the Grand Canal Company.

The lost barge, which lies in about 50 feet of water, had a cargo of stout for Limerick. It is learned that most of it has been recovered, but some barrels are still afloat.

The crew of a canal barge consists of three men, but the foundered barge had four men on board. One man—James McGrath, who was drowned—was not a member of the crew.

REPAIR OF ENGINE**DECISION IN COURT CLAIM**

At to-day's sitting of Limerick Civil Bill Court, Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J., gave his decision in a claim by David Ryan, Main Street, Cappamore, for £25 damages against Gleeson Brothers, Ellen St., Limerick, for alleged breach of contract in the repairing of a motor car engine. The action was adjourned from the November sitting of the court in order to secure the assistance of a mechanical expert.

Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff, and the defendant was represented by Mr. N. S. Gaffney, solicitor.

G. McDonagh, of the Bedford Garage, Henry Street, Limerick, said he was a qualified mechanic. He had been made aware of the circumstances of the plaintiff's claim to the effect that, following repairs by the defendants to an engine of the plaintiff, the cylinder became scored, rendering the engine useless. He did not believe that this condition was due to any negligence on the part of the defendants.

The Justice said he accepted this evidence and he would have to dismiss the action. He would like to state, though, that he believed the plaintiff had supported his claim to the best of his knowledge of mechanics. He would allow £1 expenses.

SEVEN KILLED**MORE TROUBLE IN INDIA****FUTURE WORK****At Limerick Docks****NEW CODE OF RULES TO BE FRAMED**

A free and frank exchange of views took place at a special meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board to-day in private. It was called for the purpose of hearing the representatives of the dock labourers on questions arising out of working conditions at the docks.

At the previous meeting of the Board strong comments were passed at the action of the dockers in refusing to discharge a cargo of flour that had arrived in port for Messrs. Ranks. It was stated that the dockers claimed the right not only to discharge the vessel but to store the flour as well in the stores of Messrs. Ranks. This firm would not, however, concede this claim, holding that they had not been a party to this arrangement, and, furthermore, that they had their own workers to store the flour.

At to-day's meeting of the Harbour Board the whole question was reviewed at length. It was ultimately decided to set up a committee, whose function it would be to confer with the dockers, shippers and importers, with a view to drawing up a code acceptable to all parties, and which would have as its main object the prevention of stoppages of works at the docks.

It was stated that the Board was most anxious to have a satisfactory working arrangement perfected before the proposed scheme of development works for the port was undertaken.

The representatives of the dockers assured the meeting that they would co-operate in every way for the modernisation of the port, but they expected that their interests would be safeguarded.

The following are the members of the committee set up by the Harbour Board:—The Chairman (Mr. M. W. McGuire), the Vice-Chairman (Mr. James O'Keefe), the Mayor (Mr. J. C. Hickey), Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.; Mr. M. J. Keyes, T.D.; Mr. G. E. Russell, B.C., and Mr. A. O'Dwyer.

The Dockers, Employers' Federation, Shippers, Importers, Messrs. Ranks and all others concerned are to be invited to appoint representatives to meet this committee for the purpose of drawing up a new code of rules to govern work at the docks.

A GREAT FIGURE**DEATH RECALLS VISIT TO LIMERICK**

Most Rev. Fr. Valentine Schaaf, O.F.M., Minister-General of the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor, died in Rome yesterday after a cerebral haemorrhage. A native of Ohio, U.S.A., he was appointed Minister-General last year.

It will be remembered that on his way back to Rome from the United States last July the Minister-General passed through Rineanna and paid a visit to Limerick.

On alighting from the plane at Rineanna on Friday, July 26th, he was greeted by Rev. Father Ephrem O'Shea, Guardian, and Rev. Father Mel Duffy, Vicar, the Friary, Limerick, accompanied by Dr. Cecil Molony, who conveyed the distinguished visitor to Limerick, where he was the guest of the Franciscan Community. Father General celebrated 6.30 Mass in the church next morning, Saturday, July 27th, assisted by Rev. Father Ephrem. Later he left for Dublin.

Most Rev. Father Schaaf attended last Wednesday the ceremonies at the Vatican, when 29 victims of the Boxer Rising in China were beatified. Referring to the fact that 25 of the new beati were Franciscans, His Holiness the Pope paid a special tribute to the missionary activities of the Order from the days of the founder. Earlier in the week the late Minister-General officiated at a departure ceremony in Lisbon, when a number of Franciscans received his blessing prior to their departure for the missions in Mozambique and Portuguese Guinea.

THE SUGAR STRIKE**FAINT HOPE OF EARLY SETTLEMENT**

There is a faint hope in Dublin this evening of an early settlement of the sugar factory workers' strike, which has now lasted two weeks. It is believed the strike will be raised during the next few days.

The six Unions concerned in the strike called a conference in Dublin

FELL FROM TRAIN**On Way To Races****CO. LIMERICK MAN'S DEATH**

Mr. Geoffrey Walsh, Gaitee View House, Knocklong, met his death under very tragic circumstances near Ballybrophy Railway Station early on Saturday morning of last week, when he fell from a train on his way to a race meeting (writes our Hospital correspondent). Mr. Walsh, it is understood, left Knocklong on Friday night on the mail train for Dublin and was found by a railway employe on the line near Ballybrophy early on Saturday morning. At the time, the deceased was still conscious but was in a critical condition, and he died shortly afterwards.

The news of the death, which occurred under such tragic circumstances, cast a gloom all over the district and particularly in Knocklong, where he was widely known. The late Mr. Walsh was of a particularly amiable and cheery disposition and was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was an extensive landowner and farmer and came of a highly-respected Co. Limerick family.

The deceased's widespread popularity was fully testified in the immense crowd of friends and sympathisers which accompanied the removal of the remains to Emily Cemetery, after Office and Requiem Mass, which was celebrated in Knocklong Parish Church. He was brother of Mr. James Walsh, The Grove, Hospital, to whom sympathy is extended.

EVIDENCE AT INQUEST.

Dr. Dwane, Coroner for Laoighis, held an inquest at Ballybrophy, on the evening of Friday, 29th ult., into the circumstances touching the death of Mr. Walsh.

James Walsh, brother of the deceased, residing at The Grove, Hospital, gave evidence that his brother was 54 years of age, and lived alone at Gaitee View House, Knocklong, and was a widower. The last time he saw him alive was about a month ago.

Jeremiah Walsh, Knocklong, deposed to travelling on the up mail train from Limerick Junction, in company with deceased and Mr. Thomas Cotter, on that day, and witness fell asleep immediately after entering the compartment. They had some drink in Knocklong. At the Junction witness bought the tickets, for which he tendered £2, and received the change. He handed the tickets to the deceased. They travelled together in the same compartment, and when he woke up and missed the deceased he asked Mr. Cotter where he was. He said he might be in the lavatory or some other compartment. They got out of the train at Kildare and went in a bus to the races. They did not hear of Mr. Geoffrey Walsh's death until they returned to the Railway Hotel, Kildare. They subsequently arrived at Ballybrophy. Witness was not a relative of deceased, but he was well known to him for a great number of years.

Dr. Boyce, Borris-in-Ossory, gave evidence of examining the deceased. There was a wound on the left side of the head, and he bled from the mouth, nose and ears. The cause of death was haemorrhage, following fracture of the base of the skull.

Thomas Cotter, a fellow passenger, said that deceased was quite sober on the occasion.

EVIDENCE OF RAILWAY MEN.

Thomas Jones, a railway employe, said that on the morning of the 23rd inst. he saw the deceased lying within about nine feet of the railway track. He was then conscious, and with witness's assistance and that of another man, he came along for a distance of 150 yards. He then asked to be allowed rest, and they laid him down and went to the railway station. When they returned with help he was dead.

Martin Lawlor, porter, stated that the doors of the compartments were closed, as the knobs of the door were horizontal.

Sergeant Gallagher deposed that on searching the body of the deceased, he found in all a sum of £2 10s. 4d., a rosary beads, and other small things in his pockets.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased died from shock and haemorrhage accidentally received by a fall from the compartment in which he was travelling, and that no blame was attached to anybody.

The Jury, Coroner, Mr. D. A. F. Barry, solicitor, Birr, who appeared for the Coras Iompair Eireann, and Supt. Keyes, Abbey-leix, tendered their sincere sympathy with the mother and relatives of the deceased.

Mr. Frewen, solicitor, Tipperary, appeared for the next of kin, Mr. James Walsh, brother, returned thanks.

JESUIT DIRECTORY.**SALE OF TURF****Claim For Balance of****Cost****QUESTION OF QUALITY**

At to-day's sitting of Limerick Civil Bill Court, before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J.,

Martin Carey, Rearcross, Newport, and Matthew McNamara, Thomas Street, Limerick, for being, it was alleged, the balance due and owing by the defendant for turf sold and delivered.

Mr. Martin Tynan, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. C. O'Donovan, solicitor, for the defendant.

Martin Carey said he was a labourer. Early this year he cut and saved turf in Shanballyedmond. Late in March last he and the defendant, McNamara, and witness told McNamara he had some turf for sale. Witness took McNamara to see a stack of turf. It was arranged that McNamara would purchase the turf, and a few days after the original conversation McNamara agreed to pay witness £23 for the stack. Witness gave a guarantee as to the condition of the turf when making the bargain. Subsequently, McNamara came the bog for the turf, and offered witness £10, which witness refused. McNamara then offered him more and witness accepted the £10 on the understanding that the defendant would pay him the balance on his returning for another lorry load of the turf. When the defendant returned for another lorry load of the turf he did not pay witness the balance of the £10, nor did he pay that balance since.

Cross-examined, witness admitted that when McNamara was filling the first lorry-load of turf, McNamara complained it was wet. Witness didn't know McNamara's name then, and he got this information subsequently by enquiry from the Gardai.

William Flannery, who was present at the time of the deal between the plaintiff and defendant, swore that the figure mentioned by the plaintiff was £23. He did not hear the plaintiff say anything about the condition of the turf, but witness was aware that McNamara had inspected the turf before the bargain was made.

Sergeant Horgan, Rearcross, said that he was approached by the plaintiff regarding McNamara's identity, and as a result of enquiry, witness received a letter on June 18th last from the defendant asking witness to oblige him by letting him know if the quantity of turf he (defendant) had let after in the plaintiff's bog was dry. Witness inspected the turf, found it was dry, and replied accordingly to McNamara's letter.

The defendant, Matthew McNamara, agreed that the bargain had been that the price of the turf would be £23. But Carey had given a warranty that the turf was dry. When witness came to the bog for a load of the turf he found it wet and unfit for use. He was subsequently unable to sell it in Limerick. He went back again to the bog and took away another lorry load of the turf, and let about another lorry-load of wet turf after him.

The Justice said that, even if he had not heard the independent evidence of William Flannery, who witnessed the bargain, he would have to decide in favour of the plaintiff, who seemed to be an honest man. He would give a decree for the full amount of the claim.

PUT BACK THE CLOCK**AND ALSO THE LICENSING HOUR!**

When William Murphy, publican, Newmarket-on-Fergus, put back his clock one hour in accordance with Government regulations he concluded that the hours for license trading should go back one hour also and he acted accordingly. He admitted three men to his premises at 12.40, with the result that he was summoned before District Justice Gleeson at Newmarket-on-Fergus Court on Thursday to explain his breach of the licensing laws.

Mr. Sean Casey, solicitor, who defended, said when the time was altered defendant thought it was also altered for the licensing hour. He thought that the regulation hours of 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. during summer would be 12 noon to 7 p.m. when the clock was put back.

District Justice Gleeson agreed that it was possible he may have made a genuine mistake, found the charge proved but dismissed under the Probation Act.

One of the men found on the premises refused to accept the summons when it was presented