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DOCKS TRAGEDY

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Little Boy Drowned

PATHETIC STORY AT INQUEST

Limerick Docks on Sunday evening fore Judge two boys played at fishing, young Flanagan being equipped with a thread reel and a length of twine. They climbed down the pier steps at Russell's Quay to the water's edge, where William cast the reel into the river. Putting in his hand to recover the reel, he went down and fell into the Shannon. When two hours later, after extensive dragging, his body was recovered, he was dead. A Red Cross ambulance took the little body to Barrington's Hospital.

### INQUEST STORY

That was the story told to Deputy City Coroner, Mr. J. S. McNiece, solr., at an inquest on Tuesday into the circumstances of William Flanagan's death.

Dr. Francis Crowe, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, swore that when deceased was taken into Barrington's at 7.15 on Sunday evening, he was dead of asphyxiation following immersion in water.

William Flanagan, father of the drowned boy gave evidence of identification. He had last seen his son alive at the house of the boy's grandmother in Parnell Street early in the afternoon of Sunday.

Anthony Culhane (7) said he and the deceased played on the steps of Russell's Quay for some time on Sunday evening. Voung Flanagan had a reel and twee in his hand, pretending to be fishing. Witness for his action. saw him put his hand into the water to get the reel out and, on bending down, he fell into the river.

RECOVERY OF BODY

swore that on hearing some com- ance. If the appellant had injured motion near the scene of the tra- somebody nothing could be regedy, he went there immediately covered from him. He was not and searched for the body which he charged with driving while under located later. He assisted in taking the influence of drink, though it it out of the water.

that the deceased died from asphyx- acter and for a first offence he iation caused by accidental drown- (Judge) was loath to send him to ing. He paid a tribute to Mr. Mes- jail. He (Judge) would affirm the call and the other persons who District Justice's conviction, but helped in recovering the boy's body would vary the order by removing and condoled with the parents in the jail sentences and impose a fine their loss.

Inspector Griffin, on behalf of the and allow three months to pay. Gardai, joined with the Coroner's expression of sympathy.

FOR PROTECTION

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.") Sir-Don't you think it is time for the Limerick Harbour Board to appoint watermen along our quays? There were always harbour watch-

men doing duty. They would be a protection first to life and then to Harbour property. The Board should be in a financial position to replace those watchmen as of old.

FINED INSTEAD

Removal Of Jail Sentences

APPEAL COURT CIRCUIT

CIX and a half years old William OHN Joseph Cosgrave, Bengal Worsted Suitings. Flanagan, 1 Prospect Hill, Ed- J Terrace, Limerick. appealed in ward Street, Limerick, went to the the Limerick Circuit Court, be-Barra O Briain, last with Anthony Culhane (7). The S.C., against the decision of Justice Hurley in sentencing him to one month's imprisonment for driving a motor car without the consent of the owner and one month for driving the car while not insured, both sentences to run concurrently.

Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, was for the appellant, while Mr. M. M. Power, State Solicitor, appeared for the Attorney-General

Sergeant Thomas Farrell gave evidence of the appellant taking the car without the consent of the owner and he had drink in him on the occasion. There was nothing against him previously, and he was now employed since losing the employment which he was in around the time that the offence took place.

Cross-examined - Witness agreed that the matter was reported to him by the appellant shortly after the occurrence and the car was an old-fashioned one.

John Joseph Cosgrave gave evidence that while on his way home he sat into the car and drove it out the main road towards Bengal Terrace. Subsequently he went to the Guards with the owner of the car when he realised that he had done something wrong.

Mr. O'Malley pleaded that the appellant was a young man, and as a result of the occurrence he lost his employment, but had now got another job. The appellant took a quantity of drink on the occasion and he could not assign any reason

The Judge said that the offence of taking the car was very serious, and it had been made all the more serious by reason of the fact that Patrick Mescall, a dock boatman, the car was not covered by insurappeared that he had too much The Coroner returned a verdict drink taken. He had a good charof £6 in respect of each offence,

AFTER TWELVE YEARS

After 12 years on the Australian Mission, the Rev. T. J. Murphy has returned on a visit to his old home in Abbeyfeale. There are a number of other priests from Abbeyfeale on the Australian Mission (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent).

We all sympathise with the parents of the drowned boy .- Yours faith-

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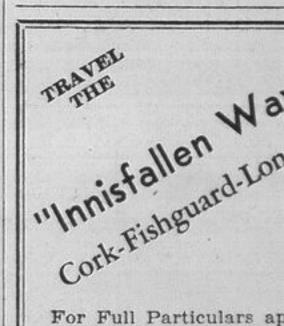
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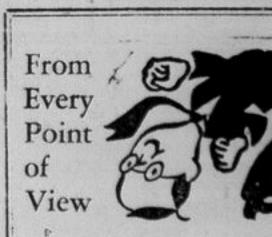


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