

City Tragedy

Extraordinary Occurrence

Motoring Accident in Limerick

A motor accident which had tragic consequences occurred at the junction of Mallow street and O'Connell street, Limerick, on Sunday at midnight, involving the death of a woman aged about 63 years.

Throughout the forenoon yesterday members of the Gardai were busily engaged in efforts to trace her identity.

Later in the day it was ascertained that her name was Lena Collins, unmarried, living in a room at 1 Windmill street Limerick.

It appears that she was crossing the main street at the time and was knocked down by a small Morris saloon proceeding down O'Connell street and rendered unconscious. Rev Thomas Naughten, SJ, was quickly on the scene.

Ten minutes after the tragic happening a station wagon similar to those used by companies at Shannon Airport came down from the O'Connell Monument direction and in the act of proceeding past the crowd on the road struck the Morris car on the side and also hit Rev Fr Naughten, Guard O'Donnell and the driver of the Morris car, Mr S Partill, 46 Sandrive Road, Phibsboro' Road, Dublin. As a result of injuries sustained they were removed to Barrington's Hospital.

In William street barracks yesterday morning, before a Peace Commissioner, Charles James Vile, c/o Royal George Hotel, Limerick, was charged with driving a motor vehicle (station wagon) while drunk.

The accused, an American citizen, was allowed out on bail.

After an X-ray had been carried out at Barrington's Hospital on Fr Naughten he was taken to St John's Hospital, where he is detained. He is suffering from shock and bruises to both legs and back. Mr Partill is suffering from shock and injuries to the right eye and bruises to the right leg, while Guard O'Donnell sustained injuries to both legs. The latter was not detained.