

st boating accident that has ever on the Shannon, and certainly memory of living man nothing has in our noble river to equal it in its results. The tale is simply a heart-ane. An excursion party set out with l happy faces on a day's pleasure. liant sunshine and the balmy e gave promise of an enjoyable trip ; what a fate were they destined soon ce. In the darkness of the night, arently within a couple of miles of doors, their frail craft either upset ter-logged, and the whole party were to a watery grave, not one of them, d, having escaped to tell the tidings catastrophe. Strange, too, that it ve occurred in the locality of a hich afforded an ample theme for of the dramatist—we refer to the of the "Colleen Bawn." At least ated in to-day's papers, but it is y impossible to define the exact spot excursion party went down. The hand are not of a very connected , but it would appear that on Tues- ; Lady Day, the party left Tarbert i boat for Kilrush. Those who are d with the river know the us rush of water there is outside and for some miles below it, as far as Point, on the Kerry shore, whence a rocks known as "The Bridge" runs l though there is an immense depth here, it surges and boils by reason of rents and the action of the tide. he river at this point, or directly bert, is, even in the calmest weather, ugly perilous undertaking, requiring not only keen navigable skill, but y strong and active men who know, it said, every inch of water over which ravelling. In the present case these were more, or less absent. The abered an old man and sixteen young omen, and it is evident that they did stand the working of the boat, and le matters worse, it was certainly ed. The newspaper reports state boat crossed over to Moyne, or 'oint, which lies in a slanting about two miles from Tarbert. To- urn that the boat proceeded to Cappa hich would seem to be the more ing to do, as Kilrush or Kilkee was ation of the excursionists. At all y landed safely, and after an enjoy- nade a start for home at about nine ther from Cappa Pier or Money ich is about three or four miles e the river. The boat, which was feet long, had water in her when

CITY POLICE COURT—Mr J B Irwin, R M, attended at the City Police Court this morning and disposed of three cases of drunkenness.

ROAD RACE FROM LIMERICK TO DUBLIN—The *Irish Cyclist* gives an illustration of a fine challenge cup which Messrs Wheatlay, the brewers of the well-known brand of hop-bitters, have presented to the Irish Road Club. It is to be run for in the Limerick to Dublin race on Monday, the 28th inst.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE COUNTY INSPECTOR MILLING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The remains of the above much regretted officer, the particulars of whose sad death you have already published, were removed from his late residence, Bindon-st, Eunis, on Tuesday night and conveyed by the night mail to Dublin for interment at Mount Jerome Cemetery. The cortege to the Railway Station included all the officials of the county, and the District Inspectors, with one exception, who was away on leave, together with all the leading merchants of the town. A body of a hundred constables of the county force marched in two lines after the hearse. The chief mourners were—Mr Oliver Milling, C I, R I C, Mayo, brother; Mr John Charles Milling, nephew, and Captain Stokes, Divisional Commissioner. District Inspectors E F Otter, L Duoning, J H Brett, D J Higgins, M Kelly, Cottingham, Rolleston, Purdon, Limerick, and McDonnell, commanded the police body. There were also present—Rev R Scott, H de L Willis, J P; J W Scott, J P; F G Hodder, R M; Wm Jones, R M; A M Harpur, R M; R Hume Crowe, J P; Henry Parrelot, H J Simms, M McNamara, solicitor; J B Molony, solicitor; R W Greene, A Moran, E Verrill, D I, Dublin; Dr Gilbert, Dr A Greene, John Loddell, Sub-Commissioner; J Carinody, V S; P O'Sullivan, Manager West Clare Railway; G Hopkins, J Barrett, M Kennedy, P M'Mahon, C R Pilkington, J G Wright, T M Stewart, M Faire, W McDonnell, M Darcy, M A Scanlan, M S Honan, M O'Halloran, M Carey, Charles M'Inerney, T Dillon, D Lynch, T M Culligan, etc, etc.

Ye terday morning the remains of the late County Inspector John E. Milling, J.P., Royal Irish Constabulary, Clara, who died suddenly on Sunday, arrived at Kingsbridge Terminus by an early train, and were conveyed thence to Mount Jerome Cemetery for interment. The cortege started at 9 o'clock, headed by the hearse and chief mourners' carriage. Following came 100 constables from the Depot, Pácaix Park, under the command of District Inspectors Gillmann, Wynne, and Harrel. The rear was brought up by carriages containing the friends and colleagues of the deceased. On arrival at the cemetery the Constabulary were drawn up along the avenue in double lines, between which the funeral procession passed.

The burial service was read by the Rev. W. D. Askins.

REPORTED STRIKE OF COOPERS IN THE CITY.

A CONTRADICTION.

The *Limerick Leader* of last evening published the following paragraph:—"We understand that a strike of coopers has occurred at Mr M'Mahon's cooperage, Alphonsus-street. The reason for the strike is stated to be an objection to work small orders for Mr W M'Donnell, butter merchant, on the grounds that the latter has recently imported several thousand foreign-made packages for the use of his factory."

We are in a position to give an emphatic contradiction to this statement, and are happy to state that the relations between the employers and employees are of a most amicable character. Mr M'Mahon requests us to contradict the report

were unsuccessful. At half-past 10 two girls Carrig Island heard the screams quite close their house, but as the sailors have recently removed from this place no assistance could be rendered to the unfortunate drowning people. All night long their anxious friends searched about, but no intelligence arrived until a telegram from the postmaster at Carrigaholt told the sad news of the finding of the boat bottom upwards, with the owner's name and address. The greatest sympathy is felt for relatives of the unfortunate people, and a search party has been organised to look for the bodies.

Tarbert, 10 p.m.

Excitement has been intense here all day. To this nothing definite is known regarding the fate of the unfortunate excursionists. Search parties have been out since morning, rowing sailing all over the Shannon from Carrigaholt Tarbert, but have not discovered the slightest sign of any of the bodies, or even a portion of clothing, hats, parasols, &c., belonging to those who were in the boat. The boat was picked floating in from the sea at three o'clock morning after being sighted by the lightkeeper at Carrigaholt, who sent men in pursuit of it. The boat was also got about half a mile east of where the boat was found. The general opinion is owing to the large number in the boat she must have capsized when near the shore, as the crew of a second boat, which also came across from Kilrush, states that Murphy's boat was quite close to Ardmore Point, about 400 yards from him, where he landed, and in fact he was actually preparing the rollers necessary to haul up the boat. It is stated that there were only two oars in the boat and as the tide, which was a spring tide, was ebbing strongly, they must have been unable to make any headway, and drifted round Ardmore Point. What happened after this is a mystery which will never be cleared up. The only information now held out is that a schooner which was anchored off Scatterry Island, and which was out to sea during the night, may have heard the cries and rescued the ill-fated excursionists. A schooner named Holly, who crossed over in the morning, fortunately changed her mind and came home with another boat.

Mr John Norris Russell's yacht has just come up the river and has not brought any tidings. The postmaster of Carrigaholt has also wired to inquire, but no trace of the bodies has yet been got, but fishermen are going out to-night and may find some intelligence to-morrow. A curious and remarkable fact is that since the drowning of the "Colleen Bawn" in the Lower Shannon over 20 years ago, not a single female has been dropped until the sad affair of last night.

Heartfelt and deepest sympathy is felt for those connected with the unfortunate people, and since the first intelligence arrived all houses are shut, and the town is in a deep mourning, as nearly all the inhabitants have some relative or friend amongst the number.

The following is a complete list of all in the boat:—

John Murphy and his son, owners of the boat, fishermen, and supporters of a large family.

Miss Scanlan, schoolmistress, Banturk National School (a lady highly respected by everyone).