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A lady passenger being carried on a stretcher to an ambulance after the collision at Limerick Junction last night.

Rail Excursionists In Limerick Junction Mishap

A GAY holiday crowd of rail passengers, numbering approximately 150 men, women and children, were singing, laughing and joking in their carriages at the Limerick Junction at about 10.40 last night. Minutes later the laughter and songs turned to screams of terror when an 85 ton diesel engine crashed into the stationary train.

The train was a radio special which had travelled to Killarney that day from Carrick-on-Suir. At the Junction the diesel engine was uncoupled in order to couple it with the opposite end of train to enable it to continue its journey to Carrick-on-Suir. During the operation the 85 ton diesel locomotive crashed violently into stationary carriages. The passengers, many of whom were standing around the carriages at the time, were flung in all directions. After seconds of stunned silence a near panic set in and the songs and laughter of a few seconds before turned into screams of terror and pain. Showers of broken glass filled the carriages inflicting minor injuries.

CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE.

A general call for doctors and ambulances was sent to Limerick, Tipperary, Clonmel and Clare, as it was first thought that a serious collision had occurred. A short time afterwards it was discovered that the acident was not as serious and the calls were cancelled. Two ambulances were, however, despatched from Limerick and the Limerick Fire Brigade also answered the call for assistance. Thirteen people received injuries hospital but the majority were discharged after treatment. None was seriously injured. Many passengers were treated for minor cuts and bruises by doctors from Tipperary and Limerick.

The doctors from Limerick were Dr. Francis Crowe, Dr. P. G. Liddy and Dr. Cecil Molony. Units of the Knights of Malta were also quickly on the scene.

The passengers were quickly calmed by the station personnel.

LIKE AN EXPLOSION.

The noise of the crash was described by some passengers as like an explosion and many of them did not realise for some time what had occurred.

The most severely damaged part of the train was the radio compartment.

Components had been wrenched bodily from their fittings and scattered around the carriages. Glass also littered the line. Nether the engine nor the carriages, which numbered five in all, were derailed.

The passengers were transferred to another train, which pulled out after a two hours delay.

Officials from Limerick were quickly on the scene and carried out tests on the spot.

An enquiry will be held into the

MOMENT OF ANGUISH

A girl passenger is escorted from the ambulance, where her sister was brought after the collision at Limerick Junction last night.

Question Of Caravan Site For Kilkee

The Kilkee Town Commissioners are to call a special meeting in September to which the Clare County Manager, Mr. Walter McEvilly, the Town Surveyor, Mr. M. A. Barry, and a representative from Bord Failte are to be invited to discuss the provision of a caravan site in the town.

Mr. Thomas Stapleton stated at a meeting of the Town Commissioners that the provision of a caravan site was of vital importance to Kilkee if it was to be developed as a major resort.

Apparently Bord Failte was not in agreement with a suggestion to develop the commonage lands at the eastern end of the town as a caravan site and such being the case the caravan site could be included in the general development scheme for the resort about to be prepared by the Town Surveyor.

The Town Clerk, Mr. T. McInerney, said that if they were to wait for the general over-all scheme to get a caravan site they would be waiting a long time.

The site where caravans were parked at present had practically passed into the hands of the Clare County Council and it was important that an alternative site be secured before the start of the next tourist season.

People Now Imbued With Spirit Of Civic Pride

Very Rev. M. Morrissey, P.P., National President of Muintir na Tire, in an address at the Rural Week in Carlow this morning of the organisation, said that the people of this country had become imbued with a sense of responsibility and a spirit of civic pride. Father Hayes, the founder of Muintir na Tire, had, he added, prepared the way for many other excellent organisations, all of which were now contributing their share to the life of the nation. At the same time individualism seemed to be on the increase, neighbourly relations had weakened and the labour element in the rural areas was dying out.

APPOINTED TO DUBLIN CORPORATION ENGINEERING STAFF

Mr. William A. McMahon, B.E., 5 Upper Hartstonge St., Limerick, has, on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission, been appointed an engineer on the Dublin Corporation staff.

Mr. McMahon, a native of Clare and a graduate of University College, Galway, is married to a Limerick lady, Miss Joan Hayes.

They were formerly joint proprietors of the Hazel Restaurant, O'Connell St., which was sold early this year.

WILL BE WELCOME AMENDMENT

The Government is to amend the Social Welfare Acts so as to abolish the three-day waiting period before unemployment assistance is granted. At present a worker who exhausts his unemployment stamps must go without payment for three days before he signs on for unemployment assistance. An amending Bill is being drafted which will bring an applicant into benefit from the first day he signs on.

APPROACHED THE WRONG MAN!

In Dublin on Thursday night a beggar approached a Civic Guard in plain clothes and asked for a

Casement Diaries Inspected In London

The diaries of Sir Roger Casement, which for the past 43 years have been kept secret by the British Government and which from time to time have been the subject of questions in the House of Commons, were to-day opened in the Public Records' Office in London for inspection.

With an official standing by, the first to see the diaries were Mr. Montgomery Hyde, M.P., and Mr. Rene McCall, both of whom had written books about Sir Roger.

Nineteen applications have been made by persons to see the diaries, which have been claimed by some to be forgeries, and ten of these have so far been granted.

TWO TREBLES AT CLARE SPORTS

Michael McInerney, St. John's C.C., and Dan O'Halloran, Kilmihill A.C., each had trebles at Lisroe (Co. Clare) Open Sports yesterday. Included in McInerney's treble was the Five Mile Cycle Championship of Clare, which he won from clubmate S. Keating by three lengths. O'Halloran won the 880 yards, the mile flat and three miles flat.

TRANSPORT UNION NEW SECRETARY

The general secretary of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Senator Frank Purcell, has retired. He succeeded the late Senator Tom Kennedy to the office in 1948. Mr. Fintan Kennedy, son of the latter, has been appointed acting general secretary. He was educated at Catholic University School. In 1957 he attended a four-month course for trade unionists at Harvard University.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

On a short visit to the Novitiate House, Presentation Convent, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick, is Rev. Mother M. Bernard Ryan, Superioress General of the Presentation Sisters of the Amalgamated Houses of India, Africa and England. Mother Bernard is a native of Limerick and has spent 37 years in India and ten years in Africa. She will leave shortly for a visitation of the Convents in South India.

GOLD RING INSIDE MACKEREL

Mr. P. Doyle of Ballyuces, Co. Wexford, got a big surprise when he found a gold ring inside a mackerel which he caught while fishing at Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford.

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