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tly seasonable gifts, and we  
hat unalloyed pleasure and  
e anticipated by the little folk  
as morning are on the alert  
expected postman's knock.  
time of peace and happiness  
hough pessimists may tell us  
does not arouse in us that  
niasm which characterised the  
refathers, yet there is no  
fact that the great Festival  
as strongly as ever it did to  
l noblest instincts of human  
is that at this time of peace  
Political strife is hushed or  
vell as other subjects of con-  
hich the average man has  
welcomes, with all his heart  
te that the Yuletide holidays  
hese, as they always do, will  
needed relief and source of  
pleasure to the hard-worked  
re especially after the high  
e season's trade, which will  
x to-morrow, Christmas Eve  
weather that we have had  
ast ten days or so naturally  
rable impetus to trade, and  
e interest and pleasure of  
hich our busy thoroughfares  
ar ample evidence. Should  
mospherical conditions prevail  
ays, there certainly will be no  
ibling. And so for our part  
rely wish all our readers, in the  
of the word, a "Bright and  
mas." There is, of course, no  
fact that the time would be  
ier one for the country if it  
to realise that the gloom in  
e, which for close on four  
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unfortunately the hope which  
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grieved with some relatives.

The magistrates at Miltown Malbay Petty Sessions, Mr. Ernest Ellis, Mr. O. Kelly, and Mr. S. Brady, R.M., have passed a resolution expressive of sympathy with their colleague Mr. M. S. Braws, J.P., on the death of his son, Mr. Joseph Braws, C.E. The resolution was supported by Mr. Daly, solr., Sergeant Gallagher, and the Clerk, Mr. Allingham.

Acting Sergeant Crowley, in charge of Ballinacurra police station, has been promoted to the rank and pay of Sergeant, from the 1st instant. Constable Ambrose Shea, Clerk in the District Inspector's Office at William Street, is promoted to be Acting Sergeant from the same date. Acting Sergeant Shea's promotion has given much pleasure to the members of the William Street force with whom he is a general favourite.

Mr P. J. Kelly, R.M., presided at the City Police Court to-day. Hanna Jackson and Mary Creamer, old offenders, were charged by Sergeant Heffernan with disorderly conduct, and sent to gaol for a month, failing to pay a fine of 40 shillings. Catherine Sullivan, for a like offence was sentenced to a fortnight's imprisonment, in default of paying a fine of ten shillings. Bridget Commissy, who was described as a tramp musician was brought up for drunkenness and discharged.

## FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR W. J. RUTTLE, J.P.

The funeral of the late Mr William J. Ruttle, J.P. (a member of an old County Limerick family), took place on Saturday. The remains were conveyed from his late residence, Clarendon street, Londonderry, to the Great Northern Railway station, and the large number of mourners present testified to the high esteem in which he was held. At various stations friends were present to express their sympathy, and at Amiens street a large number of mourners had assembled to await the arrival of the train. The funeral immediately started for Mount Jerome Cemetery, where it was met by the Rev. Canon Jennings, who officiated both in the Chapel and at the graveside.

The chief mourners were—William Wilson Ruttle and Alfred Ernest Ruttle (sons), Mrs Wilson (sister), W. F. Roberts and N. Wilson (brothers-in-law), Norman L. Roberts and Gerald Wilson (nephews). The Executive Council of the United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association was represented by Mr. C. S. Drought, the Dublin Branch was represented by Messrs. S. H. Hanna (Chairman), John Gibson, J.P. (Vice-Chairman), Andrew White and C. S. Drought (Vice-Presidents), and S. E. Borey (Secretary). Mr. Michael McGinty represented the North-West of Ireland Branch U.K.C.T.A., of which the late Mr. Ruttle had been elected Vice-President and honorary member a few days previous to his death.

There was a large attendance of the general public.

## LIVERPOOL TRAGEDY.

### Sumner Arrested.

The man Sumner, wanted by the police in connection with the Liverpool sack murder, was arrested on Saturday at midnight. He had been residing in a lodging house in James's street, Liverpool. He had shaved off the greater portion of his eyebrows, which were slightly tilted.

## Labour Press Agency's

The situation confronting the labour when they assembled on Saturday to the proposals for bringing about a settlement of the Dublin dispute, was not one that gave hopes of an early peace, says the Labour Agency. Very little progress had been made towards settlement of the reinstatement and a message from one of the local leaders concerned in the negotiations was to the effect that there was little hope of an honourable settlement on terms satisfactory to the men.

It seems to be realised that there is no chance of securing reinstatement for all the workmen. It is now simply a matter of arranging for the greatest possible percentage of the workmen to be employed under the most favourable conditions. One fact that adds to the difficulty of an early settlement is that the disorganisation of business in the city and county makes it difficult for the employers to arrive at an estimate of the number of men they can find employment when the strike ends. There is the fact that in certain branches of the carry trade motor lorries are now employed, and that will not be able to re-engage a proportion of the carters, as they have decided to continue with their own motors. The position of the tramway is also a source of difficulty. Contracts entered into with men who have acted as strike-breakers, and even in cases where there is a disposition to part with these men to the strikers it will be impossible to do so when their contracts expire.

It is understood that similar difficulties will be experienced with respect to reinstatement of workmen at Messrs. Jacob's biscuit factory. Here the number of vacancies is very small, indeed, in relation to the number of workers idle, and if there is to be anything approaching the full reinstatement there will have to be dismissals of a large number of strike-breakers. There is no indication of any desire on the part of the firm to discontinue the services of those workers who have acted as strike-breakers at a critical period.

## Sad and Melancholy Situation

The Dublin correspondent of the Morning Telegraph in relation to the strike says that the collapse of the Conference—Mr L. L. L. buoyed up his followers all this time with the promise that all would be reinstated. He who knows anything of the state of Dublin knows that that is impossible. No one is better than Mr Larkin himself. He has not been enabled to keep them in hand by the supply of strike pay and food from England. These things cannot be continued now? Admittedly these things doles the strike would have been long ago. What will official trade union leaders do? What will the leaders, who have got off by boat to Holyhead the moment the Conference collapsed, report to headquarters? Will food ships and strike pay continue? I think that by keeping the strike going in Dublin in turmoil the question of reinstatement will be made easier? The situation is a sad and melancholy one.

## POSITION OF THE STRIKE

### Busy Day at the Post Office

Things were very busy yesterday in Dublin in an effort to deal with Christmas. Very little additional light has been thrown on the peace negotiations by the report of the Labour Board. It is clear, however, that the question of reinstatement masters and