

## CE TO ADVERTISERS

Consequence of the earlier departure of evening trains from Limerick, and tailment of the hour for posting to at the General Post Office, it has become necessary to issue the editions of the *Chronicle* at an earlier hour than hitherto. Advertisers will, therefore, note that the latest hour at which insertions can be received at this office is 3.30 p.m. Publication of any notices received after that hour cannot be guaranteed for that day.

## LIMERICK CHRONICLE

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### DEMOCRACY AND EDUCATION.

Lord Haldane, at the Co-operative Congress at Bristol on Tuesday night, delivered a very interesting, and, it may be said, an important address on a subject generally thought out by over many years. It was a much debated question, education, from a point of view which should be derived from the few to the whole community.

A question of the greatest importance to the people, and affecting, as it does, the conditions of life, on sound principles, ought to benefit the individual, his mind and drawing him in his brief span of earthly life nearer to the Godhead. The speaker had much to say with regard to the advantages of its advantages, but what was permanent in his address were the principles which he made concerning the importance of the greater part of the community from the intellectual activity which should be with every one, in more or less degree. Education, he held, should not only end with youth when school days are over.

Mind improvement should be continued with adult workers' educational societies proceeding through life after school, and universities giving their assistance, and should afford its aid. Lord Haldane spoke to his subject and around it, and to have looked at the matter in one of its various phases there was a flood of light shed on a very taking coming as it did from an expert, candid, and well reasoned throughout, with particular force just at this war time, when our notions of life and of pre-war experiences are topsy-turvy. Some may smile at either of Lord Haldane's theories, and they are to be put in practice in these commercial, money-making times, but permanence and truth have been, and will be, with the people for all time. He pointed out that the blessings they bring to their utility, the up-raising of the people, the vision of the beautiful in the world about them which they afford, and the co-operation of the State and all the effort to give effect to what he said so masterly outlined. No

## CLARE-STREET SHOOTING CASE.

### INQUEST ON MR JAMES DALTON.

The City Coroner, Mr J. F. Barry, J.P., with a jury, of which Mr Louis Griffith is foreman, resumed at the City Courthouse this afternoon the inquiry into the death of Mr James Dalton, who was fatally shot in Clare-street on Saturday evening, 15th inst.

Mr J. Dundon, solr., appeared for the next-of-kin, and District Inspector Marrinan conducted the case for the authorities.

Doctor Dundon, Resident Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, gave evidence as to the result of the post-mortem held on the deceased. There were six bullet wounds, two in front of chest, and two in back, a bullet wound in the right and left lung, and one in the hand. The front bullet wounds caused death.

Kitty Dalton, 13, a daughter of the deceased, said she saw her father, and shortly after heard shots. He ran towards his house in Clare-street. The witness saw three men attack him—one man in front, and one at each side of him. They continued firing until her father fell. When he was on the ground one of the men remained behind and fired two shots into his back. The men then ran down Meany's Bow. The witness ran to her father, who said he was dying.

Asked by District Inspector Marrinan if she knew any of the men,

The witness said she did not, but she could identify them. They were young men, and one of them was a tall man.

Told to look round and see if she could identify anyone in court as one of the men, the witness said she could not see any of them.

John Humphries, publican, Clare-street, City, stated on Saturday evening, the 15th, at six o'clock, the deceased and his father-in-law, Patrick Kelly, came into his place. They had a drink together, and left sometime afterwards, but he did not see them go out. Shortly afterwards he heard the report of three or four shots, but he did not leave his shop to know what happened.

District Inspector Marrinan said that was all the evidence he had to give of any importance.

Mr Dundon—I wish to call one witness, Joseph Dalton, and I will be very short.

Joseph Dalton, 1 Lower Mallow-street, in his evidence stated that he was brother of the deceased, and was intimately acquainted with his public life. He took an active part in Nationalist politics all his life, and was actively connected with the Volunteers. During Easter week he was at Killoan, and was prepared to lay down his life.

That is to say he was a Sinn Feiner, to put it into popular terms?—Yes.

And a Citizen of the Irish Republic?—Yes.

For some years he ceased to take an active interest in the Volunteer movement?—Well, some time after Easter week, when the movement became popular, he did not take the active interest in the organization that he used to take. In December he was a member of the organization, and in that month he was seen to enter the house of a member of the city police force, and leave it sometime later. That incident gave rise to a scandalous report.

Arising out of that rumour was any charge made against your brother by the Sinn Fein organization? No organization or individual made any charge against my brother, good, bad, or indifferent. It was all rumour.

In order to quash that report what steps did your brother take? On St Stephen's Day he lodged with the representative of the Dail Eireann a demand for a full inquiry into his action, and that was forwarded to headquarters. Arising out of that the enquiry was held by the representatives of Dail Eireann.

## LIMERICK QUARTER SESSIONS.

At 11 o'clock this morning his Honor County Court Judge Pigot, who was accompanied by Mr J. H. Roche, J.P., High Sheriff, opened the Trinity Quarter Sessions for the city.

The officials of the Court present were—Capt. Sir Francis Kearney, Clerk of the Crown and Peace; Messrs C. H. Fitt, Asst. do.; R. Nash, Registrar, and T. Prendergast, Sub-Sheriff.

The following were sworn on the grand jury—John E. Toppin (foreman), Jas. Duggan, Francis Frawen, Francis T. Geraghty, Michael O'Mahony, Patrick Coyle, Cornelius Broderick, Christopher Kearney, John G. O'Brien, John P. O'Mahony, Robert Ryan, William F. Pike, William B. Smyth, Philip M. Tacey, Thomas J. Wallace, Thomas Bourke, James Campbell, Edward G. Fitt, and Thomas Geary.

His Honor, addressing the grand jury, said the number of bills to go before them was six, involving questions relating to three individuals only. While the investigation of these bills would involve no great difficulty, they would bear in mind that they dealt with a character of crime which if allowed to go unpunished would reflect seriously upon the administration of justice in the city.

### LICENCE TRANSFERS.

The following were granted confirmation of the transfer of licences—Anne Collins, 44 Upper William-street; William Guerin, 3 Mulgrave street; Mary Anne McInerney, 9 and 10 Loel Quay; John Nuran, 108 Carey's Road, and Ellen O'Dwyer, 42 Roche's-street.

### MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

His Honor, referring to the heavy list of malicious injury claims to be heard at the Session in both city and county, said he could not possibly get through the list in the time allotted in the agenda paper. What he proposed doing was to take city cases to-morrow after the County Criminal business had been disposed of, and a number of the county cases on Saturday as possible and to continue the hearing of them on the day set apart for them on the agenda. As far as the cases listed for hearing at Newcastle West were concerned, he would do everything possible to facilitate applicants and solicitors.

Mr J. S. Gaffney, Crown Solicitor—Are we to take it that your honor will hear any cases we can get ready from the city to-morrow, and from the county on Saturday?

His Honor—Yes.

Mr J. J. Dundon, solicitor—To-morrow will suit me for the city cases.

### CHARGE OF LARCENY.

Thomas Collopy and Michael Griffin, ex-soldiers, were indicted on a charge of breaking into the tannery warehouse of Messrs E. O'Callaghan and Sons, Lower Gerald Griffin street, on the 24th ult. and stealing £3 15s in cash, 10s in stamps, and other property.

When arraigned Collopy pleaded guilty of going into the premises.

Mr Gaffney, Crown Solicitor, refused to accept the plea. He understood Mr Kelly, for the defence had an application to make.

Mr P. Kelly (instructed by Mr J. H. Moran, solr.), stated he represented Griffin only, as what he suggested in his case was that he was incompetent to plead in consequence of his being insane.

Mr Gaffney—I am ready to consent to the prisoner being arraigned on his capacity to plead. A jury was then empanelled to determine whether Griffin was capable of following the course of his trial.

Margaret Griffin, mother of the accused, stated her son, who was 23 years of age, joined the Army six years ago. He was wounded in France early in the war, and first came home in 1917 when he was extremely nervous. He returned to the Salonica front, and there he lost his speech for a period of five months. Twelve months after he was demobilised, and for a considerable time he suffered from delirium. He attempted to take