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THE COST OF LIVING.

The cost of living is a matter that touches the pockets of all classes of the community in these islands. For long we have been up against heavy prices—prices that continued to soar until one might well ask or speculate when the limit would be reached. There have, it is true, been some reductions in the price of seasonable produce during the year now passing, but staple articles of food, such as bread and sugar, went up particularly the former by the reduction of the State subsidy. The increased cost of bread, therefore, but added to the burthen of the householder and particularly that of the poorer classes. It is, however, comforting to learn that there is a possibility the Government may be in a position to reduce the price of flour before Christmas, which would, of course, mean a cheaper loaf, and there is talk of a decrease of a penny or three halfpence, to be followed by a further reduction later on. The continued fall in prices of American wheat is one of the reasons assigned for the possible cheaper loaf, which it is hoped will materialise. Indeed in some quarters regret has been expressed that the recent increase in the price of bread should have received official sanction, and it is urged that this step, not a popular one, could have been avoided. But that is a matter of argument, and whether we agree or not with the principle of State subsidies as applied to foodstuffs and other commodities, or its withdrawal in whole or part, it is at all events encouraging to read that it is anticipated that at the end of the financial year wheat will have fallen so much in price that the remainder of the subsidy the taxpayer is liable for may be taken off. And if with it comes a cheaper loaf there will be much for which the public—the taxpayer and the consumer alike—must be thankful. As to sugar, recently reduced in price, the outlook, too, is hopful. There are various reasons to account for this. One is that the European beet sugar mills are once again in working order, and it is anticipated that their exportable output during the coming season will be nearly 750,000 tons. Again, the West Indian cane industry has been so greatly stimulated for six years by the absence from the markets of German bounty fed sugar that it is in a position to largely supply our needs. To-day the world price of sugar is considerably less than the control price, and it is said that the forward supplies are a sufficient guarantee that during the next twelve months there will be no likelihood of a shortage of supplies. We may, therefore, hope for a further fall in price on present rates. Meantime reductions in the prices of boots and clothes were recently announced across Channel, so that without being unduly optimistic in these uncertain times, one may well hope that the limit on the cost of living has not alone been reached but that a turn in the tide has already set in. Of course for a time at least prices in many instances are likely to remain considerably beyond pre-war rates, but it will be a decided consolation if they do not henceforth, as is anticipated, prove so oppressive as they have been during the past two years or so.

ACCIDENT TO MOTOR LORRY IN CLARE.

Three Constables Killed.

Our Ennis correspondent telephoned this afternoon :—

Last night a motor lorry with eight policemen was returning to Ennis from Limerick. When at Dromoland, about six miles from Ennis, on the road to Limerick, the car, by some means, dashed into the front entrance of Dromoland Castle, with the result that the car was smashed, and three constables—O'Driscoll, Roker, and Fleming (the latter an ex-sergeant-major of the Irish Guards)—were killed, and five constables more or less injured. An inquiry will probably be held. There are four of the injured men in the County Infirmary, Ennis.

THE SITUATION IN THE CITY.

Some prisoners were conveyed in motor lorries yesterday under police escort to Limerick, and in the evening were returning by way of Athlunkard street to Co Clare. Shots were fired, and the noise caused a horse in the thoroughfare to take fright, and upset the car, on which were two or three men. They were slightly injured.

Another incident occurred in Lower Cecil street about seven o'clock. Some plain clothes policemen were in pursuit of a youth seen to be running away, and a shot was fired, but without causing injury. Subsequently the youth, one John Larkin, was taken into custody and detained.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL'S DECISION.

The Local Government Board to be Recognised.

An interesting development has occurred in connection with the relations between Irish local bodies and the Local Government Board. Galway County Council has passed a resolution deciding to comply in future with the requirements of the Local Government Board, and to carry on their business irrespective of certain decrees recently issued.

UNITED STATES AND IRELAND.

Direct Travel.

The following is taken from the "New York Commercial," relative to the s. "Old North State," one of the fleet which is being run between Irsland and America by the United States Mail Steamship Company :—"No art of the interior decorator has been spared on the new passenger liner ss. 'Old North State.' With its white mahogany finish, soft-tinted, artistic hangings, its open fire-places and comfortable wicker furniture, the interior presents the aspect of a club-house rather than of a ship. The vessel named for North Carolina is the second of a series of seven ocean liners being built by the New York Shipbuilding Co at Camden for the United States Shipping Board. Her trial trip was held ten days ago. The 'Old North State' is an oil burner, has a gross register of 10,533 tons and a dead-weight displacement of 13,100 tons, is 522 feet long, and is built for a service speed of 14 knots."

Major J D McCallum, R.M, Ennis, has been appointed one of the Commandants of the new Special Constabulary in the North, and will be stationed at Newtownards Training Camp.

COUNTY LIMERICK SENSATION.

TRAGIC COURTMARTIAL SEQUEL.

Acquitted Prisoner Shot Dead.

Brother of Other Prisoner Killed.

A tragic and painful sequel to the acquittal by a Dublin courtmartial of two Limerickmen, James O'Neill and Patrick Blake, took place near Pallas on Saturday night.

The men were charged with the fatal shooting of Constable Walter Oakley in Henry street last July, and were tried in Dublin with the offence last week, when they were acquitted.

They travelled by train from Dublin to Limerick Junction on Saturday, and left for home with some relatives. Blake travelled in a private motor car, and O'Neill drove in the charabanc. When half the journey had been traversed the cars were held up by armed and disguised men. The occupants were challenged, and a question having been put as to whether a man named Blake was travelling, Michael Blake, a brother of the acquitted prisoner, answered in the affirmative, and was shot through the mouth. He was conveyed to the County Infirmary, where life was found to be extinct. James O'Neill was ordered out of the charabanc, and on Sunday his dead body was found on the roadside near Pallas. The remains were subsequently removed to the County Infirmary.

The terrifying occurrence was the subject of general topic in the city on Sunday.

MILITARY INQUIRY.

An inquiry was opened in the New Barracks, Limerick, yesterday morning, by three officers, concerning the deaths of James O'Neill and Michael Blake.

A soldier witness deposed that he was coming from Dublin on Saturday, where he was engaged at a court-martial on James O'Neill, who was charged with murder, and who was acquitted. Witness was in company of other witnesses; his party numbered 13. The deceased, O'Neill, was one of the party. Witness did not know O'Neill. He left Limerick Junction at 8.15 for Limerick by charabanc. There would be about eighteen to twenty people in the charabanc. It was a starry night. There was also a private motor-car, which started about two or three minutes before the charabanc. The first stop was at Pallas, where the military held them up, and after examination they were allowed to proceed. He saw nothing to attract his attention between the Junction and New Pallas. At about eight to ten miles after leaving Pallas he saw two lorries on the right-hand side of the road. They were two small cars, quite open, the sides were painted yellow, and he noticed the word "Company" in white letters on the side of the back. They had lamps, but were not lighted.

President—How did you see all this?

Witness—We had lights. There was no one in the car. He could not hear if the engines were going. One car was facing the Junction and the other towards Limerick. He saw two men who were talking to each other near the engine at the car facing towards Limerick. He could not say how they were dressed, or whether they were tall or short. About a mile or more further on I saw several men on the road, and a leader apparently in front who had a flash lamp in his hand. He stopped the car by putting up his hands. The driver stopped, and the man with the light commenced flashing light on the passengers. At least eight to twelve men surrounded the car. The man with the light ordered the driver out of the car. His light was out at the time. He could not discern the words spoken. The driver got out. The light was then flashed at the back of the car until he came to Mr James O'Neill. Then he said "Get out you," and O'Neill replied "Yes sir." He got out at once. The driver was then ordered back into the car and an order was given to drive on at once, and we drove straight away. The man with the lamp was half masked, wore a trench brown overcoat, and wore a trilby hat. He was of medium build. He spoke quite English. After going for about 15 minutes two small cars passed them.

President—Were they the cars you saw by the side of the road?

No sir. They were two small cars like Fords. They had no lights on. He could not say if there were any occupants in the cars.

A doctor deposed he was called to the County Infirmary on Nov 20th at about 9 20, and saw the body of Mr Blake there. He was then dead. Death was due to shock and hemorrhage caused by bullet wounds. There was one clean bullet wound through the mouth, which was sufficient to cause death. This wound lacerated the spinal cord. The bullet went clean through the mouth and the tongue. He saw the body of O'Neill that morning. Rigor mortis had set in. Death was due to bullet wounds. He found two bullet wounds, one was on the right hand side, about half an inch below the right nipple, and the second was at the back of the right ear, from which came brain matter. This wound in the head, in his opinion, caused death almost instantaneous. Both bodies were healthy.

Another witness deposed he was one of the party in the charabanc. He was a professional witness at the courtmartial in the murder trial of O'Neill and Blake. The first thing he noticed was the stoppage of the car and a flash of light in his face. Witness thought it was a search party and kept perfectly still. He heard the order to move on, and in fact they had been travelling before he knew anyone was missing. He considered the whole thing was over in less than a minute. He had a faint recollection of seeing the lorries.

Other witnesses deposed that at one side of the road at the city side of Ballysimon the charabanc stopped for water, and there two small motors passed.

The driver of a car deposed that he left the Junction at about 8.15. The night was bright, there being a new moon. The first thing he saw after leaving Pallas, about a mile distant, was a military car with some soldiers on board. The next thing he saw was two lorries facing Limerick on one side of the road one towing the other. They had no lights up. There was some white paint on it which he could not discern. The colour looked green. He saw nobody in them. The cars were about 3 miles from Pallas. About 2 miles further on at Grange Cross, he saw that the small car which preceded him was stopped. Witness also stopped his car, believing it was police examining permits. This was one mile from Boher. About seven or eight men came from the light car—none spoke to witness, but one of them stood to witness's left. Another, on the right, flashed a torch lamp, and after about a minute the man on his left told him drive on. Witness did not hear a word. The man who told him drive on spoke English or Cockney. They were a mixed lot, and all appeared to wear trench coats. He could not see if they were armed. The man with the torch-light had a mask, but the man at his left had none; he wore a grey cap. About a mile from Limerick he stopped for water, and a young lady came and told him her brother had been taken from the car. In about five minutes two Ford cars passed, both misfiring; they had no lights.

A soldier deposed he also gave evidence at the court-martial of Blake and O'Neill. He was in the charabanc on the night of the hold-up. After leaving Pallas they passed a military lorry and an armed escort; the men were in uniform with steel helmets. Describing the hold-up, witness said eight men surrounded the car and commenced searching the occupants until they came to the back seat where O'Neill was. One man said, "Get you out of it." These were the first words spoken. The holding-up party then got to the back of the car, and he heard one man tell the other put out the light. One man had a Webly revolver, wore a dark overcoat, and the lower part of his face was covered with a white handkerchief or muffler. He got a good view of him. His eyes were steel grey, fair complexion, and light sandy hair. The man who spoke had not an English accent.

President—What kind was his accent?—It was more of an Irish accent to me. The man was about 25 years of age, and was about 5ft 6in in height. He appeared to be a labourer.

President—Have you any reason for saying so? From his general impression; after they had gone about ten or twelve yards he distinctly saw two motor cars up a bye road, and both had dim lights. At Ballysimon, where the charabanc stopped to water, two Ford cars passed. They had head lamps, but were not lit.

On resuming after the adjournment,

A civilian witness, living at Grange East, stated he heard five shots at 8.45, and considered that they came from Grange Cross, about a mile from Boher. He heard motors pass, which seemed to be heavy. He saw nobody, as he did not go out, and did not hear anyone was shot until next morning.

A sister of the deceased James O'Neill, in the course of her evidence stated her brother was 22 years of age, and an ex-soldier. She was at his trial in Dublin and returned with him in the train and charabanc. Having corroborated the incidents leading up to the holding up of the vehicle on the night, she was asked to say that they were surrounded by a number of masked men, one of whom said to deceased, "Come out you." He jumped out, and a man with a torch pointed a revolver at her. He wore a grey cap and black overcoat, and a white handkerchief around his mouth. After leaving the charabanc her brother gave her a parcel for her mother. She heard one of the men say to a soldier in the charabanc, "You are English; drive on."

Replying to the President, the witness said her brother remarked to her in the train that he would have to clear out of Limerick because of the crime with which he was charged, and that it was hard after his time in the army.

The driver of the private motor deposed to returning from the Limerick Junction with three passengers, Mr Blake and his two sons, Michael and Pat. At the Junction a man asked witness if he were going to Limerick, and if so would he take him a few miles beyond Boher off the main road. Witness said he would not leave the main road, but would take him to Boher or Pallas. This man said he would return when he got his bicycle, but he did not return. Witness started to follow the charabanc, and when he got on the main road the charabanc was stopped near the police station. The driver of the charabanc asked him if he could take four passengers, and he replied that he could. A fourth man, whom witness did not know, asked him for a seat, which he gave, and he did not see that man since. At the first cross after leaving Dromkeen, some person came from the left side of the road and shouted "halt."

By the President—That man had a black handkerchief on his face from the nose down. Before the car stopped two shots rang out, and the bullet that presumably passed through Blake's body struck witness in the back. The man, whom witness did not know, jumped out of the car, and a tall man caught witness by the shoulder. Witness said to him "Don't; I'm shot in the back." He was asked his name, which he gave, and was also asked the names of the passengers. He was then ordered to clear away at the point of the revolver, and the next he saw was Blake bleeding from the mouth. The strange man returned to the car, and told witness to drive quickly out of danger. He drove directly to the Co Infirmary.

In reply to a police officer, the witness said the strange man in the car got off at the County Infirmary, into which he helped to take the body. When witness went for a priest he did not see him on returning.

The father of the deceased said his son was married, and had four children. He accompanied him from the Limerick Junction in a private motor car, as Patrick told his solicitor he had an objection to travelling in the military car for fear it would be ambushed. The witness described the hold-up, and said after the word "halt" was shouted two shots rang out, and took effect. One of the men who appeared to be the leader seemed to be in military dress.

The President—Why do you say he was in military dress?—Because he was got up so nice and tidy. After the shooting, continued the witness, the strange man in the motor car struck a match and looked at his son, who was dead. The deceased had nothing to do with politics, and witness had seven sons in the army, an worked as a barrack labourer.

A soldier witness stated that he was returning from Scotland off leave, and at the Limerick Junction he took a seat on the charabanc for Limerick. Some distance from Newpallas the car was held up by about eight men, one of whom wore a white dust coat, and was masked. They took out O'Neill, who, before he left, handed witness a parcel for his mother. As they were about to re-start witness saw a motor on the left side of the road, and two motors passed them at Ballysimon. The man who wore the mask said to witness, "You are English soldiers; drive on."

Another civilian witness gave evidence as to hearing a conversation in a hotel in Dublin after the trial of O'Neill and Blake. O'Neill was relating his experience while in Mountjoy. They, he said, were exercising with other prisoners, one of whom appeared to be in charge of Sinn Fein prisoners. The leader used to give instructions as to exercise, and on occasions they used to kneel and pray for the Cork hunger strikers. At their trial both prisoners recognised the Court. Having described the hold-up of the charabanc, the witness said that one of the men had a flash lamp and wore brown leggings.

Another witness corroborated the evidence as to the conversation in the Dublin hotel, and the exercising while in Mountjoy. During the conversation a strange looking man was in the hotel, and witness saw him again at Kingsbridge Station. He looked into the compartment where witness was seated, and wore brown leggings. He got into the corridor of the train, but as he was not seen after the train started it was witness's belief that he did not travel. The man that ordered O'Neill out of the vehicle spoke with a decided Cockney accent, and remarked before the car re-started—"You are English soldiers—carry on." Witness did not believe O'Neill belonged to the Republican Army, as he said to witness that he would rejoin the army when he got to Limerick, as he expected trouble.

In reply to the Court, the witness said O'Neill expected trouble because of his recognition of the court at his trial.

Evidence as to the finding of the body at 12.40 on Sunday morning was given by a police witness. It was found in a by-road about forty-nine paces from the main road at Grange Cross. There were four bullet wounds in the body.

This concluded the evidence.

The President expressed deep sympathy with the relatives of both deceased.

The decision of the Court will be announced later.

Funeral of Victims.

The remains of Michael Blake and James O'Neill, fatally shot on Saturday night while proceeding from Limerick Junction to Limerick, were removed last night from their city residences to St Michael's Parochial Church, where they lay over night. The funeral took place this afternoon from the Church for the interment in Mount St Lawrence Cemetery, followed by the relatives and a large cortege of friends and sympathisers. The officiating clergymen were Rev F Dwane, Adm, St Michael's, and Rev F Hannan, and Rev T Tracey.

MISSING GALWAY PRIEST.

Body Found in a Bog.

Bullet Wound in the Temple.

The Press Association Galway correspondent telegraphs :—The dead body of Rev Michael Griffin, the young Catholic priest, who has been missing for several days, was on Saturday night found buried in boggy land near the roadside at Clongakellan, near Knock Inch, four miles from Galway.

There was a bullet wound in the right temple. The first clue to the discovery was the finding of a piece of cloth, apparently part of a priest's overcoat, near the spot.

LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL AND CORPORATION OFFICES SEARCHED.

Books and Documents Taken.

A force of police, under a District Inspector, raided the Limerick County Council Offices, 82 and 83 O'Connell street, yesterday. A search of the building, occupying close on three hours, was made. In the absence of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary was in charge of the offices, and during the raid no person was allowed leave or enter the premises. On departing the constabulary took away with them the County Council minute book, the bank pass book, the rates returns, letter books, and a number of documents, as well as the statutory declarations made by the members of the Council when accepting office. The Assistant Secretary asked for a receipt for the books and documents taken, but none was given, the officer in charge remarking that they would be all right.

A raid was also made earlier in the day on the Town Hall, Rutland-street. A minute search of the offices was made by the police, who took away the minute book and a large number of documents connected with the administration of the city.

CITY GLASS-BREAKING

The military authorities inquired yesterday at the New Barracks into the cases of glass-breaking which occurred in the city a few nights since. The claims made by the Corporation and the owners of the establishments affected were received for consideration and review.

A meeting in aid of the Milk Fund for the poor of the city, of which Mrs O'Brien, South Hill, is President, will be held in the Chamber of Commerce to-morrow, at 12 o'clock to raise funds in aid of this very deserving cause.

Sunday's Tragedies in Dublin.

Alarm in Dublin.

Much popular alarm was felt in the city yesterday, and many conflicting versions writes the "Irish Times" were afloat regarding the tragic happenings of Sunday morning and afternoon. Regarding the former affair, in which fourteen lives were lost and five persons were wounded, it seemed to be generally agreed that the terrible series of murders was the outcome of a deliberately conceived plan, systematically and ruthlessly carried out. Ten officers were shot dead and four seriously wounded, while in the course of the Sunday morning raid two members of the Auxiliary Constabulary and one civilian were killed, and another civilian was wounded.

The versions of what transpired at Croke Park were also of a conflicting character.

KILLED.

At Jervis Street Hospital the following list of killed was supplied :—

Michael Hogan, Grangeworker, Co Tipperary, full back of the Tipperary team.

— Traynor, Ballymount, Clondalkin.

Thomas Ryan, 66 Viking road, Arbour Hill.

— Teehan, Dublin (full address unknown).

James Burke, Greenland Cottages, Windy Arbour, Dundrum.

An unidentified man, of middle age, with sandy hair.

There was a numerous list of wounded and injured.

It was stated at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital that the dead bodies lying in that institution as a result of the Croke Park affair were as follows :—

James Matthew, 42 North Cumberland street.

Jennie Coyle, 12 Lennox street.

— O'Dowd, Buckingham street.

William Scott (aged 14), 13 Fitzroy avenue.

James O'Leary (aged 10), 69 Blessington street.

At this hospital also a number of wounded and injured were treated.

"A rough estimate has it (says an official report), that ten persons were killed, and it is believed that about fifty others were wounded. Eleven were detained in hospital seriously wounded, and 54 additional having received treatment were sent home."

The Lord Mayor announced that, hearing that the Mansion House was to be attacked, he called the attention of the authorities to the matter. Yesterday the building was occupied by auxiliary police.

Military Activity Last Night.

Searches and arrests on a wholesale scale, and the complete stoppage of all vehicular and pedestrian traffic, took place in Dublin and district last night. Some hundreds of soldiers, members of the Royal Irish Constabulary and the Auxiliary Forces were engaged, and some thousands of people were "held up" at various points during the searches.

Three Men Shot Near Dublin Castle.

It is reported that during yesterday morning an attack was made on a sentry in the neighbourhood of Dublin Castle. The particulars of the affair are very meagre, but it appears that in the course of the affray three civilians were shot.

EXCITING INCIDENT IN THE COMMONS.

Sitting Suspended.

In the excitement caused by Irish questions in the Commons yesterday, Major Molson attempted to pull Mr Devlin down. The Speaker suspended the sitting. Afterwards Major Molson apologised, and the incident was closed.

TRAIN SERVICES RE-STARTED

The running of trains from Dublin, which was suspended yesterday, was resumed this morning, as from 6 o'clock. No train arrived in Limerick yesterday.

SEARCHES AND ARRESTS

Military and Constabulary continue their searches in Limerick and Clare, and some persons have been placed under arrest. One arrest is reported at Sixmile Bridge, that of a man named, it is stated, James Casey.

KIDNAPPED DETECTIVE RELEASED.

Detective Constable Thomas Ryan, of the Cork Police Force, who was kidnapped at noon on Sunday while leaving Mass at St Patrick's Church, has returned unharmed to his station.

POLICEMAN KILLED IN CO CORK.

Policemen were ambushed at Leap, Co Cork, on Sunday night, and one of them, Constable Jays, was killed. A companion, Constable Mills, was dangerously wounded.

P.Y.M.A. PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB.

A lantern exhibition of members' own slides will be held on Thursday evening next, the 25th inst, at 8 o'clock. All members of the Association and their friends are cordially invited. Members are reminded that slides should be left with the Hon. Sec. at least one hour previously.

LIMERICK MARKETS.

BUTTER—3s 2d to 3s 4d per lb.

FRUIT—Apples, 10s 0d per basket.

TURNIPS—15 loads; 45s to 60s per ton.

EGGS—Hen eggs, 5s 0d to 5s 3d per dozen duck eggs, 5s 0d to 5s 3d per dozen.

FOWL—Chickens, 5s to 9s 0d per pair; young ducks, 4s to 7s per pair.

FISH—Owing to railway dislocation, very little fish coming into the city.

BREADSTUFFS.—Wholesale Prices at Mill Door—Bakers' Flour, 86s 0d per sack; Retail Flour, 86s 0d per sack; Oatmeal, 90s 0d per sack; Flake Meal, 38s per cwt.

MEAT—All roasting joints, beef and mutton, 2s 0d per lb; boiling beef, 1s 8d per lb; boiling mutton, 1s 10d per lb; steak and chop, 2s 0s per lb.

PIGS.

The following are to-day's prices :—Suitable Pigs 1 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lb. to 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs., 195s 0d per cwt; Stout (1 cwt 2 qrs 21bs to 1 cwt 3 qrs.), 195s 0d per cwt; Overweight (1 cwt 3 qrs 1 lb. to 1 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lbs.), 195s 0d per cwt; Heavy Overweight (over 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.) 190s per cwt; Do. (over 2 cwt), 185s per cwt; Unfinished, special price; Berwick (about 8 stone), 195s 0d per cwt; "Sixes" (bacon pigs, under 10 stone), 195s 0d.

CORK BUTTER MARKET.

THIS DAY.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

No quotations. Supply small; no demand. Weather fine.

Firsts, —; Fresh (A), —;

Centrifugal Creamery, 500s to 490s; Factory, 480s to 470s.

LIMERICK STOCK LIST

To-Day's Prices.

GOVERNMENT STOCK	
War Loan 5% 1929/47	83 1-16
Consols	45½
BANKS.	
Bank of Ireland	175 xd
Hibernian	4⅞ xd
Munster and Leinster	6
National	16½
Provincial	18
RAILWAYS.	
Gt Southern & Wes Orig	43 x
Great Northern	51
Mid Great Western	19½
SOUTH AFRICANS	
Chartered	15/9
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Guinness	33
Coats	49/0
Fine Cotton Spinners	44/9
English Sew Cottons	37/0
Bradford Dyers	43/6
Bleachers	36/0
Marconi Ord	55/7½
Dunlop Rubber	22/9
Parent Tyre Ord	21/3
" Deferred	55/0
Cannocks	6½
Matterson Prefs.	75/0
Mex Eagles	1½
Shells	6½
India 3½% Stock	54 11-16

STOP PRESS NEWS

THE CROKE PARK SHOOTING.

Military Inquiries Opened.

The military inquiries into the Croke Park shooting opened to-day at the Mater and Jervis-street hospitals. Counsel attended on behalf of the citizens of Dublin, but were informed after identification was gone into that the enquiries would be secret.

ARRESTS IN DUBLIN

There were a number of arrests made in Dublin to-day.

SHOOTING OF A SOLDIER IN EAST LIMERICK

Courtmartial Trial

Acquittal of Accused

At a courtmartial in Marlborough Barracks on Saturday, a young man named Mi O'Rourke, of Bruree, Co Limerick, was charged with the murder of Pte William Rogers, of the Machine Gun Corps.

There were alternative charges of manslaughter and shooting with intent to commit murder.

The shooting was alleged to have taken place on the 29th July on the occasion of an attack on a military patrol between Kilmallock and Bruree, Private Rogers died on 4th August.

The accused, who pleaded not guilty in reply to each of the charges, was defended by Mr P Lynch, K.C; Mr Mi Comyn, K.C, and Mr J Comyn (instructed by Mr Roger Fox, Kilmallock).

The prosecuting counsel opened the case, and evidence having been given, the court adjourned till Monday.

At the resumption of the court martial yesterday, regret was expressed by prosecuting counsel, as well as Mr P Lynch, K.C, for the defence, at the death of Capt Baggally, one of the victims of Sunday's shootings, who had been assisting in the prosecution. He was a solicitor in private life.

The accused was acquitted and discharged.

MULLINGAR RACES—APPLICATION FOR POSTPONEMENT.

The Stewards of the Mullingar Races have applied to the National Hunt Stewards for leave to postpone the meeting fixed for Monday.

THE RAILWAY CRISIS.

Mr James Carr, President of the Limerick United Trades and Labour Council, presided at a meeting of the local railwaymen held in the Mechanics' Institute, Limerick, on Sunday. There was a large attendance at the meeting, including the Limerick delegates to the Trades Union Congress held in Dublin last Tuesday. The meeting was called to consider the present railway crisis, and after a lengthy discussion, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to :—"That we, the railwaymen of Limerick, in mass meeting assembled, endorse the decision given by the National Executive of the Labour Party in continuing their fight. But in the event of the majority of the Irish railwaymen deciding to resume work we are prepared to abide by the majority."

SPORTING.

WARWICK MEETING

Rugby Plate—Fanusha (Piper), 4; Crevice (Lane), 2; Ballatara (Smyth), 3. Also ran—Varson, Montgrennan, Princess Huon, Gauntian. Betting—11 to 8 on Crevice, 5 to 1 agst Fanusha and Montgrennan, 10 to 1 others.

Dunchurch Handicap—Antaki (Whalley), *; Chuck a Penny (Brennan), *; Toilet (Patman), 3. *Dead heat. Also ran—Mythology c, Night Raid Lady Brenda c, B Jay, and Sprotbrough. Betting—3 to 1 agst Lady Brenda c, 100 to 30 Chuck a Penny, 7 to 2 Antaki, 7 to 1 B Jay and Night Raid, 100 to 8 others.

Leamington Handicap—Statuary (Slade), 1; Orange William (Smith), 2; Duffy (Bullock), 3. Also ran—Mambrino, Woodrow, Count Palatine, Tredennord, Three Royals, Flotta, Broken Faith, Sweet Dorothy and Auckland. Betting—2 to 1 agst Orange William, 5 to 2 Count Palatine, 10 to 1 Statuary, Flotta, and Mambrino, 100 to 7 Duffy and others.

Daventry Plate—Puck (Fox) 1; White Ant (Spear), 2; Dictynna (Crickmere), 3. Also ran—Petres, Muiz, and Lionceau. Betting—9 to 4 agst Puck and Dictynna, 3 to 1 Nuiz, 6 to 1 White Ant, 20 to 1 others.

Stratford Handicap—Strike Breaker (Leach), 1; Amboyna (Robbins), 2; Irish Lace (Morris), 3. Also ran—White Frost, Johnny Syme, Neil Girl, Darley, Common Occurrence, Torture, and Lady Charity. Betting—3 to 1 agst Strike Breaker, 7 to 2 Irish Lace, Johnny Syme, Neil Girl, and White Frost, 100 to 8 others.

Southam Selling Plate—Wakefield (Bullock), 1; Cecil Rhodes (Slade), 2; Velvet Glove (Motracken), 3. Also ran—Marine Potterne, Sunbelle, Fakime, and Italiano. Betting—Even Velvet Glove, 4 to 1 Wakefield, 6 to 1 Sunbelle, 8 to 1 Cecil Rhodes, 10 to 1 others.

Kenilworth Handicap—Dumfries, 1; Rowland, 2; Black Lamb 3. Also ran—Wavelinda, Lily I, Brance, Baal Gad, Moreooy, St Eloi, Longslip, Killesher and East Cheshire. Betting—7 to 4 agst Brance, 6 to 1 Wavelinda and Rowland, 10 to 1 Baal Gad, Dumfries, and Black Lamb, 100 to 7 others.

Banbury Handicap—Aislabie (Fox) 1; Soval (Brennan) 2; Happy Girl (Bullock) 3. Also ran—Daniells, Northfleet, Lues, Yoonwara, Lady Meave, Cylrida, Our William, Glanos, Letty Lind Thelsm, Anthony, Black Draught and Christmas. Betting—Evens Happy Girl, 6 to 1 Northfleet, 7 to 1 Lady Meave, 100 to 6 Aislabie, 20 to 1 Soval, 25 to 1 others.

Badby Plate—Cold Steel (Grigg) 1; Nespola (Donoghue) 2; Bideford (Collins) 3. Also ran—Plankette and Uerjo Servirav. Betting—5 to 4 agst Bideford, 2 to 1 Nespola, 10 to 1 Cold Steel and others.

LIMERICK HARBOUR TIDE TABLE

NOVEMBER.

Full Moon, 26th ..... 1.42 a m

	Date	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	Moon Rises	Moon Sets	Morning Tide	Morning Height	Evening Tide	Evening Height
		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.		H. M.	
Wednes.	24	4 54	20 3	5 14	20 9				
Thursday	25	5 54	21 2	6 59	21 6				
Friday	26	6 22	21 9	8 40	22 1				
Saturday	27	7 9	22 3	7 33	22 3				
Sunday	28	7 57	22 1	8 22	21 10				
Monday	29	8 49	21 6	9 17	21 2				
Tuesday	30	9 45	20 9	10 9	20 9				

(These tides are influenced by the weather).

M Albert Thomas, Director of the International Labour Bureau, has left Geneva for Paris and London.

Canada's trade with South American countries during the first five months of the present fiscal year shows an increase of 68 per cent over that for the same months of last year.

Lord Byng of Vimy, who commanded the Canadian Expeditionary Force on the Western Front, has been appointed Honorary General of the Canadian Militia.

M Clemenceau's tour of Malaya has been abandoned in consequence of alterations in the steamship arrangements owing to the strike at Rangoon.

There are now some 59,000 motor cars in the province of Saskatchewan, or one for every 14 of the population. Ten years ago the total was only 531.

Two seamen of H.M.S. Icolt, a depot ship off Shandon, Dumbartonshire, were drowned owing to the capsizing of a boat in which they were returning to the ship after a dance.

The Housing Committee of the Isle of Wight Rural District Council resigned in a body as they have no money for building owing to the council's refusal to accept the Treasury's offer of a loan.

LATEST NEWS.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Special to the "Chronicle.")

SITUATION NORMAL

IN DUBLIN TO-DAY.

Sensational Incident Yesterday

Three Prisoners Dead

Our Dublin correspondent wires—

Things were normal in Dublin to-day, trains running as usual.

The "Evening Mail" learns to-day of a sensational incident which occurred yesterday morning at Exchange Court, as a result of which three men lie dead. Their names are Richard McKee, Peter Claney, and T. C. Clune. It appears they were arrested during the week-end, and they were kept in a room in the old detective offices in Exchange Court. It is alleged that while thus in waiting they seized arms which were stored in the room and attempted to make their escape. A bomb was thrown but it did not explode. It is alleged that the members of the guard were fired at. The guard returned the fire, with the result that the three prisoners are now dead. It is impossible to ascertain the exact details of what occurred.

The room in which the three prisoners were shot while alleged by the authorities to have been attempting to escape is a mixture of a storeroom and kitchen.

It is alleged that Clancy when arrested had two uniforms of a British Colonel in his possession. The police say he was implicated in certain affairs. McKee was sleeping in the same bed as Clancy when arrested. Clune, a Tipperary man, was arrested in a hotel which was raided recently.

POLICEMAN'S BODY FOUND IN LIFFEY.

Yet another sensation was forthcoming this morning in Dublin, when the body of a black and tan was taken out of the river Liffey. Appearances denote it was in the water about a month.

AUXILIARY POLICE AND CIVILIANS.

Shots Exchanged—Casualties

Shots were exchanged at Milstreet, Co Cork, last night between auxiliary police and civilians. A policeman was wounded, and the police claim two civilians were shot.

THE DEATH OF FATHER GRIFFIN.

The military inquiry into the death of Father Griffin at Galway yesterday was adjourned, after evidence was given of three men in raincoats gaining admission to the house on the night of the abduction.

MILITARY ACTIVITY IN CLARE.

Great military activity prevailed in Clare on Sunday night. Several arrests were made.

GERMAN EX-EMPRESS.

Condition Improved.

Amsterdam, Monday.

The health of the German ex-Empress has improved. On recovering consciousness she asked to see the ex-Crown Prince.

DUBLIN RAIDS AND ARRESTS.

After wholesale raids and arrests, and the complete suspension of traffic in Dublin, the street cordons were withdrawn at 11.30 last night.

IMMENSE FORTUNE.

New York, Tuesday—Mr Richard Colgate, of shaving soap fame, left a fortune of nearly six million dollars.

EX-CROWN PRINCE'S DENIAL.

Amsterdam, Monday—A statement deemed authoritative says that neither the ex-Crown Prince nor Major Mueldner have ever wittingly or unwittingly smuggled capital out of Germany.

STEAMER ON FIRE—TWO MEN KILLED.

A fire broke out on the steamer Medvana at Wallsend last night. The vessel fell broadside in the river. A watchman and chargeman driller were killed.

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT CROP.

During the debate in the House of Representatives on the price wheat, which has been fixed at 9s per bushel for Australian consumption, Mr Hughes said that the Wheat Board had sold hundreds of thousands of bushels at 10s for delivery months ahead, and that it could sell the whole Australian crop for over 10s.

HUNTING.

COUNTY LIMERICK HOUNDS

Will Meet

NOVEMBER.

Wednesday, 24th ..... Broff
Friday, 26th ..... Garryfine
Monday, 29th ..... Croom
Hour—11 o'clock a.m.

HAY Wanted, from 20 to 60 tons, with stand to eat it on. Apply, "Hay," this office. (3n24)

SECOND-HAND Novels, Magazines, etc, wanted. Apply, Coleman's Old-Established Salesrooms, Rutland Street. (s3n25)

REDUCTION in price of Sugar, Syrups, Treacle, Arrowroot, Candles, Tinned Fruits, Sago, Peas, Beans, etc.—Bennis & Sons, 20 O'Connell-street. (a5n25

MUDGUARDS, best quality steel; in winter and summer widths. We have large stocks of these at lowest prices. Try us for your cycle requirements.—DILWORTH, 128 O'Connell-st. (26 s30)

WANTED—A Gent's Bicycle in good condition, at reasonable price. Apply by letter to Box No 227 this office. (a3n27

NEW CURRANTS and Raisins, Peels, Spices, Jams and Marmalade, Flour, Candles, etc. Bennis and Sons, 30 O'Connell Street. (a6.4

FOR SALE—Cast Iron Open Cistern, plated and bolted; size, 8 ft long, 5 ft wide, 3 ft deep. For price and particulars apply John Ryan and Sons, buildirs, 24 Thomas street, Limerick. (s3n27)

FOUND, in Hartstonge Street, during last week, a pair of Lamp Shades. Owner can have same by giving description (and paying cost of advertisement), at 17 Upper Cecil Street.

BREAKFAST SETS, Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Toilet Sets. Tremendous assortment. Prices moderate. Inspection invited.—GOODWIN & CO, Ltd, William-street, Limerick.

FOR SALE—Coney Seal-Skin Coat, black; quite new; only worn twice; going at half cost price. For further particulars apply Box No 231 this office. (a3 n27)