

CITY DISTRICT SESSIONS.

(Before Mr P. P. O'Donoghue, District Justice).

UNSAUND MEAT.

Michael O'Shaughnessy, victualler, Chapel Lane, was prosecuted by the Corporation for exposing for sale meat which was not fit for human food.

Inspector Forrest stated that he had four quarters of beef which were exposed for sale in defendant's shop examined by Dr M. S. McGrath, Superintendent Medical Officer of Health. His certificate was that the meat was tubercular and unfit for human consumption.

Mr Blood-Smyth, solicitor for the Corporation, said it being defendant's first offence, they were not anxious to press the case.

Mr O'Donoghue: This meat was obviously bad, and the least fine I can impose is £3 and costs.

MILK PROSECUTION.

Mary Anne Downs, milk vendor, Catherine Street, was prosecuted by the same authority for selling milk deprived of 13.3 per cent of its fats.

Inspector Forrest gave evidence of having taken a sample of the milk, which he was informed, was only after being delivered to the vendor. A penalty of £2 and costs was inflicted.

VACCINATION ACTS.

A number of people were prosecuted by the Corporation for failing to comply with the Vaccination Acts.

Nominal fines were imposed.

FAILURE TO RETURN A BOOK.

J. P. Galvin, Henry-street, was prosecuted by the Corporation for neglecting to return a book to the Free Library.

Mr J. McNamara, Director of the Library, stated that the book was borrowed last November, and repeated applications for its return not being complied with, proceedings were ordered to be taken against defendant.

A fine of 9s was imposed.

TRANSFER OF LICENCE.

On the application of Mr. Tynan, solicitor, a transfer of licensed premises at Parnell-street was granted to Lawrence Ryan, who purchased from Michael Keane.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT CASE.

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce prosecuted James Benn, Nicholas-street, for obtaining by a false statement an unemployment benefit to the amount of £2 10s in the name of his wife, Mary Benn, in August, September, and October last year.

Mr Tynan, solicitor, pleaded guilty, and said the work upon which Mary Benn was engaged absorbed only an hour per day of her time. Benn was now prepared to repay the amount obtained in instalments.

Mr H. O'B. Moran, State Solicitor, said he would leave the case absolutely to the court. He did not, however, desire to press the prosecution, but he should ask for a substantial fine with a view to stopping this class of offence.

A penalty of £2 was imposed with £1 costs.

RAILWAY PROSECUTION.

Michael Ryan was summoned by the G.S & W Railway Company for having on the 5th March last travelled between Tipperary and Limerick without a ticket, and also for giving a wrong name.

Mr J. Dodds, solicitor for the Company, and Mr M. Tynan, solicitor, defended.

The defendant was also prosecuted for committing indecent conduct at Adare railway station on the 11th June.

Ticket Collector Quill stated when the train drew up at Adare the defendant who was a passenger, was guilty of an indecent act in presence of women passengers, who left the compartment.

Mr Tynan produced a medical certificate to the effect that the defendant was suffering from a functional defect.

Mr Dodds said the defendant had caused considerable annoyance to the company. He had already been convicted of travelling over the system without a ticket.

Mr O'Donoghue—Persistently travelling; his habit is to take a ticket to a certain destination, and over-travel the distance.

Mr Dodds said the indecent conduct could not be justified, as it was an offence against the travelling public.

The Justice imposed a fine of 4s in each of the three cases, and 20s costs in each, with the alternative of two months imprisonment in each, the sentence to run consecutively.

LIGHTING-UP TIME.

Guard McDonald prosecuted Mr. Moloney, hackney car driver, for failing to have a light on his car after lighting-up time on the 10th instant. Defendant was fined 20s and costs.

MOTORISTS FINES.

Fines ranging from £1 to £3 were imposed on a number of motorists for failing to have licences in

Co. Limerick Murder Trial.

Death Sentence.

At the Central Criminal Court, Dublin, yesterday, before Mr Justice O'Shaughnessy, Joseph Butler pleaded not guilty of the murder of Michael McSweeney, a former, at Patrick's Well, on the 21st August, 1922.

Mr Carrigan, K.C., and Mr Dudley White, K.C. (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor), prosecuted, and Mr M. Numan (instructed by Mr P. E. O'Donnell) appeared for the defence.

Mr Carrigan said on the 21st August, 1922, at about eight o'clock in the evening, the accused, who was a private in the National Army, his brother John Butler, a man named Gersty, and the deceased man McSweeney were in Puno's publichouse in the village of Patrick's Well. Henry Morgan, a neighbouring farmer, went to the publichouse to transact some business with McSweeney.

Lieutenant Drum, of the National Army, then visited the house, and McSweeney went over to speak to him, at the same time "standing" a drink to the others who were at the bar. Without any apparent cause John Butler, a brother of the accused, challenged McSweeney to fight. McSweeney left the shop, and Butler attempted to follow, but was prevented from doing so by Morgan.

Lieut. Drum told McSweeney to go home quickly. Morgan and McSweeney then left for home, and when they had gone across two fields they heard a shout. Looking round they saw the accused with his rifle levelled on the fence and pointed in their direction. He called on them to separate and they did so. Two shots were fired at McSweeney by the accused, but they missed him. Morgan then shouted to him, "Don't shoot us," but the prisoner fired a third shot and killed McSweeney.

When the prisoner came up he said to Morgan, "I had better give you another if you are a backer of him." Counsel could only believe that because of some heated words, rude remarks, or argument that passed between the prisoner's brother and McSweeney the prisoner started out to avenge an imaginary insult to his brother.

The subsequent statement of the accused to Lieutenant Drum that he was crossing a fence and the rifle went off accidentally was a lie, for the prisoner deliberately murdered McSweeney. "Because men are put into uniforms and given a rifle," said counsel, "they imagine that for the slightest reason, real or imaginary, they can shoot a man who offends them."

Henry Morgan, giving evidence, said that when he heard the shout "scatter" he looked around and saw the accused fifteen yards behind at a fence with the rifle levelled and pointed at McSweeney. The witness said to him, "For God's sake don't shoot." He fired three shots, the last one of which hit McSweeney. When he asked him not to shoot, the accused said, "I had better give you another." Asked why he fired the shots accused replied, "Well, sir, you know my feelings."

Dr James Brennan stated that the cause of death was shock and hemorrhage caused by the bullet wound.

For the defence, Mrs Mary McSweeney, widow of Michael McSweeney, stated that she did not know that there was any reason why the prisoner should murder her husband.

James Butler, a brother of the prisoner, stated that his brother and the deceased man were on the best of terms.

Cross-examined by Mr Carrigan, he said that neither the accused nor himself had any altercation with McSweeney on the night of the shooting. He denied having attempted to follow McSweeney out of the publichouse.

John Ryan, the owner of the field on which McSweeney was shot, said that the Butlers used cross the fields as a "short cut" to their home. Lieutenant Drum, who was in charge of the military post in Patrick's Well at the time, stated that when he heard the shots he went to where McSweeney was, and seeing the prisoner there asked him what had happened. He replied that he was getting through the hedge and that the rifle went off accidentally.

Mr Numan submitted that no malice whatever had been proved against the prisoner, who at the time that McSweeney was shot was on his way home and when getting through a hedge the rifle which he was carrying went off accidentally.

The jury after a quarter of an hour's absence returned with a verdict of guilty, and recommended the prisoner to mercy.

When asked if he had anything to say why the sentence of death should not be passed on him, the prisoner said that false evidence had been given. The deceased man had been his best friend since his boyhood, and he was willing to go before his God.

His lordship then assumed the black cap and sentenced the prisoner to be hanged on Friday, the 8th of August.

An application by Mr Numan for a certificate of appeal was refused.

LATEST NEWS.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE.)

BUNGALOW TRAGEDY TRIAL.

Judge's Summing Up.

The closing stage of the Mahon trial was reached at Lewes Assizes to-day, when Mr Justice Avory summed up. He said it was open to the jury to find a verdict of murder or manslaughter, or not guilty of any offence. The only ground upon which a not guilty verdict could be found would be that he was acting in self-defence.

Verdict of Guilty.

Sentence of Death.

The jury retired at seven minutes past twelve.

Mahon was found guilty and sentenced to death.

Before being sentenced, Mahon said to the Judge that he felt too conscious of the bitterness and unfairness of the summing-up to say anything, except that he was not guilty of murder.

In sentencing Mahon to death, the Judge said there could be no question he had deliberately designed the death of Miss Kaye. He had previously been sentenced for a crime of violence.

CONSECRATION OF LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.

King and Queen Present.

The King and Queen received a wonderful welcome at Liverpool to-day, when they attended the consecration and opening of the completed portion of the new Liverpool Cathedral.

Replying to an address of welcome, the King said Liverpool had risen to the full height of its rare opportunity, and had placed itself on a level with the great merchant towns of the middle ages.

ROYAL VISIT TO NORTH OF IRELAND.

Arrival of Duke and Duchess of York.

The Duke and Duchess of York landed at Bangor to-day on a visit to Ulster.

Before leaving Stranraer the Duke received an address from the local Urban Council.

At Bangor the Duke and Duchess were accorded a popular welcome, and drove to Clondaboy, the residence of the Governor of Northern Ireland.

FIRE IN A HOUSE.

Mother and Three Children Burnt to Death.

Mrs. Moloney, wife of an Exeise officer at Roshea, near Elgin, and her three young children, were burnt to death this morning in a fire which destroyed their house. The husband was rescued unconscious.

Mysterious Drowning Affair.

Body Found in Shannon Near Cratloe.

The body of an unknown man, aged about 40 years, was discovered in the Shannon near Cratloe.

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SURREY: Bridge of Dun, Arohanget, Attab, Valentia, Regula and Boy Mac. B. 2 Bridge of Dun, 100 to 8 Dervish.

JULY PLATE: Biggu Hill, 3. Desert Star, Fraix B. 11 to 8 a 6 to 1 P. Jola, 10.

SANDOWN A. Land, 1; Cockpit, Soldumena, Waygo III, Sun Charmel Henry VIII, Frate 1 agat Frater, 11 to and Daughter-in-la Waygood and Cook to 6 other.

BRECKENRISH: Buellas, 2; Mann of Pride, Trudsen, Door Step, Cool Ca 6 to 4 on Manna, Velvet and Garden 20 to 1 others.

WARREN H'CA: Ding How, 3. Al. Tresor, Goldsmith, agat Daimyo, 5 to 1 Ding How and

COOMBE PLAT: King's Fleet, 3. Al. Bullet Betting—5 to 30 Tracery Bullet and Perahara.

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SILVERPARK: View Label, 2; E Pimperl, Thornb Pedro, 3 to 1 V Pimperl, 100 to 8 c

SHILLORGAN: and Brilliant Lady Also ran—Jehangir, Orb, and Royal, Defi Goldeun, 3 to 1 Brill 5 to 1 Jehangir, 7 to 10 to 1 others.

KILLINEY PL: Olla, 2; Orbruna, 3 Lomondais, Betting 10 to 1 others.

LAWN PLATE: Cob Nut, 3. Al Rosellne, Betting—Top, 4 to 1 Louvoles.

BRAY PLATE: 2; Kildarra Boy, Irish Delight, Game Georgina, 3 to 1 Tip Boy and Irish Deligh Game Greek.

TOWER PLATE: Flying Queen, 3. A. Even Sunnee, 5 to Albert, 100 to 1 Char

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STEWARDS H'CA: 2; Maltby Grange, 3 Rosso, Reggill Aver, Pussaybook, Betting—Rossc, 10 to 1 others.

JULY STAKES—A 2; Beech Hill, 3. Als Bird, Karella, Waterb 3 to 1 agat Actius, 4 to Blyth and Waterbuck, Beech Hill, 100 to 8 o

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