

at one time a great grain country, especially from the Blackow this unhappy and distracted dire straits and unable to provide for its own people. But the remarkable feature of the situation is this—that the figures published by the Government, the amount of grain which is being exported to other parts of the world and elsewhere is considerable, while the famine conditions at home. The cause of this is not stated. Whether it is due to the unsettled state of the country or to climatic conditions, does not matter, but at all events, the Council of the Council's Commissars are spurring on the Government department to take the most effective measures for the transport of grain from Siberia into Russia, and to the central part of the country. The Press and Soviet organisations are roundly abusing the railway authorities for not carrying out their instructions to improve the transport system, it may be said, but it is up against a big problem, as shown by the fact that large quantities of grain are accumulating at various centres, and that the consignments are being un-dermined by the dirty cattle trucks with disastrous results. How far or how soon the situation improved remains to be seen, but at present it looks serious enough, with the effects of the famine being accentuated. Meanwhile the punishments are to be meted out to the railway officials who fail to carry out the Government instructions, thus conveniently shifting the blame on to the shoulders of those who are no doubt doing their best in the circumstances with the limited resources at their command.

### THE PATIENTS FOR CITY HOME.

It is reported that conversations have taken place recently with a view to the re-admission of patients from what was formerly known as the City Workhouse No. 2 Rural District to the City Hospital. It is understood that the Clare County Council, or at least some of its members of that body repre-

(Mayor) was endeavouring to emulate during his term of office the work done by Mr Joyce when he occupied the Civic chair, and felt sure that in doing so he would be following in the footsteps of a man who deserved well of the city. (Applause).

Rev. Father McNamara, Adm. St John's; Mr Philip O'Sullivan, solicitor; Mr C. V. O'Malley, B.C.; Dr McGrath, Mr W. S. Burke, Mr T. J. Loughrey, and others, also spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr Joyce's services to the city and county.

Mr Joyce feelingly replied, and thanked one and all for their thoughtfulness in presenting him with the address and accompanying cheque for a substantial amount.

His health having been duly honoured, a musical programme followed, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding.

## DEATH OF VERY REV. CANON O'SHEA, P.P., GLIN.

We regret to announce the death, which took place in a Dublin nursing home this morning, of the Very Rev. Jeremiah Canon O'Shea, P.P., Glin. The rev. gentleman had been in poor health during the past three months, and on Sunday his condition took a serious turn, and the end came peacefully at 5 o'clock this morning.

The late Canon O'Shea was born in Ballingaddy, Kilmallock, sixty-four years ago, and was ordained in Maynooth, where he had a distinguished career. He ministered as curate in St John's, St Munchin's, and St Michael's Parishes, after which he was translated to Athea, consequent on impaired health. His first pastoral appointment was in Cappagh eleven years ago, and on the elevation of the Very Rev. Canon Keane to the Bishopric seven years later Canon O'Shea was appointed Parish Priest of Glin. Early in this year he was made a member of the Diocesan Chapter.

The remains will reach Limerick at 7.30 this evening for St. John's Cathedral, where Office and Requiem High Mass will be celebrated to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock for the repose of the soul of the late Canon. The funeral will leave subsequently for Ballingaddy, where the interment will take place.

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in St. Michael's Church last Sunday. The sacred edifice had been very tastefully decorated with flowers, fruit, and miniature sheaves of corn, and the special music was excellently rendered by the choir.

into Messrs J. Bannatyne and Co. on the 24th May, and stealing the keys, the accused pleaded not guilty.

Mr J. J. Power, State Solicitor, prosecuted in this and other criminal cases.

Evidence for the State showed that on the 24th the premises of Messrs J. Bannatyne and Sons, Henry-street, were visited in the usual way. Next morning the door was open and the keys gone.

The prisoner was arrested on the 2nd June by Sergeant Mulroy, to whom he confessed the offence.

"I broke into the stores and took away, thinking they were no goods."

The prisoner gave evidence stating that he admitted the offence.

In cross-examination, the accused denied the ownership of a revolver to the Sergeant, adding that he picked it up the day previous in the street.

The Judge, in addressing the jury, commented on the fact that there had been no Circuit Court eight or ten cases breaking to be investigated in which the accused were involved. The fact that the accused were so prevalent should not be taken against the accused, but the evidence of Sergeant Mulroy, an experienced officer, and took the statement from the prisoner.

The jury failed to agree, and the accused was discharged.

### ALLEGED THEFT OF

Bernhardt Schliegel, a German, was charged with the larceny of a watch from Martin Reisinger on the 24th inst.

The accused pleaded not guilty. He was an interpreter, and was defended by M. V. Fitzgerald (instructed by Mr O'Sullivan, solr.)

The evidence of the principal witness, Martin Reisinger, was taken through the aid of an interpreter, and showed that he had been in one of the city hotels and slept in a bedroom. Reisinger had a watch which he kept in a locked box in his bedroom. It was intact in the morning and returned in the evening from Ardnacrusha the box was found empty and the money gone.

Alice Dollard gave evidence that the accused and Reisinger were in the Commercial Hotel, in which she was employed as a waitress. They were in a bedroom, and the box was found empty subsequent to the money being taken from the sitting-room.

In reply to Mr Fitzgerald's evidence that the empty box was found in the sitting-room, the prisoner had left the hotel.

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