

THE NATIONAL FESTIVAL.

On Monday next Irishmen of every class and creed will heartily join in the observance of the National Festival. Not alone will that be so in Ireland, but in London and the provincial centres in Britain, where important social gatherings have been arranged in connection with the day. Indeed the world over, wherever an Irishman is to be found—and where is he not? St. Patrick's Day will be honoured reverentially and with characteristic warmth and spontaneity. The holiday comes to us each year with something akin to relief and pleasure. For have we not passed through a dreary winter, with—especially this year—all its depressing associations of incessant rains and a succession of storms remarkable for their pitiless severity? Spring has at last come, and with it a revival of dormant nature; the daffodils and other hardy annuals are already showing themselves, and the birds are singing their tuneful notes. All this signifies that the year is advancing—though Christmas seems but a few weeks ago. Still the season is decidedly backward, and it needs soft and genial weather to stimulate growth. As it is we are experiencing March in its various moods—a fair amount of sunshine, but yet counter-balanced by cold and drenching showers of rain and hail, such as were the case to-day. St. Patrick's Day, however, is usually associated with fine and dry conditions, and if the coming holiday proves true to its traditions, it certainly will be made the most of for healthful recreation and enjoyment by the business man or woman, to whom it will mean the first "break" of the year, so far, from the ordinary routine of everyday life. Talking of business, it will be fitting here to observe that it has been the custom for many years past to associate an Irish Week in our cities and towns with the National Festival for the display of Irish manufactures. The Industrial Development Association have appealed to the traders to make the coming display an outstanding success. It is pointed out that the necessity for supporting Irish products is becoming increasingly obvious, and that by providing employment and keeping more money in circulation at home all sections of the community will share in increased prosperity. Limerick has, as usual, risen to the occasion, as one can at the moment see displayed in numerous business houses in the city Irish manufactured goods of various kinds, which reflect the highest credit not only on the country itself but on the enterprise of the establishments where they are so attractively on view. These displays of fine quality and artistic skill, give an important impetus to the Irish industrial revival movement. For they demonstrate the country's capabilities, and the fact that our products deserve the best support of the purchasing public.

THE MILLING TRADE.

Action of Limerick Co. Council.

At the Limerick Co. Council to-day, Mr John McCormack, chairman, presiding, Mr Hartney directed attention to English firms acquiring the Irish flour mills, and proposed

FUNERAL OF MR. W. HOLLIDAY.

A striking tribute of respect was paid to the memory of the late Mr William Holliday yesterday, in the extent and representative character of the attendance at his funeral. At 10 o'clock the remains left Rose Villa, Corbally, for St. Mary's Cathedral, where the interment took place. The Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, Harbour Board, and other public bodies were represented, as well as the business community in the city and county, together with friends from Dublin and elsewhere. This fully manifested the regret felt at the passing of a gentleman who, during his long association with the commercial activities of the city, played a conspicuous and honourable part.

In the Cathedral the Dean took the ordinary burial service. The other clergy present were—The Venerable the Archdeacon, Rev Treasurer Abbott, Rev A. E. Hewatson-Jones, and Rev J. G. Russell.

The chief mourners were—Messrs Eldred Holliday, Ralph Holliday, Thomas Holliday, and Valentine Holliday (sons); Walter Metcalfe and Ashley Holliday (sons-in-law); Alfred Mills, Charles Thompson, Eric Thompson, William H. Thompson, Norman Thompson, Hugh Thompson, W. A. Holliday, J. Holliday, D. Holliday, and Alfred Hollinshead, Dublin (nephews).

The general public included—The Mayor (Councillor Michael J. Keyes), Courtney Croker, D.L.; M J Russell, Capt H L Place, J O'Keefe, S J K Roycroft, G E Goodbody, E Lloyd, G R Ryan, C E; Capt D Tydmarch, Capt E R Shaw, B.C.; Capt J O Power, T J Loughrey, Wm T Heaney, Rathmines, Co Dublin; P Dillon, O H Fitt, A G Fitt, J Dodds, solr; T Atwell, solr; E G Fitt, F Maspratt, A J Barnett, H Russell, A B Hamilton, J G Wilkinson, J Welpy, D W Hartnett, F A Johnston, W G Peacocke, A Blood-Smyth, solr; A E Goodwin, B.C.; H Tibburn, J J O'Malley, C.E.; P J O'Sullivan, solr; J J McMahon, J McDermott, Acting Secretary Harbour Commissioners; W M Nolan, Town Clerk; A J Eakins, J E Galbraith, A Welpy, W Herriott, A McNeice, H Lang, Secretary J & G Boyd, Ltd; W J Hackett, Agent Bank of Ireland; R Rookby, L H Taylor, Manager Provincial Bank; Dr F Kennedy, J H Roche, L Ford, B.C.; M Wilson, C.E.; S Tubridy, J Quinlan (representing Directors Irish-American Oil Coy.); M P Riordan, B K Lucas, County Sheriff; C Walnut, A McNeice, Morgan Costelloe, W Flannery, Rearcross; T Stevenson, T Auchmuty, E J Cole, J Ellis, A J Sexton, J J Johnstone, P Coyle, C Glynn, Kilrush; J Leaby, Foynes; Dudley Fletcher, C.E.; M Costelloe, Great Western Railways; R F Mulligan and R Mulligan, W B Fitt, B M Nelson, D O'Driscoll, P E O'Donnell, J P Hartigan, J Egan, A Courtenay, Colin Cunningham, A McIntyre, E L Wickham, H Hassett, P O'Neill, P N Tacey, J O'Brien, T F O'Sullivan, B.E.; J Auchmuty, P O'Donovan, W Cuthush, D Foley, T P Dillon, P Griffin, G R Layng, J Greene, J Keyes, J Mehan, R Creed, R Ellis, J Wixted, J Kirby, R O'Connor, J Kennelly, C G Courtney, J Enright, W Christy, M Christy, S Christy, G Lorain, J Curtin.

Wreaths were sent from the following, with deepest sympathy:—"Evelyn and Cora, Dickson, and Willie." "The Cousins, Newcastle-on-Tyne," Mrs Scanlan, Killaloe; Edward Lloyd, Corlette's Glenroy, Mr and Mrs J G Robinson, Dublin; Mr and Mrs J F Power and Ormond Power, Mr J McCarthy, the Staff of J & G Boyd, Ltd.; the Lady Staff, do.; the Men, do.; the Directors Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd; the Directors Irish-American Oil Co., Ltd; Manager and Staff, Limerick Branch, do.

Mr F J Cleave, President Chamber of Commerce, was unavoidably absent, being out of town.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. Mary's Cathedral—2nd Sunday in Lent—

CITY ARMED HOLD-UP.

Accused Before Court.

Tribute to Civilians' Courage.

At the City District Sessions yesterday, before Mr J. L. O'Sullivan, B.L., Acting District Justice,

John Griffin, O'Curry Lane, and Thomas O'Donnell, Jones' Lane, were charged with an armed hold-up and robbery of £2 8s 6d from the drapery establishment of George Vyner, Thomas street, on the night of the 7th instant. The facts of the case have been already published. It appeared from the evidence that Miss Bridie Fanner, an assistant, was alone in the shop when two masked men entered. One carried a revolver, and called on her to give out the money she had, or they would shoot. One of the raiders came behind the counter, and took a box containing the amount stated above. A man named Vincent Hickey, in attempting to stop the raiders, was struck on the forehead with a heavy weapon and temporarily dazed. The raiders took to the street, and Hickey gave chase, shouting "Stop the robbers." George McGuire and Patrick Healy joined in the chase, and in Augustinian Place McGuire captured Griffin, whom they gave over to the Civic Guards, and Guard Sherin found a revolver, loaded in five chambers, in Augustinian Place.

It was stated by Sergeant Griffin that while making inquiries at Griffin's house on the night in question O'Donnell entered and asked for John Griffin, who said he was engaged in making a collection that night. On being interrogated O'Donnell betrayed symptoms of nervousness, and said he was innocent, although not being charged with any offence.

In his evidence, Detective Sergeant Mulroy stated that he took a statement from O'Donnell to the effect that Griffin told him it would be easy to "make a job at Vyner's." Griffin had a revolver, and both went into Vyner's shop, as being very poor they required money.

Inspector Chambers told the court that the accused Griffin in a statement admitted the offence, and was sorry for his lapse.

On the application of Superintendent Stack, the accused were remanded for a week, bail being allowed in £100 and two sureties of £50 each.

The District Justice commended the conduct of the three civilian witnesses in the case, and congratulated them on their courage and civic spirit.

Mr M. Tynan, solicitor, appeared for O'Donnell, and Mr N. Gaffney, solicitor, for Griffin.

Superintendent Stack prosecuted.

SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME.

At the last meeting of the City Schools Meals Committee, exception was taken to the statements made at the meeting of the Borough Council, relative to the administration of the scheme.

The Rev. Fr. Hannan, P.P., St. Mary's denied the suggestion made that the managers of the schools showed gross negligence in the administration of the scheme. He had, he said, taken a keen interest in the matter, and hoped to continue to do so.

The Rev. Father McNamara, Adm., St. John's, said it appeared from the report that one school had been omitted from the scheme because of the alleged indifference of the management, but that was not the case. It had further been suggested that there was waste in administering the scheme, but he was aware that in some of the Convent schools the Committee's supplies were augmented.

The Mayor said it was quite obvious that the managers and principals of the schools had co-operated in every way in carrying out the scheme, and Mr J. G. O'Brien, who had raised the matter in the Council, said he was now satisfied that the scheme was being carried out efficiently, and that waste had been eliminated.

City District

St. Patrick's Day E

Messrs P. J. O'Sullivan, O'Donnell, J. S. McNeil Solicitors, made application yesterday for the various licences at certain hours on St. Pat Mr O'Sullivan said that applied for. Last year S a Sunday and such appl granted, but they were s year. Next Monday thert of people to the city for t Rugby match.

Superintendent Stack o tions on the ground that t licenses for bars at the Lin he said, be unfair to the o to grant the applications. The Acting Justice, M them, having regard to t previously been granted, a 11.30 to 8 p.m.

Mr N. Gaffney applied f from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. for Club on St. Patrick's night dance at the Lyric Theatre. There being no objection the application was granted.

Timothy F. Cleary was driving in O'Connell Street defendant was driving do collided with a horse and c Defendant, who said he that it was the cart that was fined 10s 6d.

Patrick McNamara wa for allowing over-crowding

Michael O'Grady was pr himself as a traveller in a Sergeant Griffin depos men inside, and that the l from O'Briensbridge: a d ascertained the defendant A fine of 4s was imposed

Margaret Brown, publ a breach of the licensing at 10.15 p.m., when Serge bona fide traveller on the

The publican said she tap a barrel of stout, whi

The man in question a employed tapping barrels he said before closing tim

The Justice imposed not to be endorsed.

Mr N. Gaffney, solr., c Sergeant Cunningham Hynes for using an illega which were not stamped.

Fined 10s for unstamp Mr A Blood-Smyth del

A girl named Kelly obtaining a meal for 2s 6 Superintendent Stack Hospital when the sumu since absconded.

A bench warrant was

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HURST PAI

Carrick Plate—M (Smilin' Through (C Captain De Wend F Benjamin Cherry, E Rare Sort, Trained l —Evens Magic Ba Through, 7 to 1 Ball to 1. Cylbairn, 100: Benjamin Cherry.

Piccadilly Plate— 1; Burgee (T Lea (owner), 3. Also r Chrispen, The Torch Firedamp, Murphp, 1 4 to 1 agst Hyde F Beroadach, Burgee, The Torch, Golden Won by a head.

Hurst Trial H'Cap Scotty Rig (W Gur (T McCarthy), 3. K.C.F., Newaby, 1 Light, Savornake, Irish Temple, Kilb Trained by Wookl agst Gregalach, 4 to boy, 100 to 9 Irish T Scotty Rig, 100 to 7 Coral Reef, 25 to 1

Chiswick Plate— Miscow (100 to 30. Also ran—Gafadoun