

SERVANT GIRL'S DEATH.

Resumed Inquest Proceedings.

DOCTOR'S EVIDENCE.

CORONER'S REFERENCE TO SAD CASE.

Dr. P. J. Cleary, Coroner for East Limerick, held a resumed inquest at the County Hospital, Croom, into the circumstances of the death of Margaret Burke, aged 22, a servant girl, who was employed in the Kilmeeady district before her demise in July last. A jury was sworn with Mr. D. B. O'Donnell as foreman.

Supt. J. Kelly, Newcastle West, represented the Garda authorities.

The Coroner read a deposition by the deceased girl's father, who stated he resided at Ballinacurra, Limerick, and saw his daughter regularly each week before April last, when she entered employment with a family in Kilmeeady district. Deceased and her sister had been for some time in an institution, where they were brought up. Both were strong, healthy girls. He had not heard from deceased from the time she went to Kilmeeady until her death.

Dr. M. O'Toole, House Surgeon, County Hospital, in evidence stated she carried out a post-mortem examination of the body on July 21, assisted by Dr. Hogan, and went on to describe its condition, stating that portion of the arms, shoulders and legs were affected by ulcers and sores, and there was general debility. Death, in witness's opinion, was due to cardiac failure.

MADE A COMPLAINT.

Supt. Kelly—When you attended deceased after admission to hospital did she make a complaint to you?—Yes.

Did she complain to you that she was beaten?—Yes; she told me she was beaten by her employers.

Coroner—The ulcers and marks on the body would have been consistent with the girl being beaten?—I would not say that the ulcers were caused by being beaten. They could be caused by the wearing of coarse clothing.

Dr. J. Hogan, House Surgeon, County Hospital, agreed with Dr. O'Toole's evidence.

A SAD CASE.

The Coroner said it was a sad case. It was evident that the deceased had been suffering from heart disease and debility for some time before her death. The case was such that it was necessary to adjourn the inquest in July last so that an opportunity be given to the authorities to bring proceedings. Proceedings had been brought against deceased's employers and had been disposed of. They were not concerned with such proceedings, and their duty was to find out the cause of death.

A verdict of death due to cardiac failure was returned.

COMING DEBATE IN DAIL

Means Test for Unemployed

A debate on the drift of population from the land will take place during the coming session of the Dail, on a motion of which notice has been given in the names of Deputies Patrick McGovern (F.G., Cavan), and Martin Nally (F.G., Mayo).

Another debate will be raised by members of the Labour Party on a motion concerning the means test in respect of unemployment assistance. The proposal, which is in the names of Deputies Norton James Hickey, and James Everett, is as follows:—

"That in view of the great hardship inflicted on applicants for unemployment assistance in receipt of small pensions attributable to military service or superannuation from trade union funds by the rigidity of the existing means test, this House requests the Government to submit to it proposals for exempting them from the means calculation any income not exceeding twenty shillings per week, possessed by an applicant otherwise qualified to receive unemployment assistance."

LONDON STATEMENTS BY LORD CRAIGAVON

Mr. de Valera's American Visit

Interviewed in London, Lord Craigavon, Prime Minister of the Six Northern Counties, was asked about Mr. de Valera's visit to America.

Asked if he intended visiting the United States in the same way as Mr. de Valera was doing next year, he replied: "I was there a short time ago, but I did not trouble the President. We are more than content to be under the aegis of the Foreign Office and other offices here, and not to push ourselves unduly except for trade purposes."

CHURCH DIGNITARY

Interred Near High Altar

Three Bishops and Seven Abbots Present

With a ritual of solemn splendour, and in presence of high dignitaries of the Catholic Church, several monks and 2,000 men and women of all creeds and classes, Dom Anscar Venier, Lord Abbot

AIR TRANSPORT

First Commercial Load.

Year of Achievement.

Apart from making history on existing Empire routes, Imperial Airways established a new commercial record on the great ocean air route across the North Atlantic. This was achieved in July by the long-range seaplane "Mercury," upper component of the Short-Mayo composite aircraft. After being launched from its mother-craft "Maia" above Foynes air-station, on the west coast of Ireland, "Mercury" not only set up a new speed record on its aerial crossing between Ireland and Newfoundland, but also established the record of being the first heavier-than-air machine to carry a commercial load on the North Atlantic route; this load being approximately half-a-ton of special films, photographs, and newspapers depicting the Royal visit to Paris. With these "Mercury" flew non-stop to Montrael, and, after a halt for fuel, went on immediately to New York; which meant that films put aboard the seaplane on the Irish coast one evening were by the next night being shown to audiences in Canada and the United States. And not long after that, in a flight from Dundee, Scotland, across Europe and over Africa, "Mercury" established yet another record for the longest not-stop flight accomplished by any seaplane type of aircraft.

Proof of the commercial application of the aerial launching system employed in connection with "Mercury" was provided at the end of the year, when the seaplane made non-stop flights from Southampton to Alexandria, carrying loads of Christmas mails.

TARIFF COMMISSION ENDS

The Government has decided to ask the Oireachtas at an early date to repeal the Tariff Commission Act of 1926.

It became known on Thursday that the Minister for Finance has not renewed the appointments of the members of the Commission—Mr. Henry O'Friel, Chairman; Prof. J. B. Whelehan, and Mr. Daniel Twomey.

The question came up for consideration before Christmas, when their term of office expired, and it was decided not to renew them.

The view was taken in official quarters that the Commission had become a superfluous body in view of that fact that its functions are now being discharged by the Prices Commission.

The Tariff Commission was set up by the former Government in 1926 to give advice on tariffs.

It did a good deal of useful investigation, but was hampered by its procedure.

NEW YEAR FORTUNE

American Lawyers Go Home

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