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**LORRY PROSECUTION**  
**Question Of Examining Defendant**  
**SOLICITOR AND JUSTICE**  
When the adjourned case against Ernest Copley, Mill Road, Corbally, was called at Talia Court, where he was summoned for using an untaxed lorry, Supt. P. H. Casey called the name of a witness and Mr. A. Ryan, solicitor, Limerick, for the defendant said the Guards had no right to call evidence back again in this case. Against his protest the Justice had admitted evidence at the last hearing which should not have been admitted. He had protested against the accused being called and against a question asked by the Superintendent but the Justice had made him call him.  
"Do not say made you call him," said District Justice Gleeson.  
**INSISTED ON HIS ANSWERING.**  
"Well," said Mr. Ryan, "you said he should be called and I called him. Then I protested against a certain question put by the Superintendent, the answering of which may have incriminated the defendant, but you insisted on his answering the question."  
Justice—Yes, when he went on the table to give evidence.  
Mr. Ryan—I think that is wrong. No man is supposed to incriminate himself. Just as if he called as a witness in his own defence he must answer the questions put to him. He must stand cross-examination.  
Mr. Ryan—But if asked a question that would tend to convict him he need not answer that question. If this case is going on I certainly will not go any further.  
"Very well," said the Justice, who asked Supt. Casey did he wish to call further evidence and the Superintendent answered in the affirmative, and did so.  
**FINE OF £5 IMPOSED.**  
Having heard the evidence, the Justice fined defendant £5 for using the lorry without it being taxed. He dismissed a charge of driving the lorry whilst not insured.  
Supt. Casey remarked that nobody could tell who had been driving the lorry except the accused told, and he had not done so.

**RAILWAY CLERKS A FINE OLD FIGURE**  
**Limerick Branch Of The Limerick Ex-M.P. Passes Association**  
**Speech by Mr. O'Farrell**  
Mr. J. T. O'Farrell (Irish Secretary), speaking at the annual general meeting of the Limerick Branch of the Railway Clerks' Association held in the Glentworth Hotel on Friday, in reviewing the work of the Association during the past year said that the war had created numerous new problems and aggravated old ones. "Cuts" in standard rates had been eliminated and a small war bonus of 2/6 per week had been conceded but this relief was negligible compared with the increase in the cost of living which had taken place.  
He said that what could be purchased for 20/- in August, 1939, costs 25/9 in August last. Hence to be no worse off a clerk with 15/- per week would require 15/- a week by way of war bonus or six times the amount so far received.  
He admitted that the position of the railway companies was rendered difficult by the enormous increase in the costs of materials and by the "freelance" road competition which had actually increased since the outbreak of war. The main provisions of the Road Transport Act, 1933, seemed to be now a dead letter.  
**NEVER VERY EFFECTIVE.**  
The Act was never very effective, as from the beginning unlicensed road hauliers carried goods for reward in defiance of its provisions. The Government had declined to publish the report of the Transport Tribunal, or to take any steps to save the railways from the inevitable consequences of the present transport chaos. This inaction was a cynical commentary on the growing promises given to railwaymen at election time.  
Mr. O'Farrell referred to the reorganisation of the Superannuation Fund, which involved improved pensions and the admission of women clerks were the only parties to the Superannuation Fund which had not yet agreed to these new conditions, but it was hoped that they would finally be induced to come into line.  
Mr. W. P. Greene (E. C. representative) also spoke.  
Mr. E. P. Donnelly (Chairman) presided.  
**ELECTED FOR 1941**  
The following were elected for 1941—Chairman, Mr. E. Donnelly; Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. Toomey; Secretary, Mr. P. Garvey; Irish Council, Messrs. E. Donnelly, P. Garvey, P. Hessian.

**DEATH OF MR. MICHAEL JOYCE**  
**STORY OF EVENTFUL AND ADVENTUROUS CAREER**  
It is with very deep and sincere regret that we announce the death of Mr. Michael Joyce, ex-M.P. who took place at his residence, "The Moorings," O'Connell Avenue, Limerick, this morning.  
The late Mr. Joyce was in his 89th year, and throughout his long life he commanded the esteem, respect, confidence and admiration of all who knew him. One of nature's gentlemen, the deceased had a charm of manner all his own and his passing will be mourned not only in his native city but throughout Ireland, for Michael Joyce was a national figure. He has now passed away, but his memory will be held in high esteem and his name will be called with pride and affection. Proud of his origin, and prouder still of the toiler's lot, Mr. Joyce never shrank from meeting the "high and mighty." There was no inferiority complex in his make-up, for he was sincere and honest, straightforward and candid and never hesitated to call a spade by its proper appellation. He was, indeed, a man amongst men. His was a personality to be reckoned with and one felt honoured, if not elated, when in his company.  
**RACY OF THE SOIL.**  
Racy of the soil that bore him, Mr. Joyce typified to his finger-tips all the good and noble qualities of the Irish people. A sterling Nationalist, a great and lovable character, humble, but never humbled. He was not of the stuff to quail and flinch before adversity. Up and down he had, but he was the same "Mick" Joyce always, for his buoyant spirit and the faith that was in him made him impervious to the vicissitudes of life and the fickleness of human nature. He never harboured a grudge against any man and by his demise Limerick is bereft of a citizen on whom she had bestowed signal honours.  
Forty years ago he was elected an Alderman of the Corporation and some years later he was elevated to the high office of Mayor, a position he filled with distinction and ability. In 1900 he was elected Member of Parliament for the City and for eighteen years he represented this ancient Borough at Westminster. Though not a polished speaker, Mr. Joyce was a fine platform orator and was capable of delivering a well-constructed speech on practically any subject of public notice.  
**AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN.**  
At the general election of 1918 he retired from public life, as he felt at the time that the Sinn Fein movement should be given a fair trial. In consequence of his patriotic action Mr. M. P. Colivet was returned unopposed for the city.  
As a private citizen Mr. Joyce took a practical interest in a number of social questions. He acted as Chairman of the Bard of Thomond Memorial Committee, a body that was responsible for erecting a suitable memorial over the grave of Michael Hogan. Last year Mr. Joyce attended the centenary celebrations of St. Michael's Temperance Society and delivered a very witty speech. In passing it should be mentioned that as a young man Mr. Joyce was one of the foremost members of the "Saints" and used to take part in the theatrical productions of the Society. It should be mentioned, too, that the Society honoured him by electing him captain of their first rowing crew. In the realm of sport he was, in his heyday, a prominent figure. One of the founders of the Garryowen R.F.C. he followed the fortunes of this famous club for over 50 years. Limerick is the poorer by his death and deep and heartfelt sympathy will be extended to the widow and family in their bereavement. May he rest in peace.  
**SKETCH OF CAREER**  
(Exclusive to "Limerick Leader").  
Michael Joyce was born on the 11th September, 1851, at Merchant's Quay, Limerick. Both his father, Richard Joyce, and his grandfather, John Joyce, were pilots. Prior to the building of the floating dock, an extension to which was carried out in 1934, Merchant's Quay was the rendezvous for all shipping to Limerick. Here vessels from all parts of the world weighed anchor before discharging their cargoes, and it was a rather common sight to see scammers in port with merchandise such as cocoa nuts and tropical fruits of all kinds. It was in these surroundings that young Joyce spent his childhood days.  
He went to school at the Christian Brothers, where he made a special study of navigation under a great teacher, Rev. Brother McDonnell. At the early age of 15 years he was able to discuss with old salts questions, relating to navigation. Before he had reached his sixteenth birthday he was on the high seas as an apprentice on the batque, "Red Gauntlet," bound for Constantinople. The "Red Gauntlet" arrived in the Turkish capital on the 23rd August, 1867. Eight months later Joyce experienced his first ship-wreck. While on voyage to Rotterdam the "Red Gauntlet" in a storm, struck a sand bank and became a total wreck. The entire crew were saved by a Dutch vessel. Having made a number of trips to Continental ports, he went on a voyage to Rio de Janeiro on the "Herald" as an able seaman. When on the high seas on Christmas Day, 1869, a gale developed and mountainous seas enveloped the schooner and this particular Christmas Day was to prove to be a very unhappy one for the crew. Throughout the day and far into the night the little craft buffeted gallantly against the merciless sea. On St. Stephen's morning it was found that the holds contained ten feet of water. All hands were ordered to man the pumps in an effort to keep the "Herald" from sinking, but the water continued to pour in through the battered sides of the doomed vessel. Each man worked at the pumps for hours without a break and at length, all collapsed from exhaustion.  
**THE CREW RECITED THE ROSARY.**  
Having given up all hope, the crew gathered on the poop deck and recited the Rosary. At midnight, when the deck of the "Herald" was almost awash, and when all on board had become resigned to their fate, an Italian barque hove-to. The sea was now a foaming mass with the storm at its height. In these circumstances a cutter was lowered from the "Herald." Some thirteen members of the crew seated themselves in the cutter and proceeded to row to the Italian barque. Suddenly the tiny boat was caught by a huge wave, disappeared in its trough, never to be seen again. The remainder of the crew, including Mr. Joyce, decided to remain on the boat to the last. In the meantime the Italian barque had become unmanageable and, so, two wrecks were, so to speak, dodging a watery grave at the same time.  
When hope had given away to despair, at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a French vessel came in sight. She re-echoed to the distress signals and approached as near as the rough sea would permit. The crew of the Italian ship took to their lifeboat and proceeded to row to the on-coming barque. When the lifeboat was about to cross the bows of the "Herald" it was caught by a huge

**DISTRICT COURT**  
**Dromcollogher Sitting**  
**UNDER-STAMPING INSURANCE CARDS**  
(From Our Correspondent).  
At Dromcollogher Court on Friday 6th inst. before Mr. Charles Kenny, B.L., District Justice.  
The Minister for Local Government and Public Health was complainant in two summonses against Richard Baggane, of Tuiling, Ballyragan, for failing to pay National Health contributions in respect of two employees named Denis Enright and Timothy Curtin.  
Mr. John J. Power, State Solicitor, Kilmallock, presented, and Mr. Owen Binchy, solicitor, Charleville, defended.  
Mr. Power said the case in respect of Enright was to go out.  
**INSPECTOR'S EVIDENCE.**  
Mr. Patrick J. Power, National Health Insurance Inspector, said he visited the employer on the 26th July last, and he informed him he had two men, neither of whom was on the premises when he called. Mr. Baggane said Enright had left at the end of July and that Curtin was still employed. He also said that Curtin was only a casual employee and that he was willing to stamp for whatever work he had worked. Curtin, when interviewed, also said he was only casually employed. On foot of that 11 stamps were sent. However, as a result of further inquiries it was ascertained that he was 12 7/8 short, but that sum had been paid subsequently. These cases of under-stamping cards were very serious as well as being difficult to detect.  
Mr. Binchy said this man was one of those who objected to having cards stamped and he would not give a card to Mr. Baggane, who had now paid up the whole amount and costs to Mr. Power.  
Mr. Power, Inspector, said it was a first offence.  
**ASKED TO PRESS FOR HEAVY PENALTY.**  
Mr. Power, State Solicitor, said he could have brought a second summons in respect of Enright for four stamps. He was not in the habit of pressing cases but for this particular type of offence he was asked to press for a heavy penalty.  
Mr. Binchy said they were not going to be governed by bureaucracy in this country and if District Judges are to be governed in this fashion it was very unfair.  
Mr. Power said he could make any capital he liked out of it.  
Mr. Binchy said people like Curtin regarded this thing as a kind of imposition.  
The Justice imposed a fine of 20/- with 5/- costs.  
Mortimer Murphy, Ballyragan Co. Operative Creamery, was granted a renewal of a petrol storage licence.  
Mr. Binchy, solicitor, appeared for the applicant.  
**CHARGE OF FAILURE TO TILL.**  
In a case against Robert Meade, Bohard, Feenagh, at the suit of the Minister for Agriculture, for failing to till the requisite area of his arable land, Mr. Power, State Solicitor, said he was asking for an adjournment in this case in view of the pending test case in the High Court.  
The application was granted.  
Michael Flynn, Kilmallock, applied for the removal of a petroleum storage licence which was granted.  
Mr. Cussen, solicitor, appeared for the applicant.  
Sergeant Walsh, Dromcollogher, summoned John Moloney for failing to deliver up his driver's badge within three days of the expiration of his driving licence.  
Fined 2/-.

**TOWN TOPICS**  
**NOT SO MANY.**  
At present some one hundred and fifty-six men are engaged on relief works in the city. That is not a very substantial proportion of the able-bodied unemployed who are anxious to get work. There are many schemes awaiting attention, but it would seem that these cannot be undertaken without the sanction of the Ministry. Those in authority ought to be themselves and remember that if they are in comfortable circumstances there are others far less well off. The plans and estimates for different jobs are before the Department for some time past, but, evidently, the officials in Dublin are too busy to give them consideration.  
**PUBLIC HEALTH.**  
While public health conditions in the city, generally speaking, are good, the fact that a case of typhoid crops up now and again is rather disconcerting. For the month of October, for instance, no fever cases were notified, yet for the month of November there are three—one each of typhoid, scarlatina and diphtheria. Earlier in the year there were a few fever patients, but it was believed that the cause of the trouble had been ascertained. The re-appearance of typhoid, though only one case has been notified, is not so very reassuring and the Public Health Authority should, and will, we believe, make every endeavour to discover the cause of infection.  
**AN ACTIVE BODY.**  
The City Veterinary Staff is a very active body. Statistics will prove that assertion though there are cynics who say that figures can be made to prove anything! Well, be that as it may, let us see what the vets. are doing to ensure that the citizens are not supplied with infected victuals. During the month of November they condemned over three and a half tons of meat as unfit for human consumption. They made close on two hundred visits to slaughterhouses, stalls, shops, etc., and examined no fewer than eight hundred and sixty-nine carcasses. These figures speak for themselves.  
**MILK SUPPLY.**  
But the Veterinary Officers do not confine their activities to meat inspection alone; they are just as active in the case of the milk supply. Hundreds of visits were paid to milk-shops and dairies during November and samples taken were subjected to various tests and, as a result, it was found that the milk was uniformly of a very high standard of quality and purity. That is only as it should be, for the high price being paid for new milk at the present time should be a guarantee in itself that this most important foodstuff should be free from contamination and adulteration.  
**GAS CONSUMPTION.**  
It is to be noted that the quantity of gas consumed in the city is steadily increasing. That is probably due to the fact that the public are using gas as a means of conserving coal supplies. The sale of gas increased by 9,974,100 cubic feet for the half-year ended 30th September last as compared with the corresponding period of last year. That is a remarkable fact, and in that connection consumers will be glad to learn that there is no fear of the supply falling off, as coal stocks at the Gas Works are well above the average. No doubt, a reduction in price, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated.  
**BOOKS GO LEOR.**  
There are books go leor at the City Library—nearly fourteen thousand of them. That fact is gleaned from an official return just issued. The book stock is being added to month by month and it would appear, too, that registered readers are on the increase. It is stated that the number of borrowers per 1,000 of the population is now 84.5. Books of fiction are in great demand, and in that connection it is to be noted that the Reference Library does not appear to be very popular with the "reading public"; well, not so popular as it might be, having regard to the educational value of the books to be found in this department.  
**CONTINUATION OF OPERATIC TREAT**  
The success which attended the production of "Maritana" by the Christian Brothers' pupils at St. Michael's Hall, Limerick, last week, has prompted the organisers to continue the run until Friday night next, when the concluding performance will be given. The presentation has won general approval and in selecting this bright opera the Christian Brothers made a wise choice. The many beautiful melodies are well-known, and it is especially refreshing to hear them sung by schoolboys. The staging is well done and the orchestra work very effective. The expectation of large audiences for the remaining nights is only in keeping with the standard of the production.  
**REFUGEES FROM BRITAIN**  
About 50 refugees from Britain arrived at Cork stations on Saturday night going to various parts of the city and county. They were looked after by members of the Red Cross.  
**DEATHS.**  
Hurley—On December 8th, at Barrington's Hospital, Victor Hurley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hurley, Ballynacorney. Remains will be removed this evening to St. Michael's Church at 6 o'clock. Mass at 8.30 a.m. to-morrow. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery at 12.30. No flowers.  
Joyce—On December 9th, 1940, at his residence, "The Moorings," O'Connell Avenue, Limerick, Michael Joyce, ex-M.P. Remains will be removed this (Monday) evening to St. Michael's Church at 9 o'clock. Requiem High Mass on Wednesday morning at 10.30 o'clock. Funeral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery same day at 12 o'clock.  
Scallan—December 7th, 1940, at his residence, No. 1 Carlisle Terrace, O'Connell Avenue, after a long illness, Mrs. Margaret Scallan, of the inexpressible grief of her sorrowing husband and family. Funeral took place to the Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery after Solemn Requiem High Mass at St. Michael's R.F.C.

**DEATH OF NUN**  
Deep sympathy is felt with the Mercy Order, Limerick, on the death of Sister Vincent Ryan, who passed away at St. Mary's Convent on Saturday morning after a brief illness. She had reached the great age of 80 years, sixty-three of which she had spent in the religious life. Last year it was her especial joy to celebrate the diamond jubilee of her profession. She had been attached all her life to St. Mary's Convent, where she was in charge of the House of Mercy. In this capacity she was diligent and painstaking, ever solicitous for the welfare of young girls who came there for training, and always anxious to guide them in the proper paths. Her interest in their lives was not confined to her supervisory duties, for apart from moulding their characters and instructing them in the essentials of life she was always at pains to secure for them suitable positions in the outer world. Between her and her charges there existed a bond of friendship and loyalty which was manifested in many ways. Amiable and kindly, she typified in her whole life the highest form of religious aspiration, and her death was in keeping with a lifetime spent in selfless devotion to those around her.  
Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Convent Chapel this morning, following which interment took place in the cemetery adjacent to the convent.  
His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, presided at the Requiem Mass. Rev. J. Kennedy, C.C., St. Mary's, was celebrant; Rev. W. Creed, C.C., St. John's, deacon; Rev. D. Costelloe, C.C., St. Mary's, sub-deacon; and Rev. J. Brassill, C.C., St. John's, master of ceremonies. There were seventeen priests in the choir.

**HEAVY DAMAGES**  
**LIMERICK LITTLE GIRL GETS £1,000**  
The High Court jury at Dublin to-day assessed damages at £1,000 in favour of Gertrude McNamara, aged 4 years 9 months, suing by her father, Thomas McNamara, Keyes's Row, Athlunkard St., Limerick, in her action against John W. Allen, painting contractor, Limerick, for damages for injuries suffered by her when she was struck by Mr. Allen's motor car at Athlunkard St., Limerick, on November 15th, 1939.  
Mr. Justice Hanna gave judgment accordingly with costs.  
The issue of negligence was not contested.  
In a claim by Mr. McNamara against Allen for medical and other expenses incurred by him on behalf of his daughter, the jury assessed damages at 17 guineas.  
Mr. Fitzgerald, K.C.; Mr. Lavery, K.C., and Mr. J. McMahon, B.L. (instructed by Mr. P. G. Collins, solicitor), appeared for plaintiffs, and Mr. Cullinan, S.C.; Mr. Liston, B.L. (instructed by Messrs. P. J. O'Sullivan, solicitors), were for the defendant.

**FATAL SEIZURE**  
**CITY WOMAN'S DEATH**  
This morning Mrs. Mary Woodland, 6, Lower Brown's Lane, off Edward Street, Limerick, had a sudden seizure and died. She was stated to have been under medical attention for some time past. Deceased, who was aged about 47 years, was a widow and the mother of ten children. Six of her children were living with her, the eldest being 16 years and the youngest four years. The deepest sympathy is felt for the bereaved family and relatives.  
**COLLAPSE IN HOTEL**  
**SUDDEN DEATH OF COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER**  
In the early hours of yesterday morning Mr. Joseph King, a native of Walshtown, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, collapsed suddenly in a city hotel. He received immediate medical and spiritual attention and was removed to Barrington's Hospital, where life was pronounced extinct. Deceased, who was well known in Limerick, was a commercial traveller. He was aged about 45 years and leaves a widow and two children.  
**WAS BIG FIGURE IN RAILWAY WORLD**  
The death occurred at his residence, 24, Highfield Road, Rathgar, on Saturday, of Mr. Michael F. Keogh, Southern general manager of the Great Southern Railway Company and one of the foremost figures in the Irish transport industry. A native of Co. Sligo, he was twice chairman of the railway managers conference and was in general a big figure in the railway world.  
**BOUNDARY EXTENSIONS**  
The Cork City Management (Amendment) Bill, now before the Dail, has proposals for the setting up of machinery for necessary extensions of the borough boundary. Another proposal provides for the abolition of the office of Town Clerk when the present occupant ceases to hold office and to merge its duties with those of City Manager.  
**U.S.A. HELP FOR GREECE**  
President Roosevelt has pledged American aid to Greece in fighting aggression. A Greek Legation official stated in Washington that the U.S. has offered his country "any kind of help she wants, including warplanes."  
**TRANSPORT REPORT**  
Deputies M. J. Keyes and W. Davin have tabled for the meeting of the Dail on Wednesday a motion requesting the Government to publish forthwith the report of the Transport Commission.

**MAN OF MUCH CULTURE**  
**DEATH OF RETIRED BANK MANAGER**  
The death took place on Saturday evening in Limerick, where he had been resident for the past couple of years, at the age of 77 years, of Mr. Jeremiah J. Ryan, a former Bank Manager of the National Bank. Mr. Ryan was the second son of the late Mr. George Henry Ryan, of Knockna House, Limerick, Co. Tipperary, and finished his higher education at Clongowes Wood College, where he had been for seven years.  
He entered the service of the National Bank in 1882, and served nearly all his time in College Green in Dublin. In 1908 he was appointed manager of the Camden Street Branch in Dublin, and in 1912 he was transferred to a troubled Dublin in 1923 as manager of the Drumcondra Branch of the Bank, from which he retired later. He married in 1919 Miss Harfoot, daughter of the Crown Solicitor of Kilkenny, who pre-deceased him by about ten years.  
Though latterly of a quiet, unobtrusive disposition, he was a man of much culture and charm, with literary interests. In his early days he acquired a good knowledge of Greek, in addition to other scholarly attainments. He was well read and could converse on a variety of subjects. He had travelled extensively and had acquired a wide knowledge of peoples and countries. Though getting on in years, he had remained active and taking an interest in his own quiet way in current events and in his literary pursuits.  
Though he passed away somewhat unexpectedly, he received the congratulations of his holy religion before he died. One of his brothers was a member of the Jesuit Order, and used in Australia some years ago. He is survived by his two sisters, Mr. George H. Ryan, of 28 Lansdowne Park, Limerick, and by his two sisters, one of whom is Superioress of the Sisters of Charity in Seville Place, Dublin, and the other is Mrs. Dr. Ambrose whose husband was one time M.P. for West Mayo.  
The funeral of the late Mr. Ryan, which was private, took place to-day to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The prayers at the graveside were recited by Rev. W. Carroll, Adm. St. Michael's. There were also present—Rev. Dr. Cowper, C.C.; Rev. R. O'Sullivan, C.C.; Rev. J. White, C.C.; Rev. J. A. Hennessy, O.S.A.; Rev. B. Byrne, O.S.A.; Rev. J. Barragry, S.J.; and Rev. D. Roche, S.J.

**AMERICAN WHEAT FOR SPAIN**  
It is reported (says a Renter message from Madrid) that the American Red Cross has arranged to make a shipment of 10,000 tons of wheat to Spain in order to relieve the wheat shortage.  
The Northern Ministry of Agriculture has arranged for a large number of threshing machines to be available for sale to farmers and village contractors in 1941. The machines will be sold at