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THE DAIL

Yesterday's Proceedings

Minister Requests New Powers

The Dail yesterday began the discussion of the Emergency Powers (Amendment) Bill, the introduction of which the Government considered necessary after a recent judgment of the High Courts.

The judgment, in effect, told the Government that they had not the power of internment which they believed that they possessed, and they look to the passing of the new Bill to give them the power that they desire.

The Minister for Justice, in introducing the Bill, admitted that in the raid on the Magazine Fort the Government had been caught out, and said that they were now doing their best to see that the same thing would not occur again.

He announced that 1,084,000 rounds of ammunition had been taken, but said that up to the present 850,000 had been recovered.

Mr. Cosgrave moved an amendment adjourning the consideration of the Bill until the Government had introduced a Bill to amend the Constitution by extending the scope of Section 28 to meet the existence of domestic emergency.

WOULD RESIGN.

He said that if the Government had any decency or a spark of patriotism they would resign, not alone from government but from public life.

He charged the Ministry with incompetence in handling the Army, the police force, and the Civil Service, and, referring to the explosions in England, said that these activities were wrong, both morally and nationally, and these people were doing this country damage; yet, all the Ministry would say about it was that they did not approve of it.

Mr. de Valera said he saw no reason why they should rush to amend the Constitution, which, in his opinion, gave power to the State to protect itself and its citizens.

USE OF ARMS.

Nobody, he said, could doubt that there were arms in the hands of private individuals and groups. Some of these groups were prepared to use these arms, and were prepared to embroil this country with a neighbouring State.

There can be only one Government, he declared one Army, and one Legislature in this country; and these people were usurping authority and could not be permitted to do so.

"We want," he said, "to restrain these people who are capable of creating a great deal of mischief, from bringing this country into a position from which they could not get it out."

The amendment was defeated by 65 votes to 33.

In the early hours of this morning the Emergency Powers (Amendment) Act was passed through the Dail by 92 votes to 10.

All stages of the Bill were taken when the Dail sat throughout the night.

SHOCKING ROAD ACCIDENT

Husband Killed--Wife Injured

Foynes Tragedy

A prominent County Limerick Gael, Mr. William Purtill, ex-N.T., lost his life in a shocking road accident near Foynes on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Purtill was, out walking with his wife, and at about 5.45 p.m., when half a mile from Foynes, they were involved in a motor accident, in which Mr. Purtill received such severe injuries that he died almost immediately. Mrs. Purtill, suffering from very severe injuries, was removed to St. John's Hospital, Limerick.

Mr. Purtill was father of Rev. Michael Purtill, Professor at St. Munchin's College, Limerick, and of Miss K. Purtill, B.A., B.Comm., Technical School, Limerick.

He was a prominent figure in Limerick G.A.A. circles, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He was principal teacher at Foynes Boys' National School for about thirty years, and retired just over twelve months ago.

On enquiry at St. John's Hospital this morning it was learned that Mrs. Purtill was making satisfactory progress.

Mrs. Purtill has not yet been told of her husband's death.

The Inquest

Mr. M. E. Cussen, solicitor, Deputy Coroner, with a jury, held an inquest at Foynes yesterday into the death of Mr. Purtill.

Inspector W. Brazil appeared for the State.

At the outset of the proceedings, Inspector Brazil suggested that only medical evidence and evidence of identification be taken that day, because it was necessary for the State to make certain inquiries in the case and it was possible that charges would arise.

The Coroner acceded to the Inspector's request.

Michael Lane, 1 Hayden Villas, Rosbrien, Limerick, said he was a nephew of the deceased. He had seen the body and identified the remains as that of his uncle. He last saw him alive during Christmas week. He was aged about 67 years. When deponent last saw him he was in good health.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Dr. Agnes Nolan, Shanagolden, said she carried out a post-mortem examination on the remains. As a result of the examination she concluded that the cause of death was shock and haemorrhage following fracture of the base of the skull. The injuries were consistent with having been struck down by a mechanically propelled vehicle.

Inspector Brazill said that was all the evidence he proposed offering, and asked for an adjournment sine die.

The Coroner, in adjourning the inquest, expressed the deepest sympathy with the family and relatives of Mr. Purtill.

Inspector Brazil, Dr. Nolan, and the foreman of the jury associated themselves with the expression of regret.

"ALADDIN."

Pantomime Time Again

Bright Production

One of the most glamorous stories of "The Arabian Nights," "Aladdin," was brought to life on the stage of St. Michael's Temperance Society this week, when the Choral Society held what has come to be regarded as Limerick's annual Pantomime. "Aladdin" is a long succession of delightful songs, good hour and effective dancing. Brilliant costumes are worn by a large cast, while the lighting effects and scenery are most creditable. Mr. Jack Savage is, of course, the producer. He has done his work even better than usual, and must be congratulated on the measure of organisation which is entailed in directing a host of inexperienced kiddies. The Pantomime is not perfect, because some of the sequences are a little vague. Instead of perfecting something better has been achieved—a lively production, genuine hilarity and brightness. Of the large cast there are several good characters. May McCann, better known as May Nunan, makes a dainty Princess, and sings charmingly. Her duet with Aladdin (Miss P. O'Halloran), entitled "You grow sweeter," was a most effective piece of work. A good actor is Mr. V. O'Donnell, as Alvazer. Some real humour is achieved by Mr. George Smith (Emperor) and Mr. J. Sheahan (Widow Twankey). They sing three topical songs which were strikingly successful. Mr. Smith was particularly good singing "Now what do you think of that?"

C.B.S. CHOIR.

Interspersed through the performance were several fine numbers by the pupils of the C.B.S., who broadcast choral items on Saturday last. There was one particularly pleasant duet sung by Masters Stokes and McCluskey.

WELL-TRAINED CLASS.

The McInerney School of Dancing, daintily attired, treated the large audience to a succession of dances, Irish, gypsy, Dutch, etc, and bore the hallmark of good training.

The musical accompaniments were played by a band consisting of Messrs. T. Scallan (piano), J. Moane (violin), M. Corr (drums), and P. Geary (trumpet).

PUBLIC HEALTH

Increase in Clare Board's Estimate

The annual financial estimate which will be considered at the next meeting of the Clare Board of Health has been prepared by the Secretary, Mr. J. Quin, and shows increases under all headings.

For Poor Law services the estimate is £68,092, an increase of £8,970 on the amount adopted by the Board last year.

For the Public Health services the estimate is £18,691, an increase of £2,817 on the amount adopted last year.

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