

city in this crisis.

## ARTIFICIAL MANURES.

reference has been made to the scarce artificial manures, and I would refer to that matter briefly. It is to me to be rather anomalous when artificial manures are scarce should be—as there are to my knowledge—two cargoes of rock phosphate lying in the Shannon. There are ships there for the past seven or eight months. They belong to what was the great power before it was overrun. I am not very conversant with international law and I am not quite sure it would be the feasible course to take in relation to those ships. The Government ought to be able to devise machinery by which the cargoes could be brought to our factories, and there and made available to the farmers. Perhaps we might be able to lease those ships and not have them derelict, as they have been for months. They could be used in our own ports to bring us cargoes of different kinds from other countries. There may be other ships in a similar position in other parts of the country. I would like to know if there are some means by which those ships and their cargoes could be acquired by this country and put to immediate use.

## CROSS-COUNTRY RUN

### —oo— JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP OF CLARE

The Clare cross-country junior championship was decided at Quin on Sunday. It resulted in a win for Kilrush, who defeated Clonbony by one point, the scores being:—Kilrush, 58 points, and Clonbony, 59. Quin was third.

Casey, of Quin, was the first man to finish, with P. Fitzgerald, this year's junior champion, runner-up.

The senior handicap race was won by Fox, of Clonbony, with Liam Lough second. Four of the seniors did not run for more time than the winner of the junior championship.

M. O'Brien, Hon. Sec. of the Clare & C.A., supervised both races and, unfortunately, his arrangements could not be carried out.

## STOLE CATTLE

J. J. McManus (26), Barnwells, Slane, pleaded guilty to stealing two bullocks, the property of Patrick O'Regan, Hopkinstown, and was sentenced by Judge Comyn at Meath Criminal Sessions to eighteen months imprisonment.

but in the meantime nothing has been done in that direction. The clock is now in a complete black-out, and, consequently, it is of no use whatever to the public as a means for indicating time after darkness. The Corporation should see to it that the dial of Tait's should be effectively illuminated at night. There is no justification for leaving the clock in stygian gloom.

## DEFENDANT ILL

### —oo— UNABLE TO ATTEND COURT

When charges of stealing were to be heard against Patrick Mulcahy, of no fixed abode, at a special court in Adare on Tuesday—before District Justice Kenny, B.L.—it was stated that defendant was still ill. He has already been remanded several times owing to illness.

The full charges against him were that on 25th November, 1940, at Smithfield, Croagh, he did unlawfully and feloniously break and enter the dwelling house of John T. Lowe with intent to commit a felony therein;

That he did, at the same time and place unlawfully and feloniously steal a quantity of bacon, the property of John T. Lowe.

In addition there was a charge against defendant of having on the night of the 18th or morning of the 19th November, 1940, broken into the dwellinghouse of Michael Cagney, Morenare, Croom, and stolen a fountain pen, value 2/6, the property of Norah Cagney; a pair of boots, value 15/-, the property of Mrs. Cagney, and a quantity of whiskey value 8/-, the property of Michael Cagney.

A formal deposition in applying for a remand was made by Sergeant Reidy, who stated that Supt. Cooney had received a communication from the Governor of Limerick Prison intimating that defendant was unwell. He had been removed from the prison to the City Home and Hospital and was unable to attend the Court.

Sergeant Reidy asked for a remand to the next Court in Ballyneety on 6th February.

The Justice granted the application.

## DEATH

Hickey—Thomas Hickey, 10 Crescent Avenue, Limerick, on Wednesday, January 29th. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church this (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock. Requiem Mass at 10.30 to-morrow (Thursday). Funeral immediately afterwards, to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.