

CHINESE NEARER MANILA

United States Defence Line

CHINESE TROOPS IN BURMA

Attack Again In Russian Hands

They agree that the Japanese are pushing Manila, the capital of the Philippines. They have taken up new positions and desperate progress.

despatches from Singapore no big developments taken place in Malaya during the past week. Chinese forces have crossed the Burma, to serve under General Sir A. ... British Commander-in-Chief.

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Situation In Libya

Day from inch of ground in the Malayan Peninsula will be contested. ... AN AUSTRALIAN REPORT. ... Premier told Press representatives in Melbourne to-day that a proposal ... to appoint General Sir Archibald ... Wavell as Commander of the ... Forces in the Pacific was under ... consideration. Australia had given ... assent to the proposal.

It was officially stated in Moscow to-day that the German retreat along the entire front continues. The recapture of Mojaik was claimed, as well as many smaller centres. Mojaik, the smallest, is the key-town on the Smolensk-Moscow highway.

The Berlin communicate states that the German Air Force continues to support ground forces. In the Black Sea three freighters and a small warship were sunk.

CHINESE TROOPS IN BURMA. A message received this afternoon from Singapore states that large forces of Chinese troops crossed the frontier into Burma to serve under the leadership of General Sir A. Wavell, the British Commander-in-Chief in India.

This afternoon's communiqué from Cairo states that the defences of Bardia are being penetrated. The remaining Axis forces in the Agadada were being encircled. According to a despatch from Batavia four Japanese transports have been sunk off Thailand.

SOVIET SARCASM. The only Soviet notice of the Japanese-United States war was a "Pravda" editorial contemptuously attacking the defenders of Manila for declaring the capital an open city. "Manila is not being defended," said the editorial, signed by David Zaslavsky. "A big city, fallen in its back, stretched out its feet, awaits the enemy's mercy, but this enemy is not touched by peacefulness."

The American Press and radio are (says a New York despatch) becoming increasingly reconciled to the probable loss of Manila, though commentators emphasize that the fall of the city would not be all-important, and point to heavy losses in men and materials the Japanese are suffering.

SWIMS GAELIC LEAGUE. The Limerick Gaelic League Irish classes resume on Wednesday, January 7th, at 8 p.m. These classes are suitable for all those who wish to study their native language. Also intermediate students. The programme for classes includes conversation, debates, question time, drama, classical. Students are prepared for Police examination. Scholarships will be awarded at the end of the session. These classes are free to members of the Gaelic League. Members annual subscriptions—Children, 10/-; ladies, 7/-; junior members between 14-16, 2/6.

HIGHLY ESTEEMED FIGURE. The death took place on the 28th of December of a highly esteemed citizen in the person of Mr. John McNamee, Walnut Hill, Dublin, who died at the age of 94.

FRAYERS. The death of Mr. John McNamee, Walnut Hill, Dublin, who died at the age of 94, is tendered to his bereaved relatives and friends.

LICENSING LAW

Publican Charged At Ballyneety

A BORDER-LINE CASE. At Ballyneety District Court on Thursday, before Mr. C. S. Kenny, B.L., D.J.

Supt. Dunning charged Mrs. Catherine O'Neill, Boher, with a breach of the licensing law of the 2nd December. Mr. T. M. Mitchell, solicitor, defended.

Guard J. O'Malley, Caherconlish, said that on the date in question at 10.15 p.m. he visited the licensed premises of the defendant. He was admitted by Mrs. O'Neill immediately after knocking. On the premises he found a man named Denis Corboy, who lived about one and a half miles away from the shop. Asked to account for the man, Mrs. O'Neill said that he was on business and for a pint. Witness saw no one else in the house.

In reply to Mr. Mitchell, witness said the premises were well conducted. When he entered it was just fifteen minutes after closing time. Before entering the premises he had met Corboy on the road. Mr. Mitchell said that the man was actually leaving before closing time but Mrs. O'Neill called him back to discuss some business.

Mrs. O'Neill, the defendant, said that on the 2nd December Corboy came into her premises and had a drink before he went to his home as a guest. He did not have anything to drink after closing time on that particular night.

In reply to Supt. Dunning, witness said she mentioned to Corboy that she did not sell him a drink but she did not tell the Guard he had it before closing hours.

Denis Corboy said that on the date in question he was in Mrs. O'Neill's licensed premises and had one drink at about 8.45 p.m. (old time). Before entering the premises he had met the Guard. He denied that he had any drink after closing hours and when he was asked to account for the arrangements in connection with the funeral of a friend of his, immediately Mrs. O'Neill spoke to him, the Guard entered.

Justice—It is a border-line case, but it was a proper case to bring. I will dismiss it.

PROMISING TENOR

TALENTED RATHKEALE MAN

Throughout this week (writes Mr. M. O. Rathkeale) high vocal ability is being displayed at the Savoy in Limerick. Rathkeale, ever noted for its musical talent, is strongly represented by Mr. Christy Lynch. This highly cultured and refined vocal artist has been lavishing his talents in the theatre, and the call of charity, sport or any other deserving cause needed his ever-willing help. His voice first came under the notice of Miss C. Hickey, organist of St. Mary's Rathkeale, who in conjunction with Mrs. Traynor, a National Bank official's wife, induced him first, and in every manner possible helped him, to appear in the McCormack competition in Limerick. He was runner-up. Anew McMaster, Shakespearean actor, was the next under whose eye he came. This world-famous artist included him as a vocalist in all his appearances at Rathkeale, and also toured him elsewhere. In G.A.A. circles Christy Lynch is also well known and much thought of. As a vocalist he has a voice of rare beauty and great promise.

I.R.A. PENSIONS

FIGHTING MEN "LET DOWN"

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.") Dear Sir—Dan McGrath's letter is overdue and represents the known opinions of hundreds of decent ex-I.R.A. men.

Much as I detest bluffers or cheap heroes, and without stooping to their loathsome tactics, I consider it the duty of those who can, to untrammelled, he was runner-up. Anew McMaster, Shakespearean actor, was the next under whose eye he came. This world-famous artist included him as a vocalist in all his appearances at Rathkeale, and also toured him elsewhere. In G.A.A. circles Christy Lynch is also well known and much thought of. As a vocalist he has a voice of rare beauty and great promise.

The fighting men and those who were engaged in important activities have been let down and are dead impermanent for rank. The Republican Plot must be a disturbance to the guilty consciences.

Surely those who were honourable all the way in the Black-and-Tan struggle have still the decency to stand solidly against the private meetings and demand a full Brigade Council meeting and also through the public Press—the people's safety valve—to tell the Pension Board what has happened and that the teams of Buffalo Bill records some produced were not put in the service of Dark Rosaleen—but in imagination—Yours, "ANTI-PERJURY."

THE TALBOT CLUB

GOOD SUPPORT FROM PUBLIC

It is gratifying to record that the Talbot Club is receiving support from the public as the second list of subscriptions in cash and gifts, published in another column, testifies. Some months ago an anonymous donor in Dublin presented a handsome sum to be divided amongst clubs which would be conducted on the same lines as the Mount Street Club, Dublin, the amount to be allocated to each club depending on the sum in cash locally subscribed. The Executive Committee hope that well-wishers who have not already subscribed will be their generous response enable the Talbot Club to obtain a substantial share of the money thus generously given.

SIX-COUNTY FINANCES

The Northern Ireland revenue for the first months ended December 31 was £17,083,508, an increase of £1,052,284. The expenditure was £17,083,508, an increase of £1,046,064. There was a balance of £57,444 in the Exchequer.

DAIRY INDUSTRY

The Price of Milk

CONFERENCE HELD IN LIMERICK

UNANIMOUS DEMAND. A conference representative of the dairying industry in Munster was held in Geary's Hotel, Limerick, yesterday for the purpose of considering the current price paid for milk delivered at creameries.

The conference was held under the auspices of Irish Federated Creameries, Ltd., and was attended by representatives from the Farmers' Unions of Kerry and the Dairy Societies of Limerick, Kilkenny, Tipperary and Clare.

Mr. Ryan (Cappamore) presided and Mr. John Lee (Newport) acted as secretary to the meeting.

LETTER FROM L.A.O.S. The following letter was read from the L.A.O.S., Dublin: My Committee considered your letter of 24th inst. at its meeting yesterday (17th December). I am instructed to say that it is unable to accept the suggestion that the L.A.O.S. should take part in your proposed meeting on January 1st.

The Committee of the L.A.O.S. has itself, and through a most representative delegate conference of the Creamery Societies, already brought emphatically before Mr. Tansley, the Minister for Agriculture all the facts and arguments for increased assistance to the dairying industry.

Moreover, the need for a long-term State policy, designed to increase production, reduce costs of production and so increase the returns to the dairy farmer, has been again and again impressed upon the Government.

Open proceedings, the Chairman said that it was now evident to everybody that the dairying industry was rapidly declining. In a few years from now, unless effective measures were taken to improve the position, production would barely suffice to meet home requirements. It should, therefore, be clear that if the farmers were determined to secure a fair deal for their milk, they must take the matter into their own hands and act with determination (applause).

MINISTER'S RECENT SPEECH IN CORR.

Mr. Lee referred to the speech recently made in Cork by Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, in the course of which he said that a decline of eight per cent. in the cow population need not be regarded as serious. That, said Mr. Lee, was an extraordinary statement for the Minister to make, as it showed that he was not alive to the serious plight of the dairying industry. Furthermore, the Minister contradicted an Taoiseach, who, at the Congress of the National Shorthorn Breeders' Society, a few years ago, declared that a decline in the cow population would be most serious as dairying was the foundation of the whole agricultural economy. It would seem, therefore, that the Government spoke with two voices on this vitally important question.

Proceeding, Mr. Lee said that all they asked for the industry was basic justice—a price that would leave a small margin of profit to the producer. The dairy farmer was not out for profiteering or dividends—all he asked was to be allowed live. The Minister for Agriculture had never denied, for he could not, that the price being paid for milk delivered at creameries was wholly uneconomic. The average price for October was 7d. per gallon, while in the six Counties 1/4 per gallon was being paid, and 1/6 for Grade C milk at the creameries. They should also remember that in the six Counties they had deating.

DROP IN SUPPLIES. The proof that dairying was not paying in what should be the best dairying country in the world was found in the fact that supplies had dropped in some areas by 40 per cent., that the average decline was between 15 per cent. and 20 per cent., and that the decline was purely economic, for dairying was the foundation of all agricultural economy. There would be no necessity to appeal to the farmers to develop dairying if the price given for milk was economic.

As things were, it was only a matter of time before the milk until the dairy farmer would cease to exist, and with his passing the keystone of all agricultural economy would have passed. Was it not simply appalling that they should have to be begging and craving the Government to do the right thing by the industry, if only not be that the Government was ignorant of the position, for they had been repeatedly warned that the industry was doomed to extinction unless an economic price was paid for milk.

Mr. Lee then submitted the following resolution to the meeting for adoption:—"That we demand a price for butter that will enable creameries to pay 2/- per lb. for butter-fat as the minimum at which dairying can survive. That we send delegates to the Mallow conference on Tuesday next (6th inst.) with a view to securing unity in this demand, as it is felt isolated action will not achieve better conditions for the industry."

Mr. Stapleton (Solohead) proposed, and Mr. Maher (Boherlahan) seconded, the adoption of the resolution, and it was declared passed unanimously.

KERRY STRIKE DECISION. Mr. Horan (Kerry) said that the K.F.A. had decided to strike on the 12th January and would hold their milk. That decision was contrary to the view of the appalling conditions under which dairy farmers were working. He hoped for the active support of the meeting in their action.

Mr. Mahony (Kilkenny) said the price of milk at the moment was totally inadequate. He strongly sympathized with the Kerry farmers in the action they were about to take.

The Chairman said he strongly sympathized with the action of the Kerry men. Lip sympathy was no good, unless they were prepared to take unified action. Because of their previous experience, however, in an attempt to withhold supplies in order to draw attention to their grievance, he could not tell the Kerry delegates that the entire Federation was with them. In 1937 when it was decided to withhold the butter, they found people setting it behind the disorganised. Personally, he would like to say that they would all strike. It was proposed to do in Kerry, but until the day came when they could be sure of unity that was not possible.

Mr. Riordan (Kerry) said he

CITY COURT

Jail For Striking Guard

CHARGES OF LARCENY

To-day, at the Limerick District Court before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J.

Thomas Shanahan, Ballinure, Thurles, was summoned by Supt. Collier for striking a motor lorry that was not insured for the purpose of carrying passengers.

Mr. T. E. O'Donnell, solicitor, appeared for the defendant. He appeared for the defendant driving a lorry, containing sixteen passengers. The lorry was not insured for passenger traffic purposes.

Mr. O'Donnell submitted that the defendant was not paid for carrying the passengers, the ordinary insurance cover was operative. The passengers were being brought to a hurling match and the lorry was being used for a domestic and pleasure purpose.

The Justice said that in view of the defence raised he would adjourn his decision to the next Court at Thurles. He would not be bound to read the terms of the policy.

ASSAULT ON GUARD. James Doyle, 6 Mangret Lane, was summoned by Supt. Collier for drunkenness, disorderly conduct for assaulting Guard Kelly on 22nd December.

Guard Kelly, point duty officer, stated that Doyle was creating a scene in Sarafin Street. He was interfering with and hitting people on the footpath and when witness remonstrated with him Doyle struck him in the face.

The Justice said that Guard Kelly was a most inoffensive man and he had no recollection of the incident. The defendant was in no way exaggerated. Doyle would go to jail for one month.

DISURBANCE IN CHURCH. Michael Fleming, a native of Tabernashy, Co. Sligo, was summoned under Section 2 of the Ecclesiastical Courts Jurisdiction Act, 1860, with creating a disturbance in the Franciscan Church on 21st December.

Supt. Collier stated that while in the church he heard a commotion and on proceeding to the spot he found the defendant lying on a pew. He was shouting and using violent language to a number of civilians he had the defendant ejected from the church. The defendant damaged witness's tunic and a civilian's overcoat.

Supt. Collier said that he knew the defendant, who was at present working in Limerick. Fleming appeared to have a slight mental derangement.

Justice—That occurred to me, too. The defendant said that he had no recollection of what took place. He had taken some bad drink.

Justice—Only for what the Superintendent said I would have sent you to jail. I will bind you over to keep the peace and order you to pay £100 compensation to the injured parties.

ALLEGED LARCENY OF LIQUOR. Patrick Ryan, Road B, Killeely, was charged with the larceny of a quantity of whiskey, garnet and rum to the value of £14 13s. 6d., the property of John Cronin, Catherine Street.

Supt. Collier said he was not prepared to proceed with the case that day, as further inquiries were being made. He asked for a remand for one week.

Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, defending, asked the Court to admit Ryan to bail.

The Justice remanded accused, bail being allowed.

In connection with the same case, Supt. Collier applied for an adjournment in charges of receiving the goods alleged to have been stolen and preferred against Robert O'Donoghue, 26 Road A, Killeely.

Mr. J. M. Collins, solicitor, appeared for O'Donoghue. The Justice acceded to the application.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE. All available ambulances were rushed to the scene of destruction caused by a torriado at Theodore, Alabama, yesterday, when a cyclone, which had been killed and many injured. Much damage was done to property.

NO COPPER COINS IN SPAIN. From to-day no more copper coins will be dealt in Spain. Five per cent pieces have been replaced by small aluminium coins.

ESTEEMED FIGURE

Death of Prominent Solicitor

MR. EDWARD LEAHY PASSES AWAY

It is with very sincere regret that we chronicle the demise of Mr. Edward Leahy, which took place in St. John's Hospital, Limerick, on Wednesday after a prolonged illness.

The late Mr. Leahy was a member of a prominent West Limerick family, being son of the late Mr. Wm. Leahy, solicitor, Newcastle West, who held the office of Crown Solicitor for Limerick for many years.

The deceased entered the legal profession some 40 years ago and it can be said without exaggeration that he was one of the most popular solicitors in the city and county. He was legal adviser to the Newcastle West District Council and Board of Guardians up to the time of the dissolution of these bodies, and at the time of his death he was legal adviser to the Limerick Markets Trustees. A very amiable gentleman, he was held in very great regard and esteem and his death has occasioned widespread regret and sorrow.

FARMING AND SPORTING INTERESTS. The late Mr. Leahy, apart from his profession, took a great interest in agricultural pursuits. He possessed a very large farm at Ballyneety, where he had a good deal for cattle breeding. He owned, too, some high-class hunters. As one of the leading members of the Limerick Horse Show Society, he played a big part in building up the show and its reputation. A splendid horseman, he was a frequent rider to the Co. Limerick Hounds. Since the death of Mr. J. P. Power, Secretary, Limerick Hunt, Mr. Leahy acted as Secretary to the County Hunt and many high tributes have been paid to him for his activities and endeavours during difficult times to keep the sport going.

The deceased was also a prominent follower of coursing, and from time to time owned some very useful greyhounds.

His death has removed a very fine gentleman and his hosts of friends, which included all the best of the community, deeply regret his passing. May he rest in peace.

REFERENCES IN CITY COURT. High tributes were paid to the late Mr. Ed. Leahy, solicitor, at the City District Court today by Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J., and Mr. N.S. Gaffney, solicitor.

The District Justice said—All of us who knew intimately in this Court the late Mr. Edward Leahy, solicitor, have learned with much regret and sorrow the news of his death. Mr. Leahy was a member of an old and respected County Limerick family and apart from his practice as a solicitor he was well known as a sportsman, a keen circle of friends that he made in racing, hunting and coursing circles will have heard with deep sympathy the news of his passing from amongst us. He brought the best sport of all kinds to his court, his legal practice, and we shall all miss his genial and witty presence in this Court and elsewhere. In law and in sport he endeared himself to all who came into contact with him and his death makes a gap which it will not be easy to fill. I wish to extend my sincere sympathy to his relatives in their own bereavement.

Mr. Gaffney said that on behalf of the legal profession, he joined in the expressions of sympathy voiced by his Worship. They all deeply regretted the death of Mr. Leahy, who was not alone a very able solicitor, but he was equally interested in sport of all kinds. In connection with a wonderful cheerfulness and his place would be hard to fill.

Mr. Morgan Costelloe, Court Registrar, joined in the expressions of sympathy.

BALLYNEETY COURT TRIBUTES. At the conclusion of Ballyneety District Court on Thursday, Mr. T. M. Mitchell, solicitor, said that he had heard that morning with intense regret of the passing of Mr. E. Leahy, solicitor, of Limerick.

"The late Mr. Leahy," added Mr. Mitchell, "was a man who figured very frequently in Ballyneety Court, and speaking for myself, I have no hesitation in saying that his death creates a void which will be very hard to fill, because he was a type of practitioner that one did not meet every day. He was a man of great common-sense and never relied on technicalities. In all sincerity, I would like to extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives."

The Justice (Mr. C. S. Kenny, B.L.) said that he had known the late Mr. Leahy for at least thirty years and when he (Justice) received his passing, and tender our sympathy to his bereaved relatives and friends.

Supt. J. J. Cooney, Supt. Dunning and Mr. T. J. Clifford, District Court Clerks, also joined in their tributes with the Justice's and Mr. Mitchell's remarks.

PRESENTATION TO BANK OFFICIAL. Members of the Ennis Bridge Club presented to Mr. D. Cooper, of the Provincial Bank Staff, a wallet of notes of his departure to Limerick on promotion. For many years Mr. Cooper has been joint hon. secretary of the Ennis Club, and all who came in contact with him feel a personal sense of loss at his departure.

SACRED CINCTURE (MEN'S DIVISION). The first monthly meeting for the New Year for the men attending to the Arch-Confraternity of the Sacred Cincture will take place in the Augustinian Church to-night (Friday), at 8 o'clock, and the General Meeting on Monday next, January 4th, at the 8 o'clock Mass.

FAMOUS TENOR'S DEATH. Charles Hancock, the operatic tenor, died in New York yesterday. He was known in the United States, South America, Europe and Australia, and in 1931 was made Chevalier of the Crown of Italy for his services to Italian art.

STRAY SCRAPS. My sincerest good wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to all my readers. I hope to renew my weekly column from next week forward.—"Rambling Thady."

MOTOR DAMAGED

Two Army Sergeants Charged

CASE AT BALLYNEETY COURT

At Ballyneety District Court on Thursday, 1st inst., before Mr. C. S. Kenny, B.L., D.J.

Supt. J. J. Cooney charged Sergeant John Mulcahy and Sergeant Joseph Kilduff, of the National Army, with (1) unlawfully interfering with the mechanism of a car the property of Stephen Gleeson, Pedamore, without the owner's consent, and (2) maliciously damaging the car.

CHARGES ADMITTED. Both defendants, in reply to the Justice, said they were admitting the charges.

Stephen Gleeson, in reply to the Superintendent, said that on the night of the 9th October he saw his car in the garage attached to his house and it was then all right. On the following morning, however, when he went to see it he found it across the road and when he examined it he found that the switch was broken and the lighting and horn wires were cut at the junction. As a result of the damage done to his car and other expenses incurred as a result witness was out of pocket to the sum of £14 10s.

One of the defendants told the Court that on the date in question he was out for a walk from manoeuvres and felt very tired. He went with the other defendant and had some drinks and as he was not used to taking drink he was not responsible for his actions.

EXEMPLARY CONDUCT. An officer said that Mulcahy joined the Army in 1932, and the other defendant in 1935. Since they joined the Army their conduct had been exemplary.

Justice—in view of the good character given to them by the officer I will impose a fine of 5/- each, and order them to pay £2 5s. compensation each. Defendants were given one month to pay.

RECENT FIRE

AT CURRAGH CHASE MANSION

In connection with the recent disastrous fire at Curragh Chase Mansion it was incorrectly reported that the outbreak was due to the fusing of an electric wire. It has since transpired that this was not so. There were only ordinary electric bells in the house and these were in very low tension. It is stated, too, that the water supply was not cut off but was going perfectly as usual. It is very gratifying to know also that much more of the valuables were saved than was at first reported. All the saloon furniture, etc., was saved, including a valuable Marie Antoinette table, first reported to have been destroyed.

Here it may be mentioned that the steward (Mr. Quinn) and his son, and Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Peppard and the other members of the staff, did splendid work in saving treasures and preventing the spread of the flames. Mr. Quinn and the men on and close to the place were mainly responsible for saving the contents of the saloon.

Amongst the many valuables rescued by Mr. Quinn were some precious relics, including Sir Aubrey de Vere's Seal, a Charles II. Cross and a watch that belonged to Lord Gwent and which was the poet's great-grandfather.

The maids in the house rendered splendid services in sending word of the fire and getting help to cope with it. Indeed, the entire household and staffs did all that was humanly possible in the circumstances and at much risk to their own safety.

LARCENY CHARGE

RECENT CASE AT KILUSH

In our issue dated December 27th a report appeared stating that a number of soldiers were charged with the larceny of a watch in connection with the charges against Privates McCormack and Cleary for stealing Postal Orders from Private Power, Supt. Dawson said that Power got a Postal Order to send to his wife in Ennis, Knocklong. He gave it to Cleary, but Cleary forgot to post it and some days later when he found it in his pocket he opened it and cashed the Postal Order which the letter contained.

In reference to the foregoing, Mr. Thomas Cleary, Knocktoran, Knocklong, Co. Limerick, writes stating that as he is a member of the Army and was stationed at Lahinch, Co. Clare, at the time, people may be under the impression that he was the Private Cleary concerned in the case. Mr. Cleary wishes it to be clearly understood that he is not the Private Cleary who was charged and was in no way whatever concerned in the case.

FIVE YEARS

CRIMINAL COURT SENTENCE

Sentence of five years penal servitude was imposed by the Special Criminal Court at Collins Barracks, Dublin, to-day, on Jeremiah O'Brien, 16 Ninety-Eight Street, Cork, when he was found guilty of having eight Lee Enfield rifles under his control with intent to enable another person to endanger life or cause serious injury to property.

RACING FIGURE DEAD

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MR. JOHN DOYLE PASSES AWAY

The death of Mr. John Doyle, which occurred to-day at his residence, Rossmore Lodge, the Curragh, removed from the racing scene one of its most popular personalities and terminates a career both as a jockey and trainer covering a period of over half a century.

WHAT IS GOING ON

The City And District

NOTES, NEWS AND VIEWS

RATHKEALE TALENT. Mr. Christy Lynch, the promising young tenor from Rathkeale, has created a very favourable impression at the Limerick Savoy, where he has a singing engagement all this week. He has a pleasing voice and a fine stage presence and many good judges have predicted for him a brilliant career in the world of vocalism. He was runner-up last year in the John McCormack Competition for tenors, despite the fact that he had received no training up to then. He is son of Mr. Paddy Lynch, a decidedly popular Rathkeale man, who was himself a fine singer and a splendid amateur actor in his younger days. In the early years of the Gaelic League "Paddy" was a prominent and highly appreciated artist at Irish-Ireland entertainments in his native town and elsewhere.

A GREAT CAUSE. The annual Charity Sermon on behalf of that wonderful charity—the Good Shepherd Convent—will be preached by Rev. Jeremiah O'Shea, C.S.S.R., in St. John's Cathedral at the last Mass on Sunday, 11th inst. On that date, too, a collection will be made at each Mass in all the city churches in aid of the great work that is being done by the Good Shepherd Community. Too much praise could not be given to the charitable activities of the disciples of St. Mary Magdalen and, consequently, we feel that there is no need to appeal to the citizens to subscribe as generously as their means will permit to the forthcoming collection.

LATE "NED" LEAHY. The passing of Mr. "Ned" Leahy, solicitor, has come as a painful shock to his hosts of friends not only in Limerick, but throughout the province. A most affable gentleman, he was held in great regard and esteem by all who knew him and his demise will create a void in his own social sphere. "Ned," the name by which he was known best to his intimates, had a great sense of humour and, indeed, it was this particular trait that endeared him most to a very wide circle of friends. A keen follower of the hounds, he was a splendid horseman, and for many years he acted as hon. sec. to the County Limerick Hunt.

USEFUL INFORMATION. The Limerick Harbour Commissioners have issued a very useful publication dealing with the phases of the moon and the Shannon tides for 1942. This little booklet, which can be procured for a nominal charge, was compiled by Capt. C. J. Hanrahan, Harbour Master, who is to be congratulated on the easy and simple way he has presented intricate details. The phases of the moon for this month are—To-day (Friday), full; last quarter, 10th; new moon, 16th, and first quarter, 24th inst. The particulars given, too, with regard to the tides should prove of very great interest.

RELIEF WORKS. Just now a number of relief works are being carried out in the city, including the demolition of the disused tannery off Athlunkard St. On the cleared site of this old pile will be laid out a playground for children, the first of its kind to be provided in Limerick. By the way, the demolition of the tannery building has revealed a very fine stretch of the old Wall of the city. Needless to say, this will not be interfered with in any way by the playground project. Indeed, special measures will be taken to preserve it within the playground area, where it should serve as a reminder to the children of Limerick's storied past.

THE NEW YEAR. The year 1941 has passed into history and so we face 1942 in a frame of mind that is upset and bewildered not only by the international situation but by domestic problems as well. With trust in God and a firm determination on our own part to do what is best we should pull through the difficult times ahead. No useful purpose will be served by giving way to despondency—in that way lies disaster. Rather, must brace ourselves to overcome and surmount obstacles and, possibly, privations. Other people are suffering acutely. We cannot hope to pass through the maelstrom unscathed.

DIRTY WORK. There is little use,