

## POST OFFICE WORKERS' GRIEVANCE

following resolution was unanimously adopted at a special meeting of the three Limerick branches of the Post Office Workers' Union, namely, Limerick City Branch, Limerick Outdoor Branch and Limerick Engineering Branch, held at Limerick on Monday, 4th inst.:

"That we, the combined branches of the Post Office Workers' Union in Limerick, protest with the utmost vehemence against the unburden which is being placed on the shoulders of the lower paid staff in the Post Office by the Government's action in stabilising the cost of living bonus.

"That we protest against the continued indifference of the Government to the abject plight in which State workers find themselves as a consequence of the high price of essential commodities.

"That we call upon the Government to withdraw the Stabilisation Bill, which denies Post Office workers such increase of wages as they are normally entitled to and without which they cannot discharge their duties properly to their families."

## MINES TO RE-OPEN

Wicklow copper mines are to be re-opened immediately for the production of sulphate for making fertilisers. A decision was reached at a meeting of the Mineral Exploration and Development Company at Enniscorthy on Monday. The mines have not been worked since the First World War except to a very limited extent. The mines contain copper and sulphate deposits, but because of the urgent need for sulphate for fertilisers, it has been decided to work them for sulphate.

## WORK STEEL MILLS

Woolbowline steel mills and works, closed for many a year, are expected to re-open soon for the production of iron suited to engineering and general purposes. With the available capital, it is understood, will be forthcoming, and considerable quantities of used steel, the most important being railway lines, are available. Tram rails can also be

Supt. P. H. Casey said the defendant was already under a rule of bail and he asked that the Justice certify a breach of the recognisances. On Christmas Eve the defendant locked out his wife, who had to get the help of the Guards to get back into her home.

Justice Gleeson fined the defendant 5/- and certified a breach of the recognisances.

## KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Profound sorrow (writes our Kilmallock correspondent) is felt over this district at the death of Mr. Patrick H. Clery, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Clery, Ballinseacula Bridge, Kilmallock. A fine type of young Irishman, he fought with the British Forces in the Middle East, where he was killed in action at the age of 25 years. Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul at Bulgaden Church on Tuesday, 30th December, when a large congregation attended. Many messages of sympathy have been received by his afflicted relatives on their sad bereavement. R.I.P.

## HEATING POWER OF TURF

The heating power of absolutely dry turf was 75 to 80 per cent. of that of average household coal. The available heat produced from a ton of turf containing 25 per cent. water was little better than half that derived from a ton of coal. On an average 1.8 tons of such turf would be equivalent to one ton of coal. With 35 per cent. water the rating would be 2.1 tons, and with 40 per cent. water, 2.3 tons of turf to one ton of coal.—Mr. E. J. Duffy, Meath Co. Surveyor, at a meeting of the Institute of Civil Engineers of Ireland in Dublin on Monday night.

## ANNULMENT SOUGHT

The Irish Labour Party has instructed Mr. W. Norton, Mr. W. Davin and Dr. Joseph Hannigan to table a motion in the Dail asking for the annulment of Emergency Powers Order 139, which relates to the taking of evidence before a Military Court.

## LIMERICK A.R.P.

Will all Wardens of Group G please note that exercises in connection with A.R.P. will be held on Friday night next. Instructions regarding the carrying out of the

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## BOUND OVER

## DEPRESSING TYPE OF CASES

When two soldiers named Privates David O'Sullivan and Private Michael Madden, were charged with the larceny of bicycles, District Justice Gleeson said that during the last three months a whole string of soldiers had been charged with similar offences and it could not be allowed to continue. It was a most satisfactory and depressing type of case to deal with, as he did not like to have to send young soldiers to jail.

An officer, who gave evidence of character, said they received plenty of complaints as to the stealing of bicycles but could not do anything to prevent it.

The Justice bound the defendant over to be of good behaviour for twelve months.

## TRANSFER OF POSTAL OFFICIAL

Mr. Michael Costello, for the past five years a member of the clerical staff of the Tipperary Post Office, has been transferred to Limerick. During his period of service in Tipperary, Mr. Costello, through his efficiency and courtesy, was very popular with his colleagues and with the general public, and carries with him to Limerick hearty good wishes for his future welfare.

## POSSESSION OF ARMS

For having in his possession firearms and ammunition with intent to enable another person to endanger life or property, membership of an illegal organisation, and possession of incriminating documents, James Keane, 30 Upper Dorset Street, Dublin, was sentenced to five years penal servitude by the Special Criminal Court at Collins Barracks, Dublin, on Monday.

## ACTOR'S DEATH