

GATES OF ROSTOV ACTION FOR £300 KILFINANE COURT

Red Advance Claims Worker Drowned In Drain

U.S. AND SOLOMONS BATTLE

Despatches received this afternoon from Moscow state that the Soviet Army advancing on Rostov has reached the outer perimeter of the city, which is now dominated by Russian guns.

To-day's German communique makes no mention of the Soviet claim. It states that in the region between the Caucasus and the Lower Don the German troops continued their movements according to plan, and had reached the objectives assigned them.

Other messages from the Soviet capital state that two Russian armies are advancing rapidly on Kursk, Bielgorod and Kharkov.

One Russian Army, it is claimed, is standing astride the Salsk-Rostov Railway, a comparatively short distance from Novorossisk. It is added that the last avenue of escape for the German Army locked up in the Caucasus is being closed.

Russian forces, freed by the collapse of the German Sixth Army at Stalingrad, are pushing up north in a three pronged drive in the direction of Kupyansk.

Later despatches from Moscow state that Soviet armies are advancing in the Kuban country; on Kubyansk, on Kirsk and on the Don. It is claimed that in the fighting at Kubyansk the Germans lost 28 tanks, while at Kirsk an infantry regiment was routed.

A Washington message says that the naval and air battle between United States and Japanese forces off the Solomons is still proceeding. It is added that large forces are engaged, and the outcome might prove decisive so far as this theatre of war was concerned.

The United States Navy Department intimated that no details of the battle would be published until a conclusive stage had been reached.

To-day's British Cairo communique states that the Eighth Army was continuing its advance into Tunisia. The small port of Zilten had been captured. Over Sicily a German bomber was shot down.

The British Air Ministry stated to-day that last night a concentrated attack from the air was made on Cologne. Many tons of bombs were dropped, and it is claimed that huge fires were started. Five bombers failed to return.

FELL DOWN STAIRS

AGED WOMAN'S DEATH

An aged woman, Mrs. Mary Connolly, who lived with her daughter, Mrs. Bromwell, and son-in-law, at Newgate Place (off Nicholas St.), Limerick, died in the City Home Hospital yesterday as the result of injuries received in her home. It would appear that Mrs. Connolly stumbled on the landing of the stairs, toppled down, and sustained a fracture of the skull. The accident occurred at about 12.30 p.m. and death supervened at 5 o'clock. A tragic feature of Mrs. Connolly's death is that her grandson, Christopher Bromwell, aged 18 years, died the previous day. His funeral took place to-day from St. Mary's Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. A company of the L.D.F., of which he was a member, formed a guard of honour.

FOYNES DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

At the weekly meeting of the Foynes Development Association, it was unanimously decided to hold the annual carnival from the 25th July to the 2nd August, inclusive. The secretary was instructed to get in touch with Mr. Williams

WIDOW GETS DAMAGES

At Limerick Circuit Court to-day, before Judge T. O'Donnell, S.C., Ellen Fitzgibbon, Cullane, Ballylanders, sought £300 compensation (under the Workmen's Compensation Act) from Joseph Noonan, Barna, Galbally, for the loss of her husband, Patrick, who was drowned at Knocktoran on 22nd April, 1942.

Mr. W. Binchy, B.L. (instructed by Messrs. R. Fox & Co.), appeared for the applicant, and Mr. G. A. Lee, B.L. (instructed by Mr. W. E. O'Brien), was for the respondent.

Mr. R. de Courcy, C.E., produced a map of the area where was situated a drain in which deceased was drowned. He stated that a person who fell into the drain would have tremendous difficulty in getting out, owing to the depth of mud in it.

Mrs. Ellen Fitzgibbon, widow of deceased, said that she was married in January, 1942. On the morning of 22nd April, her husband went to work to put up paling posts at the river, bringing the posts in a donkey and cart. About a quarter to 12 she went to call him for his dinner and found him floating in the big drain. She called him, not thinking he was dead, but he did not answer, and she then got a weakness.

Mr. Binchy—You and your husband were very happy together?—Very happy.

And he had no worries?—No; none at all.

Applicant added that her husband had been working for Mr. Noonan for six years. They were getting £80 a year, with free milk, firing, house and garden.

Answering Mr. Lee, witness said that on the morning of the accident her husband was not depressed and was never depressed.

Dr. J. Ryan, who made a post-mortem examination, stated that there were no marks of violence on the body of deceased, who had a healthy heart. Death was due to drowning.

Mr. Lee—And you find that he suffered from pleurisy?—Yes.

Witness added that the conclusion could not be come to that deceased suffered from depression in consequence of the pleurisy.

Patrick Collins said that Mrs. Fitzgibbon informed him that her husband was drowned, and with the help of another man he took the body from the drain.

Michael Quinlan, who assisted Collins, said that the body of deceased was lying downwards in the drain.

For the defence, Joseph Noonan, employer of deceased, stated that Patrick Fitzgibbon and his wife were jointly in receipt of £60 a year, apart from the other perquisites. Mrs. Fitzgibbon, who assisted by milking cows, ceased her employment following her husband's death.

The Judge observed that the deceased was getting considerably more than the absurd so-called minimum wage laid down by the Agricultural Wages Board. "I hope," he said, "in this agricultural country that people will realise that farmers don't get meat, butter, eggs and potatoes for nothing." The farmer has to work to produce things, added the Judge, and if he brought these things to town he would be paid substantially for them. In this case there was evidence that deceased was getting considerably more than the minimum wages.

The Judge gave an award of £245 to Mrs. Fitzgibbon.

JUDGE SURPRISED

A WIDOW'S COMPLAINT

Three Larceny Charges

WOMAN SENT TO PRISON

Mr. H. L. Conner, B.L., D.J., adjudicated at the monthly sitting of Kilfinane Court.

Michael Foley, Ballylanders, was prosecuted by the Minister for Supplies for that being the holder of a sugar retailer's licence in respect of his shop at Ballylanders, in which he was carrying on the business of selling sugar by retail, he did fail to maintain a monthly record on Form S. 10 of purchases, sales and stocks of sugar as required by Article 24 of the Emergency Powers (Sugar) Order, 1941.

Mr. J. J. Power, State Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. W. A. Lee, solicitor (Messrs. Roger Fox and Co.), defended.

An Inspector of the Department having given evidence,

Mr. Lee said they admitted that they had not Form S. 10 in order. The defendant was not very long in business and the premises were looked after by a Miss Ryan, who overlooked the matter.

Asked by Mr. Lee if the tea forms were in order, the Inspector said they were.

Mr. Lee said it was a first offence and asked for a small penalty.

The Justice imposed a fine of 10/-, and allowed 8/- expenses and 2/- costs.

Supt. Keegan, Bruff, charged James Hewitt, of Glenosheen, with the larceny of two trees, the property of the Department of Lands, on the 14th December. The value of same was stated to be 9/6.

Mr. W. McCarthy, solr. (defending), said they were admitting the offence, but the property was not value for 9/6. However, they would give an undertaking not to go near the place again.

The forester employed by the Department of Lands said he had considerable trouble with cases of this kind and something should be done to stop it.

The Justice said he would see that it would be stopped. In the present case, the defendant having given an undertaking in Court that he would not go near the place again, he would apply the Probation Act and order him to pay 7/6 compensation.

A young girl named Nellie O'Meara, Sunville Lower, Ardpatrick, was charged by Supt. Keegan with the larceny of a lady's coat, the property of Mary Fenton and value £4, from a dance hall at Ballyorgan on the 29th November.

Mr. McCarthy, solr., defended.

Supt. Keegan said the facts briefly were that Miss Fenton was at a dance at Ballyorgan and when coming out she missed her coat. From information received the coat was found in Kilfinane, where it had been left by the defendant.

The Justice said he would leave the case stand to the next Court to give the defendant an opportunity of paying 15/- expenses.

Renewals of petroleum licences were granted to Mrs. Bridget Fitzgerald, Castle Street, Kilfinane; Denis O'Dwyer, Ballylanders; Timothy Crowley, do.; and Jeremiah Kiely, Galbally.

Mary Lane, an elderly woman, of no fixed abode, was charged with the larceny of an overcoat, the property of John Boohan, Kilmihill, Kilmallock, on the 3rd or 4th of January. Supt. Keegan prosecuted. The defendant admitted the offence.

Supt. Keegan said there was a previous conviction against the defendant.

The Justice imposed a sentence of one month's imprisonment.

SENTENCE STANDS