

THE GLOW-WORMS FELL DOWN STAIRS

Good Entertainment

TO HELP A WORTHY OBJECT

The Glow-Worms, presenting Edgar Wallace's fine dramatic play at the Lyric this week, are doing a splendid job of work in a dual capacity, for primarily they are aiding the Muintir na Tire Fuel Fund, and secondly, they are providing first-rate entertainment. It was a most ambitious undertaking, requiring an unusually heavy cast, and it speaks volumes for the enthusiasm of the players that throughout a very testing piece they maintained a uniformly high standard of acting. Not the least of their problems were the scene changes, which were carried out expeditiously and indicated the competence of the men "off-stage." The laurels for the production go to Mr. T. Mitchell, who, apart from taking a heavy role, also had the responsibility of direction. He had, as was obvious, a very willing band of associates, and the audiences have not been hesitant in showing their appreciation. From a cast of seventeen—only rarely mustered by an amateur society—it would really be unfair to single out any particular member, as some of the smaller portrayals were in themselves cameos of perfection. The Glow-Worms may feel proud of their work, and it is hoped that this Society will give further productions in the near future. "The Ringer" will conclude its run at the Lyric to-night.

The cast is as follows:—"Central Detective-Inspector Bliss," Bobby Smyth; "Divisional Detective-Inspector Wembury, D.S.O.," Paddy Fogerty; "Colonel Walford, C.B. (Assistant Commissioner of Police), Cecil Wynne; "Samuel Hackett" (ex-convict), Jim Eades; "Maurice Meister" (a solicitor), Tom Mitchell; "Dr. Lomond" (Divisional Surgeon), George Webster; "Cora Ann Milton," Nola Jackson; "Mary Lenley," Phoebe Abbott; "John Lenley," Herbert Shine; "Station-Sergeant Carter," Harry Dooly; "Detective-Constable Jones," Jack White; "Benny," John Preston; "Mrs. Hackett," Pearl Preston; "Police Constable Field," Joe Galbraith; "Detective-Sergeant Brown," Bobs Walsh; "Police Constable Atkins," Eddie Walsh; "Police Constable Graves," Cyril Galbraith.

TRAINS COLLIDE

COW KILLED AND WAGGONS WRECKED

A goods train crashed into four cattle waggons attached to a shunting engine at Ennis Railway Station about 2 o'clock on Saturday morning, wrecked three of the waggons, killed a cow, and injured two other beasts. The driver of the engine was entirely unaware that the shunting engine and waggons were before him on the line. Both were proceeding in the same direction, and but for this, it is stated, the results of the collision would have been much more serious. Immediately the driver of the goods train saw the obstruction on the line he applied brakes. The engine of the goods train crashed into the waggons and spilled cattle in all directions. The extraordinary part of the accident is that more cattle were not killed or injured.

CHARLEVILLE MAN'S WILL

Mr. J. P. Moran, of Charleville, draper, who died on the 5th February last, left personal estate in England and Eire valued at £3,237. Probate has been granted to his brother-in-law, Patrick Cronin, of New Line, Charleville, and Michael Moran, of Mallow. He left £200 to his sister, Catherine Cronin; £150 for Masses; £100 each to his sister-in-law, Annie Moran; niece Marie Moran, nieces Annie Cronin and Eileen Sullivan, and sister, Ellen Sullivan, and the residue specifically to his sister, Catherine, and nephew, Michael Moran.

FORMER HIGH SHERIFF'S ESTATE

The late Richard C. Langford, Shanagolden, formerly High Sheriff for Co. Limerick, left estate in Eire and England valued at £2,476.

The plaintiff's lands were not taken in 1943, as it was anticipated there would not be sufficient applications that year owing to emigration.

Claim Against Landlord

UNUSUAL CASE AT CIRCUIT COURT

Before Judge Barra O Briain, S.C., at Limerick Circuit Court to-day,

Mrs. Anne McNamara, 5 Punch's Row, Limerick, sued John Punch, c/o James Nash & Son, Estate Agents, for £112 16s., for damages for personal injuries.

Mr. S. Kenny, B.L. (Mr. D. J. O'Malley), appeared for plaintiff; Mr. T. K. Liston, B.L. (Messrs. Connolly & Co.), for defendant.

Mr. Kenny explained that the plaintiff, who was a tenant of the defendant, injured her wrist when she fell down stairs. In the defence which had been entered there was a denial that the plaintiff was a tenant of the defendant.

Mrs. McNamara, the plaintiff, told the Court that she had been 36 years living in the house at Punch's Row, of which her husband became tenant. Her husband died in 1934 and she remained on in occupation. When she went into possession first the rent was 3/- but since then it was raised to 3/9. The house consisted of two rooms and a kitchen. In 1913 when witness went into the house the stairs leading from the kitchen to the upper floor were in bad condition. The stairs were badly lighted and her husband had attached a hand-rail. She went to the agents some six years ago, when she slipped on the stairs and injured her ankle, and complained about its condition. On that occasion her foot caught in the stairs and she fell down.

Judge—My greatest success at the bar was to get a decree for a lady who fell upstairs. I am very proud of that.

Continuing her evidence, Mrs. McNamara said that on the 12th January, 1942, when she was coming downstairs her leg went into a hole in the stairs, when she was only two steps down, and she fell on her face, her hand turning under her. After the accident, witness went to Barrington's Hospital, where Dr. Tynan put her hand in plaster of Paris. She had to remain six weeks in bed, and the pain in her hand lasted seven weeks. When the plaster was taken off after nine weeks she found that she had not much strength in her hand, and it was still weak.

Continuing, witness said that after the accident she went to Nash's office and as a result repairs were carried out to the stairs.

PAID THE RENT.

In reply to other questions, witness said that after her husband's death she continued to pay the rent. Arrears had occurred and she received a notice to quit, served on her by Mr. Corbett.

Mr. Liston said that he had no knowledge of a notice to quit having been served.

Mrs. McNamara went on to say that as a result of the notice to quit she proceeded to pay off the arrears.

In answer to Mr. Liston, witness said that she was in receipt of a blind pension, but that she could see.

Handed a document by Mr. Liston, witness said that she could not read.

Mr. Liston—How many falls did you get on the stairs?—About 20.

How many complaints did you make yourself?—Hundreds of times I went to Mr. Pegam—I don't know how many times—to complain about the stairs.

Did you see Mr. Nash?—I only saw him once. I would not be left see him.

Were you able to read the notice to quit?—No. Mr. Corbett said it was a notice.

Asked to explain the statement by her counsel that an oral agreement had been made in 1934 regarding a tenancy, witness said that she could not.

In reply to the Judge, Mr. Kenny said that he was relying on the notice to quit to establish that a new tenancy had been created.

Donough O'Malley, B.E., produced a map of the premises and explained that there was not a uniform "rise" in the steps of the stairs. He had examined the stairboards, which he did not consider sufficient in thickness.

Mrs. O'Sullivan, daughter of the plaintiff, gave evidence that she had made complaints about the condition of the stairs.

Dr. J. G. Tynan stated that he had treated Mrs. McNamara for

BOMBED AGAIN

Another Heavy Raid On Berlin

VIOLENT FIGHTING IN RUSSIA

The British Air Ministry stated to-day that Berlin was bombed again last night by big squadrons of the R.A.F. It is stated that many fires caused by the raid on the previous night were still burning when the planes flew over the capital.

The communique proceeded to say that, though the weather was not favourable, the attack was concentrated and that a great weight of bombs were dropped. Many huge fires were started.

Twenty bombers failed to return. In separate attacks on centres in Western Germany four bombers were lost, making a total of 24.

The Berlin Radio to-day described last night's attack as a "new terror raid." It was admitted that great damage was done to residential areas, public buildings, cultural institutions, and welfare centres. Nineteen bombers were brought down.

It was added that as the raid was anticipated precautions were taken, and as a result the raiders received a warm reception.

It was officially stated in Cairo to-day that, notwithstanding continued bad weather, the Fifth and Eighth Armies made progress in Italy. The Eighth Army had succeeded in crossing the Sangro river, to take up new positions of considerable strength. The North African Air Force bombed transport centres in Albania.

The Moscow Radio stated to-day that violent fighting continues in the Kiev sector. At two points the Russians were forced to concede ground, but that in the Dnieper bend advances were made in the Kivroi-Rog sector.

It was reported in Washington to-day that the new offensive initiated by the Allied forces in the Southern Pacific was proceeding according to plan.

DEATH OF MRS. MARGARET PHELAN

With very deep regret we announce the death of Mrs. Margaret Phelan, wife of Mr. Michael J. Phelan, National Health Insurance Inspector, Limerick. Her demise took place in the early hours of this morning at her residence, "Prospect," North Sexton Street, as a result of an acute attack of pneumonia contracted only on Saturday last. Formerly a Poultry Instructress in West Limerick, where she was well and widely known as Miss Arrigan, the deceased was in every respect a very estimable lady. The possessor of great qualities of head and heart, she enjoyed, as she fully deserved, the respect and esteem of all who knew her. She leaves a family of five young children to mourn her loss and to her bereaved husband, who is son of the late William Phelan, well-known merchant and nationalist, of Newcastle West, and the family and other relatives we extend our heartfelt sympathy on their sorrow.

GIRL STOWAWAY IN PLANE

A 24-years-old Manchester girl, Margaret Drury, was a stowaway found in an Atlantic ferry plane on its arrival in Canada. She was refused entry into the country on the ground that she had no visible means of support.

THE NEW FLOUR

The new and whiter flour, and bread produced from it, will be on sale on Monday, December 13th. The price of the former will be 63/6 per sack instead of the present 60/-, and bakers' bread will be 1d. per 4 lb. loaf dearer and the 2 lb. loaf 1d. dearer.

having been served on her.

In reply to Mr. Kenny, witness said that in 1940 the arrears of rent amounted to between £8 and £9.

James Corbett, rent collector, stated that he had no recollection of having served a notice to quit on Mrs. McNamara. He recalled her visit to the office, when she remarked that she was ashamed to report the condition of the stairs as she owed a few shillings rent.

Robert Richardson, clerk to Messrs. Nash, said that Mrs. McNamara did not make any complaints.

Addressing the Judge, Mr. Liston

CITY INQUEST

Woman Drowned

CORONER'S REMARKS

"I am quite satisfied that she made every endeavour to get out of the river," said Mr. J. S. McNeice, solicitor, Deputy City Coroner, at an inquest at Barrington's Hospital, Limerick, on Monday evening into the circumstances of the death of Mrs. J. McMillan, a widow, living at 25 Windmill St., who was missed from her home that morning.

Inspector Griffin conducted the proceedings on behalf of the State.

Mrs. M. E. Sheehan, a neighbour, living at 22 Windmill Street, told the Coroner that she knew Mrs. McMillan, who was 53 years of age, all her life. She had not been very well for some months past. She had been in hospital about four times during the past few months, and had left the City Home about two weeks ago. She never went outside the door since she had come home from hospital, as she used feel nervous about going out. Witness had seen Mrs. McMillan about 7 o'clock on Sunday morning. "I called this morning about 7.30," said Mrs. Sheehan, "and I noticed the hall-door partly opened. I searched around and failed to find her. Her two children were asleep in another room. I noticed her shoes, and a coat and jumper in the kitchen. I knew she was attended by a doctor for the past few months. Since I first knew her she never showed suicidal tendencies."

Miss C. Galvin, Windmill Street, stated that some months ago Mrs. McMillan informed her that she did not think she would "last long." Mrs. McMillan had complained about her nerves and said that she was not able to get sufficient sleep at times.

Martin McInerney, Clancy Strand, said that on Monday morning about 8.20 o'clock while standing at Sutton's Quay his attention was attracted to two women who appeared to be excited. He went to Russell's Quay and asked one of them if anything was wrong and she replied that there was a woman in the water. He saw the body of a woman lying on the end of the platform at the steps at Russell's Quay. The upper part of the body was out of the water. The tide was receding at the time. With the assistance of Christopher O'Callaghan he lifted the body. On the steps he found a skirt, which was quite dry. At about 6 a.m. the tide would have covered the platform on which the body was found.

Christopher O'Callaghan, 7 Lower Mallow Street, gave evidence that he assisted the previous witness in recovering the body.

Dr. F. Crowe, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, stated that he had carried out a post-mortem examination, which revealed myocardiac degeneration of the heart and extensive tubercular disease of the left lung. Death, in his opinion, was due to cardiac failure. From the condition of deceased a sudden immersion in cold water would be sufficient to cause death.

Coroner—She seems to have been suffering from an illness which, perhaps, made her quite nervous. From the evidence, it would appear that she got into the river, but how she got in I am not able to say. I am quite satisfied that having got into the river she made every endeavour to get out, as would appear from the fact that she was lying on this platform at the end of the steps, while in the ordinary way, if she hadn't made that effort it would have been quite simple for her to drown herself, so that I have no hesitation in giving her the benefit of the doubt—that she did everything possible to get out. Unfortunately, her heart was in a bad condition and the poor woman seemed to be suffering from tubercular disease of the left lung, and the doctor informs us that sudden immersion would be sufficient to bring on death. I have no hesitation in returning a verdict that deceased died from myocardiac degeneration. I would like to extend my sympathy to her little family in this tragedy.

Inspector Griffin associated himself with the expression of condolence.

MUINTIR NA TIRE

A general rally of all the members of St. John's Parochial Guild of Muintir na Tire will be held at St. John's Temperance Society Rooms, 15, Mallow Street, at 8 o'clock on