

REMARK AT NIGHT

And What It Led To

INCIDENT AT CROSS-ROADS

How a remark at night at an East Clare cross-roads led to an assault charge was explained to District Justice Gleeson, B.L., at Kiltalloe Court.

Peter Skehan, Garryboy, Kiltalloe, sued Michael Hayes, Ballykillea, for £10 damages for assault.

Mr. R. C. Fitzgibbon, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. P. G. Collins, solicitor, Limerick, for the defendant.

Peter Skehan said that on the 27th of August he was going home from Kiltalloe to Garryboy and he stopped at the cross-roads. The defendant came up behind and checked a match and said: "That's Skehan."

Hayes struck him three blows with his fist in the face. Plaintiff did not retaliate. Plaintiff fell with his third elbow and he got no time to retaliate.

Plaintiff did try to defend himself by receiving further blows. A man named Gleeson then interfered and stopped Hayes back. Plaintiff was helped home. On the following day witness felt weak from the loss of blood, and he was not able to resume work for eleven days.

Cross-examined, witness said he was not on friendly terms with Hayes. He did not salute or speak to him. Witness denied that when Hayes came near the cross-roads to say "Stick 'em up!"

Witness did not say anything to provoke the trouble. Two men named Michael Tuohy and Tom Dillon were there at the cross-roads at the time. Witness admitted he came to Kiltalloe on the following day, but he did not see a doctor.

Dennis Dillon a witness, said he was in company with the plaintiff at the cross-roads, but he could not hear what was said.

Mr. Fitzgibbon did he see defendant? He said something. Justice: To whom did he say it? It was to the two men who were coming on.

Replying further, the witness said he did not hear Skehan say to "stick 'em up!"

FATAL SHOOTING

The Hospital Tragedy

EVIDENCE AT THE INQUEST

The public have not yet recovered from the shock of the tragic shooting affair in the Vocational School at Hospital, Co. Limerick, on Friday afternoon as the result of which Mr. Joseph Kirwan, Divisional Inspector under the Technical Branch of the Department of Education, lost his life.

The shooting took place shortly after 12 o'clock on the premises of the Vocational School, Mr. Kirwan, who had arrived in Hospital some three hours earlier, had completed his school inspection and was taking a cup of tea with the headmaster of the school, Mr. Seamus O'Brien, in the latter's office on the first floor of the building, when the door of the office was opened and a young man entered.

Mr. Kirwan, who was nearest to the door, was in the act of rising at the time, and greeted the man, who took an automatic revolver from his coat pocket, a shot was fired, and Mr. Kirwan collapsed. The shot was fired at close range.

Mr. O'Brien immediately left his office, meeting Mr. Wm. McNamara, another teacher in the school, on the landing outside, while the man, who had recently entered the office also left. Mr. O'Brien proceeded to the residence of Dr. Quane, a few hundred yards away, and brought the doctor back to the scene of the shooting. When Dr. Quane entered he found Mr. Kirwan in a dying condition.

The headmaster left the dying man and doctor together and when on his way to the Garda Barracks he met Supt. H. J. Keegan, Brix, who had travelled to Hospital to attend a sitting of the District Court there. Supt. Keegan went immediately to the Vocational School in company with Mr. O'Brien, and when he arrived there he took into custody a young man named John Moloney, aged 27 years, who resided with his parents at Ridge House, Knockling.

Supt. Keegan brought Moloney to the Garda Barracks, where he was arrested and charged.

Moloney was employed at the Vocational Vocational School as a temporary engineering instructor from 1937 to 1942. At the end of that period the Department of Education would not re-engage him as a teacher, and that question was the subject of discussions at meetings of the Limerick Vocational Education Committee.

Before death took place the deceased was attended by Dr. Pether Burgin, C.C., Hospital, who administered the last rites of the Church.

Subsequently a post-mortem examination was made by Dr. J. C. O'Glyvie and Dr. James Quane.

On Friday night an inquest was opened before Deputy Coroner Dr. M. O'Connor, Kiltalloe, at which the Garda authorities were represented by Chief Supt. T. Dineen, Limerick, and Supt. Keegan.

Evidence of identification was given by Mr. Seamus O'Brien, headmaster of the Vocational School, who said Mr. Kirwan was aged about 50, was married and had two children.

NEW ATTACK

Germans Taken By Surprise

"A LIVING INFERNO"

At one minute past midnight, the 3rd British Infantry began its second attack in 24 hours in the Western sector of the Dutch salient. The attack, which began with fire from heavy guns and field artillery, as well as accompanying air activity, is claimed to have taken the Germans completely unawares, and a place called Schijmpel, about seven miles from Herpocelboach, an important railway town, has been captured.

It was stated that the new attack began from the small town of Haspel and pushed steadily eastwards.

A German spokesman, commenting on the ferocity and suddenness of the attack says that the air became a mass of leaping flame and the earth around shook with great tremors.

This second attack, says the German spokesman, means simply that the 12-mile front is one mass of flame a living inferno.

A report from the British Third Army states the capture of Bon-sur-Meuse, in the east of Nancy. A communiqué from General MacArthur's Headquarters in the Philippines states that the United States forces, fighting out all over Leyte Island, are driving the Japanese into the hills. It points out that the Japanese supplies in a precarious position and the situation is bound to become more acute within the next month.

It is now definitely stated that United States forces are using the airfield of Enchanted. General MacArthur in a message to President Roosevelt says: "All goes well here."

The British 6th Army advancing over marshy country have captured the town of Corch, in Italy, about 10 miles from Ronciglione. Forces of the same division are reported to have taken Ferrara, in north-east Italy, after fierce fighting.

A German spokesman announced that prior to the evacuation of Corch by the Germans the wireless station was dismantled.

The same spokesman says that the evacuation was effected in order to save Corch and the installations from slaughter. In the mountains one region, the Germans admit the capture of Haldin, near Strato.

That Soviet forces advancing between Gdansk and Gdansk are driving into the heart of East Prussia, is stated by Berlin Radio today.

HARBOUR BOARD

Application For

Bonus

USE OF WEIGH LEVER

Mr. M. J. Keyes, T.D., presided at a meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board to-day. The other members present were:—Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.; Messrs. M. W. McGuire, B.C.; Morgan McMahon, Alder; Holliday, James O'Keefe, A. E. Goodwin.

Mr. D. O'Brien, Assistant Secretary; Lieut.-Comdr. Harrahan, Harbour Master and Competent Port Authority; and Mr. T. P. O'Sullivan, B.E.S., Harbour Engineer, were the officials in attendance.

A letter was read from the Limerick Branch of the I.T. & G.W.U., stating that they had been directed by their members employed by the Board to join with them in application for a Bonus Order to permit the payment of the maximum, viz., 11%, and they would be obliged if the Board would arrange a date which would be convenient for the purpose of discussing the matter.

Ald. Bourke said he thought the Board should grant the increased bonus as the employees were entitled to it.

Mr. O'Sullivan said that on a previous occasion when they had a meeting with the Union officials regarding the granting of a bonus an agreement was reached.

Mr. McMahon it was a question of bonus that had us up on that occasion.

It was agreed that a committee from the Board would discuss the matter with the Union officials.

A letter was read from Mr. A. J. O'Halloran, hon. secretary of the Old Limerick Society, requesting that the Board would make a presentation to the three old cannon which they held and which were reputed to have been used in the sieges of Limerick in 1690-91.

The secretary intended having the cannon mounded and put up in front of King John's Castle.

On the proposition of Mr. Goodwin, it was unanimously decided to take a gift of the cannon to the Society.

MONTH "HARD"

Sentence In Larceny Case

IDENTIFICATION MARK IN NOTE

The part played by an identification mark on a 10/- note figured in a larceny case heard by District Justice Gleeson at Kiltalloe Court.

The Attorney-General summoned Patrick Monaghan, labourer, of Creeveruc, Kiltalloe, with the larceny of £1 10s., the property of Patrick Reddan, Bridgetown.

Supt. J. J. Murray prosecuted, and Mr. R. C. Fitzgibbon, solicitor, defended, and pleaded not guilty.

Patrick Reddan, contractor, said he was carrying out certain renovations to a house in Bridge Street, Kiltalloe, on the 26th August. Mr. Monaghan had the defendant employed. Monaghan was attending witness of carrying out the work. At tea time witness and another workman went into Mr. Reddan's room, leaving the defendant in the yard. Witness's coat, containing a wallet with 50/- in his coat pocket, was hanging up on the scaffolding. The money was made up of two single 10/- notes and a 10/- note, which was an identification note marked in police pencil.

After having his tea he searched his coat pocket and wallet and saw that the 10/- note had been stolen. Witness informed the Garda and they made a search and found the 10/- note wedged in between a set of stairs. Defendant denied that he took the money. Witness was absent for 75 minutes of his tea.

Cross-examined, witness said that the defendant was searched before the money was found in the yard.

Mary O'Connell, domestic servant in the employment of Mr. Reddan, Bridge Street, Kiltalloe, said that on August 26th she brought out a tin of tea to the defendant, who was in the yard where the work was going on. Witness left the tin for defendant, and coming back she noticed that defendant had only drunk about half of it. She returned to the yard to call defendant and saw defendant up on the scaffolding. She saw him take the wallet out of the pocket of the coat that was hanging on the scaffolding. Witness made a noise and defendant put the wallet into his own pocket and asked witness to go for water. Witness pretended to go for the water, and watching defendant, she saw him lay the wallet on the floor and search it. She saw defendant put something in his pocket and he returned the wallet to the pocket of the coat hanging up. Witness then informed Mrs. Reddan of what had happened.

David Byrne, Kiltalloe, said he searched Monaghan and found no money on him. He searched the yard and in the stairs he found the 10/- note, and it had "14" the identification mark in red pencil.

Cross-examined I asked him had he any money on him and defendant said he had not. I made a thorough search of the defendant. I took off his clothes, shoes and socks, and no money was found on him.

Defendant, examined, said he had a coat was hanging up near where Reddan's coat was. After Reddan and the other workman went to their tea the said brought him his tea to the yard. He searched his tea and he remained where he was until the men came out. Witness saw the maid go up on the scaffolding. After Mr. Reddan came out he asked witness about the money. Witness did not go up on the scaffolding. Defendant denied he took the money at all.

The Justice said that he would believe the evidence of the maid, who, he believed, was a credible and truthful witness.

Supt. Murray said there were two previous convictions against the defendant for larceny in 1934 and 1940, when he was allowed the Probation Act.

The Justice sentenced defendant to a month's imprisonment with hard labour. He ordered the 10/- note to be returned to the owner.

BLARNEY EARTH FOR NEW YORK

Over one cwt. of earth dug from the base of Blarney Castle is to be flown to New York for the world premiere this month of an Irish film made by Fox Film Co. The earth has been packed in a sealed tin by Mr. Carroll, Manager of the Coliseum Cinema, Cork, who received the request through Fox Film Co.'s Agency in Dublin.

Arrangements have been made to have the earth transported in one of the Transatlantic flying boats from Foynes.

"THEY FORGOT THE PROMISE"

Delegates from thirty centres in three counties attended a meeting of the Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart in St. Michael's Church, Tipperary, yesterday. Rev. J. Howatson, S.J., said that too many young women considered themselves modern, smart and in the fashion because they forgot the promise they made at Confirmation. They frequented the sherry and cocktail bar, thus distracting themselves, their womanhood and their dignity.

ACCUSED REMANDED

The accused young man, who is single, and a member of a well-known family in County Limerick, was brought before Mr. John Martin, P.C., on Friday night, and, on the application of Chief Supt. Dineen, was remanded in custody to the next sitting of the Kiltalloe District Court, to be held on October 25th.

The Chief Superintendent gave evidence of arrest and charge, and said the accused man had made a statement, which he did not propose to put into evidence at this stage.

Mr. Kirwan resided at "Ivanhoe," Model Farm Road, Cork. He was a native of Ennistymon, Co. Clare. In his early days he taught for a number of years in England, where he became prominent in Sinn Féin circles, and was interned for a period during the Anglo-Irish War. After the Treaty he taught for some time in Dun Laoghaire, and in 1926 he became an inspector

ARRESTED IN LIMERICK

At a Special Court in Limerick on Saturday, Patrick Barry, a former Irish teacher under Limerick County Vocational Committee, was charged with demanding £10 from Michael Moran, Chief Executive Officer at the County Vocational Offices, Limerick, that morning.

Accused was remanded in custody to the City District Court on 28th inst.

under the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) in Cork. He served in Munster ever since. He was an exceedingly efficient official, who was immensely popular and well-known in all parts of Munster, to which he travelled in the course of his official duties.

Mr. Kirwan is survived by a widow and two sons, Patrick, aged 16, and Brian, aged 9. His wife, whom he married about 17 years ago, was a Miss Lea Connolly, B.Sc., of Bandon, and was a teacher under the Cork Vocational Education Committee. Their eldest son, Paddy, is well-known in swimming circles, being last year's winner of the Munster Schools Swimming Championship.

THE FUNERAL

The remains were removed to Bandon, Co. Cork, on Saturday morning and the interment took place there yesterday amidst manifestations of regret and sorrow.

Tomás O'Deir, Air Oideachais; Sean Buckley, T.D.; Mr. J. O'Sullivan, T.D., and many clergy and teachers were amongst the large attendance.

Chief mourners were—Mrs. L. Kirwan (widow); Patrick and Brian (sons); Patrick (brother); Mrs. K. Connolly, Mrs. C. Slattery, Miss A. Connolly, Mr. C. Slattery, and Mr. James Hayes.

Very Rev. T. Canon Cullinane, P.P., V.G., Bandon, officiated at the grave.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

At the meeting of the Limerick County Council on Saturday, the Chairman (Mr. J. W. Carty) said that they were all shocked at the terrible tragedy that had taken place at Hospital. The only thing they could do now was to express their profound sympathy with Mrs. Kirwan and her two children in their deep sorrow.

The vote was passed in silence, all the members standing.

A similar vote of sympathy was passed at the meeting of the Limerick County Committee of Agriculture on Saturday on the motion of the Chairman (Mr. D. Power).

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the meantime Chivers making Table Jellies, but as all the essential ingredients are available they are on sale once again. In quantities of the other products are still available.