

A PROBLEM

The Levels Of a Lake

OD FOR ONE: BAD FOR ANOTHER

is stated that the holding of the waters in Inchinquin is responsible for the flood-lands in some instances and causing a shortage of water for other cases.

a meeting of the River Ferret Drainage Committee, Sean Brady, Co.C., Chairman, said, it was reported that Mr. A. Lynch, the Clare County Engineer, was in communication with the Board of Works concerning the levels of the lake.

County Engineer (Mr. T. A. Shannon) said the question was whether they could open the sluices in such a way as not to injure the fishing. Some farmers complained they could not get high water or their cattle; some complained of being flooded, one man said that, even in the part of the year, he could get at his turf.

Shannon said that, whatever the fishery, they should not injure the farmers in any way. On the sides of the lake, about 100 of land was eaten away by high water and some farmers' water badly hit by that. One was never flooded until the water was put up and now he was flooded. The late Mr. Hickman who was a very keen angler, the sluices were only injuring fishing by holding up too much water, and, on one occasion, had finally intervened to have them relieved.

Manager (Mr. D. O'Keefe) the turf and tillage were more important than the interests of the fishery but it would be wise to follow Mr. Lynch's suggestion that should be postponed until the Board of Works had given their advice.

Shannon said that, during the winter, people down stream had to suffer for their cattle, which were going into dangerous places.

County Engineer said the position had been unchanged, so far could learn, for the past four years. As Mr. Lynch was not able to give a definite opinion, a court might be desirable. The Council could not touch the sluices at the old mill. The fish could only operate when water was being let over the stones and he would not say if it would be possible to raise the sluices as to the level of the lake by a sluice without doing some injury. If Shannon put the complainants in with him, he might be able to arrange a conference with the fishery representatives.

It was deferred so as to allow the County Engineer an opportunity of consulting Mr. Lynch what might legally be done. The Committee to ease the position of land-owners without detriment to the fishery. The suggestion made that it might be possible to agree upon an intermediate level for the water in the lake which would suit all interests.

BALANCED BY BABY!

ITALIAN BOXER AT RINEANNA

Carnera, the giant Italian eight boxer, was at Shannonport yesterday on his way to Los Angeles, where he will come in some practice for the wrestling title. Urged to take up boxing again, that it was unlikely that he would do anything in this line, he may have a few fights in the United States. Now almost 7 feet high and weighing 27 st. 7 lbs. His weight excludes the 160 lbs. standard of flying passengers, but as he is a baby on board, the balance is out fairly even.

MAN CHILDREN IN IRELAND

Eight German children, whose ages range from 12 to 15, have arrived at County Donegal. They were accommodated in the St. Columba's Industrial School and will remain in Ireland until conditions are settled in Germany. Some of the children are still prisoners of war and their parents in the States.

OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting of Glin Old Age Pension Sub-Committee, Mr. T. J. Clerk, submitted a few full amounts were recommended in two cases and another was adjourned for proof of the members present were: James Barrett, Co.C.; William Dillane, Patway; and John T. Culhane.

MENTS TO HARBOUR BOARD

ederation of Irish Manufacturers, has appointed Mr. G. B. C., and Mr. Martin B.C., as members of the Limerick Harbour Board to be shortly under the Harbours Commission.

RS FOR FAVOURABLE WEATHER

ction of the Most Rev. Dr. Archbishop of Cashel and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin being recited after the Masses in the churches of the diocese for favourable weather.

BURNING WHEAT

in Central Sweden are being burnt because a parasite is living in the fields. The operation of the parasite is harvesting of the crop.

QUIRY ORDERED.

announced by the New South Wales Government last night that the U.S. Consulate Board has ordered an inquiry into the crash of the 'Limerick' plane that led to the temporarily grounding of all Limerick planes.

MUNICIPAL DINNERS

The Limerick municipal authority, the number of dinners for the month of June has been fixed at 15.

DRINK AFTER HOURS

Australian Visitor's Generosity

FINES IMPOSED

A bus driver and conductor accompanied an Australian visitor to the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis, in an endeavour to get him accommodation for the night. The hotel was unable to accommodate him, but made successful efforts to secure alternative accommodation. However, while these efforts were being made, the visitor pressed his two companions to have a drink and they did so. The bar tender did not question their bona-fides when the visitor ordered, but, unfortunately, it was during prohibited hours, with the result that Mr. James O'Regan, proprietor of the hotel, was summoned at Ennis Court on Friday for a breach of the licensing laws.

The facts were admitted. Imposing a fine of £3, District Justice Gleeson said the case was not a serious one, but it showed a complete disregard for the licensing laws by people in a position of responsibility. He could not understand such a mentality unless the employees wanted their employers to lose their licences.

Thomas Burke, O'Connell Street, Ennis, was fined £5 for a similar breach. During prohibited hours six men were supplied with liquor and were seen by Guard McDonagh leaving the premises.

The men found on the premises were fined 10/- and 15/-, the lesser amount being imposed on those who attended court.

LIMERICK DEPUTY

RESENTS REMARKS OF CHAIRMAN

Returning thanks at a meeting of Kilkee Town Commissioners for his election as Chairman—the election being decided by his own casting vote—Mr. Thomas Stapleton said he wished to welcome Alderman Reidy, former Mayor of Limerick, who was present at the meeting. Mr. Reidy was a staunch supporter of Fine Gael, and there was one thing to be said for him, that he always went before the people of Limerick as a member of the Fine Gael Party, and not like the Independent members of the Town Commissioners, who although Fine Gael in outlook, sought election as Independents.

The Independent members protested strongly against the Chairman's statement, and heated scenes took place.

Ald. Reidy said: "I thought I would have the pleasure of thanking the Council for its welcome; but now I find I cannot do so, as I object to being made an instrument of attack on some members of the Council, and I resent very much the action of the Chairman."

A CITY OF BUSTLE

OPENING OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE

A green olive branch is the symbol which entitles two-thirds of the delegates from twenty-one nations to enter the gates of the closely guarded Luxembourg Palace in Paris, where to-day the Peace Conference opened officially. Hundreds of diplomats from ex-enemy governments as well as from invited nations, are in Paris. Typists, notetakers and pressmen are in their hundreds, and Paris to-day is a city of bustle and of excitement, states a report this afternoon.

DOCK STRIKE

POSITION IN DUBLIN

It was stated authoritatively in Dublin this afternoon that in the Dockers' strike in the city is not settled in a very short time many firms throughout the country would have to close down for lack of raw materials. Such action would involve the unemployment of 100,000 workers, it is stated.

Efforts by the Government to settle the strike have broken down, and many prominent Dublin citizens have to-day decided that they will make a concerted attempt to solve the difficulties in the way of a settlement.

BOOKED LAUDER FOR £1,000 A WEEK

Mr. George Foster, the theatrical agent, who died last week, gave Sir Harry Lauder the great comedian, his first London engagement at £7 for five nights. Later he booked Lauder for £1,000 a week at a Glasgow theatre. At the age of 44 he was himself engaged at Covent Garden Theatre at 1/- a night to applaud grand opera stars from the front row of the gallery!

LIMERICK TROUT ANGLERS

At a meeting of the Limerick Trout Anglers Club (affiliated), held at their rooms, Davis Street, on Thursday, 25th inst., the following were elected:—Mr. P. Thompson, president; Mr. J. Moloney, treasurer; Mr. P. J. Healy, secretary. Committee—Messrs. M. Barrett, T. Gleeson, J. Collins and M. Greaney.—P. J. Healy, secretary.

PIGEON THAT SAVED MANY LIVES.

A homing pigeon attached to the United States Army has been awarded the Dickin medal for making a most outstanding flight. The bird carried a message that saved the lives of at least 100 Allied soldiers in Italy in October 1943.

LOSS OF FINGERS

While working for Messrs. Peter Kennedy, bakers, Parnell Street, Dublin, David Lang, baker, got his hand caught in a bread machine, resulting in the loss of three fingers. His claim for compensation has been settled by the payment of £1,000 and a sum for costs.

COSTLY FASHION

Ornate feathers have again come into fashion for women's hats. In South Africa, accordingly, they are now making as much as £10 per lb., or about three times the price ruling eighteen months ago.

CAME ON VISIT

Head Of a Great Order

GUEST OF ITS LIMERICK MEMBERS

A most distinguished cleric in the person of Most Rev. Father Valentine Schaaf, Minister-General of the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor, was among the passengers who arrived at Rineanna on last Friday night. On his way from Rome to U.S., this prominent ecclesiastic is availing of a short stay in Ireland to visit a number of Friaries of the Order. During his itinerary he will meet an old friend, his Excellency, Most Rev. Paschal Robinson, O.F.M., Apostolic Nuncio. Both were on the staff of the Catholic University of America at Washington.

GUEST OF LIMERICK FRANCISCANS.

On alighting at Rineanna he was greeted by Rev. Father Ephrem O'Shea, Guardian, and Rev. Father Mel Duffy, Vicar, the Friary, Limerick, accompanied by Dr. Cecil Molony, who conveyed the distinguished visitor to Limerick, where he was the guest of the Franciscan Community. Father General celebrated 6.30 Mass in the church on Saturday morning, assisted by Rev. Father Ephrem. Later he left for Dublin.

Born and educated in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Minister-General, who is aged 60, joined the Order at the age of 17 years. After spending three years on mission work after his ordination, he studied Canon Law and Comparative Law at the Catholic University in Washington, where he obtained his Doctorate of Canon Law. It was shortly afterwards that he was appointed Professor of Canon Law at the University of St. Isidore in Madrid, 1939, when he was appointed Definitor-General for the English-speaking provinces of the Order. Since then he has lived in Rome. In addition to his duties as Definitor-General, he taught Canon Law at the Franciscan Pontifical Athenaeum and conducted examinations up to the day before he became Minister-General.

WIDE AND IMPORTANT JURISDICTION.

It was on the feast-day of St. Bonaventure, 12 months ago, that His Holiness the Pope raised him to his present important position. His jurisdiction extends over some 26,000 Friars Minor, and 13,000 Poor Clares, spread throughout the world. He is also the spiritual head of some 4,900,000 Tertiaries, and was spiritual director to the Irish Franciscan College of St. Isidore in the Eternal City.

STAFF TRIBUTE

TO LIMERICK BUSINESS MAN

A happy function took place in Geary's Hotel, Limerick, on Friday night, when Mr. Rory Donnelly, popular business executive and sportsman, was presented with an illuminated address by the staff of Messrs. Wm. Todd and Co., to mark his retirement as a Director. Mr. Donnelly has retired in order to devote his entire attention to his extensive business interests as proprietor of Messrs. T. Downes, Mineral Water Manufacturers and Wholesale Bottlers, Ennis, and the occasion was availed of by the staff of Messrs. Todd and Co. to express their deep appreciation of his work in the firm, and of the great part he played in guiding the firm over a very difficult period some years ago.

Mr. R. A. Barry, chairman of the House Committee, who presented the address, paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Donnelly's abilities as a business organiser, and referred in particular to the debt they owed him for his services in the firm's affairs some years ago, and the phenomenal success of the Company's trading in recent years.

Many references were made to Mr. Donnelly's personal characteristics as a genial and approachable executive, and to his consistent and practical support of Limerick A.F.C.

Mr. Donnelly, in reply, expressed deep appreciation of the gesture made by the staff, which, he said, made him very proud. He regretted leaving Limerick, but the rapid expansion of his own business called for personal supervision since it had become one of the largest concerns of the kind in the country.

A happy evening, which took the form of a supper and musical gathering, followed.

EDIBLE FISH MADE INTO MEAL

Despite the fact that food is so scarce in England, about 30,000 stones of edible fish failed to find buyers at Grimsby on Thursday. The fish were sent to the Fish Meal Works to be ground up.

INJURED BY BUS

Mrs. Bridget Bradley, Cork, was knocked down by a bus when cycling in that city. She is to be paid £650 in full settlement of her personal injuries claim, the payment to include costs.

BOUNDARY EXTENSION

A special meeting of Limerick Corporation will be held this (Monday) evening at 7.30 to consider the question of the extension of the Borough boundary, adjourned from the meeting held on July 1st.

TRAINING FOR REGATTA AT 71

A grandmother aged 71, Mrs. Agnes Griffin, is in training to stroke a crew of four in a ladies race at the coming regatta at Whiteby, England. In her younger days she was a fine oarswoman.

CHEAPER TEA

As from 10th of August next the maximum retail price of tea will be 3/8 per lb. Up to that date the present maximum price of 4/- per lb. will operate.

BUMPER CROPS

By July 20th of this year over 42 million acres of grain had been harvested in the Soviet Union compared with 11 millions by the same date last year.

BUS CONDUCTORS FINED.

Several bus conductors were charged at Bray on Friday with permitting overcrowding on their vehicles. They were fined sums varying from 10/- to £1.

FATAL CRASH

Young Lady's Death

TRAGEDY ON AIRPORT ROAD

A young English lady, shortly after her arrival in this country, was killed outright in a motoring accident near the Shannon Airport on the night of the 21st May last.

There was a sequel to the accident at the last sitting of the Six-milebridge District Court, before Mr. D. F. Gleeson, B.L., D.J., when James Guinnane, St. Joseph St., Limerick, and James Connolly, 2 Dallymount, Clondalkin, Dublin, were charged with driving motor vehicles in a manner dangerous to the public.

Mr. N. Gaffney, solr., appeared for Guinnane, and Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, for Connolly.

FACTS OUTLINED

Inspector Comer (prosecuting) outlined the facts of the case, said that at about 10.30 on Tuesday night, May 21st, a serious accident occurred on the concrete road, not far from Ballycasey Cross, as a result of a collision between a V-8 lorry laden with timber and owned by Messrs. Sisk and Sons, and a private bus belonging to British Overseas Airways Corporation. Connolly was the driver of the lorry and Guinnane was the driver of the private bus that was proceeding from the airport to Limerick with members of the staff of B.O.A.C. Miss Montgomery Bradshaw, one of the members of the staff, sustained fatal injuries as the result of a side-to-side collision between the bus and lorry. The lorry carried timber placed lengthwise and bound by cross-boards and supposed to be packed by experts. Portion of the timber protruded over the side, but not more than two feet. There were excavations on the roadside as a water-main was under construction at the time. Some of the soil taken from the excavation was thrown on to the public road, covering about six inches of it but leaving 19 feet for traffic. The bus measured 7 feet and 6 inches, while the width of the lorry was 7 feet 5 ins. An unfortunate accident resulted in which Miss Montgomery Bradshaw lost her life. She was a clerk in the employment of B.O.A.C. and had only come over from England a short time previously.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

John McNamara, Tullavara, said that about 10.30 on the night in question he was walking along the concrete road in the direction of Ballycasey Cross. He observed a vehicle coming against him and its lights were on. As he heard the noise of a vehicle coming behind him he got on to the grass margin, and he was only a few yards from the lorry when the bus dashed past him and collided with the lorry. Both vehicles tore the sides of each other. Before passing witness out, the lights of the bus shone on the timber that was on the lorry. Both vehicles tore the sides of each other. Before passing witness out, the lights of the bus shone on the timber that was on the lorry. After the collision the bus continued travelling for 60 or 70 yards and then came to a standstill opposite witness's house and on its proper side. Witness spoke to the driver of the lorry, but did not say anything to him regarding the accident beyond remarking that the whole thing was proper blackguardish. The road at the place was strewn with glass, and witness found the door of the bus at the tail of the lorry.

Edward McNamara, a night watchman in the employment of the Board of Works, said he did not notice any lights on the lorry as it was approaching. After the accident he looked into the bus and saw that one of those in it was injured.

PASSENGERS ON BUS GIVE EVIDENCE

Edward Joseph Coughlan, Traffic Officer, B.O.A.C., said he was a passenger in the bus involved in the accident. The other passengers were also members of the staff which had come off duty and were proceeding to Limerick. They left the Airport at 10.25. Witness was sitting directly opposite Miss Bradshaw and was talking to her at the time of the collision. Guinnane, the bus driver, was travelling about 18 or 20 miles an hour, and it was after lighting-up time. Witness noticed the vehicle approaching had only 1 headlight, but he could not see what class of vehicle it was or what it contained until planks came flying into the bus. It was one of those planks that struck Miss Bradshaw and killed her. Before the collision witness noticed a slowing down of the speed of the bus, and the driver also swerved to the left. There was a terrific crash of glass and the bus stopped at once. Miss Bradshaw, who was injured, was taken by Mr. Pitt and witness in a car to Barrington's Hospital. Other members of the staff in the bus were also injured.

Patrick O'Halloran, a fitter in the employment of B.O.A.C. and a passenger in the bus at the time, said he saw one light only on the approaching vehicle, but he did not know that the vehicle had a load of timber until after the impact.

OTHER WITNESSES.

Other witnesses examined were: Sergt. Granrell, who stated that both vehicles appeared to be in perfect condition in every way before the accident; Sergt. Long, of Clonacastle, who proved a map he made of the scene of the accident; Sergt. Officer Percy Walker, and Sergt. Patrick O'Rourke, who proved statements taken from both the defendants. These were lengthy documents, in which one driver blamed the other for what had happened.

Replying to the Justice, Inspector Comer said the allegation against Guinnane was that he did not keep more to his own side.

The Justice said he would have to disagree with that, because all the evidence went to show that he was on his own half of the road.

Mr. O'Malley submitted that Connolly, too, had been driving in a careful manner at the time of the collision and had a lorry of timber skilfully and securely packed.

DANGEROUS NATURE OF LOAD

The Justice said it was quite clear that the cause of the accident was due to the dangerous nature of the load that Connolly was carrying. There was very little evidence of dangerous driving. It was a great pity Connolly did not reach the Airport in daylight, and it was also a pity that he was let out with a load of timber packed in a very dangerous manner. The driver could not be blamed for that. Having regard to all the circumstances, it would not be safe to convict either of the defendants, and both cases would be dismissed.

TOWN TOPICS

A FINE CITY.

"This is a fine city," said an English visitor to Limerick last week. He was particularly impressed by O'Connell Street, with its many Georgian houses, and the way other streets branched off it in block formation such as one sees in New York. Limerick in general struck him as an open, bright, cheerful city and he was very appreciative of the fact that it was so easy to get out into the country on all sides.

A TRAVELLED MAN.

Our Saxon friend sensed an air of prosperity and progress here and he thinks this centre should have a great future. His impressions are all the more interesting by reason of the fact that he is a travelled man who has seen much of foreign countries. In this connection it may be mentioned that a Limerick man who returned home lately on a holiday from Britain says he never knew his native city had so many beauties and attractions until he had experience of several cities across the Channel.

CYNICAL COMMENTS.

It is good to be told these things in view of all the cynical comments one hears from Limerick people themselves from time to time about their city. Too much pride of the parish-pump order is not to be encouraged but local patriotism of a balanced kind can be very useful and certainly shows a healthy spirit. Limerick, after all, is worthy of the appreciation of its people, for it is a centre of great possibilities, and as a place to live in it has many advantages that few other places can boast.

ROOM FOR COMPLAINT.

This does not mean, of course, that there is no room whatever for complaint. Our civic sense, for instance, is not all that it might be and what the late D. P. Moran of the "Dublin Leader" used to call "the verb to do" is very little exercised. Many improvements that could easily be carried out are neglected and in a variety of ways there is a deplorable lack of push and enterprise. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that more than one visitor has commented on the unsightly appearance of some of our suburbs through rank grass and weeds being allowed to grow so profusely along the roadsides and footpaths. Here surely is where something can and should be done without delay.

IDLE GOSSIPS.

Limerick has one reputation that is by no means to its credit. It has the name of having a bigger proportion of idle—and sometimes malicious—gossips than any other city or town in Ireland. This may or may not be too sweeping a statement but it is the view of several who move largely about the country. There can be no doubt, at any rate, that the spreading of bogus "news" and the magnifying of trivial incidents and stories beyond all recognition seems to be a much-loved pastime amongst those good ladies here to whom two and two could never be as low as four! These people may have very high pretensions but in their school-days they seem to have very much neglected that portion of the Catechism dealing with the Eighth Commandment.

'PULLIN' DOWN THE DOCKS.'

Our readers will remember that typical story of the Limerick woman who overheard one angler saying to another on Sarsfield Bridge that "they're pullin' down the docks"—meaning that the fish along the river there were "biting." She told a number of female acquaintances that there were "some ructions going on at the docks" as she heard one man telling another that the place was being pulled to pieces. This sensation speedily grew to enormous dimensions and in a very short time Limerick docks were so it was told—a scene of bloodshed and tragedy beyond description!

IMPORTANCE OF A COMMA.

One little story suggests another, so here is one about the importance of a comma. Many years ago a certain County Court Judge was in the habit of getting temporary financial accommodation from a Limerick loan office. The owner of the latter had occasion some time later to sue a debtor who failed to fulfil his obligations. The case came before the aforesaid Judge, who asked the plaintiff what interest he charged on loans. "Twenty per cent we charge your Honour," he said, deliberately omitting any pause equivalent to a comma after the word "charge." His Honour took the good-humoured hint but only he and the plaintiff understood what was behind it all. In the written sentence, of course, anyone could see how different its whole meaning would be by failure to insert a comma after the word "charge."