

## EX-JUDGE PASSES CITIZENS OF U.S.A.

Mr. E. J. McElligott, Charged In Limerick  
K.C.BRILLIANT CAREER AT THE  
BAR

The people of Limerick, in common with those of so many other parts of the country, have learned with deep regret of the demise of Mr. E. J. McElligott, K.C., former Circuit Judge for Limerick, Clare and Kerry, who passed away yesterday at Ardilaun, Sunnyside, Little Bray. The deceased was fourth son of the late Gerald McElligott, Mount Rivers, Listowel. Educated at St. Vincent's College, Castleknock, and Trinity College, Dublin, of which he was a graduate, he was called to the Bar in 1896 and built up a successful practice. He was called to the Inner Bar in 1911. In 1913 he was appointed Senior Crown Prosecutor for Cork, and in the following year was Treasury Counsel in the Valuation Department to the Irish Government. In the following year he filled the position of Chairman of the Munitions Tribunal, Ireland. In 1924 he was appointed Judge of the Limerick, Clare and Kerry Circuit, a position, for which his judicial and administrative experience eminently suited him.



The deceased, who was only in the early seventies, was extremely popular not alone amongst his colleagues, but with everyone who knew him. He had a very brilliant career as an advocate at the Bar. One of the famous cases in which he figured prominently as defending counsel was the trial of William Scanlan, who was convicted at Cork Assizes many years ago for the murder of Bridget Gayer at Ballysally, Charleville.

During the Anglo-Irish war he was one of the best known and most successful defenders of the Republican forces at Courts-martial. He retired from the Bench in 1940, returned to practice at the Bar in 1944, when he appeared as leading counsel for the appellant in a probate suit in Ennis.

In private life the late Mr. McElligott was a kindly, sociable and good-hearted gentleman. He was a keen golfer, and was very fond of boating. In 1912 he married a daughter of Colonel J. N. Cahill, J.P., by whom he had a son, and who fought in the R.A.F. in the recent war.

## CITY HOME STAFF

## QUESTION OF BONUSES

LIQUOR TAKEN FROM  
'PLANE

Two United States citizens, mechanics employed at Shannon Airport by Trans World Airways, were to-day charged before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J., at Limerick District Court, with the larceny of £15 worth of liquor from an Air France 'plane at the Airport.

The defendants were Carl Louis Stober, whose address was given as the Royal George Hotel, Limerick; and Edward J. Irwin, described as Engineer, Trans World Airways, Shannon Airport. They were jointly charged with the larceny of 29 snipes of champagne, two bottles of brandy and one bottle of vermouth, the total value of which was estimated at £15.

Mr. James A. Casey (Messrs. Joseph M. Collins & Co., solicitors) defended, and Superintendent J. Flynn, Ennis, prosecuted.

Both defendants were also summoned by the Irish Customs authorities for contravening the Customs regulations regarding the importation of liquor.

CASE EXPLAINED BY  
SUPERINTENDENT.

Supt. Flynn explained that both defendants were United States citizens. They had been found in possession of a quantity of the missing liquor, which was stolen from an Air France 'plane on July 26th last, of which £9 worth had been recovered. Garda action was initiated following a report that Air France missed 29 bottles of champagne, two bottles of cognac brandy and one of vermouth. The aircraft from which the liquor was stolen arrived at the Airport at 9.30 on the evening of July 25. He (Supt.) received the complaint a little later that evening and as a result of information he visited Stober's quarters and questioned him. Stober admitted being in possession of one bottle of champagne, which he then produced from a wardrobe. The Superintendent searched the wardrobe and found it contained six more bottles of champagne and one bottle of cognac. In a statement which he refused to sign, Stober admitted taking seven bottles of champagne, one bottle of cognac, and one bottle of "table water" from the Air France aircraft, on which he had been carrying out maintenance work during the night of July 25th. Stober denied liability for the remainder of the missing liquor.

## IN OTHER MAN'S LOCKER.

The Superintendent approached Irwin in the maintenance shed at the Airport at about three o'clock on the morning of July 26th. In Irwin's locker he found seven bottles of champagne and one of brandy. Irwin was not present at the time of the "find," but was later questioned, when he vouched a statement which he also refused to sign, but in which he admitted stealing seven bottles of champagne while engaged in maintenance work on the Air France 'plane on the previous night.

Stober's unsigned statement contained the information that he arrived in Eire early last February to take up employment as mechanic with the Trans-World Airways at Shannon Airport. He had been engaged on maintenance work aboard the Air France 'plane on the night in question and it was during his period of duty that he noticed the liquor. The passengers and crew had then vacated the machine, and, being alone, he took the bottles and brought them to his quarters at the Airport.

In his statement, Irwin said he arrived in this country on May 17 last as an employee of T.W.A., and he also had been engaged in repair work aboard the Air France 'plane

## NEW FUNCTIONS

## For City Manager

DIRECTION OF MENTAL  
HOSPITAL

The City Manager for Limerick, Mr. M. Macken, is to take over additional functions. In future he is to be responsible as director or manager of the affairs of the Mental Hospital in place of Mr. P. J. Meghen, B.E., County Manager. This transpired at the monthly meeting of the Mental Hospital Committee on Wednesday, the Mayor (Mr. J. C. Hickey) presiding.

## STATEMENT BY CO. MANAGER

The County Manager informed the meeting that some time ago, feeling that his work in connection with county affairs, and particularly arising out of the big housing drive in the county, would occupy his whole attention, he had asked the Chairman of the County Council to approach the Minister for Local Government with a view to having the Management of the Limerick Mental Hospital Joint Committee transferred to the City Manager, Mr. Macken. In this connection he had received a communication from the Department indicating that the Minister had made an order appointing the City Manager as Manager of the Limerick Mental Hospital. He would like to point out that the county housing programme was worrying him, and it was going to involve an amount of trouble and travelling next winter, and he would be out of town very much. He had discussed the position with Mr. Macken, who was willing to take over. While he knew that Mr. Macken was as busy a man as he was himself, he felt that Mr. Macken was in a better position to discharge the duties of Manager of the Hospital, and he was eminently suitable. He felt that this would be a better arrangement. He was sorry to relinquish his association with the Committee; at all times he received the very best of co-operation from the members and officials.

The Chairman said that they were very sorry to have to lose the services of their Manager.

APPRECIATION OF GOOD  
WORK.

The Mayor said that they all appreciated very much the good work the County Manager had done, and they all understood the great difficulty which he had to cover in his area in Co. Limerick. He understood also that Mr. Macken would be very pleased to accept the position, and from his experience of the City Manager he felt sure that he would be admirably suited to the post.

Mr. Cusack said that they were all very sorry to lose the services of the County Manager, who co-operated with them to good effect, and was considerate at all times.

Other members joined in the tributes, Dr. Irwin saying that Mr. Meghen was always of great assistance to the staff since he was appointed in charge of the Hospital four years ago.

The County Manager, in thanking the members for their kind remarks, said that he promised Mr. Macken that he would co-operate with him when he needed his assistance.

## EASY WINNERS!

GOT THROUGH BLANK  
DOCKET

Michael Foran, of White's Bow (off Broad Street), Limerick, who had been charged at Thurles District Court on Wednesday last with obtaining by false pretences the