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TO SUCCEED WALLACE

President Truman announced in Washington last night that he will appoint Mr. W. Averell Harriman, present Ambassador to Britain, as Secretary of Commerce in succession to Mr. Henry Wallace.

Mr. Harriman arrived in Britain to assume the U.S. Ambassadorship in London on April 22 last. Previously he had been four years U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Although born to great wealth, Mr. Harriman was noted for his enthusiastic support of the Roosevelt New Deal.

A business man who learned political administration under President Roosevelt, of whom he was a great friend, Mr. Harriman made many friends in England when he went there early in 1941 to expedite the supply of Lend-Lease goods for Britain.

ASSAULT CHARGES

CASES AT NEWCASTLE WEST

Before Mr. C. S. Kenny, B.L., D.J., at Newcastle West Court on Friday, 13th inst.

Michael Hart, Maiden Street, Newcastle West, was charged with assaulting Patrick Monahan, N.T.

Mr. M. J. K. Dore, solr., defended. Patrick Monahan, in reply to Supt. McKenna, said that while with two friends in a licensed premises in Church Street, Hart approached him with a glass containing stout.

Thinking that defendant intended to throw the stout, witness ducked. As he did so defendant struck him with the glass under the chin. In the impact the glass broke and witness was badly injured and had to be treated by a doctor. A few days previously witness struck defendant after reprimanding him for using obscene language.

Mr. Dore said that defendant was now in the R.A.F. in England and, although outside the jurisdiction of the Court, he was pleading guilty to the charge. The offence was due to drink.

Remarking that the assault was a savage one, the Justice fined the defendant £5.

Michael Hart, defendant in the previous case, and Daniel Massey, Maiden Street, Newcastle West, were charged with assault on Daniel Ahern, Rooskagh.

Daniel Ahern, lorry driver, Rooskagh, said that after leaving a licensed premises in Churchtown on 15th August, defendants assaulted him and knocked him down. When he was down they kicked him on the side and face. Previously he had a difference with Massey's brother-in-law.

The Justice said the case was not quite as bad as the previous one. He fined defendants £4 each, and allowed 7/6 expenses against each of them.

GRAND FINALE

OLD HARBOUR BOARD

The Mayor (Mr. J. C. Hickey) presiding at to-day's meeting of Limerick Harbour Board, told the Commissioners that the present Board would cease to exist, under the new Harbours Act, as from October 10th next, when the newly-constituted Board would come into being.

According to procedure, the Board were entitled to hold one more meeting before they ceased to function. He wanted to know if the Board would like to hold their regular fortnightly meeting on Monday, October 7th. On the Thursday following, he pointed out, there would be a special meeting of the new body, to elect a Chairman and Committees.

Mr. P. Donnellan, B.C., proposed that the Board hold their regular meeting in a fortnight's time. "We'd better have the grand finale, anyway," he added.

The Board unanimously agreed that they should hold one more meeting before the re-established body came into force.

IRISH HELP FOR CONTINENT

Supplies to the value of £2,000 are being sent to Hungary to-morrow by the Irish Red Cross. These include a Dodge motor lorry, hundreds of thousands of Vitamin A and D capsules and 110 bales of used clothing. Ten tons of malt and cod liver oil are also being sent to the International Red Cross at Bayonne.

SCRATCHED FROM ENGLISH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Prawn Curry and Sunstroke were scratched from the English Cambridgeshire at 9 a.m. to-day.

DEATHS

IDDON—September 19th, 1946 (unexpectedly), at Strand Road, Tramore, Co. Waterford, Wilfred (Will) Iddon, Amusement Caterer (Will's Amusements). Interment took place on Saturday, 21st inst., at Christ Church, Tramore.

McEVROY—September 22nd, 1946, at her residence, 53 Edward Street, Limerick, Bridget McEvoy, wife of Joseph McEvoy. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church this (Monday) evening at 5.45 o'clock. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) at 3 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

ALLEN (Third Anniversary)—In sad and loving memory of my dear wife and loving mother, Mrs. Mary Allen, late 9 Cashels Range, Thomondgate, who died 20th Sept., 1943. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on her soul. Masses offered. Your thoughts were so full of us.

Your heart, so true and tender; You did your best for all of us, Then left us to remember. You left behind broken hearts, That loved you most sincere, That never have, nor never will, Forget you, mother dear. —Inserted by her loving husband and family, and sister, Della.

SAD INQUEST STORY

The story of how a Limerickman, Patrick McCarthy, who lived at Taylor's Row, was found dead, banging from a tree, was told at an inquest held at Nenagh by Dr. A. W. Courtney, Coroner for North Tipperary.

The deceased had been encamped on the Dark Road, Nenagh, with his wife and children, brother and cousins.

The discovery was made by the brother of the deceased, who had the Guards notified.

Michael McCarthy (30), brother of the deceased, said he identified the remains of the deceased as that of his brother. Witness last saw him alive at 10.30 o'clock on Thursday night. Witness saw him go to his own fire, and then saw him go to his own tent. The deceased was in good health. His brother had told him that he could not sleep for the last five or six nights and that it was "conical" he never felt a bit sleepy. A couple of hours later he was called by the deceased's wife, who said that her husband had gone up the road, and witness and his cousin, Martin, went in search of him.

Supt. O'Dowd—Why did you go in search of him.—His wife was crying.

Did she see him leave the tent?—No; she saw him on the road.

Did you find him?—No; we went for about half a mile up the road, as far as the pony was, and I said he would not pass the pony, but would bring her back. It was a moonlight night, and we returned to the Dark Road and I got my top coat. I searched and saw there was a bit of a rope missing. We made a further search, and eventually we went as far as the lodge and returned again, and I saw a shadow on the roadside.

HANGING FROM TREE-FORK

Proceeding, witness said he approached and saw it was the body of his brother hanging from a fork of a tree. The body was on the field side of the road. Witness released the body and saw the rope was around his neck. Witness slapped his brother on the jaw and pressed his own face against his and found that he was cold. His brother was wearing his cap and his cap fell when he moved the body. Witness sent his nephew for the Guards.

Superintendent—Did you know if he was worried?—His mother was in a mental hospital for the last 16 years, and my brother had pleurisy and had been in hospital with it.

Mrs. Kathleen McCarthy, wife of the deceased, said she and her husband were in Nenagh on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. He had two drinks. When they went home he was sitting around the fire and he and his brother went off for a cart of sticks. He had his supper and went to his brother's wagon at 10 o'clock, and they went to bed about 10.30. Both of them slept in a tent. The only remark that her husband passed was that he did not sleep at night, and that he was always thinking about his mother, who was in a mental hospital. Witness fell asleep for a short time and awakened to see her husband fully dressed. She could see him on the road from the tent, and witness thought that he was going to the other tent for a light of a cigarette. Witness saw him go to Martin McCarthy's tent, and next she saw him "sloping" up the side of the road. She did not know where he was going.

Witness called him and she got no answer, and then she called his brother and his cousin.

Supt.—Why did you call them?

"IT LOOKED QUEER"

Because it looked queer. Something told me he had a rope. I did not see the rope.

Did he say he was tired of life?—He did not say that.

Witness added that she and her husband had "a few words" in Athlone about ten days ago. Witness asked him what was the trouble. He said: "Anybody who cannot sleep at night is bound to commit murder." He then laughed and said he didn't mean that, and added that he was troubled about his mother. In Nenagh the deceased bought boots for their little child, and witness said that he bought them too big, and he replied that maybe before long she would not have him to buy any boots for the child.

Guard D. Finnian, Nenagh, stated that he was called to Solasboro' at 1.50 a.m. on Friday morning. He found the body of the deceased inside the wall. Witness described the position of the body and said the rope was still around his neck. Witness had the body removed by private motor car to the hospital morgue.

Replying to jurors, witness said a person would be able to reach the fork of the tree while standing on the wall and to connect a rope with it.

Dr. James Walsh, Resident Medical Officer of Nenagh Hospital, said he had examined the body, and as a result of the history he obtained, in his opinion death was due to hanging from the neck. There was a narrow impression all around the deceased's neck. There were no other marks of violence on the body.

The Coroner said that evidently this man must have been depressed and from some of the remarks he made it looked as if his mind was unbalanced.

The jury returned a verdict that the deceased died as a result of hanging, the injuries being self-inflicted.

The Coroner, Mr. J. Murphy, on behalf of the jury, and Supt. O'Dowd, on behalf of the Gardaí, tendered sympathy to the widow, brother and relatives of the deceased.

The Coroner added that the deceased appeared to him to be a very hardy man.

SURPRISE FOR BROTHER

Patrick Maher, of Beakstown, who had been officially notified during World War 1 that his brother, Mr. M. Maher, formerly of Mill Road, Thurles, was killed in action, was amazed last week when his brother paid him a visit. He had been forty-five years away and had been in America, returning to England later.

TEACHERS FOR GERMANY

Eight hundred and forty British teachers have applied for posts in Germany, to teach the children of British occupation forces on the Continent.

Dr. Leo V. McDonnell will be away from 13 Barrington Street, Limerick, until 9th October.

SUMMONS AGAINST CREAMERY

A summons against the Bridge-town Co-operative Creamery Society in respect of a weighing installation was disposed of under the Probation Act at the Killaloe District Court, before Mr. G. Hurley, B.L., Acting D.J.

Sergeant James Bredin, Ennis, Inspector of Weights and Measures for the area, gave evidence of finding the weighing instrument in use on 7th August. It was 3 lbs. incorrect, and he did not have to examine the instrument to detect this.

In reply to Mr. R. Fitzgibbon, solr. (defending), witness said he had experience of the type of machine in question and he had examined that particular machine before. He did not put any weights on the machine to test it because it was not necessary to do so in order to ascertain that it was wrong. It was a milk-weighing machine, and these machines were practically all the same make. It was made by a Swedish firm. There were about twelve of those machines in witness's area.

When Mr. Fitzgibbon suggested that the proper way to test those machines was by the use of liquid, the witness agreed but added that he did not use fluid in the test. He had weights with him but did not use them either. It was not necessary to use either fluid or weights to see that it was wrong. He further admitted that he would have got a more correct weight by the use of fluid, which was the proper thing to do, but in this case he saw the machine was wrong before he carried out the test at all. At zero it was showing 3 lbs., and that was immediately apparent, together with the general condition of the machine. There was a previous caution in the case twelve months ago.

Mr. Gleeson, Manager of the Creamery, said that the machine in question was a very old one. He did not see the machine being tested previously, but he had been told by the machine-man that it had been. Witness, as Manager, received no notice to that effect. He had noticed himself that the machine was wrong and he wrote to the fitters and made a complaint, and he received a reply to the effect that a mechanic would be sent along without delay. A third complaint had to be made before that reply was received. On August 7th, a mechanic arrived, but the Sergeant had been there earlier in the day and had tested the machine and found it was wrong. The mechanic opened it up and adjusted it and it was working all right now. The inaccuracy complained of was against the Creamery to the extent of 2 lbs. If a customer's milk weighed 122 lbs. the customer would be allowed 120 lbs.

Mr. Fitzgibbon said it was impossible to get any parts for the machine in question or to get a new one, and the position was the same for the last six or seven years. Mr. Gleeson was not out to take advantage of anyone, and he did what he could to have the defect remedied, as could be seen from the correspondence that passed between himself and Dairy Supplies. The Manager of Dairy Supplies had even gone to Sweden in the hope of having parts for those machines got into this country.

Sergeant Bredin said that he examined the machine that morning and found an improvement in it. He agreed that the Creamery people were in a difficulty about the whole thing owing to the impossibility of obtaining parts from Sweden.

The Justice said that in view of the fact that it was not the fault of the Creamery he would apply the Probation Act.

Sergeant Bredin having intimated that the expenses amounted to £3 6s., Mr. Fitzgibbon gave a guarantee that this amount would be paid by his clients.

REVIVAL SET IN

THE BUILDING TRADE

The building industry accepted and began the execution of over £1,074,000 worth of licensed buildings for the 13 months ended on June 30th, and in addition there were civil engineering and similar projects not coming under the control of building orders and numerous small contracts, said Mr. L. J. Kelly, Longford, president, when replying to the toast of "The Federation," proposed by Mr. H. Hill, F.R.I.B.A., at a dinner given by the Cork regional branch of the Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers in Cork on Saturday night.

Mr. Kelly said that the building industry's quick recuperative powers from the moribund condition of the emergency years was indicative of its vitality. Their suppliers, in co-operation with the Department of Industry and Commerce, had, in many respects, done a good job in making available materials which it had been thought they might be without for a very long period. Timber was a notable example. There was now a reasonable flow of timber into the country, though still insufficient to meet requirements.

Another serious difficulty confronting them was the shortage of skilled workers. Their skilled labour force had been seriously depleted by emigration and the fact that only a very small number of apprentices were in training in recent years.

They hoped that the steady revival in trade would induce considerable numbers of tradesmen to return home. He understood that the Government's advisory committee was at present attempting to evolve an apprentice system that would ensure a steady recruitment of youths. Mr. Kelly welcomed the formation of a Federation in Northern Ireland. He hoped for closer co-operation between both bodies, and hoped also the day would come when both would merge.

PARCEL SERVICE TO EUROPE

The parcel post services to Austria, Hungary and Yugoslavia have been restored. The Department of Posts and Telegraphs announces that parcels containing gifts for the personal use of addressees, and comprising such commodities as clothing, coffee, medicinal and toilet articles of a value not exceeding £5 in value may be exported to the countries mentioned.

TO-DAY'S OPERATIONS

The heavy downpour of rain which swept across the South of Ireland during Saturday night and yesterday morning wrecked the planned intensive campaign of harvesting work for the week-end, caused further grave damage and delay in the countryside, and has given rise to even greater anxiety for the fate of the all-important corn crops.

Unless measures can be taken at once to overtake the arrears of work in the fields, the loss of food involved will be catastrophic. It has now become a matter of grim necessity to save what we can, and every city and town in the country is urged to be ready to pour forth record numbers of harvesters at short notice, so as to avail of every hour when work is possible.

DISAPPOINTED HARVESTERS

In the Limerick area, yesterday, 700 volunteers responded to the "Save The Harvest" appeal, and were ready to embark on their important mission as six C.I.E. omnibuses were placed at their disposal, but the adverse weather cancelled the idea. However, 200 of them braved the elements. The majority of these willing workers were recruited from the various city shops, factories and offices, and they were jubilant at the prospect of giving a helping hand in the districts to which they had been assigned. To many of them the work in the corn fields was their first venture, but they were all imbued with the one desire to give all the assistance possible, even though they were labouring in far stranger surroundings.

Alas! Shortly after arriving at their destinations the showers came in abundant supply. The rigours of the weather were too much to face, and so the vital work had to be abandoned for the day. Grieved by the fact that they were unable to put their proposed assistance into operation, these 200 volunteers returned homeward on a saddened note. But they were full of hope. It was their golden wish that next Thursday afternoon, or Saturday afternoon, and Sunday next, would be favourable, for to most of them these were the only periods of the week that they could avail of to answer the nation's call.

TO-DAY'S OPERATIONS

There were refreshed signs of enthusiasm at the local bureau offices this morning, as a further battalion of volunteers came along with the unanimous desire to join the "Harvest Armada." These helpers were mostly unemployed men in addition to the usual contingent from the city warehouses, factories, etc., who were released for this duty at the outset of the campaign. Over 300 of them took off in the various modes of transport placed at the disposal of the Co. Committee of Agriculture. It was gratifying to learn that many city firms, as well as private individuals, were placing their cars at the disposal of the Committee, and there was a continued increase in such offers of transport.

An official of the Limerick Co. Committee of Agriculture said that the local campaign would have been nearer completion had good weather prevailed yesterday. This opinion was gleaned as a result of the very large number of volunteers who signified their willingness to work in the fields for the day. The number was so large that it eclipsed by far the numbers on the previous days. The official suggested that the Limerick Chamber of Commerce might make it possible to bring about an extra half-holiday in the week, and so release the city's employed in larger numbers for the vital harvest work.

THRASHING STARTS

It was stated at the C.A. offices this afternoon that threshing had started in Bruff and Croom over the week-end, and to-day it was in progress at Kildimo, Askeaton, Pallaskey, Adare, Bruree and Ballysmon, while it is expected that threshing operations will be completed this evening in the North Liberties district of Limerick.

The Defence Forces at Limerick are giving very valuable assistance by way of men and transport, and their services are highly appreciated by the officials at the bureau, and by the farmers generally. The local Gardaí authorities are also co-operating in the drive in enlisting the support of men and women.

EXCELLENT REPORTS

Mr. Martin Gleeson, C.A.O. stated that the quality of the wheat, which has been saved, was excellent. Very good reports have been received from the city millers as to the condition and quality of the wheat received to date from the county. It was paradoxical that the actual moisture content was below the standard of 23 per cent.

THE TEACHERS' STRIKE

The teachers' struggle would go on until their rights were secured, said Mr. D. Hanley, Central Strike Committee, at a special meeting of Clonmel branch, I.N.T.O., when a resolution was passed unanimously expressing fullest confidence in the C.E.C.

Every democratic expression of opinion by the people of Dublin as to the merits of the dispute had been sympathetic to the teachers, said Mr. Hanley. The Government, ensconced in smugness that came of 14 years of office, had considered only its own prestige and assumed that the Government must never allow itself to be proved to have been wrong.

HARVEST ALIBI REJECTED

Charged at Waterford with obtaining £1 from a Cahir farmer by falsely representing himself as a tillage inspector who had lost his wallet, Michael Foskin, Myrath, Mullinavat, appealed for a chance on the grounds that his mother's tractor would be lying idle if he were sent to jail.

Sentencing Foskin to one month's imprisonment, District Justice McCabe replied: "This business of delaying the harvest is going to be a great alibi for everybody, but not for you, I'm afraid."

There were a number of previous convictions recorded against Foskin.

HOUSING AND COMMUNISM

The introduction of legislation to enable town tenants to become owners of their own houses would be an effective way of combating Communism, declared Mr. J. J. Collins in a paper read to the concluding session of the Municipal Authorities of Ireland Conference at Killarney.

MANY HOUSES FLOODED

Limerick Harbour Board, at their meeting to-day, the Mayor (Mr. J. C. Hickey) presiding, considered a letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce, seeking the Board's views on possible amendments to the 1913 Pilotage Act.

Members present with the Mayor were:—Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.; Ald. J. Carew, and Messrs. P. Whelan, B.C.; G. B. Dillon, B.C.; P. Donnellan, B.C.; A. Goodwin, S. J. K. Roycroft, T. J. Loughrey, and J. P. Goodbody.

Officials in attendance were:—Mr. D. O'Brien, General Manager; Captain C. J. Hanrahan, Harbour Master, and Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan, B.E., Harbour Engineer.

The Department's letter intimated that the Minister had under consideration, possible amendments to the Pilotage Act, which governed merchant shipping. The observations and recommendation of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners, in their capacity as a pilotage authority, would be desirable and welcomed by the Minister in his scheme of amendment on the Pilotage Regulations.

The Manager suggested that the letter be referred to the Harbour Master and to the shipping firms having contacts with the Board. Their observations could be converted into a report for submission to the Board at a later meeting. He felt that the points of view of the Limerick Steamship Company on the Minister's letter would be very useful.

MR. DILLON PROPOSED THAT THE MANAGER'S SUGGESTION BE ADOPTED, AND THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO TAKE THIS COURSE.

MANY HOUSES FLOODED. Mr. Dillon called the Engineer's attention to the flooded condition of house basements in Patrick St. This serious matter had recently been discussed at a meeting of the City Council, where it had been stated that possible damage through flooding at Patrick St. was not a liability of the Corporation, but was due to a defect in the quay wall at Arthur's Quay, the maintenance of which was the responsibility of the Board. For several months back, residents in Patrick St. had suffered badly because of flooded basements. He wondered if the Engineer could take any steps to have the flooding stopped.

Mr. Dillon also requested the Engineer to take steps to have the dumping of refuse discontinued at Arthur's Quay.

The Engineer replied that he would see what could be done in the matter of the prevention of flooding in the Patrick St. area. Referring to the dumping of refuse at Arthur's Quay, the Engineer reminded the Board that this had been going on for several years, but when practical efforts were made to stop it, and when the officials went to the trouble of tracing one of the offenders and mentioning his name before the Board, they decided not to prosecute. Dumping had since continued. He promised the Board now that when the three employees of the Board returned from their present harvesting operations they would clear up the foreshore at Arthur's Quay.

Mr. Dillon—They have a nice job before them this year.

The discussion ended. On the proposition of Mr. Dillon, the Board unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Joseph O'Connell (19), St. Joseph Street, Limerick, to the clerical position in the Board's offices vacated by Mr. Gerald Fralley. The Board also recommended that Mr. O'Connell's commencing basic salary should be £2 16s. a week, after Mr. Dillon had pointed out that the Emergency Bonus Order ceased to exist as from to-day.

Mr. William Wallace, who had been a temporary dock gateman during the past sixteen months, was appointed to the Board's permanent staff.

REPORTS READ

The Harbour Master's report stated that berths and quays in the wet dock and on the quays were in order. The pilots' work continued satisfactorily, and owing to continuing heavy freshets, the channel remained in good navigable condition.

In his fortnightly report the Harbour Engineer referred to the usual maintenance work at the docks, and added that four of the Board's manual employees had been sent out on harvesting work. One had returned and the other three were still helping with the harvest.

The Manager reported that one overseas vessel, one regular trader and one coaster had entered the port since the Board's last meeting.

GRIFFITH'S VALUATION

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.") Dear Sir—Your contributor "Sulcoit" in his article "Our Agricultural Land" mentions the Griffith Valuation. That valuation being nearly 100 years old is very much in need of revision. The Government has published the draft of a Valuation Bill but owing to war conditions no attempt has been made to pass it into law. This brings me to the point that while there will be urgent need for properly qualified valuers, and in fact the need already exists, there are very few such in the 26 Counties. It is true that a number of unqualified men combine valuation of land and buildings with other work. This state of affairs is rather remarkable in a country, where other professions are overcrowded, and is due in part to the lack of training facilities. There is a definite deficiency in professional organization and in the higher education which should be remedied.—Yours faithfully F.S.I.

NO PORTER RATIONING?

Reports circulating last week that supplies of porter, beer and ale were to be reduced early in October, have been refuted by the secretary of the Irish Brewers' Association. It had been stated that the decision to have supplies reduced had been the result of a "secret meeting" of the Brewers' Association. The secretary denied that any such meeting was held.

FOUR FINE DAYS!

The rainfall estimated in Cork between 10 a.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday was .32 ins. The rain on Saturday and Sunday brought the total rain days in September to eighteen out of twenty-two.

LOURDES EXPLOSION

A bomb which exploded outside a lawyer's home at Lourdes caused damage estimated at over £2,300.