

LEAD LARCENY

Workman Pleads Guilty

EMPLOYER WOULD NOT PRESS CHARGES

At to-day's sitting of the District Court, before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J.,

Joseph Colleran, 37, Mungret St., was charged with the larceny of a quantity of lead, valued at £12 10s., the property of Daniel O'Sullivan, O'Curry St., Limerick.

Supt. Colleran prosecuted and Colleran was not professionally represented.

Garda Doolan said that on the evening of August 30th last while on duty near O'Curry Street he saw the defendant with what appeared to be a heavy sack. Witness kept Colleran under observation and noticed that the accused was watching him also. He went into a shop with the sack and returned later. The Gardai accosted him and discovered that the sack contained lead. In a statement Colleran admitted that he had stolen the lead from Mr. O'Sullivan. He had been stealing lead from Mr. O'Sullivan periodically during the past twelve months; he used take three stone of lead at the time, and would sell it to a local shopkeeper.

Daniel O'Sullivan, in evidence, said that Colleran had been in his employment for the past seventeen years. Since he was a man with a wife and family of eight, witness did not want to press the charges. Colleran's father had been in his employment for forty years and witness was now willing to take the defendant back into his employment.

"A ROUGH SUSPICION."

Witness said that when he discovered quantities of lead were leaving the premises he made a complaint to the Gardai. He had a "rough suspicion" that the culprit was Colleran. The worst feature witness saw about the case was that Colleran was able to find people in Limerick to purchase the lead from him.

On that point, the Justice assured Mr. O'Sullivan that action would be taken against the receivers involved.

When the Superintendent said that this was Colleran's first offence, and in view of O'Sullivan's evidence, the Justice said he would adjourn the case for 12 months on the defendant's own bond of £10.

YOUNG GIRL CHARGED.

A young girl, who was only three days out of Mountjoy Prison, was charged with the larceny of two glass tumblers, valued at 4/-, the property of Michael Frawley, Broad St., Limerick. She was Bridie Ryan, at present of no fixed address, but stated to be a native of Kilmallock. She was not professionally represented and pleaded guilty.

Supt. P. Colleran, who prosecuted, explained that Ryan and another woman entered Frawley's premises recently and had drinks. When they left Mr. Frawley found their two glasses missing. He followed them, and asked the defendant if she had the tumblers. She denied that she had the ware, and Frawley took her back to his shop, searched her, and found the glasses under her clothes.

"She is only a few days out of Mountjoy, and has been drinking since she came out," the Superintendent added. She had been in custody during the past few days.

The Justice sentenced Ryan to the number of days in which she had been in custody, and discharged her on condition that she returned to her family in Kilmallock.

WILD DUCK'S NEST IN TREE

Mr. John Mulqueen, Newtown, Bruff, has (writes our Kilmallock correspondent), come across a most extraordinary and interesting "find" at Ballinanty, some distance from the town. Mr. Mulqueen, a life-long sportsman with dog and gun, saw a wild duck emerging from a decaying tree, about 14 feet high, standing by a wall. On making an investigation he discovered the nest, which contained nine eggs. He expresses the hope that the nest will not be interfered with, as he intends to watch carefully the course of developments.

SHOT DEAD

Tragedy In Orchard

GARDA CHARGED WITH MURDER

A tragic shooting affray, in which Garda James Byrne, aged 39 years, single, and a native of Co. Wicklow, lost his life, occurred some minutes before midnight on last Wednesday night, on the farm of Mr. Richard Kennedy, Mount Catherine, Pallasgreen, where the deceased was on duty.

It was revealed that the tragedy took place in a portion of Mr. Kennedy's farm, known as "the orchard," about one acre in extent, enclosed by a high wall, but growing only a few fruit trees. It was beneath one of the latter that the body of Garda Byrne was lying after the tragic occurrence. The farm is one of 16 acres, which was purchased by Mr. Kennedy from the Irish Land Commission. Since 1935 it has been under police protection, two armed Guards maintaining a vigil in the vicinity each night. This particular duty had been performed by Garda Byrne and Garda Daniel Duff together for many weeks.

In connection with the affair, Garda Duff, aged 23 years, and whose home address is Suncroft, Co. Kildare, was charged at a Special Court in William Street Garda Barracks on Thursday, before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J., with the wilful murder of Garda Byrne.

On the application of Supt. Dunning, Pallas, the accused was remanded to the Limerick District Court to-day (Friday). He was removed to Limerick Prison.

INQUEST ADJOURNED.

At an inquest held in Pallasgreen Garda Barracks by Dr. M. J. O'Connor, sitting with a jury, touching the circumstances surrounding the death,

Dr. John McGrath, State Pathologist, stated that, with Dr. McEnery, Medical Officer, Pallasgreen, he had performed a post-mortem examination on the body of Garda Byrne. The body, he said, was identified by Supt. Dunning, and the Deputy Coroner was present. The great coat, tunic and woollen undervest of deceased each showed two punctured holes in front of the chest on the left side. These same articles of clothing showed one puncture in the back on the right side. There were two puncture wounds in front of the chest, a little to the left side. These were two bullet wounds.

The bullets had both penetrated the heart and their tracks had crossed.

One bullet had left the body through an exit wound at the back. The second bullet was found beneath the skin at the back, 2½ inches below the entrance wound and 1½ inches to the right of the spine. Dr. McGrath said that he removed this bullet and handed it to Detective-Sergeant Murphy. The cause of death was shock and haemorrhage, caused by the injuries described. There were no other marks or wounds on the body.

Corroborative evidence regarding the post-mortem was given by Dr. McEnery.

At this stage, Supt. Dunning, addressing the Acting Coroner, said: "I must inform you that a man has been charged with the wilful murder of Garda Byrne, and I must ask you to adjourn the inquest to a date to be arranged."

Complying with this request, and adjourning the inquest sine die, the Acting Coroner said that it was his duty to tender to the relatives of the deceased, and to the Gardai, his sympathy on what he described as a very sad affair.

The foreman of the Jury, Mr. Michael Aherne, N.T., and Supt. Dunning also expressed sympathy with the relatives of deceased.

REMOVAL OF REMAINS.

The remains were removed to the Parish Church at Pallasgreen at 10 o'clock last night. A large cortege was present, Supt. Dunning representing the Gardai. The funeral, it is expected, will take place to Co. Wicklow the home of deceased, to-day, after Mass.

OFFER MADE INADEQUATE

At a meeting of the Executive of the National Ex-Servicemen's Association the following resolution was passed:—"That we, the

WHAT IS GOING ON

Notes, News & Views

"SUMMER TIME."

There are differences of opinion as to the benefits to be accrued from "Summer Time." A few years ago there was an outcry against the innovation, but, latterly, the general public seem to be taking to it more kindly. An esteemed correspondent, for instance, suggests that "Summer Time" be continued throughout the winter period. He maintains that no advantage would be derived by having the hands of the clock put back by one hour on the night of 6th October. Parents of very young children are not likely, however, to endorse this contention, as it is not either pleasant or easy to get the "wee ones" out of bed in stygian darkness.

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A MEDICAL VIEW.

Apropos this question of "Summer Time," very interesting comments appeared in the Journal of the Medical Association of Eire some time ago. The gist of these observations and comments is that the health of the people is likely to improve by reason of the hands of the clock being pushed forward by one hour. Cynics may smile at this. Well, smiles, too, are good for one's constitution and, consequently, the sceptics are benefitting, though unknowingly, perhaps, by man-made time. Now that the medical faculty has spoken it may be assumed that hostility to "Summer Time" will fade away altogether. The indications are, in any case, that the system has come to stay.

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ELEVEN DAYS "LOST."

The point is made by the Medical Journal that almost two centuries ago when the Gregorian replaced the Julian Calendar by an Act passed in 1751 there was a public outcry to the tune of "give us back our eleven days." This reference was due to the arrangement whereby September 14th, 1751, became September 2nd, without any intervening date. "We are reminded of this ignorance," the Journal proceeds, "which so often attributes positive and even material values to purely conventions of daily life, when we read some of the attacks made upon that beneficial fact, 'Summer Time,' which is designed to permit us a closer acquaintance with old man Sol, who has in recent years established himself as a synthetic chemist of no small powers."

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OLD SOL'S PART.

Having alluded to the fact that the sun has entered into the highly competitive world of cosmetics, inasmuch as it was the originator of skin tan, the article in the Journal proceeds:—"Perhaps this is not the highest scientific achievement, but it is much the most lucrative, and we suspect that, calculated at a miserly 10 per cent., Old Sol's commission on this article from hotel proprietors, landladies and the makers of scantily but exotic bathing attire (that must on no account be wetted) far exceeds his profits in other directions."

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SOME RECORD.

Master Sean Guina, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Guina, late of Sir Hary's Mall, Limerick, has entered the Holy Ghost Novitate at Kishane. Young Guina, a very brilliant boy, was a member of the Dublin team, winners of the All-Ireland minor football championship last year. This year he played for Dublin in the final for the All-Ireland