

...tongue at the defendant when he was six or seven yards away from him. The defendant passed him three times on the road before the assault occurred, and he was struck without any provocation.

William Doyle (defendant) said he remembered the incident about the stone throwing. He denied throwing stones at the plaintiff's house, and when the Guards investigated the matter that was the end of it. Previous to the assault Daly used filthy language towards him. On the date in question plaintiff was five or six yards in front of him when he stuck out his tongue, and then he (witness) struck him.

Cross-examined by Mr. O'Brien-Kelly—Witness said he did not know that the case was listed for hearing on the last day. He agreed that he received a letter from him (Mr. O'Brien-Kelly) about the case coming off. He agreed that a girl named Mary Hayes and the Powers were on the road on the occasion, but he could not say if they saw the assault. He could not say, but would not deny, that Daly's eye was bleeding badly.

The Justice gave a decree for £5 and allowed 10/- expenses.

FIVE YEARS

SENTENCE ON LIMERICK YOUTH

John Gleeson, aged 18 years, of High Road, Thomondgate, Limerick, was sentenced to five years penal servitude by Mr. Justice Davitt in the Central Criminal Court, Dublin, yesterday, for the manslaughter by stabbing of Norman Graham, aged 29, Castle Street, Limerick, on December 24 last.

Gleeson pleaded not guilty to the charge of murder, but guilty to a charge of manslaughter, which was accepted.

"I don't intend to exact a savage penalty, but nevertheless it must be a severe one. The only thing in your favour is your youth," said Mr. Justice Davitt. If the accused had been an older man the sentence would have been more severe. He was sure accused would realise he had not been treated ungenerously in having his plea of guilty to manslaughter accepted.

Mr. J. Healy, S.C., who with Mr. O. Kane (instructed by Mr. D. G. O'Donovan, solr.), appeared for Gleeson, said that the two youths were friends up to ten minutes or a quarter of an hour prior to the offence. They got into a row as to whether a third party should be stood a drink. "Over that puerile folly," said Mr. Healy, "one poor boy lost his life."

Supt. P. Collieran, Limerick, said that Gleeson, who was unemployed at the time of the incident, had been separated from his father a month or two previously. He had been drinking heavily.

Mr. G. D. Murnaghan, S.C., and Mr. T. Donovan (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor) prosecuted.

BOUND FOR MOSCOW

LANDED AT RINEANNA

The American Overseas airliner, "Stockholm," flying from Washington to Moscow, via Berlin, landed at Shannon Airport this morning. She took off again after refuelling.

The "Stockholm" is one of three such planes chartered by the United States Government in connection with the forthcoming Conference of Foreign Ministers in Moscow.

EJECTMENT FROM PLOT

At Kilmallock Court, before Mr. H. L. Conner, B.L., D.J., the Irish Land Commission sought an ejectment order against Wm. Cusack, of Milmount, Kilmallock, in respect of a plot of ground situated at Ballingaddy North, and let to the defendant, by the Irish Land Commission.

A decree for possession was given.

Mr. M. M. Power, solicitor (for Mr. J. J. Power, State Solicitor), appeared for the plaintiff. The defendant did not appear in court.

Landscape in oils—C. M. Doran, Limerick.

Landscape in watercolours—Rev. Jack Hanlon, Dublin.

Interior with figures—R. Conboy, Limerick.

Illustration for a story—Rev. Jack Hanlon, Dublin.

Sculpture—No competition—Special prize to J. O'Hanrahan, Dublin.

Mural decoration, frieze for a nursery—Blanaid Salkeld, Dublin.

Poster to advertise any national product—Dermot O'Reilly, Dublin.

Oil painting, any subject—Stan Downing. This picture also wins the Goodwin Challenge Cup.

Water colours, street scene—Caroline Walker.

Subject picture, any medium—Miss Sylvia Love.

Wood-carving—J. J. Hayes.

Metal Work, piece of jewellery—E. Spearin.

Children's Section—M. Troy.

Children's Section, under 10—R. McCombe.

STRIKE SETTLED

Hired Carters Back at Work

The strike of hired carters in Limerick is over. They had demanded an increase of 100 per cent. over the 1939 rates—a demand that was rejected by the Employers' Federation.

At a conference held in the Town Hall yesterday, presided over by the Mayor (Mr. J. C. Hickey), a settlement was effected. An increase of 50 per cent. will be given in respect of a particular type of work, 55 per cent. in respect of another, and 60 per cent. for a third.

LIMERICK'S NEW RATE

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.") Dear Sir—During the past six months shops have had their supplies reduced by over 30 p.c. by further Government restrictions, including sugar, butter, oatmeal, flour, barley, confectionery, bread, soap, candles, etc., so how can they pay the proposed exorbitant new rate in Limerick.

Instead of calling on shopkeepers to provide additional wages for officials at the Corporation, Mental Hospital, City Home, etc., it is these officials should be helping to pay the unfortunate shopkeepers for the great reduction in their meagre incomes. Where are shopkeepers to get any increase to compensate for increased cost of living, and to pay this proposed exorbitant rate?

"An Unfortunate Shopkeeper."

TULLA PLAYERS AT KILLALOE

As anticipated (writes our Killaloe correspondent) the Machulla Players, Tulla, Co. Clare, played to a packed house when they very successfully staged the "Cobweb's Glory," a three-act comedy, at the Astor Cinema Hall, Killaloe, on Sunday night. The very appreciative audience warmly applauded, and the gifted troupe are assured of a good reception on any future visit to Killaloe.

BIRTH

KEHOE—On 4th March, 1947, at Alexandra Nursing Home, to Caherine, wife of John Patrick—a son.

DEATHS

CAHILL—March 5th, at Private Nursing Home, Barrington Street, Limerick, John Cahill (late Secretary, Limerick Race Company). Remains leaving Barrington Street for St. Michael's Church this (Wednesday) evening at 8.30. Requiem Mass, Thursday, at 10.30 o'clock. Funeral leaving for Rathkeale at 2 o'clock. R.I.P.

LYNCH—On March 5th, 1947, at 9 Wolfe Tone Street, Limerick, Mrs. Mary Lynch. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church this (Wednesday) evening at 9 o'clock. Requiem Mass to-morrow (Thursday), at 9 a.m. Funeral same day to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery at 3.30.

O'HALLORAN—March 5th, 1947, at his residence, 73 New Road, Thomondgate, Stephen O'Halloran (after a long illness). Deeply regretted by his son, daughter and relatives. R.I.P. Funeral arrangements later.

A FATAL FALL

DEATH OF AN AMERICAN LADY

An inquest was opened at the Co. Infirmary, Limerick, this evening, by Mr. J. S. McNeice, solr., Deputy City Coroner, touching the circumstances of the death of Mrs. Dorothy McCarthy Redfield, who died in that Institution on Friday night last as the result of injuries received when she fell from her horse while taking riding exercises at Rockfield, near Fedamore. Her little son witnessed the accident.

The deceased lady, aged 34 years, was wife of Mr. Scott F. Redfield, Station Manager, American Overseas Airways, Shannon Airport.

In order to permit the removal of the body by air to Syracuse, U.S.A., her native place, a post mortem was held on Saturday. It was found that death was due to a fracture of the base of the skull and cerebral haemorrhage.

BODY OF MAN FOUND IN RIVER

The Limerick Garda authorities have circulated a description of the body of an unknown man, recovered from the Shannon near Limerick docks yesterday. It was the body of a man of about forty years of age, fully dressed. It has not yet been decided how long the body was in the water, but, from the condition of the body, it is thought that death probably occurred at the beginning of the present cold spell.

When taken from the docks yesterday, the body was clothed in a light, belted overcoat, blue-green sports coat with three outside pockets, a heavy brown pants, the ends of which were stuck into the mouths of a pair of Wellington boots. There was no vest, pullover or cardigan, but the body had three shirts and an under-shirt. The pockets held a light ring with two keys, a number of Irish copper coins and an English half-penny, but no documents or other articles which would lead to establishing the man's identity. The body was that of a man of splendid physique.

The Garda authorities have not, up to the present, been able to establish the man's identity, but state that nobody in the Limerick district is reported as missing.

Mr. J. S. McNeice, solr., Deputy Coroner for Limerick City, will open an inquest into the man's death to-morrow evening in Barrington's Hospital.

SEAGULLS FIGHT DOMESTIC FOWL

It is feared (writes our Killaloe correspondent) that many of our feathered songsters have perished in the recent blizzard. From Ballycoggeran and Ballyvalley come reports of the finding of numbers of blackbirds and thrushes dead in the snow. Some idea of the desperate straits for food to which the wild birds were reduced by the privations of the weather, was gained last week when a flock of ravenous seagulls invaded a backyard at Killaloe and fought a grim battle with the domestic fowls for the latter's ration. No rules were observed in that fierce fight. They went at it beak and claw, the feathers flying in all directions. Only the determined resistance of a fiery old rooster routed the invaders, but not before they had snatched some tasty morsels.

MANY PLACES AGAIN SNOW-BOUND

Our Dublin correspondent wires: Many places in Ireland, particularly in the extreme south-west, were snow-bound to-day following a severe blizzard last night.

Cork was hit badly by the blizzard and to-day traffic there is reduced to a minimum. The city bus service is very much restricted, while outward bound buses for different centres were unable to leave. The Cork-Limerick bus could not proceed beyond Killybarry. Conditions in Waterford are also bad.

Mr. Gallivan gave a powerful character study of the heart-broken father. From beginning to end he sustained the part unerringly, so much so that he imparted to the audience a feeling that they were the witnesses of a domestic tragedy in real life.

Mrs. Dinneen gave a most realistic study of the humble peasant mother, whose deep and abiding Catholic faith was her one and only mainstay in her bitter grief. Her acting was as brilliant as it was touching and inspiring.

Mrs. O'Brien (better known, perhaps, as Miss Ethain Fitzgibbon), thrilled, enthralled and almost overawed us by her wonderful portrayal of the girl who had, under the influence of spiritists, abandoned her religion. She rose to great histrionic heights, for her acting throughout marked her as a tragedienne of a quality and power rarely seen on the amateur stage.

Mr. Lyddy—the son—was excellent. The lesson he had to give was, in effect, this—that a little learning is a dangerous thing. His audience could not fail to learn, that lesson, for he did his job in a highly capable manner.

The Father O'Malley of Mr. Gould was one of the finest presentations seen on any stage. Here we had no buffonery, but a learned man, a priest calm and dignified, always solicitous for the spiritual welfare of his people—a servant of God who sacrificed his life in order to save the soul of one of the humblest of his flock.

Mr. O'Kelly gave a breezy and entertaining study of the dispensary doctor, while Miss Ita Gleeson scored another of her many successes in the character of Nellie the Post.

Mr. Finn (the daughter's lover), making his first appearance on the "boards," showed that he is no novice at love-making. The "sweet-nothings" he had to pass on to the girl of his heart had all the charm and tenderness so characteristic of the ardent suitor.

Misses Patricia Graham and Mary Coughlan, the former as Rev. Mother Benedict, and the latter as Sister Mary of the Rosary, gave a study and an interpretation to their parts that was fully in keeping with the religious life.

SHOULD FEEL ELATED.

No one will grudge a word of hearty congratulation to the producer, Mr. P. J. Fitzgibbon, who is fully entitled to feel elated at the signal success of the play. To the stage manager, Mr. Kevin Larkin, congratulations are also due. He proved himself to be a very capable, if exacting, M.C.

The lighting and other effects—thunder, barking dogs, etc., all of which were very realistic, were attended to by Messrs. Colm Kennedy and J. A. O'Carroll.

"The Righteous Are Bold" will be produced each evening of the week, at 8.15 o'clock, at the Playhouse, off Glentworth St.

DROMCOLLOGHER DRAMATIC CLASS

On Sunday night last at the Parochial Hall, Dromcollogher, the local Dramatic Class gave a repeat performance of the three-act comedy, "The Cobweb's Glory," the proceeds of which went in aid of Parochial funds. As on the first occasion, some months ago, the production and acting reached a very high standard and the various characters gave a very fine interpretation of their parts and won renewed applause from an enthusiastic audience.

The characters and cast were:—"Bessie Costelloe" (Widow), Miss B. Casey; "Nora Mary Costelloe," Miss K. O'Connell; "Jeremiah Gilheoley," Mr. T. Kiely; "Trooper Devane," Mr. L. O'Kelly; "Matt Dunne," Mr. C. O'Kelly; "Benedict Hanratty," Miss A. Broderick; "Stephen Sweeney," Mr. D. Lenihan.

The supporting concert items were of a varied and pleasant nature and were all highly appreciated.

SHIP BREAKING UP

Our Dublin correspondent wires:—The SS. "Bolivar," which went aground on the Kish Sandbank, in Dublin Bay, yesterday, is breaking up to-day. She is being washed by heavy seas, and considerable quantities of wreckage are being washed in at Dun Laoghaire.

A sister ship of the "Bolivar" is due to arrive at Alexander Basin this evening.