

LIMERICK LEADER MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1948

Things That Matter

Patriotism is rather hard to define. It can take many forms and be bogus as well as genuine.

Love of native land is not the exclusive virtue of any one class. It may and generally is much more ardent and intense in some than in others.

In this matter, indeed, more is to be said for the cool and calm but sustained desire and effort for national uplift than for the fiery enthusiasm that manifests itself only in sporadic outbursts under the stimulus of some special occasion or inspiration.

Nothing is more contemptible than the spirit that derides a vigorous and sincere love of country. If anything be more loathsome it is the cunning readiness of certain types to don a cloak of pretended patriotism in order to serve their own personal ends.

As long as human nature lasts men will differ as to the best means of advancing national interests and ideals. It is obviously unjust, therefore, for those holding one set of views to denounce as traitors those of an opposite way of thinking.

In its early days, and when its power and influence were far stronger and more effectively widespread than they are to-day, the Gaelic League was fond of impressing upon its hearers—"You are not asked to die for your country; you are asked to live for it."

This country is after a spate of what we have described as super-patriotism. Great men have faced the might of an empire and died bravely for the hundred for the noble cause they espoused.

Thoughts like these must have been stirring in the mind of Mr. P. J. Little, T.D., when he pointed out at a commemorative ceremony at Dunhill last week "how important it was to refresh our spirit of nationality."

Merely arguing about methods and final objectives is not enough and at best can do very little good. All can agree that

TRAGIC AFFAIR

Accidental Death

EVIDENCE AT THE INQUEST

Dr. J. P. Cleary, Coroner for East Limerick, with a jury, held an inquest in the County Infirmary on Friday evening touching the circumstances of the death of Michael B. Barry, aged 21 years, second son of Mr. Joseph Barry, South Hill, Limerick.

Miss Joan Barry, South Hill, sister of the deceased, said that on Thursday, 6th inst., at about 12 noon, she was asked by her brother Michael for a cigarette. In the course of a conversation witness told him there was a cat in the garden, and asked him to see that it would not interfere with the chickens.

FATHER'S EVIDENCE. Joseph Barry, father of the deceased, said his son Michael was 21 years of age. On Wednesday night deceased was playing cards with witness until 11.30 p.m. but he did not see him the following morning when going to work.

DECEASED OFTEN USED RIFLE. Desmond Barry, a brother of the deceased, said that he purchased the rifle found in the garden from Michael Kelly, Caberdayn. It was kept in his (witness's) room. Deceased often used that rifle, and would have access to it on Thursday, as his bedroom door was open.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE. Dr. W. Dundon said that as a result of a telephone message he went to South Hill, on Thursday, at 2.45 p.m. He saw the body of Michael Barry lying on the ground and he was then dead. He made a superficial examination after seeing a rifle and cartridge case lying near the body, and found there was singeing of the pullover at the level of bullet mark in front of the chest.

ACIDENTAL DEATH. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death. The Coroner expressed deep sympathy with the relatives of the deceased, in which the jury and Supt. P. Collieran joined.

A MEAN THEFT. John Robinson, alias Gordon Beattie, who also attempted and failed to break jail on Saturday, appealed to the Court to have his sentence of five years penal servitude, imposed on him for his part in a smash and grab raid on a jeweller's shop, reduced.

STOLE FROM A FELLOW EMPLOYEE. Peter Ballinger, a native of Doon, Cruseen, employed by an Ennis victualler for shearing sheep, was sentenced by District Justice Hur-

WIRELESS SET

Repairs Lead To Court Case

FAILURE OF PROOFS

A detective officer's wireless set, which needed repairs to the extent of £2 19s, was the subject of an action heard by Mr. Dermot F. Gleeson, D.J., at to-day's sitting of Limerick Civil Bill Court, when Detective Garda Martin Connors, 9 Clonard Terrace, Limerick, sued Edward Hanrahan, 117 Careys Road, Limerick, for the above sum, being, it was stated, the amount paid by plaintiff to defendant, for repairs to a wireless set, which the plaintiff alleged were not carried out.

Mr. J. S. MacNeice, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, defended. Detective Garda Martin Connors said that late in 1947, he brought a wireless set to the defendant for repairs. He was told that the repairs would cost £2 19s. The job was apparently completed and witness paid the defendant £2. When witness tested the set he found it still defective, and after some time he brought the set back for further repair. After a week, witness called for the set and paid the balance of the cost to the defendant. When he again tested the set he found it still not up to standard. Subsequently the defendant took the set to Mr. McNeice's house and witness took it home but it was still in disrepair.

Cross-examined, witness said the defendant, after repairing the wireless set, tested it in his presence, and it appeared to be in good order, upon which he paid him the £2. He was aware that when the set was played in Mr. McNeice's office, where it had been brought by the defendant, it was found to work alright.

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HIDDEN MONEY SEIZED AT RINEANNA. As a result of the recently intensified customs surveillance at Shannon Airport, to prevent the export of cheap currency from the United States into this country, officers made their biggest capture yesterday, when a disembarking plane passenger was relieved of £800.

IN LINING OF OVERCOAT. He is stated to have had 1400 sewn in the lining of his overcoat and the other £400 in the pouch of a hat which he wore next his skin.

HIGH DEATH RATE

In Mental Hospital

R.M.S. EXPLAINS THE CAUSE

The death rate in the Limerick District Mental Hospital had recently increased considerably because of the admission to it from the County Institutions of old and infirm patients who only survived admission by a couple of days in some cases. This was said by a meeting of the Mental Hospital Board on Saturday last by the R.M.S. Dr. P. J. Irwin.

REPORT FROM R.M.S. In his monthly report, the R.M.S. said that since the previous meeting, 23 patients were admitted, four had died, and there were two for discharge, leaving 241 patients in residence in the institution at the moment, 20 more persons than were in the hospital at the corresponding date last year. Most of the patients were elderly, weak, and practically on a dying condition on admission, some of them only surviving a short period.

DEALT WITH IN ANOTHER COURT. Mr. Lyons—That has already been dealt with in another court your Worship. Continuing, witness said that he worked 10 hours per day. Mr. Leahy—it would not be six hours a day.

EMPLOYED TO MILK COWS. James Ryan, in evidence, said that the plaintiff was employed to milk cows, and after milking the cows he did nothing else. Later he would return for his meals. In actual fact he was replacing a woman milker.

FROM LAND STEWARD. Also adopted unanimously on the proposition of Mr. McAuliffe, was the following monthly report from the Land Steward, Mr. W. Fannon: "During the month, operations on the farm were as follows:—

SYMPATHY. Sympathy was voted with the Bishop and clergy of the diocese and with the relatives on the death of Very Rev. Canon Macnamara, and with Mr. Joseph Barry on the recent death of his son.

CO. LIMERICK NUN'S DEATH. The death has taken place at the Convent of St. Louis, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo, of Sister M. Ignatia, a native of Bilboa, Cappamore, Co. Limerick. Aged 78, she entered at Kiltimagh 37 years ago and remained there ever since.

NEW WORLD'S RECORD. Herb McKenney, who will represent his native Jamaica in the Olympic Games, lowered his own

WAGES CLAIM

Action By Farm Worker

CASE BEFORE CIVIL BILL COURT

At the Limerick Civil Bill Court, to-day, before Mr. D. F. Gleeson, D.J., Terence Tully, 22, Garryowen, Limerick, a farm worker, brought a claim for £25, balance of wages alleged to be due against James Ryan, Fair Green Hill, Garryowen, Limerick.

Mr. J. G. Lyons, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Wm. Leahy, solicitor, was for the defendant. Terence Tully said that he worked for the defendant as a farm worker 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day from April to August, 1947, and in the last fortnight of his employment he worked from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. His wages were £1 per week.

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HARBOUR BOARD

More About Boat Pass

QUESTION OF TELEPHONE SERVICE

Mr. M. W. Maguire, B.C., Chairman, presided at the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board to-day. The other members present were—Senator M. O'Dwyer, Co.C.; Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.; Messrs. L. Forde, P. Whelan, B.C.; J. O'Keefe, G. E. Russell, B.C.; A. E. Goodwin, G. B. Dillon, B.C.; T. J. Walsh, J. C. Hickey, B.C.; M. J. Keyes, T.D.; B.C.; T. J. Loughrey, J. P. Goodbody, Michael Sheahan, J. P. Frost. The officials present were—Mr. D. O'Brien, Manager; Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan, B.E., Harbour Engineer, and Capt. C. J. Hanrahan, Harbour Master.

Mr. DeWan enquired if any development had taken place in connection with representations made to the E.S.E. to have the boat pass on the salmon weir at Thomond Bridge opened to small river craft. Mr. Forde in another discussion on this question, as the Board has no jurisdiction over the weir.

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Mr. R. Ball, M. Pitt and Co. and Mr. J. J. O'Brien, solicitor, defended. Daniel Spaight, member of the Board, 1947, when water flooded on his land and had cut After that there

Mr. Power—Witness—No, it was not a normal way two flooding receded. Witness—I would To Mr. Ball, with Board of Works the river and built

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