

## VIOLENT SCENES

### Blows Exchanged

#### UPROAR IN ITALIAN PARLIAMENT

Violent scenes took place in the Italian Chamber of Deputies to-day while the Prime Minister, Signor de Gasparri, was speaking on the strike situation.

The Prime Minister was interrupted several times by Communist deputies, who accused the Government of placing Communists and Fascists on the same level.

Christian Front Deputies strongly repudiated these charges, and following an uproar blows were struck. Contending Deputies grappled with each other, and free fights ensued. Attendants tried to separate the struggling men, but their efforts proved unsuccessful.

Demagogues reigned for some time, and the sitting had to be adjourned until order was restored. In the course of his speech the Prime Minister declared that the Government would either have to uphold the rights of democracy, or surrender to dictatorship. The Government would stand firm for the rights of the people.

It was the intention of the Government, he said, to introduce legislation to deprive the Communists of the right to declare strikes whenever they liked. The Government would not tolerate such a challenge to its authority.

#### COLLAPSE OF STRIKE.

The general strike in Italy collapsed early this morning, though it was not to end officially until noon. Nearly all strikers have resumed work, and conditions are becoming more or less normal.

## A BAD RECORD

### HE SHOULD SEND TO JAIL AGAIN

A seventy-years old itinerant named Michael Kearney, who had previous convictions, was charged before Deputy District Justice O Riain, at the City Court yesterday with the larceny of an overcoat.

The defendant was not professionally represented and pleaded guilty.

Deputy Justice Collieran said the defendant had a long record and, without giving an explanation of how the offence was committed, produced no record.

Justice (to the defendant)—You were convicted in 1941 and ended in 1947. It appears to have spent most of your time in jail.

Defendant—By jove, your honour, I spent a good lot of it behind the bars.

The Superintendent said there were thirty-five previous convictions against the defendant.

Deputy Justice, after examining the record, said Kearney seemed to be kept away from crime for ten years, from 1922 to 1932. "You seem to have a great partiality for overcoats," he remarked.

Kearney—I was always drunk. I never did anything in my life without being drunk.

Justice—You must have been drunk a lot of your time. I notice your last offence was the larceny of an overcoat, for which you were sent to jail for four months. I am going to do the same thing now.

Kearney—Ah, your Honor, you can't do that! I will be seventy years old soon.

Justice—Then you'll be spending your birthday in jail. I will send you to prison for four months with labour.

## CHILD NEGLECT

### Sad City Case

#### MOTHER GETS JAIL

Sobbing as she entered the witness box, a young married woman named Ellen Cahill, 17, Rutland St. Limerick, was, before Mr. E. O Riain, D.J., at the City District Court to-day, charged by Inspector John Foley, N.S.P.C.C., with neglecting her three children on the occasion of the 1st July.

Mr. R. Ball (Messrs. F. M. Fitt and Co.) prosecuted, and the defendant was not professionally represented.

Inspector Foley said that the case was under his notice since last December. On the 28th June he went to the defendant's home, where she had her son, aged 5 months, while the eldest was five years. The baby was crying and witness waited until the mother came along. Then he was told that she was in a public-house, and he went there and found her drinking. It was by great persuasion that he got her to return to her home to feed the children. The room where she lived was very dirty, and on the occasion while speaking to witness she used bad language. Witness called again two days later and again found the child crying, whilst the mother was out. He got a woman to make a bottle for the child, and the five years old boy went out to bring her back. On that occasion there was no food at all in the house. Her husband was in England, and she was receiving from him sufficient money to maintain herself and the children.

#### GUARD'S EVIDENCE.

Guard Lenihan said that he had reason to visit the defendant's place, and like the previous witness he also had to get milk for the children. Once when he called there was no food there at all, and he sent out for the mother, who returned after 40 minutes. He had a similar experience when he visited the place on the 5th July, and he had to go to a public-house to locate the mother.

Defendant—My husband is coming home to-morrow.

Justice—You can now come up and give evidence.

The defendant said that she got £2 every week from her husband, and as she had no one to go for messages she had to do these herself. It so happened that when the Inspector and Guard called she was out on messages and she had nobody to mind the children.

Justice—What about the absence of food in the house?

Defendant—I always give the children plenty to eat.

Cross-examined—Witness said her husband was in England five years.

Justice—And you frequent public-houses?

#### "STRANGE COINCIDENCE."

Defendant—I was looking for cigarettes and I was sitting down, as I had the pledge, and it so happened that there was a drink in front of me—which was not mine—when the Inspector came into the pub.

Justice—It is a strange coincidence that you were in the public-house on both occasions when the Guard and Inspector called.

Answering the Justice, the defendant said that she had not the Children's Allowance. She denied that her place was dirty, as she scrubbed the floor twice a week, and where there were children one couldn't keep a place tidy.

Justice—Do you keep your room clean?

Witness—It was condemned until I went into it.

Justice—If you did not spend your money in publichouses you would have the money to feed your children.

## GREAT PRIEST

### Death Of Canon Thornhill

#### LOSS TO THE DIOCESE

With very deep and sincere regret we announce the death of Very Rev. P. J. Canon Thornhill, P.P., Adare, which took place in a Dublin nursing home late last night. He had been in poor health for some time past.

The late Canon Thornhill was one of the best known priests in the Diocese of Limerick. Forty-five years ago he was ordained priest in Maynooth and for some years subsequently he served in the Diocese of Westminster. Recalled home, he was appointed curate at Rathkeale.

After a brief stay there he was transferred to St. Michael's, and, in the course of years, became Administrator of this extensive parish.

In 1932 he was appointed Parish Priest of Mungret, and four years later he was given the pastoral charge of Adare. At the same time he was appointed a member of the Cathedral Chapter.

The news of Canon Thornhill's death will come as a profound shock, for it was not generally known that the state of his health was giving anxiety to the clergy of the Diocese. Indeed, almost up to the last there were hopes for his recovery, but the end came towards midnight last night.

A priest of many outstanding traits of character, he was beloved by the people. Kind, simple, unassuming and always and ever ready to co-operate in any cause for the common good, he commanded the confidence, the affection and, indeed, the devotion of all sections of his flock. Canon Thornhill was a most zealous Churchman and he has left behind him many monuments that will perpetuate his memory. Not only will the parishioners of Adare mourn his death, but the faithful in every part of the diocese, for, as already stated, Canon Thornhill had endeared himself to all and sundry by his great priestly qualities and, also, by the kind and human way he approached problems of life.

The remains will arrive in Limerick to-night en route for Adare at about 9.45 o'clock. Parishioners of Adare are to assemble at Bank Place and accompany the cortege on foot as far as Punch's Cross. On arrival at Holy Trinity Church, Adare, the coffin will be placed on a catafalque in front of the High Altar.

Solemn Office and Requiem High Mass will be sung to-morrow (Saturday) at 12 o'clock (summer time), and the interment will take place immediately afterwards in the Church.

## THURLES ARRANGEMENTS

### CHANGE IN LIMERICK TEAM

From Thurles comes the news this morning that plans are complete for the housing of what is expected to be a record crowd at Thurles Sportsfield on Sunday next. Munster Council officials have met representatives of Thurles Sportsfield Committee and the Tipperary County Board with a view to making final arrangements in regard to stewarding, etc.

Parking of cars in the streets will not be allowed by the Gardai authorities. Official car parks will be available on all roads leading into the town.

## DISTRICT COURT

### Milk Standard

#### DEFECTIVE BRAKES

At Limerick District Court to-day, before Mr. E. O Riain, D.J.,

John Madden, 31 Denmark Street, Limerick, was prosecuted by the Public Health Authority for selling milk which was not of the substance, nature and quality demanded by the purchaser.

Mr. J. J. Dundon, solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. R. Ball (Messrs. F. M. Fitt and Co.), solicitor, defended and pleaded guilty.

Inspector Harnett said that he purchased a sample of milk from the defendant on the 4th of June. Witness had it sent to the analyst, who issued a certificate that the milk was 15 per cent. deficient in milk fats.

Mr. Ball said that he was not disputing the facts.

To Mr. Ball—Inspector Harnett agreed it was not a serious case.

Mr. Ball told the Justice that the deficiency was a mystery, and it may possibly have been due to the condition of the grass. It was the defendant's first offence in 25 years.

The Justice said he did not want to blemish the record of the defendant, and would ask that he give an undertaking not to repeat the offence.

Mr. Ball said that there would not be a repetition.

The Justice said that he would allow the defendant off on condition that he paid the analyst's fee of 7/6 and 5/- costs.

Sergeant W. Gahan summoned Joseph Joyce, 9 Henry Place, Limerick, for begging and being drunk, contrary to Section 12 of the Licensing Act, 1872.

The Sergeant said that he found the defendant in a drunken condition at the junction of O'Connell Street-Cecil Street on the 10th of July, and was told that he had been begging.

The defendant did not appear.

The Justice imposed a fine of 5/- on the charge of drunkenness and dismissed the other owing to lack of proof.

#### DEFECTIVE BRAKES.

Patrick Browne, Lisinsky, Newcastle West, was summoned by Sergeant Connolly for having defective brakes on his car.

Sergeant Connolly gave evidence that the offence took place on the 26th June at Garryowen as the defendant was attending a race meeting at the Dog Track. The car was a 1935-36 Baby Ford and the brakes were defective.

Mr. Martin Tynan, solr. (Messrs. M. Tynan & Co.), who defended, admitted that the brakes were apparently bad on the occasion as they had been wearing away, though previously they had been adjusted. Since being summoned the defendant had purchased a new car.

Sergeant Connolly said that the defendant admitted the offence on the occasion.

The Justice, in imposing a fine of £2, said that it was decidedly dangerous to drive a car with defective brakes and the defendant did well to get rid of the car in question.

Royal Cinemas (Limerick), Ltd., Upper Cecil Street, were prosecuted by the Public Health Authority for failing to keep free and unobstructed the means of ingress and egress during a performance at the Cinema on the 28th May.

Mr. J. J. Dundon, solr., prosecuted on behalf of the Borough Council.

Mr. P. G. Collins, solr., who defended, asked for an adjournment for one week as the attendant in the case was ill.

The Justice granted the application.

#### CHARGE OF BEGGING