

COLLISION SEQUEL

CHARGE OF CARELESS DRIVING

As a result of a motor accident at a dangerous road junction in Ennis, William P. Fitzgerald, Manager of the National Bank, Kilrush, was prosecuted at Ennis District Court on Friday for dangerous driving of his motor car and failing to yield the right-of-way at the junction.

Arthur Cecil Fogarty, District Supervisor of the E.S.B., Ballinacurra, Limerick, driver of the other car involved in the accident, was charged with not keeping as close as practicable to the left side of the road.

After a lengthy hearing, Justice Gordon Hurley, B.L., reduced the charge of dangerous driving to one of careless driving in the case of Mr. Fitzgerald and fined him 10/-. He remarked that it was a pity a good driving record of 23 years, unmarked by accident, had been marred by this accident, which could have happened to anyone at this particularly dangerous road junction. He dismissed the charge against Mr. Fogarty.

Mr. M. J. McMahon, solr., Kilrush, appeared for Mr. Fitzgerald, and Mr. M. B. O'Malley, solr., Limerick, for Mr. Fogarty.

COLLAPSE ON ROOF

SUDDEN DEATH AT SLATING WORK

Mr. Edmond Griffin of Bealacleave, Rearcross, Newport, died suddenly while at work slating one of the town houses now under course of erection at Newport (writes our Newport correspondent). He collapsed on the roof and balanced himself on the tiles. Workmen in the vicinity rushed to his assistance and helped him to the ground. The late Mr. Griffin was a well-known international runner. Two decades ago he was well-known in Limerick and Tipperary athletic fields, and he held a number of All-Ireland long distance championships in that period. He was also a member of the G.A.A. and played with a Limerick City hurling club twenty years ago. His death is sincerely regretted in Newport and district and deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and family on the occasion of their great loss.

FINED FOR CRUELTY TO DONKEY

Stating that he would not tolerate cruelty to animals in his court area, Justice Gordon Hurley, B.L., fined Michael Connors, Spencilhill, £1 at Ennis District Court on Friday.

Guard D. Keegan said a young donkey tied to the side of a cart had been severely beaten with a whip lash and dragged along the road.

Defendant said he had beaten the

THE SMILE DID IT!

CANDID DEFENDANT LET OFF

When James Fallahee, of Broadford, Co. Clare, a big, genial farmer, was summoned at Broadford District Court on Thursday for cycling at night without a light, Justice Gordon Hurley, B.L., was impressed by the candour of the defendant, who admitted he had had no light and had been out later than he intended as a result of unforeseen events. He took up his pen to write in the Court order book "Dismissed under Probation of Offenders Act," when, from force of habit, he inquired any previous conviction.

"Yes, sir," replied the defendant, without waiting for the prosecuting Guard to reply, "I was before you last Court and you let me off."

The Justice, who had half completed his dismissal order, could not resist a smile, and defendant reciprocated with a big, broad smile.

"Very well," said the Justice, "I will give you another chance and let you off again."

Defendant disappeared from the Court with the smile still on his face.

BRITISH LABOUR

UNOFFICIAL STRIKES

"Trouble-makers," who fomented unofficial strikes, were condemned by Miss F. Hancock, in her presidential address to-day to the British Trade Union Congress at Margate. She said that the T.U.C. had never before been called upon to deal with a situation more challenging from the point of view of labour, as they had at the moment. The general public, she stressed, were not still fully aware of the difficulties that faced the standards of living.

There were 800 delegates present at this, the 80th T.U.C. They represented 7,800,000 members of 188 affiliated branches. The attendance was the highest ever recorded.

AN TAOISEACH

BROADCAST TO CANADIAN PEOPLE

An Taoiseach, Mr. J. A. Costello, told Canadians in a broadcast to-day that to all intents and purposes he is Prime Minister of all Ireland, no matter what the people in Northern Ireland might say. He added that he hoped his visit to Canada would tighten the bonds of friendship between that country and Eire.

NEW AIR SPEED RECORD.

Major Richard Johnson broke the world's air speed record at the National Air Races, in Cleveland, yesterday, with an unofficially esti-

demand for an increase of 11/- per week for male adults and 5/6 in the case of females and juveniles was acceded to. The time limit fixed will expire on Saturday night next.

It is stated that the employees of the cinemas in Dublin and Cork have been granted increases of 11/- and 5/6 for the two classes of workers named.

The strike notice was not served by the I.T. and G.W.U. to which the staffs are attached. The Union, it is understood, advised the staffs to put their case before the Labour Court but the employees, by a majority vote, on a show of hands, decided to take the initiative themselves.

BERLIN CITY HALL

AGAIN INVADED BY COMMUNISTS

The Berlin City Hall was invaded again to-day by Communist demonstrators, carrying red flags, despite assurances by the Soviet Chief of Police that the Berlin City Assembly could meet in future without fear of such interruption.

The demonstrators broke down the main door and walked into the building ten minutes before the meeting of the Assembly was scheduled to start.

CITY ACCIDENT

WORKER FALLS FROM SCAFFOLDING

While engaged at work in Roche's Stores to-day, a man named Paul Vaughan, 15 B Road, Killeely, Thomondgate, fell from a scaffolding, sustaining head injuries. He was removed to Barrington's Hospital. His condition is stated to be critical.

RACEHORSE OWNER'S WILL

Mr. J. C. O'Sullivan, 93 years old racehorse owner, of Kilberry, Navan, who died last June, left £33,328. He left sums of money to several employees of the Shelbourne Hotel, where he lived for the last 30 years, including about £800 to the head valet of the third floor and £200 to the manager.

SOVEREIGNS UNDER FLOOR.

When Mr. Daniel Curneen, Moneensinnagh, Manorhamilton, was repairing his house he found under a loose floor-board 22 sovereigns dated 1847. They had evidently been put there by his grandfather.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION.

Fifteen rural areas—in addition to the twenty-one published in the Electricity Supply Board's annual report issued last July—have now been approved for electrical development. The new areas include Kilfinane and Emly.

A GOOD "GATE."

The attendance at Croke Park yesterday for the All-Ireland Senior