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"It has been stated that murder kills the body and that blackmail kills the soul," said Judge Shannon in the Circuit Criminal Court, Dublin, to-day, when he sentenced Mrs. Olive M. Denton, aged 30 years, Pembroke Road, Dublin, to three years penal servitude, and Noel T. Gallagher, aged 24 years, a medical student, to 18 months, on charges of blackmail.

The accused had pleaded guilty to attempting to obtain £400 from a Mr. X by means of menaces last November.

Gallagher is stated to be a medical student and an only child of parents who are stated to be teachers. He was born, it was stated, in Galway.

Judge Shannon said that he was sure both accused now realised that the crime of blackmail was possibly the highest in the calendar of crimes. The accused had acted wisely in pleading guilty because, if they had not done so, they would have been found guilty in any case and then they would have forfeited all rights to any consideration from the Court.

YOUNG MEN WANTED

SOUTH AFRICAN GOLD MINES

To-day, Mr. T. A. Pinaar, a representative of the Government Miners Training Schools of the Union of South Africa, attended at the Benedict Bureau, 37, Thomas Street, for the purpose of interviewing young men between the ages of 19 to 25 years who are prepared to go to South Africa as good mining trainees.

Mr. Pinaar told a "Limerick Leader" representative that the standard of physique required of applicants was very high. Out of 700 applicants interviewed in Dublin only 67 were selected, he said.

The Bureau was not very busy to-day, but Mr. Pinaar, who is a native of South Africa, hopes to interview many young men before 16th inst., after which date he is going to Galway.

PRICE OF WHEAT

Agreement has been reached at an International Conference in Washington that the maximum world price of wheat be 9/- per bushel and the minimum 6/-. The maximum last year was 10/- per bushel.

he was not disposed to grant bail. He remanded the defendant in custody for seven days.

DEATH OF P.P.

VERY REV. T. CONNOLLY

With very sincere regret we chronicle the demise of Very Rev. Thomas Connolly, P.P., Athea, which took place to-day in the parochial residence. Born at Grange, Bruff, about 75 years ago, he entered St. Munchin's College as a youth and from there passed on to Maynooth, where he was ordained. He laboured as a curate in Glin, Pallaskenry and Patricks-well, and was appointed Parish Priest of Banogue in 1930. Five years later he was translated to Athea, where he was beloved by his parishioners for his zeal, humility and other priestly qualities.

The obsequies will take place on Wednesday next.

MANAGEMENT ACT

North Tipperary County Council passed a resolution asking the Minister for Local Government to hold a plebiscite of all local bodies as to whether the County Management Act should be amended or abolished.

SHAMROCK FOR GREAT BRITAIN

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs wishes to announce that shamrock packets addressed to Great Britain should be posted not later than Saturday, 12th March, to ensure delivery by St. Patrick's Day.

FIVE PENNY STAMPS REALISE £320

In Melbourne recently a business man paid £320 for five penny stamps. They were "Sydney Views," the first stamps issued in New South Wales 100 years ago.

"BAN" ON MARGARINE

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