

BAD FOR WORKERS

City Tanning Industry On The Ireland Bill
SERIOUS POSITION DISCLOSED

BETWEEN 150 and 160 employees of the tannery of Messrs. E. O'Callaghan & Sons, Limerick, will be dismissed this week-end because of an acute shortage of hides. The firm gave a week's notice to the operatives, stating that full production could not be maintained owing to the difficulty of obtaining hides in sufficient quantities. The close down will last for one month. Officials of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, who discussed the position with the management in the hope that work would not be suspended, were told that it was not possible to avoid a close down for one month. Without hides, it was explained, the tannery could not carry on, and that a suspension of work for one month was inevitable in the circumstances.

MORE CATTLE THAN MEAT EXPORTS.

The cause of the shortage of hides would seem to be centered in the fact, a "Limerick Leader" reporter learned, that live cattle are now being exported in increasing numbers while, at the same time, there is a sharp decline in dressed meat exports. In 1945 some 288,250 cwt. of canned beef was exported; 243,131 cwt. in 1946; 112,736 cwt. in 1947, and only 85,885 cwt. in 1948.

All the facts in connection with the temporary stoppage at the tannery have been brought to the notice of the Head Office of the I.T. and G.W. Union. Representations are to be made to the Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Dillon, to receive a deputation from the Union to have the position discussed and reviewed.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The tannery section of the Limerick Branch of the Union has adopted the following resolution:—"That this meeting of tannery workers, called to consider the serious position that has arisen in the tannery industry, because of shortage of hides, due to the falling off in the export of tinned and carcass beef, hereby call on the general offices of the Union to take immediate steps to have conference arranged with the Minister for Agriculture for the purpose of taking whatever steps are necessary to safeguard the employment of the tannery workers."

MAHATMA'S SON

On The Ireland Bill
"POLITICALLY STUPID"

MR. Dasas Gandhi, second son of the Mahatma, when he arrived at Shannon Airport last night on an AOA Flagship on his way to New York expressed strong disapproval of the British Government's Ireland Bill (writes our Shannon Airport correspondent). "It was politically stupid," he said, "as it should have been obvious that it would cause much resentment."

When British diplomacy was mentioned he remarked—"You must remember that the British Government of to-day differs in its methods of diplomacy from its Conservative predecessors."

Mr. Gandhi, who is Editor of the leading Indian newspaper, "The Hindustani Times," said that the Press in his country made front page news of the Irish opposition to the "Ireland Bill." He said that the new status of India, whereby she is a Republic within the Commonwealth of Nations, is quite satisfactory to the people. He said that at the moment India is like Ireland was up to a few months ago. There is very little bitter anti-British feeling. "This," he said, "is mainly due to the work of my father before his death."

Mr. Gandhi was travelling to attend a meeting of the new sub-Committee of UNO, which is to study freedom of the Press.

CORK-LIMERICK EXCURSION TOURS

The combined excursions of the Cork and Thomond Archaeological Societies begin with a tour of Limerick City, starting from the Glentworth Hotel at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday.

On Sunday the 'bus-excursion of the Burren starts from the same place at 10.30, while two short talks will be given in the Glentworth Hotel at 9 p.m. on Saturday night.

An excursion to Adare will leave at 10 a.m. on Monday morning and return in time for lunch.

This is the first time that the Cork Society have made Limerick their headquarters, and it is hoped they will enjoy the trip.

RACEHORSE RESCUED FROM BOG

The three year old racehorse, "Rossmore Lad," which bolted into a bog at Studland, Dorsetshire, on Wednesday, after throwing its rider during exercises, was rescued yesterday after a search lasting thirty hours.

PRIOR'S DEATH

Dominican Order's Loss

PASSING OF GREAT PRIEST

WE regret to announce the death of Father W. B. Costello, O.P.,

Prior of St. Saviour's, Limerick, which took place in St. John's Hospital last night. He was born in Roxboro', Limerick, in 1880, and passed some of his boyhood years in his parents' home in Parnell Street, then known as Nelson Street. He received his early education at the Crescent College, and at Dominican College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. Entering the Irish Province of the Dominican Order in 1908, he was professed in St. Mary's, Tallaght, Co. Dublin, in 1909. He spent the next six years in philosophical and theological studies in Tallaght and in Rome, where he was ordained in 1904. Returning to Ireland in 1905, he spent some time in the Dominican Convents of Newbridge and Dundalk.

SERVED IN CALIFORNIA.

In 1908, he volunteered for service in the recently established Province of the Holy Name, California. There he was engaged in parochial work and gave promise of outstanding ability as a preacher of missions and retreats. Returning to Ireland in 1913, he served in the Dublin House of the Order, and was for many years Manager of the "Irish Rosary." At the same time, he was much sought after as a missionary and as a retreat master. His ability as an administrator was soon recognised by his superiors, and in 1920, he was appointed Superior of St. Dominic's, Athy, remaining there until 1927, when he was appointed Superior of Holy Cross, Sligo. On the completion of his second term as Superior in Sligo, he was transferred to St. Saviour's, Dublin, where he stayed until his appointment as Superior of Holy Cross, Tralee, in 1938. Completing his term as Superior there, he was, in 1941, transferred to St. Saviour's, Limerick, where he was elected Prior in December, 1946.

IN MUCH DEMAND AS MISSIONER.

During his entire life as a priest, he was in much demand as a missionary and as a conductor of retreats: not only in many parishes and convents in Ireland, but, also, in England. His superb taste in Church decoration and organisation is eloquently displayed in the mosaics in Holy Cross, Sligo, and Tralee. These were conceived by him, and erected by his artistic hand during his term as Superior in these houses. His short period as Prior of St. Saviour's was not unlike the other years of his priestly life. Propagating devotion to Our Lady of Limerick was evidenced by the many devotions and novenas in which he always took an active part up to two weeks ago when failing strength proved that he was no longer equal to the burden. Consolidating the position of the Community of St. Saviour's was his constant care. His energy in reducing the debt on the new Priory never waned in spite of advancing years and infirmity. He did not live to see the debt liquidated, but his successful efforts to reduce it will always be remembered. He died in harness, working up to the end. Obviously in great pain at times, he never complained or missed a Community or Church exercise. His zeal for the beauty of God's house remained with him. Plans for the decorating of the sanctuary were beginning to take shape in his mind when God called him. R.I.P.

IN G.P.O. IN 1916.

An interesting incident in the life of Father Costello is worthy of note. He and the late Father Headley, O.P., were in the G.P.O., Dublin, with the patriots on Easter Monday, 1916, rendering spiritual aid.

STAB WOUNDS

HUSBAND CHARGED

The case was adjourned for one week by Justice D. F. Gleeson.

PUBLICAN FINED

£10
Two "Breaches" One Day

CITY COURT CASE

A LICENSED trader who was prosecuted twice in the one day for two breaches of the licensing laws, appeared in the City District Court to-day before Justice D. F. Gleeson to answer the charges. The licensee was Laurence Ryan, 2 Dock Road, Limerick, and the breaches were in connection with opening his premises on the 15th April.

Supt. P. Collieran prosecuted, and Mr. D. B. O'Malley, solicitor, appeared for the publican.

Guard F. O'Keefe, said that on Good Friday he was on duty near the Dock Gate and was in plain clothes. It was just 12.25 p.m. and he saw at least two men being admitted to the premises, and the door closed after them. He knocked at the premises and was admitted by the licensee. Inside, witness found three men. The licensee muttered something which witness did not understand, and one of the men said he came in for cigarettes. There was no evidence of drink having been served.

Cross-examined, witness said it was possible that the three men were working on a boat at the Docks that day and that they had been working from early that morning.

OPENED THE DOOR FOR HIS NIECE

Laurence Ryan said that he opened the door for his niece, who lived with him. When he opened, the three men came and begged of him to leave them in for a drink as they were working all night.

Inspector—But, you would have given them a drink?

Witness—Yes, I would.

The Superintendent told the Justice that there were three previous convictions.

The Justice imposed a fine of £5 without an endorsement and fined the three men 5/- each.

In connection with the other charge,

Guard Doolan said that he was on duty on the same date at 8.57 a.m., when he saw men standing at the Gas House gate. One of the men knocked at the defendant's licensed premises and seven of them were subsequently admitted. Later he (witness) was admitted and he saw that there was nobody in the bar. There were glasses there which were freshly washed, while one glass contained stout. Witness found one man at the rear, while witness also found two other men upstairs having tea and one said that he usually took tea there in the morning. Witness found three men on the premises but he was positive that seven were admitted.

COUNTED SEVEN GOING IN

Cross-examined, witness said he counted seven men going in. He agreed he was told that the men were upstairs having tea. If two of the men said that they were working non-stop since Thursday he would not dispute it.

One of the men gave evidence that he left his own house at 7.20 a.m. to continue his work at the docks. Later he had tea upstairs in the licensed premises in question.

Cross-examined, witness agreed that he was having tea on the occasion an hour and a half after having his own breakfast. He agreed that he went into the bar for a drink and paid for it.

Another man said that he went into the premises for a drink but he did not get any. He did not see anyone else in the bar.

Cross-examined, witness said that he went out to the yard where he heard the door being broken in.

"SOME LAXITY"

The Justice said the Court was satisfied that there was some laxity judging from the way that the business was being conducted by the licensee. He would not endorse the licence as there was no previous conviction since 1946. He would impose a fine of £5 on a charge of opening, and he would impose a fine of 7/6 and 2/6 on two of the men. He was reasonably satisfied that there were more than three men on the premises.

WHAT IS GOING ON

Notes, News & Views

THAT CO-OPTION.

After all, it is probable that the vacancy on the City Council, caused by the resignation of Mr. M. J. Keyes, T.D., on his appointment as Minister for Local Government, will be filled before the Mayoral election date, 25th inst. The Mayor (Mr. M. B. O'Malley, solicitor) can, should he so wish, summon a special meeting of the Council for the purpose of having the vacancy filled and it is gathered that it is his intention to exercise this right. Two candidates will be nominated for the vacancy—one representing Fianna Fail and the other, Labour. Mr. T. A. McCarthy has been chosen by the former organisation, and the Labour Party has now disclosed the name of its nominee, Mr. J. M. Casey, a former member of the Corporation.

MISSIONARY DISPLAY.

The members of the Limerick Apostolic Missionary Society will hold their annual display of work in the Loreto Club, Harstonge St., on Thursday evening next from 8 to 8.30. Too much praise cannot be given to those good ladies who devote their leisure hours in making vestments, altar linens and the many other articles used by priests in their sacred ministrations. All these products are presented to the different missionary orders, so that vestments made in Limerick by voluntary effort are being used by Irish priests in all parts of the world. This annual display is not organised for what might be called self-glorification, but to arouse more public interest in the activities of the missionary workers, who are anxious to secure the co-operation of additional helpers. The display will be open to all and all can be sure of a cordial welcome.

BUTCHERS' STRIKE.

The strike in fourteen of Limerick's leading victualling establishments is dragging along. Sooner or later the dispute will come to an end; and why not sooner than later? It is not our intention or desire to go into the merits of the stoppage, but we do feel that an effort should be made to bring the parties concerned together for the purpose of effecting a settlement. The public, as usual, are seriously hit by the strike, as hundreds of housewives are finding it extremely difficult to secure meat supplies. But, strangely enough, the interests of the public are rarely, if ever, taken into consideration in labour disputes. For this reason, if for no other, a move should be made without further delay to have the stalls re-opened.

TANNING INDUSTRY.

The news item appearing in another part of this issue regarding the tanning industry in the City is rather disquieting. This week-end approximately 150 men will be out of employment for at least one month because of a shortage of hides. It would seem that because of an increase in the export of live cattle sufficient hides are not available to keep our tanneries going in full production. This is a very serious matter, so serious that the Government should take immediate measures to maintain and sustain a very important industry. Should a scarcity of leather result

A DERBY TIP?



Mr. Frank Cowhey, hairdresser, of 21, Prospect Villas, Limerick, who drew a French candidate, Amour Drake, in the Irish Hospitals Sweep in to-morrow's Derby. After a recent trial Amour Drake's price fell from 33 to 100 to 8, and the stable jockey, W. Johnstone, has elected to ride Amour Drake. With Mr. Cowhey is Miss Bridie Keane. [LIMERICK LEADER PHOTO.]

TIME FLIES IN "PUB"

SHANAHAN FAMILY

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