

The Chairman said that he would like to congratulate the Dockers' Section on their general attitude. The dockers, after making an energetic fight for their rights, expressed themselves as willing to do everything possible to ensure the quicker discharge of vessels, even to the extent of using half-ton tubs. It was different, however, with the carters. The carters were not prepared to permit the use of lorries at the docks, with the result that little real

to take matters into their own hands. Were they, he asked, entitled to seek protection of the courts in relation to the working of the port, seeing that the port was their property.

The Chairman said that they would be entitled to get a restraining order. He appealed to the carters not to take any action that would aggravate the position pending the forthcoming meeting of the whole House Committee.

The discussion then ended.

SHOCK IN THE DOCK

When a 29-year-old company director, Henry Oran, was fined £10,000 and ordered to pay 100 guineas costs in a London Court for dealing in nylon stockings and textile materials in a way to evade purchase tax, he collapsed in the dock and had to be carried out of court. He got 14 days to pay, with the alternative of a year in jail.

LIVED TO BE 106

Mrs. Amelia Johnstone, believed to be the oldest woman in Australia, has died at Brisbane at the age of 106. She went to Australia from Dublin at the age of three years. She had sixteen children, six grand-children, six great-grand-children, and two great-great-grand-children.

BRITAIN'S ASTRONOMICAL DEBT

A Treasury White Paper has given the total British Government debt at March 31st as £25,167,610,603. In 1939 the total debt was £7,130,752,946.

BONES OF ST. PETER

Archbishop Rummel, of New Orleans, said that he was informed by a high Vatican source that the human remains found in a crypt in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, are definitely those of St. Peter.

NEW CARDINALS

It is understood that the Pope is to create 15 new Cardinals this year to bring the College of Cardinals up to its stipulated strength of 70. One of the 15 is expected to be for Ireland.

A RECORD CROWD AT CROKE PARK

The All-Ireland senior football final yesterday was witnessed by 73,460, a record crowd for Croke Park, and more than 10,000 were turned away from locked gates. The receipts were £7,057 11s. 3d. Meath won by 1 goal 10 points to 1 goal 6 points.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Mr. M. O'Higgins, T.D., said at Gort yesterday that the local elections would probably be held within the next twelve months. It might be assumed, he said, that they would be contested on political lines, and Fine Gael should be prepared to contest them as a party if the other parties did so.

DIED IN PRISON

Patrick Lynch (71), a native of Kilmee, Co. Limerick, died suddenly in the Limerick Prison yesterday morning. Following spiritual and medical attention he was removed to the County Infirmity, where an inquest was held this afternoon.

ANOTHER NEW P.C.

Mr. John Winters, Main Street, Bruree, has been appointed a Peace Commissioner for the County Borough and County of Limerick and for counties adjoining.

APPALLING 'BUS DISASTER

A 'bus got out of control in Czechoslovakia while on a steep hill, ran over the side, and rolled to the bottom. Of 70 passengers on board, 42 were killed.

REPORTED WINDFALL LABOURER

All his neighbours congratulating Martin Sexton, cotty, on his reported windfall of one million dollars. The news came over the telephone from Chicago, the present Martin does not know from whom he has inherited the money. He is of the opinion that the windfall has come through the death of a daughter of an uncle who died in Chicago about 50 years ago.

In the meantime Martin has never married and lives in a cottage in the village of his birth. His solicitor has sent him to the Irish Consul in New York to make inquiries into the reported legacy.

WEST LIME FIRE

HAY BARN AND DESTROYED

A hay barn containing tons of hay and oats, etc., the property of Mr. Broderick, farmer, of Abbeyfeale, were completely destroyed on Thursday night. The fire spread so rapidly that nothing could be done to save the property.

RUSSIA'S CHAIN OF BASES

It is reliably reported that the Russians are dotted Eastern Europe with bases for rockets of a range than those which were used in Germany during the war. It is believed that German scientists are mainly responsible for the development of these launches, which are stated to be a great improvement on the V-2 used towards the end of the war.

According to some reports, the Germans have erected a chain of bases from the Baltic to the Black Sea, but their exact location is not known at the moment. It is reported in Berlin that a large munition plant in the East of Germany was produced.