

COSTLY CHARGE

From One Lorry To Another

TRANSFER OF TAX DISC

EDWARD PUNCH, Lemonfield, Creora, had two lorries of the same kind. One of them was taxed; the other was not. He changed the number plate of the tax certificate and the taxed lorry to the untaxed one. The change cost him £23.

In the Limerick District Court to-day, Punch was fined this amount by Justice Gleeson. Sergt. P. Connolly had summoned him for using an untaxed, unlicensed lorry that had defective brakes.

Edward Fleming, 6 Donnellan's Buildings, Limerick, was charged with aiding and abetting.

Sergt. Connolly said he found Punch's lorry, untaxed, being driven by Fleming. The lorry was also uninsured. It had very poor brakes. Punch, when interviewed, said he had changed the number plates and tax certificate from a lorry he had bought to the one being used. He didn't know there was anything wrong in the change.

Punch swore that he didn't know it was illegal to use the lorry as he had done. He intended to change the engine of the recently bought vehicle to the other one, and meanwhile used the untaxed one. He had been told by Fleming, an experienced driver, that there was nothing wrong in doing what he did.

Fleming said he thought Punch was entitled to change the number plate and tax from one lorry to the other.

Imposing the fine mentioned on Punch, and fining Fleming a total of £5, the Justice said people ignorant of the Road Traffic regulations should have nothing to do with motor cars.

DIFFERENTIAL RENTS

THE SYSTEM IN LIMERICK

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Mr. Editor—May I request a few lines of your widely read paper to reply to our City Manager's letter of the 23rd June. Mr. Macken, being a bit of a mathematician, very wisely quoted the man with 6 children, on £5 1s. per week, to show how he could have his house for 11/- per week. I think the builders' labourer, whom he refers to in this case, for that is the only man with such a rate, would certainly need his rent to be 11/-, and, in fact, his rent on such a rate with such a family should be 5/6. As regards the Cork differential rent system, which works so successfully the minimum 3/6, maximum, 18/- we are told operates for 15 years. In 1935 the tradesmen's rate was £1 2s. 6d. per week, his rent assessed on 3 12s. 6d.; therefore his rent was 12/-. It was absolutely impossible for him to pay the full rent. The top rent was only a figure. Likewise, the labourer had his house for 4/6, but blindfolded something has passed the Corporation, something that cannot, or never will, work. We intend to see that it will not work. Let me ask our City Manager why people who could get their houses for 11/- per week, to-day are being prosecuted for not filling forms; what rent he has got from people who filled forms? "Where people have got increases in their rent, they have offered 13/6 and no more. To-day 60 notice to quit forms were delivered to Pennywell. What a case of wilful waste of good paper. I got a registered letter sent to me on the 19th June, with a grave warning to have it filled up by the 26th. This form, like its predecessors, got its place in the ash-bin, but to-day I am still out of Jail. What a competent body of work-people are at present in the city.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND NEW C.I.E. BOARD

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir—My attention has been called to an article which appeared in your last issue regarding the

CITY TRAGEDY

Drowning Drama

GALLANT ATTEMPTS AT RESCUE

WHILEST playing with other boys at Howley's Quay, near the Sarsfield Bridge, Limerick, at about 9.30 o'clock last night, Martin Cregan, aged 14 years, who lived with his parents at 30 Ballinacurra Weston, fell in and was drowned despite gallant attempts at rescue.

The tide was receding at the time and the boy, before the alarm could be raised, was swept out into deep water and disappeared. Mr. Ed. Punch, Thomondgate, an employee of the Gas Works, who happened to be passing, jumped in in an effort to rescue the boy. Battling against the current and impeded by his clothing, Mr. Punch, after struggling with the boy for some time, became exhausted and was in imminent danger when Mr. Patrick O'Dwyer, the ex-Garryowen forward and a member of the Tacmond S.C., plunged to his rescue and succeeded in keeping him on the surface whilst Mr. P. McInerney, Shannon Rowing Club, manoeuvred a boat to pick up both men. When brought ashore, Mr. Punch was so utterly exhausted that artificial respiration had to be applied. He was rushed in the Fire Brigade Ambulance to hospital, where he was detained.

WATCHED BY BIG CROWD

A big crowd along the quay watched with keen anxiety the intrepid bid made to rescue young Cregan, a state of feeling that became more accentuated when it was realised that Mr. Punch was himself in danger of losing his life, which undoubtedly he would have were it not for the promptitude with which Mr. O'Dwyer, regardless of his own personal safety, went to his aid.

On enquiry at the hospital to-day, it was learned that Mr. Punch was resting comfortably.

The body of the boy Cregan was recovered in the early hours of this morning. He was the eldest son of Mr. James Cregan, porter, National Bank (William Street Branch) for whom very deep sympathy is felt in his bereavement.

An inquest touching the tragedy was held this evening in Barrington's Hospital by the Deputy Coroner, Mr. J. S. McNeice, who returned a verdict of accidental drowning.

COMMENTS BY CORONER

The Coroner said:—In recording the death of this young boy, I would like to express to his parents my sincere sympathy in their great loss. I note the deceased was a non-swimmer, and in view of his tragic death I would appeal to parents in the city to encourage their children to learn the art of swimming.

Our City Manager and Corporation have now provided a very fine and safe swimming pool at Corbally, where children can bathe and learn to swim in safety, as members of Shannon Swimming Club, many of whom have Red Cross Life Saving Certificates, are always available, while the members of Thomond Swimming Club, many of whom also possess this coveted Certificate, are always available at Thomond Baths.

I would appeal to parents to enrol their children as members of either of these clubs, when they will receive the benefit of the experience of first-class instructions in swimming and life saving, and accordingly minimise the danger of loss of life by drowning.

CITY OF HIGH STANDARDS TWO NEW

Justice's Warm Tribute

ECHO OF RECENT TRADE DISPUTE

LIMERICK is a city of very high standards. It would be a pity if disorderliness in trade disputes destroyed that reputation, Justice Gleeson said to-day in the District Court.

He was dealing with charges against a number of employees of Messrs. Geary's factory of having persistently followed through the streets of the city three girls who remained working during the recent strike.

THE DEFENDANTS.

The defendants were:—Alice Phayer, 10 Nicholas Street, Limerick; Susan Clarke, 8 Michael Street; Nora Ann Healy, 56 O'Dwyer Villas; Kathleen O'Hea, 30 Nicholas Street; Catherine Guinane, 3 Cherry Place, Crosby Row; Frances Finan, 56 Old Clare Street; Maura Graham, 5 St. Munchin Street; Mary Agnes Johnson, 26 Smith O'Brien Avenue, Killeely; Kathleen Murphy, 25 Island Road; Mary O'Neill, 23 Lelia Street, Limerick; Josephine Phayer, 10 Nicholas Street; Mary Sullivan, 32 Island Road; Patrick McNamara, 13 Davis Street; Rita Wilkinson, 4 Barrack Street; Eileen Madden, Canal Bank; Annie Farrell, 4 Exchange Street; Geraldine O'Doherty, 7 Lelia Street; Jane Fleming, 55 Keane Street, Killeely; Patrick J. Frahill, 9 Peter Street; Anthony J. Shaw, 33 Clarke Avenue, Janesboro'; Teresa Drew, 48 St. Ita Street; Patricia Dillon, 8 Fitzgerald's Place; Maura Madden, 11 Mungret Street; Mary Fitzgibbon, 5 Punch's Row.

CALLED "SCABS."

Mr. J. J. Power acting for Mr. M. M. Power, State Solicitor, said the strike began in Geary's factory on May 22nd because a van driver named Keane objected to his route being changed. On the following day, Esther Noonan, Kathleen Farrell and Elizabeth O'Donnell turned up for work as usual. Some of the defendants also turned up to picket the job. When the three girls left for lunch they were followed by the strikers, whose shouting attracted a mob. The three girls were called "scabs." Esther Noonan and Elizabeth O'Donnell had to stay in the other girl's house. For a half an hour the defendants and the crowd they had attracted shouted outside the door. The three girls were also followed and cat-called on their re-

turn to work. The three girls gave evidence to the effect of Mr. Power's statement.

THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

Cross-examined by Mr. M. V. Fitzgerald, B.L. (instructed by Mr. T. E. O'Donnell, solr), for the defendants, all three said that the biggest number of the crowd following them home were of the general public who had joined the strikers.

Mr. Fitzgerald said there had never been a decision on the Section of the Trades Union Act (1906) that was invoked in this case. Under the relevant Section, the defendants were entitled to picket the job or the house of any employee to persuade any worker peacefully to either stop or resume work. They were also entitled to get to the scene of the picket. Leaving the question of abuse out of the thing altogether, he believed the defendants were entitled to peacefully follow the three girls to their homes.

JUSTICE'S REMARKS.

The Justice said he was quite clearly of the opinion that the strikers were not entitled to act as they had done. If Mr. Fitzgerald's contention were right the whole meaning of the relevant section would be an absurdity. All the Act entitled pickets to do was to peacefully tell any employee that a strike was on or off, or to peacefully persuade any member of the staff to stop work or continue working.

"And even if they were entitled in law to act as they did," said the Justice, "I ask these defendants if they thought they were morally right in following these girls through the city streets, intimidating them. Limerick is a city of high standards. It would be a pity if a trade dispute of this or any kind were allowed to spoil or damage that reputation."

ALL GOOD FRIENDS NOW.

Mr. Power said the strike was now over and all the workers were very good friends again. In these circumstances he would not ask for big penalties.

A fine of 10/- was imposed on each defendant except Nora Ann Healy, whose summons was dismissed on the merits.

Mr. N. S. Gaffney, solicitor, held a watching brief for the firm.

VISITING PRIEST

ADDRESSES ROBERTSTOWN CONGREGATION

On Sunday, 11th June, in Robertstown Church, Rev. Fr. J. Conway, of Albany, New York, celebrated Mass and gave Benediction.

In a short address he said he was proud to come to this church, where his parents came to their duties 50 years ago.

After Benediction Father Conway gave his blessing to the congregation.

He came to the home of his aunt, Mrs. M. O'Connor, Morgans, Barri-gone, where he visited many friends and relatives.

All wished him good luck and blessings on his return journey with the pilgrims from Rome to the U.S.A.

PROMOTION OF BANK OFFICIAL

TENANTS' WISHES

RIVAL DEPUTATIONS

A further special meeting of Ennis Urban Council was held on Wednesday night to consider report expected from a deputation representing tenants of 96 houses recently erected at Hermitage for the accommodation of persons removed from condemned dwellings (writes our Ennis correspondent). At the previous special meeting the Council had asked the tenants to choose between paying differential rents ranging from 7/6 to £1 5s. 10d., or the alternative of a fixed non-varying rent of 10/- per week, which included a rate of 4/4 in the £.

Two deputations, each of which claimed to represent the tenants, attended the meeting on Wednesday night and the Council were informed that the tenants had failed to reach a unanimous decision. The two deputations held contradictory views as to the real wishes of the tenants.

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MOST REV. PATRICK M.D.D., Bishop of Limerick, appointed as member of the Cathedral Chapter of St. Mary's, P.P., Mungret, Limerick.

These two appointments learned of with very much interest throughout the diocese. Since 1936, Bishop M.D.D. of his native parish, most of his leisure to the of our national past many years past he office of Chairman of Board of the G.A.A., throughout the province in Limerick, he is highest esteem and re discharge of his parochial is n



VERY REV. CANON LEE

Canon Lee, son of the Killinane, and nephew Ven. Archdeacon Lee, castle West, is Parish Mary's since 1944. For 24 years he was Dean of St. Munchin's College and in that capacity he gave many proofs of his abiding interest in the welfare of the students committed to his care. His appointment as P.P. of St. Mary's six years ago by the late Most Rev. Dr. Keane was the just reward of his indefatigable labours in the Diocesan Seminary and the new dignity now conferred on him is to be regarded as a signal mark of recognition of his work as pastor of St. Mary's by the pre

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