

STRUCK GUARD

Incident In A "Pub"

WOULD NOT ACCEPT AN APOLOGY

AT the Limerick Liberties Court to-day, before Justice Gleeson, George Woulfe, blacksmith, Drumeen, Clonlara, was defendant in a civil assault case brought by Michael Roche, O'Brien's, Bridge, who is a member of the Garda Siochana.

Plaintiff, in evidence, said that on the evening of August 15th last, as he was leaving a licensed premises in Clonlara, Woulfe struck him, knocking off his cap and causing a slight abrasion under his right eye. He did not provoke the defendant in any way. Plaintiff had consumed three drinks in the space of half-an-hour but had had no drink earlier that evening. There was a big number of people in the licensed premises at the time the incident occurred. He had been on duty all that day, a Church holyday and a pattern day in Doonass.

Cross-examined by Mr. D. G. O'Donovan, solicitor, defending, plaintiff said there were three exits from the premises but he chose the one he left by because he would be inconveniencing the publican and customers otherwise.

DID NOT JOSTLE.

Mr. O'Donovan -- Did you jostle the defendant when you were leaving?

Plaintiff--That is wrong.

Have you your "knife" in this defendant?--I am not particularly fond of him.

Did the defendant try to apologise to you on August 18th, which was the first available opportunity?--He did.

And you would not accept that apology?--No, I would not.

The defendant's evidence was that he had been in the premises for a considerable time on the evening in question. He saw Roche standing near the stairs having some drink. As the plaintiff was leaving he bumped witness.

Mr. M. Tynan, solicitor, for the plaintiff--Wasn't the place jammed at the time?

Defendant--Yes.

Mr. Tynan--After you had struck the plaintiff why was it that a friend of yours had to remove you from the premises?--He didn't remove me. I came away with him.

Justice -- Have you anything against the plaintiff whom you know as a Guard--No.

COMMENTS BY JUSTICE.

The Justice said there was obviously more in the case than met the eye. He did not like to hear a Guard saying that he would not accept an offered apology. He would like if Guards throughout the county had more of a judicial outlook in these matters. He found the assault proved and fined Woulfe £1 with £1 8s. costs.

DROWNING STORY

Big Limerick Manhunt

INQUEST ON EX-CONVICT

DEPUTY City Coroner J. S. McNeice, held an inquest this evening in Barrington's Hospital into the death of John J. Cullen, no fixed address, whose body was recovered from the Ballinacurra River yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Hughes, who examined the body on admission to the hospital, said death was due to asphyxia due to drowning.

Inspector T. Griffin said that at 9.15 on Monday morning last a crime was committed in a house at Ballinacurra by a man who escaped on a bicycle, cycling towards Limerick. Witness was shown a bicycle, said to have been abandoned by the escapee who had taken to the adjacent fields. Witness rapidly cycled down Rosbrien Road and hid near the White Gates. Soon afterwards he saw a man coming along who answered the description of the man who had run across the fields.

"I spoke to him and tried to get close to him," the Inspector said. "He backed away and I made a rush to grab him. He jumped off the gate on to which he had climbed, into the field and ran away. The gate was locked and I could not open it. I decided to corner him in the field. He had gone a few hundred yards and I shouted: 'Get above him boys and surround him,' although I was the only one there at the time. I went up the road again and hid myself. He turned back towards me. I went to the hockey gate and showed myself, shouting: 'Get above him,' to give the impression I had assistance. He ran back towards an old building at Fort Green and I cycled towards Punch's Cross to prevent his get away. From there I noticed he had got on to the river bank and was walking towards the White Gates. I went back again to the Catholic Institute gates and saw him double back on his steps. I met two civilians and asked them to get me some Garda assistance."

The Inspector said he returned again to Punch's Cross, but could not see the man. Then a party of Guards came along under Sergeants Griffin, Gahan and Detective-Sergeant Murphy. They arranged to surround the man. The Detective-Sergeant and he went towards the river from the Rosbrien Road.

SAW HIM JUMP.

"We met two civilians," said witness, "who said they had seen the man jump into the river and that he hadn't come out. I waded through the carcass on to the river bank from where the man had jumped in, but I couldn't find a trace of him. I noticed the uniform cap which he was said to have worn floating on the river fifty yards upstream. Then, on account of the cold, I abandoned the search in the water. We got drags

CITY COUNCIL

Too Many Beggars

BYE-LAWS TO CONTROL CARAVANS

THE MAYOR (Mr. K. Bradshaw) presided at the meeting of the City Council on Monday night. The other members present were--Ald. J. Reidy, T.D.; Ald. J. Carew, Councillors, S. Coughlan, J. Connery, Sean Walsh, N.T.; M. B. O'Malley, solr.; J. Cunneen, P. O'Connell, F. Glasgow, C. P. Keyes, J. Finnán, G. B. Dillon, P. J. Donnellan.

The officials in attendance were--Mr. M. Macken, B.A., City Manager; Mr. G. J. Killeen, Assistant Town Clerk; Dr. R. Hayes, S.M.O.H.; Mr. J. J. Dundon, Law Agent; Mr. C. Stenson, B.E., City Surveyor, and Mr. F. K. Thomas, Gas Engineer.

The Council adopted the usual Secondary Scholarships Scheme of £15 for five years, tenable at any recognised Secondary School.

Mr. Walsh said that he felt the sum was far too little, in view of the increased costs of text books and the necessity for having secondary pupils properly clothed. Expenses were going up every year, and he thought the University Scholarships should also be increased.

The Mayor concurred, and said he knew of young fellows who won Scholarships, but were unable to avail of them because their parents could not afford the extra costs.

The Manager said it was now too late to alter the Scholarship Scheme for this year, but the matter could be raised at the next estimates meeting.

This was agreed to.

Mr. Coughlan referred to the necessity of having a Civic Guard on duty at Shelbourne Cross while children were returning from or going to the Salesian school.

Manager--We will recommend it to the Chief Superintendent.

TOO MANY BEGGARS.

Mr. Coughlan said that steps should be taken to stop begging on the streets, especially during the Christmas period.

"Limerick is swarming with beggars for the past few weeks," he said, "and something should be done to have them removed."

Mr. Coughlan added that beggars were everywhere. They were trooping into shops and public-houses, badgering the customers, and it was impossible to walk the streets without being accosted. It would not be tolerated in any other city in Ireland.

The Manager said he was glad the matter had been raised. The Corporation had no powers to remove tinkers' camps, but they could proceed under the Sanitary Services Act to prevent tinkers and itinerants from camping in vacant places in the city by framing a bye-law. The Council had power to make bye-laws, and he suggested that they should proceed to do so as quickly as possible.

The Manager's suggestion

ARTHUR'S

Reclamation

Foreshore

PROPOSAL TO CO

A PROPOSAL put forward in 1939 by the Chamber of Commerce to have the Arthur's Quay reclamation building of a retaining wall up Honan's Quay of the quay wall at M

was renewed at the meeting of the City Council on Monday night. The Mayor (Mr. K. Bradshaw) who presided, said that the Chamber of Commerce was anxious to have the Corporation the

having Arthur's Quay reclamation. The Council decided to receive Messrs. A. James O'Keeffe, T. J. Lewis de Courcy, who were deputation.

Mr. Goodwin, the Chamber of Commerce, apologised for the absence of the President, Mr. McGuire, and Mr. P. O'Connell. He said that the object of the deputation was to ask the Corporation to take steps to clear the standing eye-sore in the city. Arthur's Quay in its present condition, was a disgrace and while the Chamber of Commerce was not putting forward a proposition, they thought the Council might take steps to clear the work of demolition houses. Once the site was cleared it would be of some use.

A second suggestion was that a grant might be obtained from the Government to clear the kerb wall from Honan's Quay to McGuire's Mill, and that the valuable piece of land between the mill and the quay could be used for several purposes as a very essential part of the city.

Mr. O'Keeffe said that he was interpreting the wishes of the citizens, it was time that something should be done about Arthur's Quay. It was one of the eyesores which invariably come up for discussion at the monthly meetings of the members, and its removal would create a valuable asset for the city.

Mr. Goodwin remarked that the Harbour Engineer was in favour of the proposal. Mr. Condra said that he was glad to hear what had been said by the previous speakers. It was his opinion that it would be good for the city of the future to develop Arthur's Quay.

When the deputation was over, Ald. Reidy, T.D., proposed that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next General Meeting, and that a resolution be submitted by the Chamber of Commerce (Mr. C. S. Stenson).

The Manager said that he was glad to hear that the matter was being taken up with sooner or later. He thought it would be better to develop the city by the development of the entire Irishtown. He thought the best thing to do was to invite the Town

HARBOUR SCHEME

RAISING OF LOAN

AT the meeting of the City Council on Monday night, the Mayor (Mr. K. Bradshaw) presiding, it was unanimously decided that the Corporation would become one of the guarantors for the raising of a loan of £100,000 required by the Harbour Board in connection with the Port Development Scheme.

The Manager (Mr. M. Macken, B.A.) said that the North Tipperary County Council had already very graciously consented to become one of the guarantors. It was asked at the last meeting of the Harbour Board if he (Manager) had invited the Clare County Council to the conference held between the local authorities. He had invited the Clare Council to the conference. Perhaps, it would be advisable to send a deputation to the Clare Council to request them to join in with the other local authorities.

Mr. O'Malley—Should we not come to a decision ourselves first? Have we decided to act as a guarantor?

Manager—No, but the decision of the Council is a foregone conclusion.

Mr. Connery—I formally propose that we act as guarantors.

Mr. O'Connell—And I have great pleasure in seconding the proposition.

Mayor—And I declare it passed unanimously.

Mr. Dillon—I notice that the Limerick County Council has not yet come to a decision.

Manager—No, but I'm sure the Limerick County Council will come in. No one is running any risk by coming in. There will be no charge on the rates. The finances of the Harbour Board were sound, but the financial position of the Board would become much more sound when the Port Development Scheme was completed.

Mr. Dillon said that without a thriving port Limerick and the surrounding counties could not prosper.

It was unanimously decided to suggest to the Harbour Board the advisability of sending a deputation to the Clare County Council. The Mayor and the City Manager were appointed to act on the joint deputation.

R.D.S. EXTENSION LECTURE

The first of the Royal Dublin Society Extension Lectures to be held this session will be delivered in the Assembly Hall, Municipal Technical Institute, by Rev. John

and a number of us dragged the river as best we could at this point. We carried on the dragging until dusk, when we adjourned."

Next day, the Inspector said, they got a boat and continued the search. At about three o'clock the first evening, when the river was at its lowest it was eight feet deep.

"I identified the man whose body was subsequently taken from the river as the person I pursued the previous evening. He was wanted in connection with a crime in Tipperary," the Inspector concluded.

John Moloney, Lemonfield, who worked for the County Council near Fort Green with a man named Michael Ryan, said he heard shouting at Ballinacurra on Monday morning, and saw a man with a uniform cap running across the cress towards the Institute field. He watched the man double back and run straight into the river, after first of all running up and down the bank apparently looking for a crossing place. "I saw two little splashes," said witness. "He went down and I didn't see him any more."

Inspector P. Pender said he participated in the search for the body yesterday with Sergt. Griffin and Guard Maher. They worked a grappling iron on the river bed from a punt. After some searching, Guard Maher said he had got the body. When they got it to the bank, witness found it to be that of a man of about 24 years of age. He was dressed in a navy blue coat and suit, with boots and pullover. He found deceased name in a ration book in a coat pocket.

DECEASED'S RECORD.

Detective Sergeant Murphy, who formally identified the body, said Cullen was born at Seanross Abbey, Roscrea, in 1925. He was single. In 1941, after leaving the Clonmel Industrial School, he began to work for a farmer in the Glen of Aherlow. The next year he was charged with larceny from his employer. Since 1943 he had twelve convictions for housebreakings and larcenies. On Saturday last he was released from Cork prison and was seen in Limerick that night. He always wore a cap similar to that he wore before his death. "I last saw him alive," said the Sergeant, "on 12th April last when I brought him from Croom to Limerick Garda Station."

The Coroner returned a verdict of accidental drowning while evading arrest. "I think the Guards did everything possible to get the man from the water," said the Coroner. "In fact, Inspector Griffin had to take off some of his clothes to get into the water in the search."

THE RED HAT

The Manager's suggestion was adopted. It was also decided to request the Garda authorities to prevent, as far as possible, begging on the streets.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Coughlan referred to the desirability of the establishment of a Visiting Committee to the City Home and Hospital, as was done in the case of other public institutions.

The City Manager said that he would welcome such a Committee, because it would help the members to get a better insight into the working of the Institution, and, perhaps, they would be in a better position to deal with complaints or reports from people outside.

Ald. Reidy agreed with this suggestion and said that the best way to deal with the question was by having the whole Council constituted a Visiting Committee, each four members and the Mayor to act in turn for each period of three months.

It was unanimously decided to set up the Committee on the lines suggested by Ald. Reidy. It was further agreed that the first four members be chosen in alphabetical order.

Arising out of the minutes of the General Purposes Committee,

Mr. Coughlan suggested that "cat's eyes" should be set in the roadway approaching the monument from both sides instead of having reflectors set in the surround railing.

The Manager agreed that the suggestion was a very good one.

It was unanimously agreed to provide the "cat's eyes," as suggested.

Mr. Dillon referred to the complete lack of lighting at Ballynabeg, and said that people had to climb as many as 14 or 15 steps to some of the houses. The conditions were most dangerous.

The Manager said the matter had been taken up with the E.S.B., and the Corporation was awaiting a reply.

BOOK OF KELLS.

Mr. O'Malley asked why the Book of Kells was not purchased from a local bookseller.

Manager—That matter has only been brought to my attention recently, and I have asked the Librarian, Mr. Herbert, for a report. I have given instructions that whenever possible Limerick firms must get priority in the purchasing of goods.

The Council unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the Garda to grant facilities for the holding of the proposed Round-the-Houses International Cycle Race to be held in February.

Mr. Dillon asked what was the result of the pile driven at St. Francis Abbey in order to ascertain if it was suitable for housing.

Mr. Stenson—It went down 17 ft.

Limerick and development scheme of development would not be deviated from. erection of buildings there. Arthur's Quay, a likely project for

Replying to Mr. Manager said he would like to see the entire area between the River and Williamstown. Town Planner had certain proposals, but the Council to adopt them.

On the proposition of **Dillon**, seconded by **Mr. O'Malley**, was unanimously decided that the Town Planner meeting to be held as soon as possible.

Mr. Connery—What are the remaining houses between Arthur's Quay?

Manager—I hope they will be evacuated by Christmas. I hope they will be almost immediately.

WARM THINGS

HIGH PRAISE

CLIFFORD

A very handsome letter was received to Mr. Tom Clifford, Munster International, from the Four Home Tours Committee, regarding the City Council's decision last night, the Mayor (Mr. Bradshaw) presiding.

The letter, signed by the man, Mr. B. C. Harlow, says:—"On the return of the Isles Rugby Union tour of New Zealand, I am asked by the Unions' Tours Committee to you their deep appreciation of the leave facilities provided by T. F. Clifford, which is of great importance of which the best summed up in the Prime Minister of New Zealand's 'no single organisation more for the underprivileged peoples.'

"The Committee would like to know that by his selfishness, self-discipline, and Rugby; Mr. Clifford's real contribution to this tour, both on a personal and a public level."

Mr. Coughlan—Thank you very much. I would like to make the letter should not be sent to Ireland in the British Isles.

Mr. Dillon—British public of Ireland.

Mr. Coughlan—Yes, and the Republic of Ireland.

There were no further comments on the letter.