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The strength of the Tralee branch of the Town Tenants' League grows apace.

At the monthly meetings, as well as at the meetings of the Committee, numerous cases between tenants and houselords are dealt with, and in most instances with satisfactory results.

So numerous have been the cases coming up for adjustment that the energetic Secretary, Mr. Griffin, felt constrained to say that the secretarial work was pressing so heavily upon him that it warranted the appointment of a whole time Secretary to perform the duties.

The remarkable growth and popularity of the League in Tralee is proof conclusive that its functions are appreciated by the people.

The great advance made in the work of the organisation for the past twelve months is in a large measure due to the untiring energy of the Secretary, who, since his appointment, has done most valuable work.

Should he feel compelled to relinquish the duties of Secretary, his loss will be a serious one.

The consideration of the matter was postponed to the next monthly meeting, when we trust a way will be found out of the difficulty.

The monthly meeting of the Tralee Urban Council on Thursday evening was adjourned to Tuesday next as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr John O'Donnell, merchant, Bridge St., who had been for many years a respected member of the old Town Commissioners, and subsequently of the Urban Council.

There was a good deal of important business for disposal, including applications for the position of Steward in the Town Surveyor's department at a salary of £3 per week.

When this matter came up for discussion at a former meeting of the Council, Mr Moynihan made what we considered a very sensible suggestion.

He urged that the plan in existence on the roads of the county be adopted in Tralee.

The practice prevailing on the roads is that each section of surfacing is under the supervision of a working steward, who has to account to the Deputy Surveyor of the district for the time and work of his gang.

That system has worked well in the country districts and should prove equally satisfactory if adopted in Tralee.

The working steward on the roads is paid a couple of shillings per week more than the men composing the gang under him.

That is money very well expended and if applied to Tralee should justify the experiment.

Complaints about the dirty condition of our streets have been numerous and continuous.

At a recent meeting the Town Surveyor complained that the men in his department were not doing their work honestly.

It would, of course, be impossible for Mr Tough to supervise the work of the men in the different parts of the town, and attend to his other office duties as well.

If a working steward were appointed over each section of the cleansing and repairing departments, in accordance with Mr. Moynihan's suggestion, and be held responsible to the Town Surveyor for the work of the men, there should be no longer any room for suggesting that the men are not doing honest work.

Mr Moynihan's suggestion would, in our opinion, make for both efficiency and economy, but apparently the majority of the Council were determined to create a vacancy and make a job for some friend.

This does not look well for the members of the Tralee Council, at a time when the other councils throughout the country are adopting the most rigid economy to cope with the position which has arisen by the withholding of all "grants" under the Local Taxation Account.

The withholding of these grants was not intimated to local bodies until the annual rate estimates had been struck and credit taken for the usual so-called "grants."

If the various Councils, under these circumstances, hope to meet their liabilities, during the current financial year, the closest economy must be exercised in every department.

We trust it is not yet too late to ask the Tralee Council to reconsider their decision regarding the appointment of a Town Steward.

Making jobs for friends came in for general condemnation during the old regime.

Are the members of the new Council in Tralee to earn the unenviable notoriety of excelling the old body in the creation of sinecures? We trust they will not.

The new council have not lately disclosed how they stand with their Treasurer, but rumour has it that notwithstanding the sanction of an overdraft of £4,000 for the working of the gas department the council account is again overdrawn in the bank.

If this be so, it discloses a lamentable state of affairs.

We trust that the financial position will be fully set forth at the adjourned monthly meeting on Tuesday evening.

In the old Council we were accustomed to find, both at the Committee and general meetings the stereotyped phrase "adjourned no quorum attending."

It is regrettable in the extreme to find that the new Council are no better than their predecessors in that respect.

We find a notice standing in the name of Mr Heaslip, that the

Roads, Building and Sanitary Committees be composed in future of all the members of the Council owing to the laxity of the present members of these committees in attending the meetings thereof.

This speaks very badly for the members of these committees, and we are doubtful whether the proposed change will bring about any better results, for we fear it will then be a case of "what's everybody's business is nobody's business."

The most important work of any public body is that done at its committee meetings.

That the members of the Tralee Committees are sadly lacking in the discharge of their important functions, is painfully evident from Mr Heaslip's motion.

We have received a letter signed "Ratepayer" relative to the question of the rents of the Urban Council cottages.

As the writer does not give his name in confidence, we are unable to publish the letter.

We have grown tired of repeating that anonymous letters cannot be published.

Letters intended for publication in our columns must in all cases be verified by enclosing the writer's name and address, which will be treated with the strictest confidence.

We make no apology for once again calling attention to the reprehensible conduct of numbers of youngsters in the streets and laneways of Tralee at night.

These thoughtless youths indulge in all sorts of foolish practices calculated to cause serious trouble to the inhabitants.

Throwing squibs in the streets at night is one of the deplorable forms of fun indulged in by these youths.

Evidently their parents exercise no control over them.

A Limerick gentleman who stayed in Tralee a few nights ago told us that in Limerick city the streets are deserted after half past eight o'clock while no youngsters are allowed out after dark.

Might we again appeal to parents in Tralee to see that their children are indoors in proper time.

At a time when other towns are suffering seriously, we have to be deeply grateful for the prevailing peace here.

It would be a great pity if the prevailing calm should be disturbed by the conduct of the youngsters we refer to, and hence the absolute necessity for exercising the closest surveillance over the conduct of the youth of the town.

There has been a decided improvement in the weather during the past couple of days and farmers are availing of it with avidity.

A good deal of the corn crop is

TWO POLICEMEN SHOT IN COUNTY CLARE

The Special Correspondent of the Press Association in Dublin wired on Friday:—

Dublin Castle reports this evening that further official details received with reference to the attack on the police in Feakle, Co. Clare, state that a sergeant and five constables left the local R. I. C. barracks at half-past eleven on Thursday morning to go to the post office. They went in couples at intervals of twenty yards. "As they got to the post office," the report states, "fire was opened on them from the upper windows of the post office and the upper windows of the adjoining house, and from the other side of the road."

They were thus in a triangle of fire. Constable Stanley, who was one of the first couple, was shot dead, Sergeant Doherty, who was walking at the side of Constable Stanley, fell at the same time and place, and died about an hour afterwards.

Const. Murphy, of the second pair, was wounded in the thigh and fell, and his comrade pulled him over the fence. They both then opened fire on the attackers. The last pair of constables took shelter also and opened fire. These four men got back to the barracks, fire being continued on them the whole way.

The bodies of Sergeant Doherty and Constable Stanley were recovered later in the day. Their rifles and accoutrements had been taken away.

Details of the tragedy show that there was no attack on the barracks, as first reported, but that a party of police were ambushed when going to the local post office. At 11.30 o'clock, the police, five in number, were proceeding in couples, with one man in the rear. When passing the cemetery on the way to the office, which is about quarter of a mile outside the village, a volley of shots rang out from behind the roadside wall, and Constable Stanley fell dead, his back being terribly injured.

Sergeant Doherty received such injuries that he died in a short time, and Const. Murphy received a flesh wound in the leg. Const. Stanley is a native of Cork and married, with four children.

Sergeant Doherty belonged to the Mohill district, Co. Leitrim, and is unmarried.—Ennis correspondent of "Cork Examiner."

SENSATIONAL AMBUSH IN CORK

One Soldier Dead.—Many Casualties.

About a quarter to 9 on Friday morning in Barrack St. Cork, bombs were thrown at a military lorry. One soldier was killed and three wounded. The troops in the lorry returned the fire.

Three men and a girl received bomb or bullet wounds. One of the victims was not detained in hospital but the other cases are serious.

Graphic stories of the attack are told by the injured civilians and others. A military inquiry was opened on Friday afternoon. Some occupants of the lorry gave evidence. The medical evidence showed that the deceased, Private Squibbs, had received many wounds from bombs and gunshots.

still out, and the bulk of it remains unthreshed.

With a continuance of the present favorable weather, however, there is every prospect of garnering the whole crop safely.

There was a very small supply of potatoes in Tralee market today, which was quickly bought up at from 14s to 15s per half quarter (ten stone).

The smallness of the supply is attributed to the fact that farmers are availing of the exceptionally fine weather in attending to harvesting operations.

ABBAYFEALE ARRESTS.

Mr Maurice J. Woulfe, Solr., Still in Custody.

Michael Collins, a young man whose house is opposite the Abbey feale barrack, was arrested on Thursday, and taken through day morning, was taken through the town in a military motor lorry and released when taken some distance on the road to Newcastle West.

A young labourer named Dan Buckley was also arrested a few days ago, and since detained.

Mr M J Woulfe, solr., who was arrested on reaching his office on Thursday morning, has been detained since on what charge has not transpired.

Several houses in the town have recently been searched.

LLOYD GEORGE PREDICTS

"Home Rule Will be Carried by a Coalition."

Mr Lloyd George, in the course of his long address at Llandudno on Friday made, but one short reference to Ireland. He said—"I am going to predict about Ireland that Home Rule will be carried by a coalition."

The statement was greeted with applause by the meeting, which numbered between four and five thousand people.

ARREST AT BALLYVOURNEY.

Mr F Kelly, R.D.C., Ballyvourney, was arrested by military on Wednesday evening. He was Sec of the local branch of the Gaelic League. A quantity of Gaelic literature, and, it is said, a few empty cartridges, were found in the house. The relatives cannot obtain any definite information as to what is proposed to be done with the prisoner.

MARRIED WOMAN'S HAIR CUT

Extraordinary Affair Reported from Bray.

An extraordinary story was reported in Bray on Friday, that the hair of a married woman in the township was cut, her wedding ring taken, £13 in notes stolen and bullet holes put through a picture of Oliver Plunket, the martyred Archbishop of Armagh.

The sensational affair was stated to have occurred about 2 a.m., when two armed and masked men gained entrance through an unatched window to the house of Mr Patk Fox, St James's Terrace, Bray. They went to the bedroom and made Mr and Mrs Fox get up, covered them with revolvers and brought them downstairs. They demanded money. Mrs Fox gave them a purse containing 4d., but they replied she had more money than that in the house. Then she fainted and was gagged and bound to a chair. Portion of her hair was cut and two rings taken off her fingers. One of the men kept the husband covered with a revolver, whilst the other went upstairs and made a search and secured £13 in notes.

BOMB ATTACK ON MILITARY LORRY IN CORK.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

An official statement issued by the G.H.Q., Dublin, states that in the bomb attack on a military lorry in Cork on Friday morning four soldiers were hit by bombs, one of them dying almost immediately.

Fire was opened on the lorry from several houses in the street, and was replied to by the uninjured soldiers. Three civilians were wounded.

ATTACK ON COUNTY CLARE BARRACK.

Constable Killed.—Sergeant Wounded.

Const. Wm Stanley was shot dead and Sergt Doherty was severely wounded in an attack on Feakle police barrack.

The attack was opened at 11.30 a.m. and a fierce exchange of shots followed, but owing to the cutting of the wires details of the encounter are lacking.

The Co. Inspector, D.I., and a large force of military, with armoured cars, left Ennis for the scene.

THE SCHULL POLICE BARRACK ATTACK.

NO REPRISALS.

A contemporary states that the raiders who captured Schull police barrack put Sergt Langan on his word of honour that there would be no reprisals, otherwise they threatened to hold him as a hostage.

They then took the captured police to a hotel and ordered the proprietor to put them up for the night and to treat them well.

AMBUSHED IN MOUNTAINS.

Constable Seriously Wounded in the Body.

Two police constables strolling in a lonely part of Broughderg mountain, near Pomeroy, were held up by 12 armed men.

After a short struggle the police men were disarmed, but Constable Breen was seriously wounded in the body and arm. Const Baxtel escaped.

Const Breen, who has been removed to Dungannon Infirmary, is a native of Brookboro', County Fermanagh. He is married and has a family.

GALWAY PRIEST IN JAIL.

C.C. Arrested in Public Square.

Alleged Possession of Arms.

Rev Michael Morley, C.C., Headford, was taken into custody on Wednesday evening and lodged in Galway jail.

The rev gentleman was seized in the public square, and it is believed his arrest is a sequel to a raid on his residence on Sunday evening, when, it is alleged, a shot gun and ammunition were found.

BELFAST MAILS SEIZED.

Military Swoop on General Post Office.

The cross Channel mail reaching Belfast on Friday forenoon via Larne, Stranraer, and Holyhead Kingstown routes were taken charge of on arrival at the General Post Office by a party of military and removed to the Victoria barracks.

During the visit of the soldiers the public were excluded from the building.

MISS BRODRICK'S RESIDENCE SEARCHED.

By Military and Police.

Ballycoona Hospital, the residence of Miss Brodrick, was searched throughout on Thursday morning by the military and police.

TRALEE TOPICS.