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TRALEE, TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 28, 1920

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The streets of Tralee were never in a more shockingly filthy condition than they are to-day.

The machine brush was plied throughout yesterday and the mud swept into the channels, which during the downpour of rain, became choked up and liquid mud had to be encountered, extending about three feet into the streets from the footpaths on both sides.

No attempt was made to remove the mud from the channels, and there it still remains, supplemented by refuse thrown out from the different houses last night.

It is bad enough to see refuse and mud outside houses in the laneways but when mud and refuse are allowed to accumulate in the principal thoroughfares for days it is nothing short of disgraceful.

It leaves a very bad impression on strangers coming into the town apart from the discomfort and danger to the inhabitants.

When we had a much smaller staff employed by the Urban Council and far less facilities for the removal of the mud and refuse from the streets and lanes we had something approaching cleanliness and decency.

Surely there is something very radically wrong with the present municipal administration when mud and refuse—and in some in-

stances night soil—are allowed to remain in the streets for days.

We were promised great things from the new Council, but instead of any improvement of the old regime being manifested, matters are daily going from bad to worse.

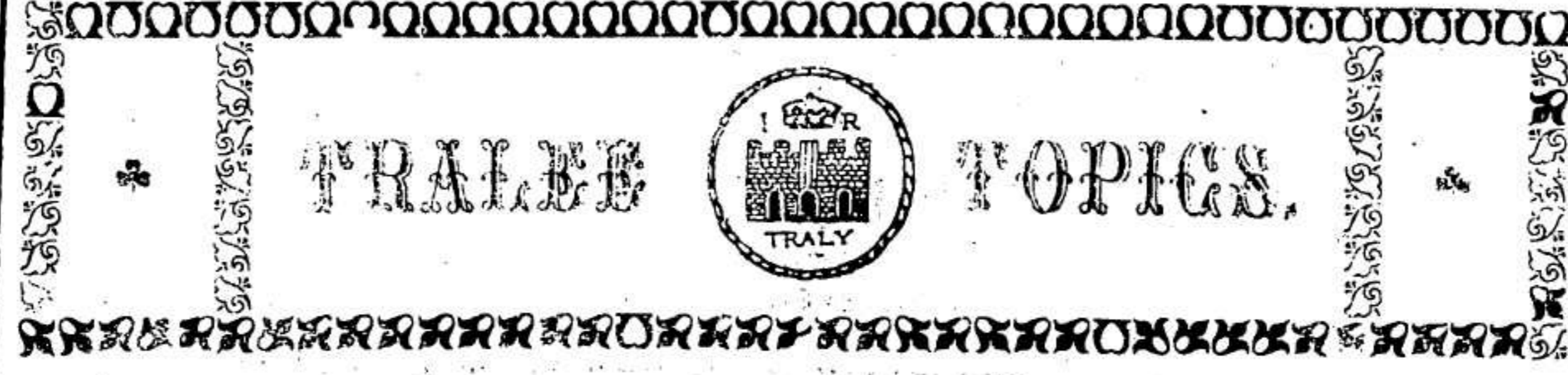
The present condition of the streets and lanes is a disgrace to any civilised community. The members of the Urban Council are as cognisant of this as we are, but they have so far shown no disposition to grapple with the situation and apply the remedy.

If the fault lies with the staff, or any responsible official, for the existence of the present shocking state of affairs it is the bounden duty of the Urban Council to place the responsibility on the proper shoulders and get rid of the delinquents.

The people of Tralee are paying sufficiently high rates to have their streets and lanes properly maintained, and it is time that they should see to it that they get some value for their money.

It is bad enough to find the streets starved and run down to soling point, for want of metalling. There may be some sort of excuse offered for this, but allowing slush and filth to remain on the streets and channels for days is absolutely inexcusable, as it is undoubtedly unpardonable.

If the present Urban Council



will not at once see to it that their cleansing staff do their duty properly, they ought to have the manliness to resign in a body and give the ratepayers of Tralee an opportunity of supplanting them with men who will look after the interests of the town in a business like and satisfactory manner.

The present intolerable state of affairs cannot be permitted to continue and if the present Council do not act promptly and sternly the people must adopt other methods of dealing with the situation.

Can nothing be done to get rid of the nauseous odor emanating from the gas in Tralee? The stench arising from the gas in the houses where it is used is simply sickening and there are numerous complaints of headaches caused by the offensive odor.

We referred to this matter a couple of weeks ago, but so far nothing seems to have been done to get rid of the nuisance, which must certainly constitute a grave

danger to the health of the people.

We have been told of cases where the stench from the gas is so unbearable that candles and lamps are being used and the gas turned off at the meters.

In this way there must be a considerable loss sustained by the gas undertaking in the matter of consumption.

We do not know whether there is any particular difficulty in procuring a sufficient supply of purifying material, but whatever be the cause of the present bad condition of the gas supply prompt steps should be taken to remedy it.

The County Court Judge continues to make awards amounting to several thousands at the Tralee Quarter Sessions.

The claims are not being resisted by the County or District Councils, and in this respect additional onus is cast upon his Honor to sift

each claim thoroughly.

To give County Court Judge Cusack his due, he investigates each claim with the most scrupulous care. Not a single item is allowed to pass over without the most careful scrutiny from his Honor, who takes the place of the missing Counsel in cross-examining the witnesses.

The Judge was fairly staggered at the big "wardrobe" possessed by a Sergeant, and which included, amongst other items, five hats for one daughter and nine suits of clothes for three sons.

"I am sure," remarked the Judge amidst laughter, "my daughter would not have five hats," and referring to the nine suits for the three boys added—"You must be a most extravagant man."

He quoted further items from the claim, including "four dresses and two silk dresses at £10 each," and, turning to the applicant, re-

marked with some emphasis—"I am not such a fool as all that. I wish you were appearing for the County Council, Mr. Roche. I would hear some strong language. Candidly, I do not believe this is an honest claim."

The applicant's wife was subjected to a further rigid cross-examination by his Honor as to the numerous and valuable articles of wearing apparel, raw material, and 60 lbs of Irish bacon, claimed for as being destroyed by fire in the barracks.

Out of a claim for £750 he awarded £500, remarking that in getting that sum applicant was doing exceedingly well.

The claim of Messrs Quinell and Sons, Tralee, for £50,000 for the destruction by fire of their printing works, plant, machinery, and stock was adjourned for the production of an expert from England to prove the value of the property destroyed.

A claim for £500 by the Incorporated Merchants of Tralee for the burning of the building was also adjourned.

At the meeting of the Tralee Workers' Council it was announced that the church door collection organised by the Council amounted to £234 17s 0d for the Belfast expelled workers.

This splendid contribution reflects the highest credit on the

people of Tralee parish, whose generosity in every good cause has been proverbial.

The members of the Tralee Workers' Council are to be cordially congratulated in their praiseworthy action in organising the collection.

Let us once more offer a word of advice and warning to thoughtless youths of both sexes, who are in the habit of congregating at the corners of the lanes and in different parts of the streets in Tralee at night, and indulging in what, in normal times, would be deemed harmless amusement, but which under present conditions is likely to involve, not only the youngsters in question, but the people of the town generally in very serious trouble.

Parents cannot be too careful to see that their children are indoors in proper time in the evenings if they are to be kept out of harms way, and prevented from creating mischief which may be followed with grave consequences to the people of the town.

There was never a time in Tralee when the exercise of every care, caution and calmness was more essential than at present.

We have so far escaped anything in the nature of serious trouble, and all well disposed citizens should exert themselves as

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ANOTHER OUTBREAK IN GALWAY.

OFFICES WRECKED.

On Friday night during Curfew the house of Mr. Louis E. O'Dea, solr., U.C., was attacked. The offices and all the furniture on the premises were completely wrecked. No one slept on the premises during the night.

The offices of the "Galway Express" were found on Saturday morning to have been completely wrecked.

Military officers denied the report that the road between Tuam and Milltown was blocked by them. This, they stated, was done by Sinn Feiners.

The Commanding Officer of the R.I.C. Auxiliary Forces also called to the offices of the "Connacht Tribune," but finding the editor out sent a number of men in a military car to fetch him. The editor was thereupon informed that the Auxiliary Forces was composed of men who are "officers and gentlemen," and that they are not out to shoot or interfere with peaceful citizens.

The C.O. added that he was out to prevent anything in the nature of looting, and that his men would assist him in this respect.

He then produced the following statement, which was signed by Mr. P. J. O'Flaherty, New Docks, proprietor of the publichouse and grocery establishment which were entered on Thursday night—

"This is to certify that the article under the heading of 'Attack on Docks,' which appeared in the 'Connacht Tribune' of Sept. 25, is purely fictitious. Not a barrel or bottle was touched in my shop. Neither were any goods taken away. The only damage done to my premises was the breaking in of the front and back doors."

IMPORTED POLICE.

ARRIVALS IN DUBLIN.

Dublin, Saturday. Further reinforcements for the garrisons throughout the country arrived at the North Wall this morning from England.

Some seven motor lorries conveyed the new arrivals from the Quays via the North Circular Road to the Depot at the Phoenix Park, where training will be undergone.

Practically all the men were in civilian clothes and very few had luggage of any description. They attracted considerable attention their way through the city.

RINGS—A beautiful selection of King Rings. All prices.—O'Connell St., Tralee.

RENEWED RIOTING BREAKS OUT IN BELFAST.

FOUR MEN DEAD.

Policeman and Three Sinn Feiners.

The Curfew Once More.

A police constable was shot dead and two others wounded in the Falls road district, Belfast, on Saturday night about 11.30 p.m.

Three Sinn Feiners were shot dead in their own homes in the same district a few hours later.

There was rioting, rifle and revolver firing, and stone throwing on Sunday, and the Curfew Order is to be reimposed as from Monday.

The names of the constables are—Const C Leonard, killed; and Consts T Carroll and C Farrell, wounded. Const N Nerin escaped.

The Sinn Feiners shot dead were—Edward Trodden, barber; John McFadden, blacksmith; Jno Gaynor, plumber. J J McElroy, Thomas St., was arrested, and also John Crawford.

The house of Mr Sean McEntee, T.D., was also visited, and he was inquired for, but he was not on the premises. The police closely questioned the occupants as to his whereabouts the previous night.

The houses of Mr Jerry McCullagh and Councillor Barnes were also visited, but they were not at home.

BELFAST CARPENTERS.

Strike as a Protest Against the Victimisation.

Belfast, Saturday. Notices issued by the Executive of the Carpenters and Joiners Society to their members in seven Belfast firms to cease work owing to several hundred members being unable to obtain employment since the recent disturbances came into operation at 1 o'clock to-day.

A deputation of shipyard joiners is waiting to-day on the Executive in Manchester requesting the withdrawal of the notices in view of the resolution passed by the workers' conference stopping religious tests as a condition of employment.

J.P.'S RESIGNATION.

Mr Theo. Barry, C.P.S., Glin, has been notified by the Lord Chancellor that Mr Michael Normile, River View, and Mr John White, Clash, Ahean, have resigned the Commission of the Peace.

LORD MAYOR'S WIDOW FIRED AT.

Mrs. MacCurtain's Escape.

Mrs MacCurtain, widow of the late Ald Thos MacCurtain, was fired at in Cork on Saturday morning and narrowly escaped being shot.

Mrs MacCurtain states that at 11.30 a.m. she was in the garden at the back of her shop at Blackpool, and her niece was also in the garden, but some distance away. Mrs MacCurtain was walking up the garden, away from the house, when suddenly a shot rang out, and she heard the bullet whizzing past her head.

A Castle Denial.

A Dublin Castle report states—"Newspaper reports that the house of Mrs MacCurtain, widow of the late Lord Mayor of Cork, was wrecked by uninformed men is incorrect. A party of military searched the house and found a quantity of ammunition and some seditious documents, which they seized and took away. The only damage done to the premises was the breaking of one window to enable the search party to enter the house. A further statement that a shot was fired at Mrs MacCurtain is also incorrect. No firing took place.

NORTH WALL INCIDENT.

Blackberry Bombardment.

An extraordinary incident occurred at the North Wall on Saturday. Some four wheeled lorries, each laden with stout casks containing Irish blackberries which were intended for shipment across Channel to Scotland, were proceeding along the quays towards the Glasgow boat, when the bung of one of the casks suddenly blew out with a sharp jet of blackberries proceeded like a machine gun to "rake" the pedestrians on the footpath. There was a stampede for cover, but several got "covered," with blackberries and fermented blackberry juice before they succeeded in getting out of the line of fire. Bucketfuls of the blackberry ammunition were strewn on the quays, but there were no "casualties" resulting from the unusual bombardment.

KIDNAPPED WEXFORD MAN FOUND DEAD.

A Dublin Castle report states Jas Doyle, Wingarrow, Ferns, who was kidnapped last week, has been found dead at Ratheny, Co. Cavan.

BOMB EXPLOSION IN CORK.

THE LORD MAYOR'S CONDITION.

TOWN OF TRIM SACKED.

BURNINGS AND SHOOTINGS.

MISSING CLARE R.M.

THREAT TO BURN TOWNS.

COUNTESS MARKIEVICZ ARRESTED.

CABINET AND REPRISALS.

Tuesday.

After a fair night, the Lord Mayor was unchanged. He was visited by Archbishop Mannix, who said on emerging—"I find him to be a veritable miracle, and to me it is a miracle."

The Cork unbried hunger strikers were very weak yesterday, especially Mr Sean Hennessy.

Madame Markievicz and Madame MacBride's son, Seagan, were arrested in Dublin yesterday.

The Curfew official report said that at 10 minutes past 2 o'clock an explosion occurred in the shop of Messrs Cash and Co., St Patrick's St., Cork. Troops who were sent to the scene of the explosion were fired on, and returned the fire. The general opinion in Cork yesterday was that the explosion took place outside the shop.

Details relating to the ambush at Broadford, Clare, show that Const. Brogan was shot dead instantly. Constable Brennan was wounded, but is recovering. Reprisal rumours seem to be unfounded, though many of the inhabitants of the village left during the night.

Following the taking of the police barracks at Trim, the Town Hall and principal business houses were burned down. Two persons were shot, one dangerously.

It is stated that the whole question of reprisals is engaging the attention of the Chief Secretary, and that "definite steps are in train for dealing with the matter expeditiously and effectively."

MILTOWNMALBAY SHOOTING.

ANOTHER POLICEMAN DEAD.

Another death has occurred as a result of the sensational conflict between police and civilians at Miltownmalbay on Wednesday, Sergt Hayes, sixth member of the police escort, having died at Ennistymon hospital from wounds received in the attack.

CLARE PATROL FIRED ON.

SERGEANT SHOT DEAD.

Ennis, Sunday. To-day witnessed a pathetic but imposing spectacle of the funeral procession of the six police victims on the way to their native places for interment. A military and police cortege escorted the bodies.

PROTESTANT CHURCH OUTRAGE.

ACTION OF IRISH VOLUNTEERS.

Dublin, Sunday. The Irish Volunteers arrested three men who pleaded guilty to attempting to burn the Protestant Church at Tubbercurry, Sligo.

They were fined £5 and £1 each. The amount are to be handed over to the Protestant Rector to dispose of.

ANNUAL LICENSING SESSIONS IN LISTOWEL.

Messrs P J O'Hara, R.M., and Martin Mulvihill, J.P., attended the Listowel Annual Licensing Sessions, and there being no opposition on the part of the police all the publicans' licences were signed.

Mrs A Leahy was granted an ad interim transfer of the publican's and grocer's licence to recently held by Miss H. Horgan.

BALLYHEIGUE RACES

Again Postponed.

FIXTURE LATER.

EXCITEMENT IN KILLORGLIN.

A POLICE GARRISON OVERPOWERED.

CAPTURE OF ARMS AT TRIM.

HEAD CONSTABLE WOUNDED.

Several Attacks on Crown Forces.

LIGHTHOUSE RAIDED.

Excitement was general in Killorglin on Wednesday night when about 10 o'clock a number of local R.I.C. armed with rifles entered the local Sinn Fein hall and, ordering the occupants out, set about tearing down the pictures, which they broke and scattered round the floor. The glass in a book case was also broken and any other loose pieces of furniture pulled about and injured.

A guard was set outside the hall which was drawn off after some time, when they retired to barracks to return later to do more injury.

When it became known that the Sinn Fein hall had been raided the people of the town were in a state of suspense and excitement, as being aware of what was being done in other places, they did not know what might happen, especially as this was the first outburst of any kind.

The raid was evidently meant as an act of reprisal for the bobbing of the hair of two girls who had been keeping company with the R.I.C.

Written on the back of a card found in the hall on Thursday morning was, "For the next girl whose hair is bobbed reprisal will not be in breaking pictures but six will be shot.—Anti Sinn Fein."

Everything else is forgotten to-day and last night's raid and the cause are the only subjects of conversation.

PUBLICATIONS INCREASE IN PRICE.

The "Newspaper World" states that notifications of increase of price have been made this week by 12 more newspapers and periodical publications, the total for the year being 591. The "Anglo-Celt" is gone up to 3d.

EAST KERRY CONSTABLE RESIGNS.

Const. J. Cronin, of Gneeveguilla, who has had 21 years' service, has resigned the police force.

MISSING CLARE R.M.

Not Yet Found. Capt. Leonard, R.M., for West Clare, who was mysteriously disappeared on Wednesday while returning from Broadford to Miltownmalbay, has not yet been found, despite extensive searches. It is assumed he is nearby, having been seen at an unknown spot.