

The Liberator.

WHY WAIT FOR CUSTOMERS TO CALL?

Talk to them through our Advertising Columns and sell to them. Make the LIBERATOR or KERRYMAN your messenger. The parcel post will then carry your goods to the remotest part of the "Kingdom" and outside it.

ALL WIDE-AWAKE BUSINESS MEN— Are now sending their printing orders to the KERRYMAN, LTD. We are in a position to execute all work entrusted to us with neatness and despatch. Our guarantee is good and so is our Printing.

No. 730 Vol. 4.

TRALEE, TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 19 1920

TRI-WEEKLY—TWO PENCE.

TRALEE TOPICS.



The cost of living problem is becoming daily more acute. The withdrawal of the subsidy on flour has sent up the price of that commodity with a bang.

The increase came into operation on Monday when the price went up from 4s to 5s per stone.

This naturally necessitated a further rise in the price of bread by a penny per lb.

The price of the lb. loaf has gone up in all the retail shops from four to five pence.

This increase in the cost of the staff of life will be a severe strain on the resources of householders, particularly of the working classes, who even at the previous prices found it extremely difficult to make ends meet.

Added to this is the increased price of coal, which now stands at five shillings per cwt., and in view of the coal strike it is doubtful whether supplies can be obtained even at that high figure.

Unfortunately the wet weather prevented the saving of turf, which was cut in large quantities in the bogs of the country, but could not be removed, even where it had been stooked or ricked.

The passages to most of these bogs are so bad that horses could not reach them, and the turf has to be taken in baskets considerable distances, and filled into the rails, a very slow and tedious process.

Under these circumstances the fuel problem looks as serious as the food question, and leaves the people face to face with a dreary bleak Winter outlook.

The scarcity of potatoes in Tralee and other towns constitutes a grave position.

On Saturday and Sunday the retailers in the upper sector of the town were without supplies, and many householders had to face the Sunday dinner minus the savoury spud.

Whether the scarcity is due to the fact that farmers are availing of any dry day to try and finish up their harvesting operations, is not quite clear.

The yield in the potato crop was promising throughout the county, but from many quarters the bad weather had not matured fully before the wet weather set in, are getting black in the ground.

In the Killorglin district we learn that there is something bordering on the famine line in potatoes.

The best proof of this is that the price has gone up to the tune of a pound per half quarter, or two shillings per stone wholesale.

This is more than double last year's prices and must naturally give rise to considerable concern.

The potato has long been regarded as the staple food of the people of Ireland, and any serious shortage in the supply spells serious hardship.

On the whole the prospect for

the coming Winter is ominously black.

At the Tralee Board of Guardians a communication was read from the Local Government Board regarding the repudiation of the Imperial Parliament by the Guardians and Rural Council, accompanied by the usual threat that all "grants" would be withheld.

The Guardians ignored the communication, instructed their Clerk to have no further correspondence with the Local Government Board, and all their officials to refuse to furnish any information to them in future.

Very Rev. Dean O'Leary, P.P., V.G., with Mr. T. Slattery, Co.C., appeared before the Tralee Board of Guardians as a deputation from the Tralee Carnegie Library Committee, to ask for a grant out of the funds accumulated from the half-penny rate struck in aid of the upkeep of Libraries.

The Very Rev. Dean, with his usual lucidity, made out a clear case for the Tralee Carnegie Library Committee, and received from the Board, the courtesy, consideration and attention befitting his high office, and the cause he advocated.

Dean O'Leary explained that the Tralee Carnegie Library was intended mainly for the Tralee urban district, but that its utility was never restricted to that narrow sphere.

Any person coming from a country district, with a recommendation from a ratepayer, was allowed to take any book asked for, so that in this respect the country reader benefitted as much as the urban readers.

The finances of the Tralee Library are at a very low ebb at present—in a very precarious condition—to quote the words of the Very Rev. Dean.

This is a very regrettable position and it behoves the Board of Guardians to come to the rescue if the Tralee Library is to continue its sphere of usefulness.

The Urban Council are limited to a rate of a penny in the £ for the purposes of the library, and, as the Very Rev. Dean explained, the value of money and the necessary increase in wages, are entirely different now to the conditions prevailing when that rate was struck.

The revenue from the library only amounts to £67 a year, which is more than swallowed up between the wages of the caretaker, heating and lighting.

Under all these circumstances, the Very Rev. Dean was not asking anything unreasonable in requesting the Guardians to make a grant out of the accumulated funds at their disposal to help to keep the Tralee library going.

As a quid pro quo the Tralee Library Committee guaranteed that any persons coming from the country would receive books, on bringing a recommendation from a ratepayer in his district, just the same as if these people resided in the Urban area.

As we have said, the Very Rev. Dean made out a strong claim for support for the library, and we feel sure that the Finance Committee to whom the matter was referred, will meet the appeal in a generous manner.

All English race meetings have been cancelled owing to the coal strike.

Notwithstanding this it is satisfactory to learn from the Secretary, that, so far, no obstacle lies in the way of bringing off the Tralee fixture next Wednesday and Thursday week.

The coal strike may be settled before then, but whether that may or may not occur, the Tralee Executive are sanguine of a most successful meeting.

An attempt was made at the meeting of the Dublin Protestant Diocesan Synod on Monday to further blacken the reputation of the South and West of Ireland.

A Mr Leech moved a resolution reaffirming loyalty to King George and his throne and deploring the unhappy campaign of murder and terrorism in the South and West of Ireland.

The attack on the "South and West" was not, however, permitted to go unchallenged.

It came in for an emphatic repudiation by a well-known Kerry gentleman, Brigadier General Crosbie, formerly of Ballyheigue Castle.

He told the Synod that he came from the South, and he did not see why an invidious distinction should be made against either the South or West.

"I object," added General Crosbie, "to it being characterised as more lawless than any other part of Ireland. I do not believe it is," and the retort elicited approval in the shape of "Hear, hear."

General Crosbie stated the bare truth when he later on ejaculated "The North is far worse than the South and West."

It was, however, left to the Earl of Belmore to hit the nail on the head, when he interjected the remark that the unenviable notoriety for crime and terrorism was "not the North West but the North East."

Evidently the savagery of the Belfast bigots was present to his mind at the time.

The gentleman rejoicing in the suggestive name of Leech, evidently sought to whitewash the Carson crowd and besmirch the South and West with red blood for an obvious purpose.

It is a wholesome sign of the times, however, to read that the words "South and West" were "unanimously" deleted from his resolution of loyalty.

The insult in the resolution, as originally framed, was too much for even such a loyalist body as the Dublin Protestant Synod.

Kerrymen will feel grateful to General Crosbie for his outspoken defence of the reputation of his former neighbours.

DEAD UNTRIED PRISONER

Authorities Prevent Marriage.

Clare Barracks Taken—Constable Dead

Floggings in Clare

Unemployed Riots in London.

Last evening the body of Mr M Fitzgerald was removed from the Cork gaol to SS. Peter and Paul's Church. There was a striking demonstration of popular sorrow. The dying man's wish that his marriage with Miss Condon, which was to have taken place at the time of his arrest, should take place in prison, was refused by the authorities.

Last night several other prisoners were very bad. Mr Murphy was believed to be dying.

The two men wounded in the neighbourhood of Rutland Square following the raiding of the Banba Hall on Sunday, died in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital early yesterday morning.

Yesterday shots were fired by military in the Town Park, Mallow. A civilian named Turner, an ex-soldier, was dangerously wounded. Many other persons had a narrow escape.

Despite the authorities decision to hold a military inquiry in lieu of coroner's inquest, on Mr Peter O'Carroll, shot at his door, the Dublin Corporation yesterday ordered the City Coroner to proceed with the inquest.

Dublin Castle reports that Ruan police barracks, Co. Clare, was rushed, captured and burned yesterday. One constable was killed, two wounded, and two others are missing.

Serious rioting took place in London yesterday following an unemployed procession.

Some hopes are placed in the debate in the House of Commons to-night on the coal strike.

There will be no racing this week.

At Tipperary the residences of three prominent Sinn Feiners were wrecked by bombs.

In Corofin and Cummer, Clare, several persons were flogged by uniformed men. One man who tried to escape was shot through the body.

CORK HUNGER STRIKER DEAD.

Foodless for 67 Days. Mr Michael Fitzgerald, Fermoy, one of the hunger strikers in Cork prison, died on Sunday night after a continuous fast since Aug 11.

This is the first death of an Irish hunger striker while in prison.

The other ten prisoners are in a grave state, the worst cases being those of Joseph Murphy, Joseph Kenny, and Sean Hennessy.

The meetings of the County Technical and the County Agricultural Committees were adjourned to-day as a mark of sympathy with the relatives of young Fitzgerald, who made the supreme sacrifice in Cork prison by yielding up his life for Ireland.

Owing to the coal strike there is to be a curtailment of the train service.

We are informed that the 12.30 train ex Tralee for Mallow and the Mallow train to Tralee due here at 1.40 will cease to run as from to-morrow.

THE DEAD HUNGER STRIKER

Action of Co. Technical and Co. Agricultural Committees

The meetings of the above to-day were adjourned as a mark of sympathy with the relatives of Mr M Fitzgerald, who died in Cork prison while on hunger strike.

HOUSES WRECKED IN TRALEE

Saved by Sacred Heart.

(From "Cork Examiner.")

Our Tralee correspondent wires: A wanton wrecking of houses occurred in Tralee on Saturday night. Uniformed men in Tralee vacated the jail, crossed the fields about 10 o'clock and smashed windows in the Terrace known as the Urban Buildings. The house of a man named Mason was entered and his eldest son inquired for. He was absent, and his father was beaten by a masked man with a trench tool. One of the wrecked houses was occupied by a widow of a sergeant major of the Munster regiment; another was occupied by a sergeant of the Munsters, who served in India, South Africa and the recent war. The house of Mrs McCarthy, widow of a civilian, whose sons are prominent Sinn Feiners, came in for particular attack. Her two elder sons were out and she was in the house with her youngest child. The raiders tried to force the door, but failed. After smashing the front windows of the ground floor a Mill's hand grenade was flung in which on exploding wrecked all the furniture, in the room and all the pictures on the walls, with the exception of a handsome picture of the Sacred Heart which miraculously remained intact. At the back of the front door, which the raiders failed to force, was the badge of the Sacred Heart. The widow McCarthy told the Press representative that she owed her life to the Sacred Heart.

SEARCHES IN TRALEE

About 2 p.m. on Monday a series of searches by uniformed men was carried out in various places in Tralee.

The first house visited was that of Mr Dowling, Davy's lane. At the time there was at home only Mrs Dowling, and her sons were inquired for. She had no information to give, and their place of employment was requested, but Mrs Dowling refused to answer. A picture of the Easter Week men was destroyed. The frame was smashed and the picture torn. Her house was promised another visit later.

Mr Barry's house in Moyderwell—a shoemaker—was also entered but nothing occurred. The party withdrew after asking some questions.

When the party entered Mrs. Vale's, Boherbee, her sons were inquired for, and after a search they retired without result.

At the Sportsfield the pavilion of the Tennis Club was damaged. The glass on the windows and door was broken. The windows in the stand were also destroyed.

Mr E Hogan's house, Urban Cottages, Boherbee, was also searched, but without result.

Orders were given when Mr T. Clifford's shop, Castle St., was entered, to take down the sign board on which is inscribed "Hall, right turn," and to obliterate "1916." He was given until Thursday to carry out the orders.

POLICE SERGEANT KILLED IN DUBLIN.

An Aged Man and Child Wounded.

Sergt. Roche, R.I.C., Tipperary, who was in mufti at the time, was shot dead near Capel St. corner, Dublin, on Sunday.

An aged man named Danl Reid and a 15 year old girl, Irene Allen, were wounded.

It is stated that Sergt Roche was in Dublin for the purpose of identifying a man named Tracey, who was killed during the Talbot St. raid.

FOR RINGS—A beautiful selection of Wedding Rings, all prices.—O'Crowley's, Castle Street, Tralee.

COAL STRIKE LAUNCHED

No Prospect of an Early Settlement.

The coal strike was entered upon on Saturday, and reports from the various coalfields indicate that all was quite and orderly.

Already grave effects are being felt in the great industries. Many thousands of men are out of employment, and thousands of others are under notice. Over a million of men are directly concerned in the dispute and millions of others may ultimately be thrown idle. Steel and engineering works are closing down, and steamers are held up owing to the rationing of bunker coal.

MENACE TO FOOD SUPPLIES.

The Irish Labour Party have issued the following—

"In view of the decision of the British authorities that the Irish railways shall be compelled to close down, it is incumbent upon the local Food Committees, which were recently established, that they should immediately resume their inquiries, and make preparations for dealing with any emergency which the closing down of the railway services will entail.

RAIDS AND SEARCHES IN DUBLIN.

Further Shootings.—Two Men Seriously Wounded.

The week-end in Dublin was a source of terror to many citizens, and further shootings took place during a raid on Banba Hall, two men being seriously wounded by bullets outside the hall on Parnell Square, and one in Frederick Lane. The latter was shockingly injured in the head, and at the hospital it was said that his condition was very critical.

Mr Wm Robinson, wounded in Capel St. before midnight on Friday, died next night in hospital.

Two houses were wrecked on Saturday morning, including the shop of Mr Hunter, M.P., and Mr P. Clancy in Talbot St., and Messrs Cooke's in Capel St.

ABBEYFEALE SOLICITOR FINED.

Mr M J Wolfe, solr., Abbeyfeale, was fined 10s at a Special Court in Limerick, charged with having without permit a service revolver and ammunition. The defence was that Mr Wolfe served during the war in the army, obtained a commission, and was on the active list as a Lieut. in the Special Reserve.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE MANY ARRESTS.

Five or six men, dressed as civilians, and said to have been posing as Volunteer police, are alleged to have been arrested by Volunteers in different parts of Dublin on Saturday night. It is thought that the individuals referred to belonged to the new auxiliary police.

ABBEYFEALE FAIR

Despite the crippling effects caused by the withholding of railway wagons and the clashing of others fairs, there were good supplies and fairly good demand for most kinds of stock. In calf heifers, best, £25 to £30; others, £18 to £24. Springers, £36 to £40; yearlings, £8 to £12; bulls, £18 to £30. There were no heavy beasts. Mutton, scarce, 1s 8d per lb; bacon pigs, about £10 10s to £11 per cwt.