

ship. He did so, however, nothing daunted, and reached Horta, where he was joined by one of his sisters, an accomplished yachtswoman, who from this forth helped him to bring the "Saolise" home. Its voyage, under the Free State flag, has added fame to Ireland in numerous ports throughout the world, and, as said, its intrepid owner, on arrival home, was accorded a welcome which his perseverance, daring, and tenacity so eminently deserved. It is gladsome news to read that Mr. Conor O'Brien, who, by the way, had selected Limerick as the port of registry of his gallant little ship, is fit and well, and hopes that the eye trouble will disappear after a little rest.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

### Dock Railway Project.

A brief but important reference was made at yesterday's Harbour Board meeting to the project of linking up the Docks with the system of the Great Southern Railways. We gather from the Secretary's statement that the Committee of the Board, the Government, and the Railways Company have now arrived at a basis for working the new "link"; that it will show no loss either on working or as regards payment of interest on the amount of capital sunk in the line. As regard the repayment of capital, this must, of course, depend on the amount of traffic passing over the line. This should be considerable, as there can be no doubt that the new railway connection will prove a very important "feeder" in developing the trade of the port. It appears that the exact route of the line has not yet been defined, but it is presumed that it will go from the west end of the Docks along by the Greenpark Racecourse, and thence to Rosbrien. It is essential that the line should extend along the quays in order to facilitate the transit of cargoes discharged from vessels lying alongside, and the fact has been impressed on the Railway Company and the Ministry of Industry and Commerce that it should start from the Ferry Slip at Lower Ceall Street. This suggestion met with the approval of the Board at yesterday's meeting. Preliminaries have now so far advanced that it looks as if a start with the construction of the line—which is essential in connection with the Shannon Scheme—will soon be made. This will be all to the good for the city, especially from the point of view of employment.

## BENEFICIAL RAILWAY CONCESSION.

### Popular Official Congratulated.

The Directors of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce have, through their Secretary, Mr J. F. Power, written to Mr T. Stack, local District Superintendent of the Great Southern Railways, returning thanks for conceding return week day tickets at single fare from thirty-eight stations on the system to people coming to the city to do their shopping. The letter of the Directors expresses appreciation of the excellent and successful manner in which Mr Stack had conducted the management of this district, and congratulated him on his well-deserved promotion.

### DEATH OF MRS. DANN.

Numerous friends in Limerick will regret to learn of the death of Mrs Sophia Dann, widow of the Rev Canon Alfred G. Dann, formerly Rector of Kilkeedy (Clarina), and in later years of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Ontario. The sad event occurred on Friday last at the residence of her daughter in Vancouver, British Columbia. Mrs. Dann was a lady who was held in affectionate regard and esteem by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance in Limerick and abroad.

languages, and which did not mean commercial isolation for them. Some people might say that there was Munster-Irish, Connacht-Irish, and Ulster-Irish. Well, he was a Galway man, who had learnt his Irish in Kerry, and living in Dublin, he could make himself clearly understood to Irish speakers in any part of the country. The Gael continued Mr Faby, was coming into his own, and the planter and usurper were leaving.

## TIR NA NOG FETE.

This Fete will be formally opened this evening at St Munchin's College grounds, and will continue to the 29th instant. The attractions are many and varied.

## LAWN TENNIS.

### Munster Cup.

This competition has been revived this season—not having been played since 1920—and an excellent entry has been received, ten clubs in all, embracing besides the leading Co. Cork clubs, both Co. Limerick and Waterford.

#### RESULTS—PRELIMINARY ROUNDS.

Limerick Area—Co. Limerick v.o.  
Waterford Area—Waterford beat Tramore, 7 matches to 0.

North Cork Area—Mitchelstown beat Mallow, 4 matches to 3; Fermoy a bye. Mitchelstown beat Fermoy, 7 matches to 0.

South Cork Area—Blackrook beat I.C.I.C.Y.M.A. 7 matches to 0; Glanmire beat Rushbrooke, 6 matches to 1; Blackrook beat Glanmire, 6 matches to 1.

#### DRAW FOR SEMI-FINALS AND FINAL.

Semi-finals—(a) Co. Limerick v Blackrook, at Limerick. (b) Waterford v Mitchelstown, at Waterford.

Final—Winner of A v winner of B, on B's ground.

## BANK CHANGES.

Staff changes in the Irish Banks for the month of June are officially given in the current number of "The Irish Banking Magazine." These include the following:—

Bank of Ireland—Messrs E V Stone, Limerick to Ennis; A J B Henderson, Ennis, retired.

Munster and Leitwater Bank—Messrs F M Casey, Ennistymon to Westport; P Callin, Charleville to Tipperary; E Barrett, entered at Ennistymon.

National Bank—Mr J Kerin, Ballinasloe to Portumna.

Provincial Bank—Messrs D Mackey, Dungannon to Listowel; M J Graham, William street, Limerick, to Kilmallock.

## A "DEAD BOARD."

### Engineer Sues Clare Board of Health.

At the Ennis District Court a case was heard in which the complainant was Patrick Mungovan, C.E., Kilrush, and the defendants the Clare County Board of Health. Mr Mungovan's case was that the old Kilrush Board of Guardians appointed him engineer in 1907, and from that date to October, 1921, when the workhouse amalgamation scheme came into effect, he continued to be their servant. At that time the Guardians provisionally recommended that he be allowed a pension of £9 per annum for loss of office, but he was taken over by the County Board of Health on condition that he would do duty at the District Hospital and the County Nursery at the rate of £25 per annum. This he continued to do until March, 1924, when the Board of Health declined to pay him any longer. He now sued for the 12 months' salary due to him.

For the Board of Health, Mr J McMahon Lynch, solr, raised the point that the entire amalgamation scheme expired in March, 1924, and had not been renewed. The Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act ceased to be effective on that date, and he could find no statutory authority for the continuance of Mr Mungovan as an officer.

Mr Michael Killeen, solr, for the complainant, said that if Mr Lynch's argument were soundly based, Mr Lynch himself had ceased to exist on 31st March, 1924, and the Co Board of Health had also ceased to exist. Everything done by them since was irregular. He declined to believe that the Government or the responsible Ministers had not taken precautions against such a Gilbertian situation arising, and he was quite willing to take a decree against a "dead board." The real point in the case was that the Co Board had tried to remove every little job from Kilrush to Ennis. If they could have got a dispensary doctor in Ennis to do the work in Kilrush as well, they would have got rid of the Kilrush doctors just as they tried to get rid of Mungovan.

The Justice reserved judgment until he had had an opportunity of examining the Act.

## SESSIONS.

### Half Century Permit.

At the Tarbert District Court, before Mr P P O'Donoghue, D.J., Superintendent Eavin prosecuted John Dillane, Giln, for being in possession of a gun and four cartridges without a permit.

Sergeant Kiely swore to finding the gun and cartridges. No attempt was made at concealment.

Mr Marshall, for defendant, said he did not know if his client had been reading the case of Eustace, for he relied on his authority to have this gun on an old permit held by his father since 1884.

District Justice—Half a century.

Mr Marshall—Yes. In a certain way my client was right, for according to Section 72 of the Constitution all existing law was to be taken as the law at the time in force, unless new legislation had been enacted. In this case new legislation had been enacted, but Mr Dillane thought his old permit still held good.

After some legal argument, the District Justice said he did not think this was a case for a fine. He would bind the defendant to be of good behaviour for twelve months in his own bond of £10.

The Superintendent also prosecuted Thomas Collins, Ballydonohue, Tarbert, for having a gun without a permit.

Sergeant Kelly deposed to finding the gun (an old single-barrel) in a clump of bushes near defendant's house.

Mr Marshall, solicitor, for defendant, pleaded guilty, and asked his worship to deal leniently with defendant.

The District Justice said he would make the same order as in the last gun case.

## DEATH OF MR J. A. ENRIGHT.

We regret to record the death of Mr John Augustine Enright, son of Mr J. E. Enright, engineer and manager of the Limerick Gas Works, which took place on Sunday at Barrington's Hospital from meningitis. Deceased, who had been ill for some ten days, had recently passed for the Provincial Bank of Ireland, and was stationed at Kauturk, where he was very popular. Cut off at the threshold of manhood, with a bright future before him, his death is deeply regretted, and the sympathy of numerous friends is extended to his bereaved parents and relatives. The funeral which took place this afternoon from St Munchin's Catholic Church at 2.30 o'clock to Mount St Laurence Cemetery was large and representative.

## PRINCE CHARGED IN CORK.

In Cork a coloured man, describing himself as Prince Shervington of Abyssinia, and heir to the throne of that country, was charged with having failed to register himself as an alien.

Defendant was discharged on bail, to come up for judgment, and ordered to furnish particulars under the Aliens Act within seven days.

## APPEAL COURT.

Mr Commissioner R Doyle sat in the County Courthouse to-day and heard appeals from the City and County from the decision of ex-County Court Judge Pigot. The cases heard were few and unimportant.

## WHERE THE LIQUORICE PLANT GROWS.

Mesopotamia is remarkable for the liquorice plant, which grows wild on its plains. The roots are dug up in October, and piled in a heap, exposed to the air, until about May and June. The liquorice then weighs only half as much as originally, owing to the thorough drying process to which it has been subjected. Liquorice root is shipped in bales weighing about 220 lb. each, pressed by hydraulic machinery, and strapped with iron bands. It is converted into liquorice paste for medicinal purposes, and is specially used for flavouring tobacco. The root also grows in Syria and the Caucasus.

## ANIMALS THAT BLUSH.

A correspondent of *Science Sketches* writes: "Poets have for ages regarded the blush as a thing of beauty in the gentle sex; but, after all, it is only a rush of blood to the face, caused by modesty or some other emotion. Animals blush, too, but through fear. Horses blush in their eyes, especially the left one. When a horse is frightened his left ear will be found to be very much swollen. This is also the case with rabbits. Cows and similar animals blush just above the hoof, while the dog uses his tongue for this purpose. When a dog is frightened his tail hangs limp, as he has lost all control over it. Even insects blush. They do it in their antennae, or feelers."

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