

# SECRETS OUT!

## On Cigarettes

### RS TO PAY MORE

#### ome Tax Allowance

Minister for Finance, disclosed the Dail this afternoon. The and the Minister's speech was interest.

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o be increased to an amount in every four shillings.

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ndent, in a 'phone message ne persons exempted from the s year are those workers whose ntial increases in wages, come dule.

course of his speech, said that al expenditure of £61,131,500.

£2,605,000 from a new tax of F twenty cigarettes, and three

vy on cinema duties of one one shilling in each four shil- ing in an additional sum of

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ed to increase the personal e single people from £120 to nt a loss of £510,000.

there would also be a loss to remissions to life assurance estimated at £4,500,000. Re- al authorities would represent revenue.

ide the Minister said he pro- r subsidy by £1,250,000. This ng the farmers' home-made utter pool at the same price as ter.

that he proposed to allocate e growing of tomatoes under The sum of £10,000 will be esity scholarships to encourage language.

ll be provided for the better ain small schools.

ding, said that he estimated w a surplus of £12,500.

## R CARDINAL GRIFFIN

### AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE TO-DAY

Cardinal Bernard Griffin, Arch- bishop of Westminster, is at present on a visit to Rome. To-day he had an audience of his Holiness the Pope, who extended his paternal good wishes, through the Cardinal, to the Catholics of the English Dioceses.

## FUTURE OF INDIA

### VITAL DECISIONS PENDING

Mr. Jinnah, Moslem League leader, said to-day that decisions concerning the whole of India are likely to be announced within the next few weeks. On these decisions will depend the future legisla- tion of that country.

## FIVE KILLED IN CAIRO EXPLOSION

Five people were killed as a re- sult of a bomb attack on a cinema in Cairo last night. Fifty arrests were made in connection with the outrage, the motive of which is still unknown.

### NEW CITIZENS

Among those to whom the Minister for Justice has granted certificate of naturalisation as Irish citizens are Erland Frodin, Gartreff, Elm Park, Ennis Road, Limerick; John Nagopoulos, 12 St. Clement Street, Limerick, and Teresa Madeline O'Sullivan, Main Street, Doonbeg, Co. Clare.

## COAT AND SCARF

### Missing From Dance Passes Away In U.S.A Cloakroom

#### PROMOTERS OF FUNCTION DECREED

An interesting case having refer- ence to the responsibilities of dance promoters was heard by District Justice D. F. Gleeson, B.L., at Limerick Civil Bill Court on Monday.

Francis J. Darcy, 47 Thomas St., Limerick, sued the Shannon Rugby Football Club, Limerick, for £13 1s. for alleged breach of contract, for that on the night of February 18th last he missed an overcoat and scarf from a cloakroom provided by the defendants at a dance run by them in Cruise's Hotel.

Mr. N. S. Gaffney, solr., appeared for the plaintiff, and the defence was conducted by Mr. M. B. O'Malley, solr.

Miss O'Loughlin, manageress of Cruise's Hotel, said that in Febru- ary last the Desmond Hall of the hotel was hired for a dance by the Shannon Rugby Football Club. Cloakrooms were provided for the dance. After the dance the plain- tiff called on her and told her he had lost a coat. She said she had no responsibility for the coat. On occasions when the Hall was let to clubs for dances, the clubs them- selves provided the cloakroom attendants.

#### PLAINTIFF'S EVIDENCE.

Francis J. Darcy, C.I.E. clerk, said that on February 18th last he attended a dance in Cruise's Hotel. He went to the door of a mixed cloakroom and found a man in charge, exchanging tickets for coats. He produced the ticket, which he bought for 3d. He left in his coat, but when he returned at the end of the dance he couldn't get it. In his coat was a scarf, and he valued the two articles at £13 1s. Later he wrote a letter to the Secretary of the Shannon Rugby Football Club, telling him about the loss of the coat and claiming £15 to cover the loss of his coat, scarf and consequential loss. To this letter, Mr. O'Malley, on behalf of the Club, disclaimed responsibility for his loss in a sub- sequent reply. Since then he had not recovered the lost articles.

Replying to Mr. O'Malley, wit- ness said he bought his dance ticket before going upstairs. No- body told him where the cloakroom was. When he presented his cloak- room ticket after the dance, there was a rush and he waited until this rush had subsided before he sought the coat. He missed it then and told some members of the dance committee about it. The next evening the Club Secretary told him that the Shannon Rugby Foot- ball Club was not responsible for his coat, but that the cloakroom attendant was liable.

#### DUTY AS CLOAKROOM ATTENDANT.

Patrick Fitzgibbon, boots in Cruise's Hotel, said that at the re- quest of a member of the dance committee he got a man named Kelly to do duty as cloakroom attendant on the night of the dance. He told the committee that no member of the hotel staff could do duty in the cloakroom that night.

Mr. O'Malley said that the de- fence was that the Club had made no arrangements for cloakroom attendance. They knew nothing whatever about the cloakroom until the night of the dance.

Mr. Gaffney—That is no defence in law.

Donat Costello, Secretary of the Club, said that the only arrange- ments made by the Club for the dance was the booking of the Hall. He didn't know there would be any cloakroom, and if he did, he would have provided an attendant. He didn't interview the attendant sub- sequently employed through the medium of the hotel boots. This attendant was to keep any money he got in the cloakroom and was not, therefore, employed by the club.

Replying to Mr. Gaffney, witness said he had never seen a dance in Cruise's Hotel where the cloak- room was not in use.

Patrick Shanahan, a member of the club committee, said that the attendant in the cloakroom on the night of the dance was procured by the boots, Fitzgibbon. He told Fitzgibbon that an attendant would be given whatever would be taken in the cloakroom.

#### DECREE GRANTED.

The Justice said the arrange- ments at the dance that night were done in a slipshod way, and be- cause of that the plaintiff was at the loss of his coat. Darcy was entitled to assume that the cloak- room was run by the Club, in the absence of any notice to the con- trary. He (Justice) was surprised that Darcy had not been paid the price of his coat before this. He would give a decree for £12 10s.

## BACKING THE FRENCH PREMIER

### SOCIALIST PARTY DECISION

The National Council of the French Socialist Party has, after a meeting which lasted twelve hours, and which ended in the early hours of this morning, decided by a majority of 394 votes to back the decision of Premier Ram- adier to remain in office and govern without the Communists.

The French Premier will now proceed to appoint new Ministers to replace the Communists who went out of office last Sunday.

### BALLROOM MAKES £29,100

Atlantic Ballroom, Tramore, which was sold by auction in Jury's Hotel, Dublin, yesterday, was purchased in trust by Mr. A. Fitzgerald, solr., 15 Molesworth Street, Dublin, for £29,100.

### TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

The weather forecast for to-day, as it applies to this country, is:— "It will be cloudy, with occasional rain. More general rain is likely in the South, and it will be rather

## POPULAR FIGURE

### DEATH OF MR. P. M. CULHANE

A popular West Limerick figure passed away recently in New York. He was Mr. Peter M. Culhane, who was for many years a highly- respected member of the old Rath- keale Board of Guardians and District Council. The following special appreciation of him has been written for the *Limerick Leader* by Mr. John J. Sheahan, of New York, himself also a highly- esteemed West Limerick man, being a native of Ballygultenane, Glin:— Peter Murray Culhane, for many years a resident of New York City, died suddenly at his residence, 600 West 178 Street, New York, at mid-night, April 11th, 1947.

Born near Newcastle West, Co. Limerick, seventy years ago, he was the son of the late Dr. Patrick Culhane and Margaret Murray Culhane.

His father was an eminent physi- sian and surgeon and was a native of Meanus, Glin, County Limerick, son of Patrick Culhane, commonly known as "Big Pat."

Dr. Culhane had two brothers, Dr. Frederick Culhane, who practiced medicine in England and was an eminent surgeon, and Michael Culhane, who lived in the old home- stead in Meanus, Glin, Co. Lime- rick. Besides, there were two sisters, Bridget and Mary, who re- sided in Limerick City.

#### ONE OF FAMILY OF THREE.

Dr. Patrick Culhane had three children, Patrick, who lives in Ballyneety, in the parish of Cool- cappa, where the entire family was raised since childhood; Peter Culhane and Margaret Culhane, who became a trained nurse and married John Blackwell in the City of Dublin. She died on December 18th last. The shock of her death was a severe blow to Peter and he succumbed to a heart attack a few months later.

For the most part Peter received his early education and training in the City of Limerick. He attend- ed the National School in Coolcappa for a short time, and in Limerick at- tended the Secondary School at St. Munchin's and also took a college course there.

After some years in the Diocesan College, he returned to the place of his love in Ballyneety and in the nineties was very active in the agrarian movement and also took an active interest in the manage- ment of the Killeolman Football Club.

After the death and burial of his two aunts in Limerick, who are in- terred in the chapel yard in Glin, Peter turned his attention to the United States thinking it was only for a visit, but within a short time decided to make his permanent home there. He joined the ranks of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company at first, then worked in a brokerage office in Wall Street for a short time, and afterwards re- turned to the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, where he be- came an inspector of the East Side Division.

In that he remained until the unification of the Road when he be- came Supervisor of all station clerks until he was pensioned November 1st last.

#### DAUGHTER BECOMES DOCTOR.

About 28 years ago he married Mary Dunne of Cappoquin, County Waterford, and the union was blessed with one child, Mary Josephine Culhane, who, following the traditions of her grandfather and uncle, was admitted to the practice of medicine last year, and only two days before her father died received word that she had successfully passed the State Board medical examination, which entitles her to practice medicine in the State of New York. He took great pride in her accomplishments.

In addition to his patriotic activ- ities in the old land as a member of the United Irish League, he was also a good horseman and rode his own horse in many point-to-point races in West Limerick and other places.

In New York he was a staunch and uncompromising Republican in so far as Ireland was concerned, was an active member of the Shamrock Club of the Clan-na-Gael for years and believed to the end in the right of the Irish people to run their own affairs without inter- ference or connection with England.

The writer was a very close per- sonal friend of Peter Culhane, was closely associated with him for years and, in addition, was a near relative.

As was remarked by several people, Peter Culhane was no ordi- nary individual. He was six feet three inches in height, endowed by nature with a fine physique and constitution. He was an individual that you would pick out of a thou- sand an outstanding Irish gentleman.

#### EXEMPLARY HOME LIFE.

His home life was exemplary. He was a devout Catholic and in re- cent times attended daily Mass and was a daily Communicant. He was a devoted husband, a loving father and a loyal and true friend.

The popularity in which he was held by those who were associated with him and who worked under his supervision in the Rapid Transit System of New York was at- tested by a recent testimonial din- ner which was given to him, which was attended by the officials of the Road as well as by the attaches thereof, all eulogizing him for his splendid efficiency and his out- standing humane qualities in deal- ing with men.

To me and to others, he is a great personal loss because of our long association of friendship and participation in many Irish activi- ties.

He has been for many years a supervisor of the reviewing stand at the St. Patrick's Day parade, where more than 9,000 persons were sent and he handled it with great efficiency.

Our hope is that the sod will rest lightly over his grave in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Westchester County and that God will be very good to him, and have mercy on his noble soul.

JOHN J. SHEAHAN.

## WRECK SURVIVORS

## TOWN TOPICS

### LOOKING FOR CEMENT.

Mr. Charles Stenson, D.E., City Surveyor, is in Dublin this week in search of cement or to be more correct, for a permit to authorise the purchase of this very essential building commodity. Because the contractors for the Pennywell housing scheme cannot get sufficient cement work has been suspended for some months past. They are hopes now—slender though they be—of procuring limited supplies in the immediate future. In any case, Mr. Stenson is doing all he can to bring the impasse to an end and, should he fail, well the fault won't be his. Of course, apart from the Pennywell scheme, many other big building projects have been held up for want of cement.

### PROBABLE RENTS.

There is a good deal of speculation and surmise as to the probable rents of the new houses, seeing that building costs have almost trebled since 1939. It must be fairly obvious that slum dwellers could not possibly pay a rent in keeping with this upward trend. Though the rents of houses to be built will show a considerable advance on pre-1939 houses, they will not be proportionate with building costs. The Government is now making loans available for local authorities for building schemes at a rate of interest considerably below that which obtained five or six years ago. Furthermore, the period of repay- ment has been extended from thirty to fifty years. Again, the Govern- ment has given an assurance that substantial grants will be given with a view to reducing the rent burden.

### THE MAYOR.

Following his recent visit to Dublin in connection with the fuel crisis at the Gas Works, his Worship the Mayor (Mr. J. C. Hickey) was taken seriously ill as the result of a severe cold. He was under medical care for some days and though he is now on the road to complete recovery he is still confined to his room. His Worship expects to be able to resume his public duties towards the end of the week. By the way, it is understood that it is not his intention to seek another term of office in the Civic Chair. His election to the Mayoralty a year ago was unanimous, when he was the nominee of the Fianna Fail group in the Corporation.

### THAT ABATTOIR.

It was announced many months ago that a site at Garryowen had been secured for the proposed public abattoir. Indeed, it was stated at the time that the location had been approved by the engineering inspectors of the Department of Local Government. It was thought then that all impediments to the provision of this very much needed amenity had been overcome. But it would seem, since nothing has been heard about the abattoir in the meantime, that some problems remain to be solved. The public would like to know if Limerick is to have an abattoir or if the private slaughterhouse system is to be continued indefinitely.

### ARTHUR'S QUAY.

Arthur's Quay, once a fashionable residential district, has fallen upon evil days. Many, if not all, of the fine stately houses are moldering away while others have tumbled down. At present two are being demolished and it is evident that Arthur's Quay will, in the course of a few years, be nothing more than a collection of derelicts. Can anything be done to arrest this decay, or is the place to be allowed become a shambles? Around the corner from Arthur's Quay—in Francis Street—we have another eyesore. Surely the Corporation must have some rights and obligations in respect of areas that are fast falling into ruin.

### PLASSY BRIDGE.

Has Plassy Bridge been relegated to the limbo of lost causes? Not quite. A year ago contractors were invited to tender for the carrying out of reconstruction works, but the lowest tender received gave a shock to the Board of Works. They then dropped the whole thing, leaving the bridge to its fate. Lately, however, the Board has had its conscience stirred a little, with the result that revised plans for less extensive repairs were prepared. Contractors are to be again invited to tender, with what result we have only to "wait and see." In the meantime the deterioration of the Plassy span is becoming more and more pronounced.

### THE FLOUR MILLS.

Rumours current in the city that a strike in the flour mills is imminent are groundless. It is a fact that agreement has not been reached on a demand for an increase in wages, but negotiations have not been completely broken off. The Joint Industrial Council for the flour milling industry in the country