

possible. On this whole question it ought surely be possible to arrive at authoritative conclusions as to the right course to pursue, for the present state of uncertainty and inconclusiveness is undesirable and is probably a serious bar to progress.

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If the link with sterling be the evil thing it is so insistently declared to be — and most of those who hold that view are of such a standing that they cannot be ignored — it should certainly be removed. If the possible dangers of such a step are greater than the probable advantages claimed the most careful caution is called for. Here is where a full investigation by the best and most qualified minds would serve an exceedingly useful purpose. If those who may be regarded as authorities on the subject came together and examined it in detail in all its aspects they ought to be able in a comparatively short time to arrive at a finding that could well be regarded as a sound national decision. It would be all the better if they got the help of those who have held office as finance ministers under one of our Irish governments. Such an examination, of course, would not have the character of the former Bank-Inquiry, as its function would be to pronounce on the wisdom or otherwise of departing from the sterling link.

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The evidence that there is something wrong or defective in our monetary system seems to be quite strong and convincing. It is difficult to explain otherwise why we have not made greater headway for the past three decades in eliminating unemployment, emigration and high taxation. The fact is, of course, that humanity in general, as has been well said, is being all the time "crucified on a cross of gold." The whole trouble has its root in the fact that money has been diverted from its original and true purpose of being exclusively a medium of exchange and made a commodity of commerce itself.

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Commonsense clearly suggests that the control of currency and finance in any country should be solely in the hands of the state as custodian for the people. In too many instances, unfortunately, money dominates governments instead of being their servant. This would seem to be the case here in Ireland and if so it is an absurdity that ought to be ended. Entrenched privilege may be hard to fight but it is futile to pretend we have liberty if the real power over our economic and national interests is in the hands of those who manipulate the monetary machine.

Justice—Had you ever a licence?—No.

To Mr. Gaffney, witness said that he had got the money some time before the date of the accident to get a licence.

Thomas O'Connor gave evidence of being the registered owner of the van and that they helped their mother in the running of a bakery business. His brother Desmond had been the regular driver of the van but he was not feeling well on the occasion and he asked Sean to drive the car. At the time witness fully understood that Sean had a driving licence.

Cross-examined witness said that his mother had told Sean some time previously to go out to the shop and get the money for the licence. He was thus under the impression that his brother, Sean, was licensed.

**THE ONUS.**

The Justice said the onus was on any person who owned a car and wanted someone else to drive it to find out if the person has a driving licence. The consequences in the case were not, fortunately, serious but they might have been.

The Justice fined Sean O'Connor 40/- on the insurance charge and 10/- for not having a licence, and he disqualified him for three months from holding a driving licence. On the insurance summons against the other defendant the Justice imposed a fine of £5 and dismissed the licence charge.

**HE WORE  
THE MAYORAL  
CHAIN**



**MR. MICHAEL HARTNEY**, then Alderman, was Mayor of Limerick in 1945-'46. It was during his term of office the Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill was consecrated Bishop of the Diocese and he and the Corporation attended in State the ceremony in St. John's Cathedral. He was present to welcome the Cardinals when they arrived at Rineanna on their way back from Rome and attended a dinner in their honour. At the Cardinal Glennon funeral procession to the City Boundary he led the Corporation wearing robes of office. During his Mayoralty Mr. Hartney was successful in settling two city strikes—one at Spaight's and one in the bakery industry—and successfully appealed to the Minister for Industry and Commerce to have Sunday excursion trains partially restored in Limerick. As Mayor he declared open the playground for children in St. Mary's Parish.

**HEIFER RUNS  
AMOK**

A young heifer ran amok in William Street, Limerick, this morning. It crashed into a bicycle, struck a stationary motor car, one of the headlights being damaged. The animal paid a visit to the Fifty Shilling Tailors, but was turned out unceremoniously. Early morning shoppers were obliged to run heifer-skelter when the heifer careered along the street.

**NO COURT**

Owing to the absence on holidays of Justice C. S. Kenny, there was no sitting of the Newcastle West Monthly Civil Bill Court on Friday of last week.

splendid historical work on their Cromwellian Sieges. He explained that expenses naturally mounted from the cost of photographic blocks. The cover was designed by Mr. Eugene Hasset, of Sheehan and Clery's, architects. It was but right, in a civic celebration, that Limerick talent should be availed of.

Father Finegan received many queries as to the number of pages in the brochure. He replied that unfortunately at the present stage he had not an Old Moore's Almanack with him to enable him to make the necessary predictions. By the week-end the news would be out. Meantime Mr. Roberts and his courteous staff of the "Limerick Leader" printing department were working with a will to have the brochure out according to schedule.

Plans for the Benediction altar were discussed between the Mayor and Mr. P. Molloy, of Messrs. Molloy and Sons, builders.

**HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS.**

Arrangements were made to have suitable posters placed in various parts of the city to explain to the citizens the historic associations of Limerick of to-day with the 1651 siege.

The Mayor finally expressed the desire that the public be informed that funds raised by the flag-days and celebrity concert were needed for the memorial. The citizens should co-operate by displaying flags and bunting during the celebrations.

**Limerick To  
Lourdes And  
Back**

On Wednesday morning, a private charter plane left Shannon Airport at 10.20 with a party of 23 people, who travelled on a private pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Amongst the party were three invalid children; also travelling with the party was Mrs. C. Byrne, Limerick, and her son, Patrick, who has been crippled by infantile paralysis since he was six months old. His passage money was paid by an anonymous benefactor.

Miss M. Fitzgerald, of the Shannon Travel Agency (who made the travel arrangements), accompanied the pilgrims, and they were seen off from the Airport by Mr. R. Sadlier, also of the Shannon Travel Agency.

The aircraft will return to-day from Lourdes, bringing the Lourdes ruby team, who are to play Old Belvedere to-morrow (Saturday), in Dublin. They will play their second match against Garryowen in Limerick on Sunday. The team will return to Lourdes on Monday from Shannon.

**London Fog  
Affects Taoiseach's  
Air Journey**

When London Airport closed last night due to fog a plane-load of passengers on an Israeli Airlines Constellation had to stay overnight at Shannon (writes our special correspondent at the Airport). The plane was bound for Luxembourg via London. All westbounds due for New York and Montreal via Shannon got out of Heath Row in time. Owing to London being closed, Mr. de Valera, who was due to leave for Zurich for an eye operation, had to postpone his flight from Dublin.

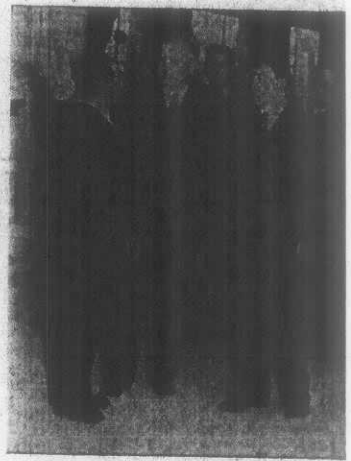
**KOREAN TALKS  
CONTINUE**

The Korean peace talks went ahead to-day without many hitches. Main discussion was on the question of the proposed line of demarcation. The U.N. delegates rejected a Communist proposal that all U.N. forces be withdrawn to a point 15 miles away from the site of the negotiations. Military activity had abated all along.

**AWARDED A FIRST-CLASS  
SCHOLARSHIP**

Miss Daisy Larkin, Plassy, pupil of the Presentation Convent, Sexton Street, Limerick, has been awarded a First-class Scholarship by the Intermediate Department of Education.

**LAYING REGION  
FOUNDATIO**



Preparatory to laying the foundation some details of the scheme are explained by Dr. James Ryan, T.D. With the M.M.R.I.A.I. (who represents the M.M.R.I.A.I. on the building site); the E. Hayes, City M.O.H.; Mr. J. J. Colgan, County Council; Mr. Sheehan, and T. O'Neill, who performed the blessing c

**Notable Athletic  
Figure In Limerick**

A New Zealand Irishman who won the world sculling championship in 1925, at the age of forty, paid a visit to Limerick this week. He is Mr. James P. Hannon, J.P., of Christchurch, New Zealand, whose father, Edward Hannon, emigrated from Gurtavoher, Glen of Aherlow, Co. Tipperary, seventy-five years ago. Mr. Hannon was anxious to meet some of the old Shannon Rowing Club oarsmen and inspect some of the club boats. He was introduced to the club by Mr. Rory Donnelly, a former president, and discussed the relative merits of rowing in the two countries with such veterans as Messrs. John Hall, Ned O'Toole, Michael Hartigan and Mick Sheehan.

Mr. Hannon was once a noted footballer and trained the New Zealand rugby team who were the only combination to beat the British and Irish touring team earlier in the year. He had much praise for the Limerick forward, Tom Clifford, and was the guest of Dr. Karl Muller during his visit to Dublin. "Meeting Mr. de Valera in Dublin," he said, "made the trip half way around the world well worth while. It was certainly one of my big moments."

As a result of a challenge two years ago, when he was sixty-four, Mr. Hannon won a four mile sculling race after conceding two miles to an opponent twenty years his junior. "I trained for it for six months after the doctor had given me the 'O.K.' but it almost killed my wife when she read of the proposed event in the papers," he added.

A retired business man, Mr. Hannon is spending four months vacation in Europe.

**SHANNON COCKTAIL WAS  
THIRD**

In the 3rd All-Ireland Cocktail Competition held in the Metropole Hotel, Dublin, under the auspices of the Irish Branch of the United Kingdom Bartenders' Guild, third prize was won by Mr. John Keegan, of Shannon (writes our special correspondent at the Airport). There were thirty-one competitors, and in the final result only a point separated first from second and second from third. Mr. Keegan's cocktail was named "Be Careful."

**PORT OF LIMERICK**

Recent arrivals at and departures from the Port of Limerick:— Arrivals—Irish Plane (Geelong), maize; Acuity (Heysham), fuel oil; Kylemore (Liverpool), general. Sailings—Clarina (Liverpool), livestock and general; Acuity (Heysham), light; Irish Plane (Dublin), part inwards maize.