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HOTEL INCIDENT LIMERICK MAN HAS COURT SEQUEL

A DUBLIN man who tried to borrow money from the Mayor of Limerick, and who refused to leave Cruise's Hotel after a complaint had been made against him to the manager, and who later insisted on going to the William Street Garda Station and waiting there, wired the Limerick District Court to-day: "I cannot attend because of illness. I plead guilty to the charge and apologise to any party to whom I was offensive."

The defendant was James McKnight, 30 Leinster Ave., North Strand, Dublin. The charge against him was that he was quarrelsome and disorderly.

SEVERAL COMPLAINTS.

M. J. Donnelly, Manager of Cruise's Hotel, said he got several complaints about the defendant on the night of November 30th last.

"For the better comfort of our customers I asked him to leave," he said. "He refused three times and I phoned for the Guards. I didn't actually see him annoying anybody. He had a few drinks taken but he wasn't tight."

Guard John Shea said he answered Mr. Donnelly's call for Garda assistance.

"When I got to Cruise's," the Guard said, "I advised the defendant that he must leave when asked. I heard Mr. Donnelly also tell him he must leave. He refused. I told him then that if he didn't leave peaceably I'd have to eject him forcibly. I had to. When I had thrown him out he insisted on being taken to the station to find out the nature of the charge against him. I took him there and he refused to leave. He insisted on waiting there. He was very obstinate."

DEMANDED MONEY FROM

LIMERICK MAN WHO WAS KILLED IN KOREA

A YOUNG Limerick man, Alphon- sus O'Connell, of 2 Sarsfield Terrace, Garryowen, Limerick, was killed in Korea on the 29th of last, while serving as Corporal in the United States Army. His death occurred at Suo Dong when a mine exploded.

The news of the tragedy has aroused very deep regret, and much sympathy has been felt for his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Connell, and the other members of his family circle.

AWARDED "PURPLE HEART"

It was a source of consolation to Mrs. O'Connell when she received recently a letter from the Secretary of the U.S. Army, Mr. Frank Pace, junior, conveying the sympathy of President Truman on the irreparable loss she had sustained and informing her that the "Purple Heart"—a U.S. Army recognition of great distinction—had been awarded posthumously to her son.

The letter from the Secretary of the U.S. Army to the deceased's mother read as follows:—

"At the request of the President, I write to inform you that the Purple Heart has been awarded posthumously to your son, Corporal Alphon- sus O'Connell, Corps of Engineers, who sacrificed his life in Korea.

SINCEREST SYMPATHY

"Little that we can do or say will console you for the death of your loved one. We profoundly appreciate the greatness of your loss, for in a very real sense the loss suffered by any of us is a loss shared by all of us. When the medal, which you will soon receive, reaches you, I want you to know that with it goes my sincerest sympathy and the hope that time and victory of our cause will finally lighten the burden of your grief."

REMAINS EMBALMED IN JAPAN.

The remains of the late Corporal O'Connell were conveyed to Japan, where they were embalmed. It is understood that they will be transferred to the United States for burial, where the ceremony will be attended by the deceased's maternal uncle, who is an American citizen.

HAD CALLED ABOUT COURSING FIXTURE

WHAT concerning greyhounds led to a prosecution for a breach of the licensing laws being brought at Ballyneety Court on Thursday of this week, before Justice C. S. Kenny, B.L., the defendant licensee being Laurence Hanly, Sandylane, Caherconlish. One man who was found on the premises during prohibited hours was also summoned.

Supt. E. O'Riordan prosecuted, and Mr. David B. Fitzgerald, solr., defended.

Mr. Fitzgerald said at the outset that he was admitting that the man was on the premises.

NO QUESTION OF DRINK.

Guard Bennett gave evidence that he inspected the premises at 10.50 p.m. on Monday, 10th August, and the closing time was 10 p.m. Witness was admitted immediately after knocking and asked if there were any person illegally on the premises. Witness was then told that there was one person and that he had called about coursing at Door. The man told the same story to witness when questioned. There was no question of drink in the case.

Cross-examined, witness agreed he knew Mr. Hanly very well and that Mr. Hanly admitted there and then that there was a man on his premises, but he had called about coursing.

Mr. Fitzgerald remarked that Laurence Hanly was a well-known greyhound traiser and had trained such great dogs as Robert Robinson, an Irish Cup winner, and other good ones for Mr. J. P. Frost and Mr. J. V. Rank.

VERY WELL CONDUCTED.

Further cross-examined, Guard Bennett agreed that the premises were very well conducted. He agreed also that the offence was only a technical one.

Justice—It is a small case, but it is a proper one to bring before me. I will dismiss it with a caution.

The Probation Act was applied against the licensee and the man found on the premises.

SCENE OF DESTRUCTION AT V