

a notice as to the inquiry, and no attendance, and therefore they could not come to a definite arrangement as to that.

After some further questions of detail the inquiry terminated, Mr Price stating he would forward his report with recommendations to the Commissioners of Public Works, who would send it to the Town Council.

### ADMIRAL SAMPSON A. CO. LIMERICK MAN.

The following appears in the *Gork Examiner*:-

DEAR SIR.—My attention having been drawn to a few different accounts in English and Irish papers with regard to the birthplace of the above distinguished Admiral, who is now playing such a conspicuous part in the Spanish-American War, some claiming him as a Scotch, others as an Englishman, etc., it will, no doubt, interest your readers to learn that the gallant Irishman first saw the light almost under the shadow of the Moore Abbey (now in ruins), just outside the village of Galbally, Co. Limerick, and close to the confines of the Glen of Aherlow, which latter glen is celebrated from not alone a historic point of view, but also on account of its magnificent scenery and the fact that the glen has given birth to more distinguished athletes than any part of Ireland. In fact, every second man you meet in Aherlow is, as a matter of course, an athlete.

Admiral Sampson's father was a blacksmith at the place above mentioned, and at the present day traces of the forge are to be seen where his brawny arm wielded the hammer. He emigrated to the land of the Stars and Stripes to better his fortune, while his son, the Admiral, was a mere child. The first of the Sampsons who came to this country was a colonel in Cromwell's army, which colonel got married to a daughter of Sir John Cantwell's, near the above-mentioned Abbey, and after settling down in Ireland, became "more Irish than the Irish themselves." The above Colonel Sampson was, therefore, an ancestor to the Admiral, and to the Admiral's numerous cousins, who are now living in and around the neighbourhood, amongst whom I might mention Mr Simon Sampson, of Carrickaroché, and Michael Sampson, of Mitchelstowndown, near Knocklong, both the latter persons being respectable and well-to-do farmers.

Hoping the above information may prove interesting and set the matter at rest (which information, I might mention, I have from the lips of a near relative of Admiral Sampson's), and apologising for trespassing so much on your valuable space.—I am, sir, yours obediently,  
"J. PICKARE."

According to a statement presented to the French Chamber of Deputies, the total expenses of the Madagascar expedition amounted to 91,108,000f, or 1,284,000l less than was voted.

The town Hall at Pietermaritzburgh, where the sittings of the Legislative Council of Natal are held, was totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday evening. The damage is estimated at £80,000.

£20.

TOBACCONISTS (COMMENCING). Illd. Guide (260 pages), 8d. "How to open a Cigar Store—£20 to £2,000." Tobacconists' Outfitting Co., 186, Euston Road, London. Mgr. H. Myers.

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never take drink again. Only in my taken I would never have gone with Ha

Michael Crowe deposed his uncle had Farranshone, on which he kept sheep; I had been stolen there.

The magistrates dismissed the case O'Shaughnessy, the evidence not being and returned Hannan and Mulcahy for

### BRUTAL ASSAULT.

Michael Browne, Michael Roche, John Julia Brown, and Mary Roche were in custody with having seriously assaulted Hayes on the 2nd inst.

Mr Ralph Nash, solicitor, appeared and Michael Browne. The other prisoner not professionally represented.

John Hayes deposed he was in the care of the Corporation; on the day of the case he was going to work, and just outside the house the prisoner Michael Roche rushed and kicked him in the stomach, knocking him down insensible; when he recovered consciousness he found himself in Barrington's street with a fractured nose and other injuries.

Ellen Hayes deposed she was wife of witness; she corroborated her husband's account of the assault on him; when her husband was down Michael Browne came up with a brick and struck him on the nose; John Browne followed with a half brick at him and Julia Browne on the scene armed with a tongs which she struck him on the nose; witness then heard Michael saying "Now that blind Jack Hayes is a dead man to death."

Kate Houlihan corroborated last witness had been going on between the parties some time previously.

Mr Hickson in delivering the decision of the Court said the prisoner (Roche) was well known to the magistrates and the public at large as one of the worst conducted men in the county. His assault was a most cowardly and equally blameable. He commented on the action of Michael Browne, to assault while lying on the ground insensible. The prisoners, including the women, were sentenced to two months' imprisonment, at the expiration of that time to find their future good behaviour, themselves and two sureties of £5 each, or go to gaol for an additional term of four months.

The Court adjourned.

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The Marchioness of Salisbury underwent a somewhat severe operation on Wednesday going on very satisfactorily.

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