

Mr B Barrington, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr L O B Kelly, B.L., was for defendant.

In his evidence the plaintiff said he made a bet of £1 in August last with the defendant that the war would be settled by the Allies beating the Germans. (Laughter).

Mr Barrington—There was a document drawn up?—Yes. It was an even money bet of £1 each. Who signed that document?—It was signed by Mr McInerney and Miss Ryan, to whom I handed £1 and she signed for it.

His Honor—Has she the £2?—I could not say. Mr Barrington—Your bet was that the Allies would beat the Germans?—Yes.

And after the armistice terms were signed you applied for the money?—Yes, and the defendant replied by saying that the war was not over yet.

He then wrote you a letter suggesting that the matter should be referred to arbitration?—Yes.

His Honor—Perhaps he wanted President Wilson to intervene. (Laughter)

Mr Barrington read the defendant's letter to plaintiff, in which he stated—"I now see that you intend to take this matter into court, but I should wish to avoid this course starting the New Year. Of course, you say you won the bet, but if there is any question of that, I think it could be settled without two educated men going into court to decide it. I would suggest that you appoint two men, and I two men, to decide the question, and abide by their decision. If you decide on taking it into court, then I will have no alternative but to defend it, and the result will be bitterness and animosity towards each other."

What reply did you send to that letter?—I said I regretted the matter, but would refer it to his Honor the County Court Judge.

You lodged your £1 and got nothing?—Yes.

Mr Kelly—You say the bet was made towards the end of August?—Yes.

And at that time the Allies had the Germans on the run?—I don't know that.

At that time don't you know that the Allies had the Germans completely on the run?—I don't know; I was not there.

Did you not know from the daily papers?—No. On the contrary they had not.

Was not Foch complete master of the situation?—I don't know.

Counsel—I put it to you that the bet was not made for some time after.

His Honor—The bet is stated in writing.

Mr Kelly—Was not this the terms of the bet made by you—There would be no peace until the Allies beat the Germans into Berlin, and that in Berlin the terms of peace would be signed?—No.

And did not Mr McInerney bet that the armistice terms would be signed, but that the Allies would not beat the Germans into Berlin?

His Honor—Is that the document you signed?

Plaintiff—No.

Mr Kelly—When did Miss Ryan sign the document you produced?—In August.

Counsel said that Mr McInerney told plaintiff he could plead the Gaming Act, but he would not do so.

His Honor—There is no Gaming Act in this case.

In reply to the Court, the defendant said the bet was made between plaintiff and himself in presence of Miss Ryan, but there was no document drawn up—it was a week subsequent. The bet made and drawn up in the document (produced) was—Mr Vancesbeck bet that the Allies would beat the Germans into Berlin, and that there would be no peace until that was done, and I bet him that they would not beat them to Berlin.

Counsel—That is the bet?—Yes.

And the money is still in the stakeholder's hands?—Yes.

To Mr Barrington—Miss Ryan was present

me as well as your kind congratulations on the liberation of Belgium. I have been particularly touched by them. Will you kindly convey this to your dear citizens, and thank them for the evidences of their sympathy. Accept Mons. the Mayor the expression of my most devoted feelings.

"CARDINAL MERCIER, Archbishop of Malines.

"Mons. the Mayor, Limerick, Ireland."

## BELFAST SHIPYARD WORKERS

### Demand 44-Hours Week.

A mass meeting of shipyard workers and engineers was held in the Assembly Hall, Belfast, last night, to receive the result of the ballot on the question of the acceptance of a 47-hour week. The figures were announced as follows:—

For the acceptance of 47 hours ...	1,184
Against .....	13,508
For an unofficial strike, if necessary, to enforce a 44-hour week	20,225
Against .....	558

The delegates, who had during the day laid these figures before the employers, reported on the interview, and eventually a resolution was passed unanimsously to the effect that unless the 44-hour week is conceded, to commence not later than the 27th instant, the men shall cease work on the 25th.

### DEATH OF MR REDMOND NAISH.

The death, which is very generally regretted, occurred on Monday at his Dublin residence, of Mr Redmond P Naish, son of the late Mr Carroll Naish, J.P., Ballycullen, Askeaton. The deceased gentleman held an important position in the Civil Service, and retired some years ago. He was father of Mr Redmond Naish, of the Irish Bar, and nephew of Mr P J O'Sullivan, solicitor, with whom and other members of the family, deep sympathy is felt in their bereavement. The late Mr Naish was brother of the late Lord Chancellor Naish.

### SHANNON CINEMA.

To-night there is a Dorothy Phillips star feature, in five parts, entitled "Love's Miracle" which has an eternal fascination, also episode three of the thrilling Western serial "The American Girl." For Friday and Saturday, a grand Triangle drama, in five acts, featuring Charles Ray in "The Millionaire Vagrant." Come and see how he lives on 25s a week? Monday and Tuesday next the greatest fight ever filmed Smith v Goddard. Most exciting, eight terrific rounds, and a good knock out.

### OUT OF WORK PAY IN LIMERICK.

At the Limerick Labour Exchange last week, a sum of about £3 500 was, it is understood, paid as unemployment benefit.

### WATER POWER RESOURCES OF IRELAND.

The Water Power Resources of Ireland Subcommittee of the Board of Trade held its first meeting on Monday at the offices of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, the Chairman (Sir John P Griffith), presiding. After transacting business, the Sub-

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### ACTION ABOUT

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