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CATTLE TRADE.

the export of Irish cattle ports which had been more than a fortnight has now, though in a modified way of Agriculture and in order permitting the export from Ireland, subject to the attention of the animals in and seven days' subsequent private premises. It is more cattle for any of the the Order, namely—Ayr, and Greenock—only as possible together, period will run from the the last animal. And any of the landing places will complement no other there until after the period of quarantine, and are ready for the re-consignments from regulations, which came yesterday, afford some

DREADFUL TRAGEDY MILITARY ORDERS TO COURT JUDGE

At Castleconnell.

FATAL MISTAKE.

Mr Denis O'Donovan and Two Policemen Killed.

The dreadful occurrence at Castleconnell on Sunday night, in which a most estimable citizen, Mr Denis O'Donovan, and two constables lost their lives, caused a poignant feeling of regret among all classes of the city community. Nor was that feeling confined to Limerick, but all through the many districts in the country, where he was on business from time to time for the Cork firm which he represented so ably and so well—the Lady's Well Brewery. He was a very popular business man, perhaps no one more so. While in Limerick which he made his home for years past, no one could well be a *persona grata* more than he was in whatever circle he moved. That being unquestionably so it can be understood the depth and the extent of the grief which has been caused by his sad and tragic death. Its unexpectedness and its surroundings have intensified that grief to a degree which one does not often witness in a lifetime, and it is not too much to anticipate that many a day will have come and gone before the name and the personality of Denis O'Donovan, as he was familiarly called by friends and acquaintances alike, will become less green in the memory of everyone and every class who liked and loved the man that has gone from them. His good and attractive qualities placed him on the pinnacle of the best wishes, the liking and the admiration, and, indeed, the affection of those among whom he had come to stay, to marry, bring up his family, and pass the remaining years of a necessarily busy life. He represented in this city the well-known Cork brewery firm of Messrs J J Murphy & Co, and a few years back he purchased the Castleconnell Hotel, for a long period under the management of the Enright family. It is a well-known resort for anglers, those who live in Ireland, and those who come annually from across the water. Under Mr O'Donovan's supervision it proved a successful venture for him, and in addition to extending the business he made it a residence for himself and his family. He was there as usual for the week-end, and it was on Sunday night last, while he was enjoying a well earned leisure with his family, that his death came so unexpectedly and so tragically. The surroundings of his death, though charged with horrors, occupied but a comparatively brief time in their gruesome enactment.

Statement by Judge

At the Limerick Quarter Sessions His Honor County Court Judge... that a proclamation on the part of the Commander-in-Chief had been issued in the newspapers. The Order was sitting in areas where martial law purported to restrict their jurisdiction, and to suspend the judicial duties imposed by legislation. It prohibited the hearing, save with the consent of the military Governor of the county, of any claim whatsoever in respect of injury alleged to have been done to the Crown or any member thereof. The existence of martial law in the county at that time, that Court had jurisdiction, his Honor considered how far the Order extended and to what extent he could discharge his duties as County Court Judge. It remained in force. It was a claim for compensation under the Injury Acts; it was equally cases of trespass or assault, to injure otherwise capable of being dealt with by the equitable jurisdiction of the Court. It was drawn between what had been "authorised reprisals" and isolated or criminal injury in which an individual soldier may be alleged to have committed a fact it was not pressing the question of a proclamation to any illegical conclusion. He said that if in the course of any matter there were allegations on the part of a member of the Crown forces that a wrongdoer, the authority and jurisdiction of the Court was suspended. His Honor considered all cases of "authorised reprisals" and adjourned until a time when they could be fully investigated. For while the provisions of Constitutional Law establish a position that the Forces of the State during the existence of Martial Law are exempt from civil and criminal law, excessive or unnecessary acts committed during the continuance of a state of war the Court was not to try or adjudicate upon such a case of such necessity or such exigency as the current Sessions had practised. It was premature to consider how the law was or was not consistent with the ordinary functions of the Court. He could not conclude without referring to the proclamation which might imply that that Court and other courts were to suspend their functions under the direct authority of the military Governor. They did not. So far as the Court was concerned, they were to act as they did so by virtue of legislative authority alone. If it was intended, as it possibly was,