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Rebels Attack

HEAVY CASUAL

An Exchange Telegram despatched from Hankow said:— Rebels this morning infantry and gunboats proceeding.

A telegram from Hankow has begun there between rebels. The foreign parties. The Government as Hankow has resulted in forces, which have captured and that the fresh are detaining at the station.

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The first of two concert fellow-citizen, Mr. Joseph fellow-citizen, Mr. Joseph concert party, took place last evening, before a large who appreciated to the fare set before them, as amply proved. Mr. O'Miss Norah O'Hea, one our Irish violinists, who is famed as Covent Garden Opera; popular New Zealand Dever, an eminent baritone Limerick people, and Mr. presided at the splendid accompaniments in programme opened with a d by Miss O'Hea and Mr. Irene Ainsley's rich and to great advantage in "she sang with all due sweetness, and in reply contributed "Matinata O'Mara next appeared, an accorded a rousing reception house, and for some minutes ledgments. He was in notes, "clear as a bell," effect in Handel's spirited "Alarm," which he sang by, it brought down the vociferous re-demand which was also heartily solo "Sonata A. ma Norah O'Hea, followed, lady in this and the other later on, "Barguerolle" (

RATHKEALE QUARTER SESSIONS.

Licensing-Business.

(FROM OUR REPORTER.)

At 11 o'clock to-day, His Honor County Court Judge Law-Smith, opened the business of the Michaelmas Quarter Sessions for the division of Rathkeale.

The officials of the court in attendance were—Mr. W. M. Beauchamp, Clerk of the Crown and Peace; Mr. R. Nash, Registrar; Mr. B. K. Lucas, Sub-Sheriff.

The magistrates in attendance were—Richard Curling, R. Coplin-Langford, P. D. Sullivan, R. M.; T. Hayes, R. S. De Vere, E. A. Whelan, P. Hartney, R. M. Bennett, M. G. Barry, E. Hewson, R. Hunt, J. O'S. Liston, T. Butler, F. Fitzgerald, W. C. Hartsett, P. Condon, Dr. Magner, P. Vaughan, C. Drew, Dr. J. B. Hayes, D. O'Grady, T. Hurley, P. J. Fitzgerald, S. Egum, B. C. Collins, E. Westropp, and J. Cussen.

The Grand Jury were sworn as follows:—P. J. Hedderman (foreman), J. W. Irwin, R. C. Johnson, J. McCarthy, J. Nolan, C. O'Donnell, D. R. Quaid, J. Cagney, M. O'Gorman, J. J. Hewson, M. Irwin, B. O'Grady, B. Smith, T. Watson, J. Cussen, C. Magner, J. Sullivan, and D. Aherne.

ASSAULT ON A CONSTABLE.

Mr. J. S. Gaffney, Crown Solicitor, said in the case of Rex v. Madigan he had an application to make to the court. Four persons were charged with grievously assaulting a constable, and were awaiting trial at the Quarter Sessions. Within the past few days he had been instructed by the Attorney General to ask that a bill be not sent up to the Grand Jury at Quarter Sessions, but that his Honor would send the case forward to the Assizes.

His Honor—Who appears for these men?

Mr. J. Condon, solicitor, said he represented the prisoners. Originally five were charged with this assault, but informations were refused in the case of one and he was discharged. The application made by the Crown Solicitor was irresistible and could not be opposed. However, he asked that the prisoners who were tradesmen living in the county would be admitted to bail. The charge was a serious one of assaulting a constable with the result that his leg was broken. For the sake of the family of the accused, he asked that an admission be granted.

His Honor remarked that he would consider the application later.

Mr. Condon—Thank your Honor.

His Honor, addressing the Grand Jury, said in consequence of the application of the Crown Solicitor their duties on that occasion would be much lighter than he had anticipated. There were three cases on the Crown book, but owing to the application of Mr. Gaffney they would only have two to investigate. The first case was one which a man named Thom's Vaughan was charged with the larceny of goods, and with being a habitual drunkard. The second was a case in which a man named Garrett Ryan was charged with obtaining from the Post Office money by false pretences. Their duty would be to investigate these cases and see whether there was sufficient evidence to warrant their being sent forward to a petty jury. If there was it was their duty to find a true bill. His Honor was glad to see that the County Council were about to provide proper accommodation for the Grand Jurors attending that Court. It was undoubtedly badly needed, and he hoped the improvements would be completed when next they assembled there.

The Grand Jury then retired to consider their bills.

RATHKEALE PETTY SESSIONS DAYS.

His Honor said before the licensing business was taken up he desired to say that a memorial had been sent by the justices attending Rathkeale Petty Sessions Court for a change in the date of the Sessions. At present the Court was held fortnightly, and the requisition asked that in future it be held on the second Monday of each month. They wanted one session a month instead of two, and the change could only be accomplished with the concurrence of the magistrates assembled at Quarter Sessions.

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THE LATE CANON G. M. LUTHER.

The funeral of the late Canon G. M. Luther, M.A., Rector of Cahirnarry, whose lamented death we had to record on Tuesday, took place this morning, and was attended by large numbers of the clergy, and laity of the district, and of the city. It was a fitting and a generous tribute to the memory of a clergyman whose death is so widely mourned, and whose life and worth won him the esteem of everyone, Protestant and Roman Catholic, who had even the pleasure of knowing one held in affectionate regard by every section and class of the community. There was a short service at Cahirnarry Church at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, prior to the cortege starting for the place of interment in the cemetery attached to St. Mary's Cathedral, and it was attended by all the worshippers in the Parochial Church. The hymn, "For ever with the Lord" was sung, and the 39th Psalm read by the Rev. Canon Haydn, Rev. Chancellor Hackett reading the lesson. On the conclusion of the short, but impressive service the funeral set out for the city, all those who attended from the district, and the clergy walking the entire way, a distance of some five miles. One desire seemed to actuate all, to pay the fullest measure of respect to the memory of the departed clergyman. Blinds were drawn as the funeral passed through William street and Patrick street on its way to the Cathedral, where the Bishop, Right Rev. Dr. Orpen, and the Cathedral clergy, were in waiting. The coffin was borne up the nave of the church, placed on a catafalque, and the touching and solemn and impressive service commenced. There was a full attendance, and the Archdeacon opened the Service, the choir, under the organist of the Cathedral, Mr. F. Muspratt, singing the hymn very softly and sweetly, and with soul-reaching effect, "O Rest in the Lord." The hymn, "On the Resurrection Morning" the 90th psalm, and a chant by Purcell, were next sung. The Precentor reading the lesson, which he took from the 4th chapter of the 1st epistle to the Thessalonians. The hymn No. 599 followed, and

His Lordship the Bishop, addressing the congregation, said—While we gather round the remains—the mortal remains—of our dear brother, and mourn the loss of a fellow labourer so dear to us all, yet there comes to us in the beautiful service in which we are engaged, words of hope, and peace, and comfort. We sorrow not as those who have no hope, for we have that strong consolation which will not be taken from us. I, as a Bishop, feel that I have lost a fellow-labourer. My brethren of the clergy who are here present, can feel too how much they have lost. And yet there is a comfort that those who live in Christ, especially those who live for Christ, lead the life which brings an eternity with Christ hereafter, the triumph over death, and the victory of the servants who are faithful to Him. Our dear brother was a faithful servant of Christ. He laboured earnestly and lovingly in His service. He was a devoted and loving husband and father, an earnest, affectionate, and faithful pastor, a wise counsellor, and a loving and faithful friend. In all these positions he adorned them. He showed the power of Christ's love in his heart, he gave himself earnestly to His service. He worked on behalf of the widow and the orphan for many years of his life, and he was not content with emotional expressions of sympathy and feeling, but set himself to visit the home of the orphan, in order that they should be drawn nearer to the heart of God. He showed his earnest interest in the work, even when bodily health had failed him, and was present at the last meeting of the Society. He fulfilled his duty in every respect, and though the voice frequently heard in this ancient Cathedral is now hushed in death, yet we may trust that the words he spoke will find an echo in the hearts of those who heard them. In parting with one that was so beloved, in feeling the loss of our dear brother, we must also feel that a heavier loss has been sustained by his own parish and neighbourhood, where he ministered for many years, where his worth was chiefly known as a godly man, a kind and sympathising neighbour, and a firm and real friend in times of need. I will not enter into the sacredness of the home life, but we can lift up our hearts and pray for those whom he has left behind, that they may have God's sustaining grace. In thus parting with our dear brother and rendering him the last tribute of our esteem and affection, while we mourn over the loss by his removal, surely faith can pierce the gloom which surrounds us, and in which death envelops us here, and from the other side we can hear that welcome in the eternal light of God which the Master gave his servant: "Well done thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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pretty evident that Eastern Europe cannot cope with such appetite, as this and supply England in addition. England will have to look to herself. The old story of wealth in poultry farming may come true some day, after all.

Predictions of Winter.

Registrar General's Report.

The average annual death-rate represented by the deaths registered last week as appertaining to the Dublin Registration Area and the twenty-one principal provincial Urban Districts of Ireland was 19.3 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which, for the purposes of these returns, is estimated at 1,149,495. The deaths registered during the past week, as appertaining to the several districts, alphabetically arranged, corresponded to the following annual rates per 1,000. In some instances, owing to deaths not having been registered within the week in which they occurred, the rates do not fairly represent the mortality:—Armagh, 13.7; Ballymena, 22.9; Belfast, 15.9; Clonmel, 30.4; Cork, 25.2; Drogheda, 10.8; Dublin Registration Area, 21.7; Dundalk, 7.9; Galway, 27.5; Kilkenny, 9.9; Limerick, 16.3; Lisburn, 17.1; Londonderry, 15.3; Lurgan, 30.1; Newry, 17.4; Newtownards, 17.2; Portadown, 8.0; Queenstown, 13.2; Sligo, 23.4; Tralee, 5.3; Waterford, 26.6; Wexford, 36.4. The deaths from certain epidemic diseases registered as appertaining to the 22 districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 5.7 per 1,000, the rates varying from 0.0 in nine of the districts to 5.7 in each of Waterford and Newtownards. Among the 118 deaths from all causes for Belfast are one from scarlet fever two from whooping-cough, one from diphtheria, and 13 from diarrhoea and enteritis of children under two years of age. Included in the 37 deaths from all causes for Cork are one from enteric fever, and one from diarrhoea of children under two years of age. Two of the 12 deaths for Londonderry are from diarrhoea of children under two years of age; two of the 12 deaths from all causes for Limerick are from diarrhoea of children under two years of age, and three deaths from the same cause are included in the 14 deaths from all causes for Waterford.

OUT AND ABOUT.

The House of Commons re-assembles on next Tuesday, 24th inst.

Lieutenant B. H. Purdon has been gazetted a Captain in the 4th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers.

Friday next will be the anniversary of the birth of Viscount Guillomore, born in 1811, and next Monday of that of the Countess of Dunraven.

An old man named James Rohan, described as a "skull-mender," has been arrested at Thurles on a singular charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of a young farmer named Stapleton.

The Right Rev. Dr. Archdall, Bishop of Killaloe, has conferred a good service pension on the Very Rev. J. Aldridge, M.A., Dean of Clonfert and Rector of Eyrecourt.

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Mr. P. J. O'Shaughnessy, M.P., attended a meeting at Glin, at which resolutions were passed expressing confidence in the Irish Party, urging that they should "hammer into shape" the Insurance Bill to suit the needs of the country, and asking Mr. O'Shaughnessy to support that measure. Copies of the resolution on the Insurance Bill were ordered to be sent to Mr. John Redmond, Mr. Birrell, and Mr. Lloyd-George.

DROWNING ACCIDENT NEAR BRUFF.

Yesterday afternoon a tailor named Cunningham was found in a trench at Miltown, near Bruff, dead. It appears that two lads were going home, and the place where the body was found is a short cut through some field, and when crossing a rather dangerous fence they saw the man in the trench. They were frightened, and ran to Bruff and gave the alarm. The police went at once to the scene of the accident, and found the man with his head and shoulders in one and a half feet of water, and one of his legs stretched out on the bank. The body was warm, showing that the man was not long in the trench. Having examined the place it was found that the poor man was evidently stepping across the trench to get on the ditch, and grasped a paling stick, which gave way, with the result that he was thrown into the trench on his head. The remains were brought to Bruff to await an inquest.—Cox.

ASSAULT ON SIR MORGAN O'CONNELL.

Tralee, Wednesday.

At a special Court, held at Tralee to-day (before Mr. Wynne, R.M., and Captain Goodlake) G. Mullins, John Connor, James Connor, and James Murphy, from Rabcommane, some miles from Killarney were brought up again and charged with assaulting Sir Morgan O'Connell, Bart., of Lake View.

District Inspector O'Bierne prosecuted, and Mr. Murphy, LL.B., defended.

Sir Morgan O'Connell, sworn deposed that James Connor was brought before him the first time when in bed. He now saw him in daylight for the first time. He had no doubt whatever that he was the man who rushed at him with the uplifted step. With regard to the next prisoner, John Connor, Sir Morgan said—When I made the first deposition my impression was that he cycled up. I now do not believe this. The other prisoner, James Murphy, I did not see him doing anything.

The witness was cross-examined at considerable length.

Father Costelloe stated that when he came on after performing the marriage ceremony he found the wedding party pulled up on the road, and Sir Morgan O'Connell sitting down near his motor covered about the head and neck with blood. The prisoner Murphy was there, he thought, but would not swear it. A girl and a man appeared to be trying to keep back the assailants.

Dr. McSweeney described the wounds on Sir Morgan O'Connell, and the Court adjourned till Saturday.

KILWORTH CAMP.

Proposed Important Extension.

During the past few days the War Office authorities have been busy negotiating with the tenants of lands in the Araglen district with the view of extending the present Kilworth Camp for the purposes of an artillery range. It is believed that about 6,000 acres of land will be affected by the proposed extension, and the tenants will have the option of selling their interest outright, or receiving a payment as compensation for injury done during the manœuvring season.

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The coffin, on which were placed many autumn flowers and wreaths of remembrance and regard, was carried from its temporary resting place, almost fronting the late Canon's stall, draped in black for the occasion, to the newly-made grave, south of the Cathedral, and where so many notable citizens of Limerick rest. The grave was lined with flowers, and the Bishop, the clergy and the laity moved in processional order to the graveside, the choir as the remains were lowered singing, "Now the Labourer's task is o'er." Several wreaths were laid on the grave, and at the close of the religious ceremony, after the Committal Service was read by the Dean, the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

The chief mourners at the funeral were—Mrs. Luther (widow), Miss Luther (daughter) G. F. Dixon (brother-in-law), Miss Dixon, and Major H. J. Luther (nephew).

The clergy present were—The Bishop (Right Rev. Dr. Orpen), Dean O'Brien, Archdeacon Gabbett, Rev. Precentor Adderley, Rev. Chancellor Hackett, Rev. Canon Haydn (Treasurer), Canons Vance, Langbridge, McClean, Robertson, Bradley, and Lynch (Diocese of Cusheal and Emly), and Canon Gillespie (Diocese of Killaloe), Rev. T. F. Abbott (Precentor), Rev. J. T. Waller, Rev. H. A. H. Orpen, Rev. R. J. Colthurst, Rev. W. Keillor, Rev. G. L. Swain, Rev. G. C. Phair, Rev. F. G. Reid (Kilfinane), Rev. R. H. Semple.

Canon Atkinson and Ross-Lewin were unavoidably prevented from being present.

The laity included—Wm. Holliday, City High Sheriff, G. E. Farmer, Wm. M. Beauchamp, R. T. Lavery, F. St. C. Hobson, B. Barrington, solr., C. H. Fitt, S. Winter, P. R. Toppin, Gubbins, J. G. Kelly, J.P.; H. Lefroy, J. Hickman Shine, Joseph E. Galbraith, W. Croston, H. Russell, — Russell, T. Gale, W. Gale, J. Burrows, John Russell, Michael Ryan, J. J. Shine, W. Smith, A. Shire, J. Rowe, E. G. Fitt, W. B. Fitt, J. Stack, P. Kinevane, P. Henihan, M. Connell, J. Waugh, T. A. Ferguson, P. J. McGrath, E. Christy, P. McNamara, M. McNamara, Captain Verschoyle, F. J. Gleeson, J. C. T. Day, Courtenay Croker, Sir Alexander Shaw, T. Auchmuty, Dr. Long, G. Baldwin, T. Wall, R. Lee, John Heath, T. H. Brett, J. P. Rahilly, James Flynn, J. Hill, E. C. Winter, V.S.

The following is a list of wreaths—"From this devoted wife and little Theodora," "From all at Glenview," Mrs. Adderley, Miss Croker, Mr. and Mrs. Hickson, Mr. and Mrs. Burley Shine, Mrs. John Hunt, the Misses Dixon, Mr. Robert Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dixon, Mr. Harman Dixon, Mr. Cecil Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Dixon, The Bishop and Miss Orpen, Mr. and Mrs. Grene Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Muspratt, Mr. P. O'Donnell, Mr. W. Hall, Mrs. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Hurley and family, Mrs. Creaghe, Mrs. Lawford, Miss Hunt, the Maids of Cahernarry, Dr. A. V. Shine, the Orphan Girls, "In very grateful remembrance," Canon C. V. and Mrs. Atkinson, Kilpeacon Rectory, "Theodora," Mr. J. Hickman Shine, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, the Dean and Mrs. O'Brien, the Committee of the Limerick Protestant Orphan Society, Miss Kathleen Harding.

Several carriages were also sent, and the funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Henihan and Co.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Limerick Board of Guardians,

At Limerick Board of Guardians yesterday. Mr. Rahilly proposed the following:—"That we, the Limerick Board of Guardians, have heard with profound regret of the death of the Rev. Canon Luther, who was for very many years, Protestant Rector of Cahernarry Parish; his sympathy and christian charity towards the poor in the district in which he lived endeared him to the entire community whose expressions of regret amply testify to the relations that existed between the Catholic community and the deceased rev. gentleman; to his relatives we tender our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement, and we direct our Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to his widow." The resolution was seconded unanimously, and the Board then adjourned.

Clare Street Temperance Club.

At a meeting of the Clare Street Workingmen's Temperance Club last night, on the motion of Mr. James Connors, seconded by Mr. John Lyons, a vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. Luther on the death of her husband, the late Canon Luther,

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Mr. P. T. Liston, solr., as a practitioner in the Glin Petty Sessions Court, intimated his concurrence in the desire of the magistrates for the change, but instead of the Court being held as suggested on the third Thursday of every month it should be on the third Monday in order that it should not clash with Sessions held at other places adjacent.

His Honor—Has anybody anything else to say about the application? What do the police think?

District Inspector Smith said he agreed with the application.

Mr. F. Fitzgerald, J.P., proposed, and Mr. S. Pegum, J.P., seconded, that the requisition be entertained.

There being no amendment, the proposition was agreed to, and the change it suggested made.

The Grand Jury having found bills in the cases sent up for consideration, were discharged.

LICENSING BUSINESS.

The following applications for certificates for the confirmation of Excoise licences were granted:—Kate Ambrose, Ardagh; Michael O'Regan, Mainstreet, Rathkeale; Patrick L. O'Sullivan, Shanagolden; Thomas Roche, Main-street, Rathkeale; John Scallan, Maiden-street, Newcastle West.

In the case of Annie M. Cahill who applied for a confirmation of the certificate granted to her at the January sessions to trade at Bridge street Newcastle West, the police opposed the application on the grounds that the applicant had not traded, and had assigned her interests in the premises to another.

Mr. P. T. Liston, solicitor, appeared for the applicant, and having heard the evidence,

His Honor said he would rule as a matter of law that the applicant had not a license, and she was not therefore entitled to a confirmation of the certificate she sought. He ruled in that way without taking the opinion of the magistrates.

TRANSFERS GRANTED.

Transfers were granted to the following:—Samuel V. Bucknell, Main street, Glin; James Dalton, Shanagolden; Maurice J. Horan, The Square, Dromcollogher; John Kelly, Ashford, and Phillip McGrath, Athea.

With reference to the application of Patrick Dooley, Bishop street, Newcastle West, for a confirmation of the transfer of the license assigned to him,

District Inspector Beirne opposed on the four statutable grounds.

Mr. D. F. J. Sherlock (instructed by Mr. P. T. Liston, solicitor), appeared in support of the application.

He examined the publican to show that the premises were properly assigned to him, and were suitable in every way for carrying on the business.

The evidence of the police was to the effect the place was positively unsuited for the carrying on of a licensing trade. It was not enclosed as it should be, and was adjacent to a house which was utilised as the medium through which an illicit trade was plied on Sunday and after hours. The late holder of the license had been convicted several times for breaches of the Licensing Laws. By a majority the Bench granted the application.

NEW LICENCES.

John Aherne applied for a new hotel licence at Athea.

Mr. P. Kelly (instructed by Mr. D. Leahy, solicitor), appeared for the applicant, and stated that it was a very good sign of the times to see on the licensing paper that day applications for three hotel licences. The application was brought under the Act of 1902, which gave the magistrates power to grant these licences, provided the applicants had conformed to the provisions of that statute.

The applicant was examined, and stated that there was a great necessity for a licensed hotel in Athea. He had letters from several travellers complaining of the want of accommodation in this respect. He was able to provide everything that was required for a hotel, and hoped to give satisfaction.

District Inspector Foley cross-examined the applicant, to show that the place did not come within the requirements of the Act of Parliament. There were not sufficient rooms and

Limerick people, and Mr. Limerick presided at the splendid programme opened with a duet by Miss O'Hea and Mr. Irene Ainsley's rich and beautiful voice sang with all due sweetness, and in reply contributed "Mattinata O'Mara" next appeared, and accorded a rousing receipt house, and for some minutes he was in notes, "clear as a bell," effect in Handel's spirited "Alarm," which he sang bravely, it brought down the vociferous re-demand which was also heartily solo "Sonata A. ma Norah O'Hea, followed lady in this and the other later on, "Barcarolle" (complete mastery of the touch, characteristic expression, and fullness heartily applauded, as she W. Dever sang "W. Godfrey), and soon favourite, his very the composition, elic encore, in reply to ever popular "Father O In answer to further very pleasing little Irish pleasing and attractively beautiful soprano did "Window," the interpret admired and won for stunted praise. Mr. Joseph the house beyond me sympathetic, and exp "Oh, Lovely Night Birth-day," a very both by London was, of course, not to again delighted the he "The Heather Glen." consisted of a performance two acts of "Il Trov Evans as "Leonora," "Azucena," Mr. William Luna," and Mr. Joseph All the parts were excellently encored, and Mr. Herbert left nothing to be desired. To-night another attraction presented, the first performance (a rare treat) was and Delilah." We anticipate the concert arranged by Messrs. McCarthy &

THE HALS

Lord Halsbury writes: Will you allow me to say in a specific manner that as I know, or any single party by any disloyalty to party? We desire Unionists, whatever view of the events of last August, to bring the Unionist cause to the

on the question of a public, he said twelve licensed houses population of two or three. Sergeant Miltor e Athea well, and as if was no necessity for licensed houses there. His Honor said that had not brought him Act. However he who he had heard the other Thomas Leahy also license at Athea.

Mr. P. Kelly (inst solr.) appeared for the

The evidence submitted in support of the application was the same

In reply to the court the ten rooms in his house

District Inspector Leahy His Honor held that no jurisdiction to grant

Mr. Kelly withdrew. Michael J. Walsh hotel license at Dromcollogher

Mr. J. Condon, applicant, and pointed out that he was one of the most prominent men in the county. At present he was in possession of the house, and hoped to convince the court that he had complied with the law.

The applicant was cross-examined by the applicant's counsel, and was asked to produce evidence in support of his claim.

His Honor held that in the circumstances Mr. Condon was not entitled to a license.