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A BOTTLE OF PRUSSIC ACID

Sensational Story of Blazing Car Deaths

SUICIDE PACT?

Evidence at the Inquest To-day

Sensations were provided at the inquest to-day on the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Howitt Marshall, of South Mills Farm, Burnham, near Bedford, who were found in a blazing motor car on a lonely road near their home.

A chemist gave evidence of selling a bottle of prussic acid to Mr. Marshall, who said he wanted to kill a dog.

It will be remembered that a revolver was found near the scene, and the police have now advanced the theory that Mr. Marshall committed suicide in the car.

VISIT TO THE CHEMIST.

Evidence of Purchase of Poison

Mr. J. H. Lloyd, chemist, of Bedford, was the first witness called to-day when the inquest was resumed at Blunham on Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, victims of the blazing car mystery.

He stated that on September 9, the day of the occurrence, Mr. Marshall called at the shop and asked for some poison to kill a cowman's dog.

Witness supplied him with one ounce of Scheeles prussic acid.

Mr. Marshall signed the poison book, which was produced in court, and the entry read.

Answering questions, witness said he should say one-eighth of an ounce of prussic acid was sufficient to take a person's life. Prussic acid would kill a dog in half a minute. Mr. Marshall had never purchased prussic acid from witness before.

A SURPRISE.

Counsel for the executors said this evidence had been sprung on him as a surprise, as did counsel representing the other parties.

The coroner explained that it had only arisen since last night.

Witness stated that he sold the poison in an amber coloured bottle and he thought the colour would remain with heat.

A sensation was provided when Inspector Goodwin produced some pieces of yellow coloured glass which he said he found in the debris.

Asked if it was anything like the amber coloured glass of the poison bottle, witness replied that it was much lighter. If it was melted and mixed with other molten glass witness would expect to find the amber much diluted.

PETROL INSIDE.

Mr. Alfred Wright, of General Motors, Ltd., gave evidence that from the appearances of the car now it would be consistent with petrol having been poured on the inside, and set alight from the inside.

Asked whether it would be consistent with Mr. Marshall having deliberately set fire to the car, witness replied:—"That is difficult to answer. It would be consistent with somebody setting fire to it."

Witness added he had never seen a car so completely burned out, and agreed it was not impossible for a modern car to become self-ignited.

CAR ON SIDEWALK

Court Sequel to Grafton Street Mishap

GIRL IN HOSPITAL

In the District Court, before Mr. Collins, K.C., to-day, **Bernard Gray**, Homeville, Glasnevin, commercial traveller, was charged with having driven a motor car, the property of Messrs. Cantrell and Cochrane, recklessly and negligently and in a manner dangerous to the public in Grafton St. between 4 and 5 o'clock p.m. yesterday, knocking down and injuring Miss Tessie Jennings, a maid employed at the Grosvenor Hotel, Westland Row, who was subsequently treated and detained a patient in Mercer's Hospital.

He was further charged with having also knocked down Mrs. Ellen Cockerton, 25 Arbor Hill; Mrs. William Jones, 27 Moore St., and John Crofts, 14 Merchant's Quay, slightly injuring them.

In addition he was charged with damaging the lefthand mud guard of a motor car driven by Mr. Edward M. Murphy, C.E., 51 Northumberland Rd., with the front wheel of his car.

Mr. Mayne, solr., appeared for the defendant.

Inspector Ryan, College Street Station, stated that when the defendant was brought to the station by Guard Nugent (66 B), and charged and cautioned, he said he was driving the car from his own place along Duke Street into Grafton Street, and on turning into Wicklow Street, when he tried to avoid another motor car, the clutch of his car did not swing as he wanted.

Mr. Edward Murphy stated that when approaching Grafton Street from Wicklow Street in his car he saw a girl falling from the kerb and the defendant's car on the footpath at West's, coming straight for his car. The defendant's car struck and smashed the left rear mudguard, and the girl was pinned under the defendant's car when they lifted her up and released her. The defendant's car was going at a speed of 8 or 10 miles an hour, and appeared to be entirely out of control.

Mr. Collins remarked that the defective car appeared to have injured four people.

Inspector Ryan—Three sustained minor injuries, and one is in hospital.

Cross-examined by Mr. Maguire, the witness said the first he saw of the accident was the girl falling.

Mr. Maguire—Did you see anything which led up to the accident?—Nothing at all. I saw the car coming through the people on the kerb.

The defendant was remanded till the 7th October, and admitted to bail in £20 surety.

LORD MAYOR'S ADVICE.

Judges and Matters Extraneous to Legal Issue.

Alderman Percival Bower, Labour Lord Mayor of Birmingham, in extending a welcome to delegates attending the annual provincial meeting of the Law Society to-day, commented upon the fact that judges and magistrates took advantage of their position to express opinions on economics and other matters.

He denounced it as a gross abuse of their position to lecture either party in a case on matters extraneous to the legal issue.

ROAD ACCIDENTS

Three Boys Run Down by Motor Bus

GLASGOW COLLISION

Three boys, while returning from a picnic last night, were run down by a motor bus near Clarkston, Renfrewshire, one being killed and the other two being seriously injured. The victim was George Bedford, aged 13, of Caledonia Road, Glasgow. Five passengers on the bus complained of shock and minor injuries.

The driver was taken into custody, and at to-day's court was remanded for inquiries.

An accident involving injuries to 15 persons occurred in the East End of Glasgow this morning. A motor lorry carrying potato harvesters to a farm was in collision with another motor lorry near Shettleston, the

FORCE OF THE IMPACT

throwing all the occupants on to the highway.

A motor bus arrived soon afterwards, and the driver and passengers went to the assistance of the injured and conveyed them to the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

All were bleeding and bruised, and several had fractured limbs. One had sustained a broken collar-bone

The harvesters were mostly young men and women from the Airdrie district.

Both vehicles were badly damaged, but each driver escaped with a few scratches. No fatal result is anticipated, although six of the injured are reported to be seriously hurt.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Ex-D.M.P. Man Collapses in Ranelagh To-Day.

This morning the Rathmines ambulance, in response to a call, proceeded Ranelagh where they found an elderly well-dresed man lying apparently dead on the footpath.

He was conveyed to the Meath Hospital, where life was pronounced to be extinct.

Death is believed to be due to heart failure.

The body has been identified as that of **Wm. Montgomery** (64), of Lr. Beechwood Avenue, an ex-member of the D.M.P.

Deceased, who was employed as an attendant in the Museum, was proceeding to his work in the ordinary course this morning when he became suddenly ill and collapsed on the Ranelagh Rd. and expired almost immediately.

The death took place last evening suddenly in Mills' Hall of Mrs. Raybould (72), of 56 Oaklands Park, Sandymount.

At Belmullet Court, before Mr. Guy, D.J., decrees were obtained against practically every householder in Inniskea for loans obtained from the C.D. Board to purchase fishing gear. The cases were undefended. In several similar cases against residents in Porturlin district, on the mainland, Mr. Huggard, solicitor, for the defence, asked for an adjournment, as the circumstances of these fishermen was so bad and they were all so very poor they were at present unable to pay. He intended to petition for reasonable time to enable the defendants pay by instalments. The cases were adjourned to the November sitting.

TYPHOON'S HAVOC

Feared Heavy Loss of Life

FLEET MISSING

Macao, Monday.

A typhoon occurred here this morning and raged the whole day long.

The entire fleet of deep sea fishing junks has not returned, and it is feared that the majority of the boats foundered with heavy loss of life.

Comparatively little damage was done on the shore.

INFLUENCE OF THE PRESS.

General Primo de Rivera on Work of National Assembly.

(Reuter Cablegram.)

Madrid, Monday.

General Primo de Rivera, speaking to a Press representative about the National Assembly which, specially selected so as to represent all classes of the population, is to be convoked within a month or two, declared "it will have to tackle and settle the great problems of national reconstitution, economic equilibrium, and others, and do preliminary work which will ultimately be submitted to a Parliament of a structure and electoral system determined by the Assembly itself.

"Among the matters to be considered by the Assembly will be in particular the Press law. To that I attach exceptional importance,

the influence of the Press on the education, direction and prestige of all countries being enormous. Whatever of good or evil is in peoples is almost entirely due to it.

"I am confident that the Assembly will bring to light sufficient ability, character, and determination for the sovereign to have at his disposal an

ELITE OF NEW MEN

from among whom he can choose his ministers. The time for raising the question of confidence will be logically when the Assembly has terminated its mandate, which would seem likely to be three years hence—or perhaps before, should it seem advisable or his Majesty desire it.

"As has already been intimated, I shall not head the future Cabinet, but will hold some military post corresponding with my rank,

and shall not intervene absolutely in politics nor shall I aspire to play the part of a second moderating power as happily there are plenty of other capable of doing that."

BUYING IN GOLD.

Bank of France Offer Attracts Eager Crowds.

(Reuter Telegram.)

Paris, Tuesday.

Eager crowds literally besieged the provincial branches of the Banque de France, as in the capital itself, to avail themselves of the bank's offer to buy gold and silver at a fixed price.

According to the "Matin" the cashier's desks were swarmed, and at Lyons there were many who could not get near the counter.

So great was the rush at Nancy that steps had to be taken to control the crowd.

WANHSIEN INCIDENT.

Chinese Foreign Minister Urges Local Negotiations.

Peking, Tuesday.

According to a Peking message, Admiral Tsai Ting Kon, the Foreign Minister, declared in an interview that it was desirable that negotiations arising out of the Wanhsien incident should be conducted locally between the Chinese Commissioner of Foreign Affairs and the British Consul at Ichang.

As regards the imposition of surtaxes by the Canton Government, if the proposed taxation were put into force without the Premier's approval the Canton Government would naturally be held responsible for the consequences. The Foreign Minister feared that such a move might possibly affect the other provinces, particularly Fengtien and Chekiang.—Reuter.

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

Belgian Treasury Minister Leaves For Paris.

(Reuter Telegram.)

Brussels, Tuesday.

M. Franqui, Minister of the Treasury, accompanied by the financial expert, M. Gutt, left for Paris this morning.

WHAT'S ON TO-NIGHT.

THEATRES.

Gaiety—"Katja the Dancer," 7.45.
Royal—Revue: "Encore," 6.45 and 9.0.
Olympia—Revue: "No Waiting," 7 and 9.
Queen's—Revue: "Tasty Bits," 7 and 9.
Abbey—"Apartments" and "Two Shepherds," 8.

CINEMAS.

Metropole—"The Duke's Motto."
La Scala—"The Shock Punch."
Grand Central—"Red Heels."
Corinthian—"The Son of the Sheik."
Carlton—"Stella Maris."
Grafton—"The Outsider."
Pillar—"Bucking the Truth."
Princess—"Havoc."
Sackville—"Street of Forgotten Men."
Stella—"Forbidden Paradise."
Bohemian—"The Only Way."
De Luxe—"Unseen Forces."

PRICE OF MEAT

What Butcher Pays and Charges

COST OF LIVING

Evidence at Food Prices Commission

A sitting of the Commission on Food Prices was held to-day at 5 Ely Place, Dublin, Senator S. L. Brown, K.C., Chairman, presiding.

Evidence was taken first of all on the method adopted by auditors in auditing the accounts, not only of ordinary firms which are not companies, but also of limited companies, and on the nature of the certificates which must be given.

Mr. W. A. Davy, of Messrs. Craig, Gardner and Son, was examined regarding the profit and loss account and the trading account of a trader engaged in the victualling business in the city. The gross profit for the year ended 31st March, 1925, in this case was 13.88 per cent. on the total sales and the net profit on sales was 2.4 per cent. The rate of gross profit for the year ended 31st March, 1924, was 15.22 per cent. and the net profit was 4.5.

NEARLY DOUBLED.

Chairman—That is, the net profit nearly doubled, although the gross profit only went up one-sixth?—That is because the expenses don't bear the same ratio. Expenses are more or less stable in business of this kind.

So that if it were carried on on a larger scale you would probably make a larger net profit?—Yes.

Mr. E. Burns, of the firm of Burns, Griffin and Co., agreed substantially with the figures quoted in the evidence of the last witness.

Mr. C. Meehan, who conducts a victualling business at Rathmines Terrace, stated he had been trading for 16 years.

Chairman—What classes of customer do you cater for—any of the ordinary working class?—It is a mixed trade.

The witness produced tables relating to his trading in a week in the month of October, 1925 and May 1926. In the week ending October 31, 1925 he purchased 5 cattle for £107 4s., the dead weight cost being 9¾d. per lb., the purchase price of mutton in the same period being 1s. 1d. per lb. dead weight. In the week ending, May 1, 1926 he purchased 4 cattle, the dead weight working out at 11¼d. per lb., sheep for the same period being 1s. 1d. per lb. dead weight.

The average retail prices for these weeks were represented by:—Ribs, 1s. 2d. to 1s. 6d.; sirloin, 1s. 6d. to 1s. 8d.; round steak, 1s. 8d.; rib, 1s. to 1s. 2d.; brisket, (fresh), 1s.; corned, 9d. to 10d.

THE DEAREST TIME.

The witness stated that the price of beef live weight in May of the present year was 52s. per cwt., as against 47s. in October, 1925. This was the dearest and scarcest time of the year.

The Chairman—Is there any sort of practice in your business as to altering your prices in accordance with the alteration in the price of the live weight?—There is.

Replying further to the Chairman the witness stated that in October of last year the live weight price of cattle per cwt. was 47s. If they thought that the 52s. per cwt. was going to last, they would be justified in raising the price a penny a pound, but at that time of the year (May) they could not raise the price of coarse meat—only fine meat.

Chairman—Therefore, it would be the richer customer who would have his price increased?—Well, yes. As the hot weather comes along it becomes difficult to sell the coarser parts.

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FALL IN PRICES.

What difference in the price of liveweight which is going to last some little time would justify you in raising it?—The difference in these two prices would justify it.

Twelve shillings?—Yes.

And I suppose, like other businesses, you would keep it up till prices came down?—Yes.

How long would it be before you lowered it?—It would not drop from 52s. to 47s. It would take it some time. If we saw meat coming down gradually and thought it might come down to 52s. and further we would be justified, and would reduce it.

Taking the price of mutton, the chairman observed that prices in May of this year were lower for sheep than in the previous October. He asked were the sheep better or worse.

Witness—They were about the same price then. It dropped about 1½d.

The Chairman said that what occurred to him was that the difference of 1½d. in the dead weight was not represented by a reduction in retail prices. What struck him in regard to the retail prices of beef, without having some explanation, was that

the fall in prices between May, 1926, and the present time was hardly represented in the lowered retail prices.

Witness said that the fall in the price of cattle had been gradual from 59s., and it began, roughly, about the middle or end of June.

Chairman—It has been practically a steady fall from June?—Yes, around 5ts.

IN SOME CASES.

Hasn't it been steady enough since June to warrant you reducing the retail prices?

—Well, as I have told you, we have in cases reduced prices.

Our trade is a very difficult trade. The weather has a good deal to do with it. A good deal of the time we have to sell at prices that don't represent fair prices.

The Chairman, referring to particulars before him said that a beast weighing 4 cwt. 3 qrs. and 14lbs. had cost £21 dead weight. The dead weight price to the purchaser worked out at 9¼, and he got for the offal £2 3s. 7d., which was 9.5 of a penny. A sheep weighing 78lbs. cost the purchaser £3 11s., and the offal worked out at 11s. 3d., the purchaser therefore getting practically 1d. per lb. more than the retail price for each lb. dead weight when he took the offal into account.

The witness, answering further questions, agreed there had been some reduction in the cost of living, but wages had remained.

The minimum wage for a journeyman butcher was £4 per week. He employed a vanman at 50s., and messengers from 25s. to 32s. 6d.

In answer to Mr. McAuliffe, he estimated the pre-war price of ribs of beef at 8d. to 9d. per lb.; sirloin, 10d.; rib steak, 6d. to 7d.; shoulder of beef, 5d. to 6d. Generally speaking, the price of meat had doubled since pre-war

MORE SHOPS.

Is there any increase in the number of people in that business in your vicinity since the war?—Yes.

Is the increase out of proportion to the increase in the population of that district?—Yes, there are more shops and more employes.

How do you account for that?—Shorter hours, and the fact that meat has to be cut in smaller joints. The tendency now is that people buy these joints daily. People like to get meat every day.

How do you account for a bigger number of butchers setting up in your area?—During the war, when things were dearer, there was not the same tendency to open shops. But since then more people have

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CASHIER'S DEATH

Body Found in French Doctor's Cupboard

LIKE FILM SERIAL

(Reuter Telegram.)

Paris, Tuesday.

The examination of Dr. Bougrat, who has been detained for more than a year in connection with the finding in a walled-up cupboard in his laboratory of the body of a cashier name Rumebe, is somewhat like a cinema film. It is carried out in episodes, the magistrate hearing so much of the story per day.

The latest episode deals with Rumebe's visit to Dr. Bougrat on March 14, 1925. Dr. Bougrat, describing the fatal day, said that he received Rumebe at 9 o'clock. His patient remained only five minutes, just the time necessary for the hypodermic injection, which formed part of his treatment, to be administered.

At midday Dr. Bougrat noticed that he had no more cyanure, and sent one of his servants to fetch this. He lunched at 1 o'clock, returning to his consulting room about 2.15. A few minutes later Rumebe returned. He was hot, and

HELD SOME PAPERS

in his hand. Flinging off his coat, he recounted in broken tones that he had been robbed of a sum of 9,000 francs which he had with him in a wallet, and which was intended for the pay of the workers of the firm with which he was employed.

Dr. Bougrat declared that Rumebe begged him to lend him 9,000 francs. Dr. Bougrat offered 3,500 francs, all he had in the house, but this was refused. Rumebe also refused to lodge a complaint at the police station. Dr. Bougrat then decided to go out to see if he could get the sum which Rumebe required. Before leaving he told his servants that there was someone in his consulting room.

At this point Dr. Bougrat's recital of the tragedy was suspended. The next episode will deal with Rumebe's death.

TRAIN SMASH TRIAL.

Australian Driver and Guard Acquitted.

(Reuter Cablegram.)

Melbourne, Tuesday.

The engine driver and the guard of the electric train which crashed into the rear of another train as it was leaving Caulfield station on May 26 last, with the result that two persons were killed and thirty injured, have been acquitted.

PRINCESS REMARRIES.

Widow of Ex-Kaiser's Youngest Son.

(Reuter Cablegram.)

Berlin, Tuesday.

Princess Joachim of Prussia, widow of the ex-Kaiser's youngest son, Prince Joachim, who committed suicide in 1920, was married yesterday to Reichsfreiherr Johann Michael Van Loen, only son of the Court Marshal of Anhalt, Hans Von Loen.

Princess Joachim was born a princess of Anhalt.

HOLDING UP CASHIER.

Accused Man Returned for Trial.

In the Dublin District Court to-day, **Thomas Kirwan**, 19 John Dillon St., was returned for trial to the Circuit Court by Mr. Collins, K.C., charged on remand in connection with the holding up of Miss Eileen Coyne, cashier in the employment of Messrs. Fallon and Callinan, Lr. Bridge St. He was allowed bail in £300 surety.

Det.-Officer O'Connor, who had charge of the case, said the accused had been allowed out on bail to assist the police, but the assistance was not given.

Mr. E. H. Burne, solicitor, defending, said he told the police who the parties were. He gave them their last known address, where he believed they could be found.

Det.-Officer O'Connor—He told us

A LOT OF LIES.

From the start we have received no help from the accused, and I am instructed to apply for increased bail.

Mr. Collins said he had seen the difficulty the police had in this case. It was a very difficult job, and he was not going to embarrass them further.

The bail was fixed at the amount mentioned.

Strike in Portuguese Colony.—A Reuter Lisbon telegram says the Governor of the Territories of the Mosambigul Company has declared a state of siege in consequence of a of a strike there, and has banished three strike leaders. The postal, telegraphic, and Customs employes are giving no support to the strikers.

DUBLIN "CAT" BURGLARS

Three Youths Arrested and Charged To-day

STORY OF THE "JOB"

One Who Had Property on Him

A sequel to the operations of "cat" burglars in Grafton St., Dublin, last week-end was provided in the Dublin District Court to-day.

Three youths were brought up and remanded, charged with conspiring for the purpose of committing burglary in the city.

One of them, who is described as a "ticket-of-leave" man, was found to have some of the stolen property in his possession when arrested in Mary St. yesterday.

SHOPS ENTERED.

Man Who Fell Through Skylight.

Before Mr. Collins, K.C., in the District Court to-day,

William Lawlor (25),
Nicholas O'Reilly (23), and
Michael Collins (25),

were charged with conspiring for the purpose of committing burglary.

Lawlor was described as a convict on licence, and all as of "no fixed residence."

It was alleged that pursuant to the conspiracy the accused broke into the lock-up draper's shop of Margaret Brennan, 22 Grafton St., by climbing a ten-feet wall on to the roof and pulling down an unsecured window.

All that was missing from the shop was 5s. in silver and copper, £4 worth of insurance stamps, and a white linen cover, value 10s.

The place was ransacked on Friday night last.

The accused were further charged with having broken into the fancy and antique lock-up shop, 23 Grafton St., belonging to Mr. W. V. Frekes, by crossing over the roof of No. 22 adjoining. Two panes of glass were broken in the skylight.

The goods missing included a paste pendant, value £4 4s., a string of pearls, 12 dozen of gipsy coins, 5 serviettes, 2 candlesticks, and 2 ash trays—all value for about £11.

They were charged, in addition, with breaking into No. 25 Grafton St., belonging to Messrs. Scully, Ltd., drapers, and pushing open a sash and stealing £2 10s. 2d. in cash.

FOUND RANSACKED.

Evidence was given by witnesses from the different establishments mentioned to the effect that the shops were secured on Friday night at closing time, and found ransacked in the morning.

Det.-Officer Sherlock said that between 6 and 6.30 p.m. yesterday he met Lawlor in Mary Street, and on taking him into a hall he asked him what he had got in his pockets.

On searching him he found a box containing the coins missing from Frekes and six strings of pearls and two brooches.

Asked to account for these things, Lawlor replied that he got them from a man in the street, but refused to give his name.

Collins and O'Reilly were subsequently arrested, but nothing was found on them.

Collins made a statement to the police in which he said that on Friday last he met Lawlor in Grafton Street. "He asked me if anyone lived in Scully's, Frekes, or Brennan's.

"He said he thought it would be a 'cop.' He asked me if I would go with him on the job.

"I said I wouldn't. He then said, 'I'll do it myself if I don't get anyone.

"On the Saturday I saw it in the papers about the jobs in Grafton Street, and I knew he did it. I met Lawlor at 3 o'clock to-day (yesterday) in Grafton Street. He told me he carried off the jobs in Scully's, Brennan's, and Frekes, and he had some jewellery and he was going to sell it. I didn't see him since.

"COUPLE OF BOB."

"At 7 o'clock to-night I met Nicholas Reilly in South King St. He asked me did I see Billy Lawlor. I said I did not. He told me if I seen him he was to wait for him at the fountain on the Green at 10.30 p.m.

"Reilly asked me did I read in the papers about the three jobs in Grafton Street, and I said I did. He said I am going to Abbey Street to see if I can get a couple of bob. He told me not to forget to tell Billy to wait.

"Lawlor told me to-day th Reilly fell through the glass and broke three panes in Frekes, and then they both got through."

REMAND FOR A WEEK.

Det.-Sergt. Stephen Lynch said that when charged and cautioned, Lawlor said he would reserve his defence. Reilly said he knew nothing about it. Collins said he was not there at all.

The accused were remanded for a week.

SELFISH PHILOSOPHY.

Motto of Youth Who was Sent to Jail for Theft.

"All I want I take; that which I have I hold."

A 17-years-old butcher's assistant, who when arrested was found to be carrying a note-book with this motto inside, received a sentence of six months' imprisonment at Newcastle to-day.

He was John James Pullen, and several charges against him of robbery with violence on Newcastle town moor were reduced to charges of larceny. He had been frequenting the moor between February and September and committing the offences.

SPREADERS OF DISEASE.

Lambs' Feet That Are Not "As White As Snow."

"The time has come for drastic action to rid the meat trade of the vile practice of leaving the feet upon dressed lambs," said Mr. Dickinson, of Newcastle, in a livel ydebate at the National Federation of the Meat Traders' Association Conference at Scarborough to-day.

"Nothing," he added, "is more calculated to carry germs and spread disease than the filthy accretion that gathers betwixt the toes of lambs."

Mr. Chatterton, of Manchester, said lambs' feet picked up microbes on the way to slaughter. They were hung in the shop without being disinfected. The flies were attracted by them, and, after exploring the shop, did their damnedest in the house before they were drowned in the milk. Ptomaine poisoning or some other disease was possibly the result.

A motion was passed unanimously condemning the practice of leaving the feet on dressed lambs, and pledging the conference to use every endeavour to abolish the custom.

TRAGEDY OF HASTE.

Bricklayer's Fall From Ladder In Dinner-Hour Rush.

While working on a new building in Haymarket, London, on Friday, Albert Jack Hold, aged 20, a bricklayer, of Camden Town, on hearing the dinner-time whistle blown, made an effort to get down a ladder from the fifth floor before another workman. Slipping, he fell to the ground floor, and was instantly killed.

A verdict of "accidental death" was recorded at the inquest at Westminster to-day.

Coventry's Progress—Coventry City Council to-day accepted a tender amounting to over half a million pounds for electricity works extension, and in view of the proposed large extension of the municipal area decided to purchase the gas works of the Kenilworth Gas Company.

FORMER ARMY CLERK.

Returned For Trial on Fraud Charge.

In the District Court to-day, **Brendan Harrington**, of 10 Paradise Street, described as formerly a clerk in the Free StateArmy Pay Department, was returned for trial to the Circuit Court by Mr. Collins, K.C., charged with having between February and October, 1925, obtained from Mr. Farley, publican, Stephen's Green, the sum of £63 18s. by means of forged pay orders.

Mr. Farley stated that the defendant cashed 22 pay orders, which he believed were for his mother.

Captain Canon, of the Army Pay Department, Portobello Barracks, said he believed the forged signatures to the pay orders (produced) were written by the defendant, with whose handwriting

HE WAS FMAILIAR,

the defendant having been a sergeant in the Army Pay Department in 1923.

Detective-officer O'Connor stated that in 1923 the dicendant made a claim in respect of his mother, who was in an asylum. He was granted an allowance of £1 8s. a week; and, not satisfied with drawing that sum, he used to draw £5 some weeks and £10 other weeks. At the end of 12 months the bank notified Mr. Farley that he was indebted to them in the sum og £63 18s., and that aroused his suspicion.

The defendant was admitted to bail in £100 security.

THE TANGIER ZONE.

Rumoured Italo-Spanish Naval Demonstration.

(Reuter Telegram.)

Gibraltar, Tuesday.

According to a Tangier rumour, an Italo-Spanish naval demonstration is planned to take place there to-morrow in support of Spain's claim to full control over the Tangier zone. There would appear, however, to be no sufficient ground for crediting the report.

The Italian warships here, viz., the Pisa, flagship of Rear-Admiral Buryagli, and the Ferrucio, arrived last Thursday from Amsterdam. They are training cruisers that are on a normal summer cruise for the training of cadets, and inquiry here discloses that both are due to sail to-morrow for Barcelona, in accordance with a long-arranged programme. The fact that they might be expected to arrive here last Thursday was also known long in advance.

Lord Desborough's heir, the Hon. Ivo Grenfell, who was injured in a mishap to the motor car he was driving at Flimwell, Kent, was stated yesterday to be going on as well as could be expected, although his condition was still serious.

Nine persons were killed and 28 were injured in a collision between a Leigh Valley Railroad express and a train belonging to the Central Railroad of New Jersey at a crossing at Bethlehem (Pennsylvania) yesterday.—Reuter.