

On the motion of Mr Crean, seconded by Mr Barrett, it was decided to increase the salary of

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Listowel, Wednesday.

At the Courthouse here on yesterday the investigation into the charges preferred at the instance of the Crown against Richard Mathew Woulfe, alias Dan, Daniel Enright, alias John Corridan, John Dowds, and James O'Connor of Carrigroh on the 15th August, willfully murdered Michael Dillane, Kiltane, a Ballibunion, was resumed before the Hon. Mr. J. French, R.M. The Crown was represented by Mr. Wm Irwin, D.L. Listowel, and Mr. J. Creagh, solicitor, and the prisoners with the exception of John Dowds, who was represented by Mr. J. J. M'Elligott, solicitor.

Thomas Dillane, Kiltane, was the first witness examined, and in reply to District-Inspector Irwin deposed that he was a servant boy in the employment of the late Michael Dillane, and to the time of his death he was present at the residence of the deceased's farm at Kiltane. He remembered on the 17th March last meeting Matthew Woulfe (the prisoner) in town, and had a row with him.

Mr. Creagh objected to the witness being questioned regarding anything which occurred on the 17th March as irrelevant to the present charge.

Mr. Irwin said he was entitled to have evidence on anything that occurred between the witness and the prisoner connected with the deceased. The charge was a very serious one.

Mr. Creagh said it was nonsense charging the prisoner with murder. He contended that there should be some other evidence as to the occurrence of the 15th March and the 15th August.

The objection was overruled.

Continuing, witness stated that he went up to Matthew Woulfe, and asked him if he wanted to buyout him because he was working for Dillane, and Woulfe said that he wanted to interfere with Dillane and then to go about his business. Witness went secondly to Woulfe and was again told to go about his business. Witness then showed Woulfe and the latter showed witness. Woulfe said that the Dillanes were boycotted. He remembered the recent Parliamentary election and remembered the day before the polling taking place Dillane (the deceased) to Kiltane. They passed Matthew Woulfe on the road, and he (Woulfe) said to Dillane that he would not get the money he put in for. Witness understood the money referred to, to mean the amount of compensation sought for by Dillane for the malicious burning of his house.

Witness then remembered having told the District-Inspector on Sunday night last that Woulfe called Dillane a perjurer, but he recollects having said that Woulfe said to Dillane that he would not get the money he applied for.

Mr. Irwin said that the witness was hostile, and asked permission to cross-examine him, which was granted.

In cross-examination the witness adhered to his statement that he did not remember having told the District-Inspector that Woulfe called Dillane a perjurer.

Mr. Irwin said there was money going to the witnesses.

Mr. Creagh—That is how you get the witnesses.

In re-examination by Mr. Creagh, the witness stated he did not know that the rate-payers had traversed the granting of compensation to Dillane, but he heard that rate-payers opposed the application. On the 17th March when he had the row with Woulfe he admitted having some drink taken.

James Koss, Nulmeone, deposed that he raised the prostrate body of Dillane from the ground on the 15th August. In the crowd that was about the deceased at the time he did not see any of the prisoners.

Mrs. Mary M'Mahon, sister to the deceased, was next called, but did not answer to her name, and—

Mr. Irwin said he should ask for a remand to the woman's attendance, and also for the punishment of summary offence.

Mr. Creagh believed Mrs. M'Mahon's absence was only an excuse for a remand.

Sergeant Drohan, Ballibunion, called on, and informed that the witness was kept from attending.

Subsequently, Mrs. M'Mahon entered the court, and deposed, on the 15th ult., that she said Woulfe (identified) and some others, who, she could not say, were any of the prisoners—in a lane at the back of Mr. Kirby's hotel in Ballibunion. She could not say whether Woulfe was running or walking. She afterwards saw her brother at Roger Harty's. Sergeant Drohan, speaking to the witness, asked if she did not remember giving the names of any of the prisoners. She did not give the name of John Corridan to Sergeant Drohan.

Mr. Irwin then applied for a remand, which was, after some opposition from the prisoner's solicitors, granted.

An application by Mr. Creagh, to have the witness called up to the present, had not been connected by evidence with the occurrence discharged, was refused.

POLICE OFFICE—YESTERDAY.

(Before Mr. J. C. GARDINER, R.M.)

ASSAULT.

A woman named Mary Walsh was charged with having assaulted another woman named Mary Sullivan with a gallon measure in Fair Lane yesterday. It was proved that the accused asked the complainant for 2d which was due to her, and, not getting it, struck her with a tin gallon measure in her hand at the time. Walsh was also charged with having used obscene language on the same occasion. There were eight previous convictions against her, and she was fined 20s or 14 days for the assault, and 10s, or seven days, for the obscene language.

FALSE SUBSTITION.

An application was made by the police to discharge a female in custody, a woman named Marianne Condon, who was remanded five days ago on the charge of having tendered a base half-crown in a public-house in Cornmarket-street. No evidence had been obtained to sustain the charge, and the woman was ordered to be discharged. On being left out of custody she said that she would lose her situation now. Mr. Gardiner directed Sergeant Quirkstone of the Blackpool District, to ask for her reinstatement at the Flux Works.

SERIOUS ASSAULT.

Thomas Lehane was charged with having assaulted Dennis Murphy by striking him with a stone on the Watercourse-road. Murphy is at present detained in the North Infirmary for a fracture of the skull. Lehane said that he was going to the stone, and that he threw mineral water van when stones were thrown at but not by him. An application was made to remand for eight days, which was granted. Subsequently the prisoner's father appeared, and asked to have him admitted to bail, but bail was refused as Murphy's life is not yet out of danger.

ASSAULT.

Daniel Crowley was summoned for having assaulted a little girl named Murphy. From the evidence it appeared that the child was coming out of a shop in Fair-lane with a message when Crowley caught her and threw her down. Crowley, who did not appear, got a bad character and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

The Court then adjourned.

AN EMBARRASSED GAMBLER.

Brussels, Wednesday.

The contractor for the Ostend gaming house has addressed to the Burgomaster of that town a demand for the cancellation of his contract with that town, according to which he has to pay annually a sum of 311,550 francs for the privilege. On the other hand, it is affirmed that the judicial authorities have decided to continue the raids on the different casinos, and to make a clean sweep of the gamblers, (not