

THE NEWCOMEN BRIDGE MYSTERY

Official Account Issued from Dublin Castle Last Night

WHO SHOT GERAGHTY?

Bomb Explodes in Carriage Occupied by Escort

The shooting affair at Newcomen Bridge, North Strand, Dublin, on Friday night becomes more mysterious.

Michael Geraghty, a signaller, was seriously wounded while at his post during the passing of a goods train conveying ammunition to Athlone.

An official statement was issued last night, forty-eight hours after the occurrence, to the effect that an attack was made on the train; that the signals were put against the driver; and that a bomb was thrown into the carriage occupied by the escort, wounding one man; and that in spite of the attack the military did not fire a shot.

On Saturday a Dublin paper published the theory which had been accepted by many people.

"It is supposed," it stated, "that a signal which Geraghty gave from the cabin was misunderstood by some military who were on the train, and that shots were fired, causing the wounds."

There are two conflicting statements. Was there really an attack on the train? Who shot Geraghty? Where did the hand grenade which exploded inside the carriage come from?

The Government's account is circumstantial, but the matter should not be allowed to end there. The community has the right to demand a full and public investigation of the affair. Further inquiry should be made.

The following is the official statement—

"About 8.45 p.m. on the 15th February a goods train left the North Wall Railway Station, Dublin, for Athlone. It consisted of forty-seven wagons, one of which carried a consignment of military rifles for the military at Athlone. These were guarded by some military, who travelled in a passenger carriage at the rear of the train.

Signal at Danger.

"It was not intended to stop the train at Newcomen Bridge, but after passing Newcomen Bridge signal cabin the driver found that the semaphore signal was against him, and he stopped the train.

"There is no doubt that a desperate attempt was made to stop the train. Michael Geraghty, a signaller, was shot in his cabin at Newcomen Bridge as the train was passing through. He received injuries in the right hand, throat, left chest, and behind left ear.

Trucks of Motor Cars.

"At Glifford place, near this bridge, a number of trucks, estimated at twenty, were on the railway premises, and a similar number remained in the street with two motor cars, which carried several lights on them.

FARMERS' FORWARD MOVE

Co-Operative Development of Dead Meat Trade

A DUBLIN ABATTOIR

We are informed that the extension of the Irish deadstock trade is about to be carried out on a substantial scale.

A movement is on foot to establish in Dublin a large co-operative abattoir where cattle will be slaughtered for sale in England.

The project is being organized under the auspices of the Irish Farmers' Union and the co-operative movement.

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BRUTAL CRIME

Dreadful Scene in Wexford Farmer's Kitchen.

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POLICE BARRACKS BLOWN UP

Three Hours' Assault in Raid for Arms

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THE STATE OF IRELAND

Hierarchy Review Conditions in their Lenten Pastors

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