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## GALWAY REPRISALS.

### ARDRAHAN VILLAGE ATTACKED.

Inhabitants Ill-treated.

### MANY HOUSES BURNED DOWN.

Following the alleged ambush of six policemen at Drumhasna, a short distance from Ardrahan, in the southern part of Co Galway, on Thursday last, reprisals of a destructive and terrifying nature were carried out in the district in the early hours of Sunday morning by armed men, who it is stated described themselves as "black and tans." They arrived in four motor lorries at Ardrahan at one o'clock in the morning, burst into the house of Patk Joyce and burned it to the ground. Patk Joyce and his son were made run up and down the street for 25 minutes in their night attire at the point of the revolver. The Parochial Hall at Lebane, a mile from Ardrahan, was also burned. The raiders broke into the house of Mr John Burns, N.T., searched it, and took out his two sons and made them run along the road in their night attire. The two-storied house of Michael Burke, brother of the late Rev P Burke, P.P., Kinvara, and his out-offices and fine stocks of corn were burned at Shanguire, as also were the dwellinghouse of Michael McInerney, a short distance away, and four stacks of corn belonging to John Higgins, who is a small farmer with ten children. An attempt was made to set fire to Higgins' house. In all these cases the inmates were taken out of their houses scantily clad. There was much shooting and yelling while the attacks were in progress. The inmates of Burke's and McInerney's were held up at the point of the revolver. McInerney and his brother were only given a few minutes to live. The people of the district are terror-stricken, and many have left their homes and removed their furniture.

The Parish Priest, Father Carr, denounced the destruction at Mass on Sunday, sympathised with the people, and counselled restraint and patience. In conclusion, Fr Carr said—"Now is the time for us to show that we are followers of Jesus Christ, to practice patience and self-restraint, to avoid reprisals in every shape and form. If we thus follow in the footsteps of our Divine Master and beg the intercession of His Holy Mother, we can rest assured that though our poor country may have to suffer for a short time, her houses may be razed to the ground, her sons imprisoned or put to death, still there is one thing that England cannot do, and that is, she cannot grasp the soil of Emerald Ireland and from the soil of Ireland arise a God-fearing, self-reliant people who will forgive, but shall not forget, the savage acts perpetrated in the name of Government."

The police who were ambushed were protecting Lord Ashdown's caretaker. They drove off their attackers, and it is understood no injuries were received by either side.

A' Rosary Beads and Sacred Heart badge were the only things to escape the conflagration at Joyce's. Shots were fired through the door of M Jell's house at Ardrahan.

For the past three nights Galway City has been comparatively quiet. On Friday night during Curfew hours the house of Mr T J Nix, editor of the "Galway Express," was broken into. Mr Nix was not in the premises. On the same night the offices of the "Express" were raided for a second time and completely destroyed, following the arrest on the same day of the printers who were bound on the premises.

## KERRYISMS

The Blasquet Islanders continue to cause trouble to the courts. At the Tralee Quarter Sessions, Dr. Moore handed in a number of registered letters containing civil bills for annuities due to the Irish Land Commission.

The method of service by registered letter was adopted against the Blasquet Islanders a quarter of a century ago owing to the impossibility of serving civil bills personally.

The registered letter service was accepted as sufficient by the lower Courts, but on being tested in the High Courts was declared illegal.

Recently, when Civil Bill Officers have declined to serve processes the County Court Judges decided at a meeting held by them to revert to the registered letter service and accept same as good in law.

Whatever doubt may exist as to the legality of the method, the inhabitants of the Blasquets have set themselves to defeat it by refusing to receive the registered letters addressed to them.

The position puzzled the legal acumen of County Court Judge Guscak, who, in giving decrees in each case, remarked "they may be illegal, but in these days desperate diseases require desperate remedies."

It is only fair to the people to say that it was the "desperate disease" nurtured by the authorities in Ireland, of stopping the payment of "grants" out of the Local Taxation Account, which gave rise to the reprisal of refusing to pay the Land Commission annuities.

The Blasquet Islanders have proved to the Government that "two can play the game." If the authorities have found themselves in a mess, they have only themselves to blame.

It will be interesting to see what the effect of the decrees given, under the novel circumstances which have arisen, will be in the Blasquet Islands.

The rest of the country will await the further developments with more than passing interest and concern.

Long before the present plan of refusing to recognise British Courts started, the Blasquet Islanders adopted that policy. They had established a law into themselves which they have respected and obeyed.

They elected their own "King of the Island," to whom all disputes were referred and satisfactorily adjusted, and evidently they are determined not to depart from the tenets of their own Constitution, which they have found to work so well.

They have by their latest attitude created a crux which the Government will find it pretty difficult to get over.

We should not be surprised to find that it will set the authorities in Ireland seriously thinking as to the advisability of reconsidering their non-possimus attitude of refusing to pay the grants which have accumulated from the monies paid by the Irish people themselves, and the withholding of which cannot be justified under the most elementary principles of equity and justice.

We are delighted to hear that the members of the Tralee Race Committee, who started to collect the town last Tuesday met with a most cheerful and generous response from the traders they called on.

In each case the subscriptions were more than double those of last year, and, better still, they were given with a cheerfulness which enhanced the contributions and made the task of the collectors a pleasant instead of a disagreeable one.

We are sure that when the collection shall have closed, the result will be well worthy of the object and creditable in the highest degree to the traders of Tralee, whose concern it is to maintain the Tralee fixture, what it is bound to be, foremost amongst the provincial meetings of Ireland.

At a time when all are so deeply interested in Irish as a spoken language, it is a source of sincere satisfaction to find the business of the Caherciveen Board of Guardians and Rural District Council conducted mainly, if not entirely, in the mother tongue.

The Chairman, Mr Courtney, is the right man in the right place. He is a fluent Irish speaker; possessed of rare administrative capacity, and he sees to it that everything is done in a thoroughly businesslike manner.

His task is made light and easy by the fine intelligent body of men who compose the Board and concentrate their efforts in carrying out the affairs of the Board to the best possible advantage.

The taint of jobbery is foreign to the members of the Caherciveen Council. Canvassing is totally tabooed, and the most rigid economy is enforced. Indeed the Caherciveen Board is a model one in every respect, and the ratepayers of the district have every reason to be proud of their representatives.

There is much more Irish spoken at the Caherciveen assembly than there has been in the County Council.

Another feature of the members is that they are possessed of sufficient broadmindedness to have their addresses in Irish interpreted for the benefit of those who are not fortunate enough to understand the mother tongue.

The result of their first year's labours, when it comes to be summed up, is certain to prove satisfactory in the highest degree to the ratepayers and eminently creditable to themselves.

At the Revision Sessions in Tralee rate collectors and other officials did not attend, being under the impression that they should not attend a British Court.

The absent officials were fined £50 each. It now transpires that these officials adopted a mistaken attitude for Dail Eireann has decided that they must attend the Revision Courts as heretofore.

The Revision Sessions open in Listowel to-day, and the rate collectors and other officials who have been fined, have proceeded (Continued on Page 2.)

## BURNING OF MALLOW.

**STARTLING STORY FROM BUTTEVANT.**

**BOY TAKEN OUT AND SHOT. VISCOUNT GREY'S SOLUTION.**

**COAL CONFERENCE COLLAPSE.**

Thursday.

The Lord Mayor was very exhausted yesterday, but conscious. The Cork prisoners are very prostrate.

Details of the reprisals at Mallow show that the fires were caused by military from outlying camps. The regular and auxiliary police forces did their best to subdue the flames. Cleeve's factory is the biggest item in the list of burned establishments, for the damage exceeds £100,000. But the Town Hall, with all the archives and records, and many business places are in ruins.

The Charleville correspondent of the "Cork Examiner" sends a startling story to the effect that during a military raid near Buttevant a boy named Patk Nunan, aged 19, was shot. He is in a critical condition.

Viscount Grey proposes as an Irish solution, full Dominion Home Rule, the British Government to withdraw at the end of two years or sooner if Ireland is ready.

Commenting on this, Mr Art O'Brien points out that in 1918 Ireland declared for an Irish Republic and demanded from England the recognition of the principle of self-determination applied to the small countries of Central Europe.

At Lisburn, attacks on Catholics have been resumed. Many of the houses there have been wrecked. The negotiations with miners ended last night in a complete breakdown.

**TERRIBLE WRECKAGE IN MALLOW.**

Ten Buildings Now in Ruins.—A Score Damaged.

"Black and Tans" Aid in Fighting Flames.

Exodus from Town.

The Town Hall, Messrs Cleeves' factory and eight other buildings were utterly destroyed in the sack of Mallow on Tuesday night, following the raid on the military barracks. Nearly a score of other premises were damaged in the 3-hours' agony which the town suffered. Two civilians were wounded by rifle fire.

An extraordinary feature of the attempts to save burning houses after the wreckers had departed was the active co-operation with the townspeople of the local police, including the "Black and Tan" section, and it is also declared that many people who fled terror-stricken from their homes found refuge in the police barracks. Following a consultation among leading residents on Tuesday, Mr Hardy, R.M., conveyed a guarantee from the local military that no damage would be done to the town, and at the request of the military the streets were cleared by 9 o'clock. Gen Macready failed to reply to a telegram asking for protection.

The exodus from the town on Wednesday is likened to the flight from Balbriggan last week. Scarcely a fourth of the entire population remained in Mallow last night.

Messrs Williams and Son's premises were not in any way involved in the destruction, contrary to the earlier reports of the outbreak.

**KIDNAPPED AND SHOT.**

Inquest on County Wexford Labourer.

A verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown was returned at an inquest on James Doyle, aged 30, a labourer, of Towgarrow. Emissively, who was found dead with a bullet wound in his body in a field near Borris, Co. Carlow.

## SHOTS IN DINGLE.

**STREETS BARRICADED.**

Dingle, Wednesday.

During the night fish barrels on the Mall were rolled about the street and the pickle spilled. A barricade was likewise erected across the street. There was another barricade, consisting of empty carts, placed across the end of John St. Revolver and rifle fire was heard in John St during the night. The window of the Harbour Office, situated in the club at Green St., was broken. No reason can be assigned for these activities as Dingle has been heretofore a quiet and peaceful locality.

## THE "BLACK AND TANS."

**Composition of the Force.**

(From "Independent.")

A "Star" man in his diary referring to the "Black and Tans," says—

"I believe the fact is that the majority of them are demobbed ex-officers; they are not the pick of the ex-officers, but largely those who have failed to place themselves to better advantage."

We understand that the foregoing is quite correct, and that there is some confusion in the popular mind on the matter. For instance, "the auxiliary division," composed entirely of ex-officers, has been confused with the "Black and Tans" in the British and Irish Press and by General Maurice.

The auxiliary division—otherwise known as the Cadet Corps—is composed entirely of ex-army officers, and they emphatically deny that they have been concerned in the reprisals in any way, and we understand they very much resent being associated with them. What are generally known as the "Black and Tans" are, we understand, regular members of the R.I.C., except that so far they have not been supplied with the ordinary R.I.C. uniforms.

It is only fair to state that the auxiliary division resent being mixed up in any way with the reprisals.

## TWO POLICEMEN SHOT

**NEAR TEMPLEMORE.**

Templemore, Wednesday.

Two policemen were shot dead near Templemore this afternoon, at Gortahugh cross, four miles from the town. Other police accompanying them at the time had narrow escapes, a bullet grazing one man's head and piercing his cap. The dead men are auxiliary policemen named M Nenan, a native of London, and an Irishman named Flood. Their assailants got clear away.

The police came along a road from Rarnane barrack, and were patrolling, armed, in the direction of Killosheshare Wood when they were ambushed from behind the fences. The bodies of the dead men were brought to Templemore this evening.

Alarm prevails amongst the townspeople, and some have quit the town, as an outbreak in retaliation for the shooting of the police is feared.

## THE LORD MAYOR

**A FAIR NIGHT.**

The Deputy Lord Mayor received the following message on Wednesday morning—"Brixton, 10.22 a.m.—Fair night. No material change otherwise.—Father Dominic."

## CORK HUNGER STRIKERS

The condition of the eleven prisoners on hunger-strike at Cork Jail continues to be exceedingly grave.

## FIRE IN DINGLE.

**THE RAILWAY STATION GUTTED.**

In the early hours of Wednesday morning, about 3 o'clock, the Dingle Railway Station was burned to the ground. About this time the stationmaster, Mr Baily, whose residence is about 20 yards from the station, was awakened by the noise of crackling timber. Making his way to the station he observed the building was ablaze. In a short time it was completely gutted. All the railway books and documents were destroyed.

The damage, which is covered by insurance, runs into a few thousand pounds. The origin of the fire is unknown. There has been no passenger traffic on the line for some months. The goods traffic is as usual. Passengers are carried by motor between Dingle and Tralee.

## SEQUEL TO WATERFORD AMBUSH.

**Inquest Falls Through.**

The inquest on Sergt M Morgan R.I.C., ambushed between Kilmachthomas and Portlaw, fell through in Waterford on Tuesday.

Capt O'Beirne, D.L., said 18 prominent business men had been summoned and 11 had turned up. He asked that the absent jurors be fined 2s each. A resolution of sympathy with deceased's wife and relatives was passed by the jurors present.

## LEWIS GUN ON ESCAPING MAN.

Early on Tuesday morning the military proceeded to Pomeroy, and visited the house of Patrick McAleer, whom they arrested. The military then turned their attention to the residence of Patk Begley. As they entered the premises Begley made off down the rear garden, and although called on to halt he disregarded the warning. A Lewis gun was then turned on him and several shots discharged. He escaped, but was later arrested.

## BATTLE IN KERRY.

A police cycle patrol from Waterville consisting of a sergeant and six constables was attacked by 50 masked and armed men at Bunderreen at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, according to a Castle report. "The police fought valiantly and managed to escape with only one casualty, that of a constable, who was shot in the face. The attackers, however, succeeded in capturing the seven bicycles of the police, together with two rifles, 6 police capes, and one waterproof. The injured man was conveyed to Tralee hospital by motor."

## SERGEANT SHOT IN DRIMOLEAGUE.

**Five Bullet Wounds in the Chest.**

Ranry, Wednesday.

Information has reached here that when Sergt Dee was coming out of a house in Drimoleague, at about 10 o'clock last night, he was fired at and dangerously wounded. He received five bullet wounds in his chest, and lies in a very critical condition. It appears his assailants escaped.

When the news reached the military quarters here last night a large force left at once by motor for the scene and the wounded sergeant was brought to the military barracks here. The details yet to hand are rather meagre, and fuller ones are awaited.

## REPUBLICAN POLICE ARRESTED

**IN GALWAY.**

**Heavy Compensation Claims.**

Galway, Wednesday.

To-day five men were arrested in Galway on the charge, it is alleged, of having acted as Irish Republican police. Searches of the places occupied by those arrested were carried out during Curfew hours last night, and a raid was made on Mr Flanagan's residence, Toghers' Hotel, St Francis' St., was also raided, the lodgers being kept in the kitchen during the process of the search. The proprietors of the "Galway Express" have lodged a claim for £10,000. Mr J J Ward, whose garage was entered, and his motor thrown into the docks, claims £300; and Mr John Lee, merchant, Wood quay, £130 for damage to his premises.

## AGED MAN'S DEATH.

**Verdict of Murder.**

"James Connolly, aged 70, died from shock and hemorrhage, caused by a revolver bullet wound wilfully inflicted by an officer and the military sergeant accompanying him. We find the officer and the military sergeant guilty of wilful murder, accentuated by their not attending the inquiry."

This was the jury's finding at the resumed inquest on the man who was shot dead at his home in Unshinagh, Kirlough, when the military went to arrest his son.

## NO DRINK TILL IRELAND IS FREE.

A public meeting in Clonmel unanimously decided to arrange for the taking of a total abstinence pledge in the town until Ireland is free.

## CIVIL GUARD FOR TRIM.

A meeting of urban councillors and other representative persons in Trim on Tuesday formed a civil guard to safeguard the interests of the town.

## Killarney Petty Sessions.

(Before Lt Col O'Sullivan, R.M., and Lt Col Leahy.)

The only business was the signing of the publicans' licences, none of which were opposed.

## THE LATE THOMAS ASHE.

**Anniversary in Listowel.**

The local volunteers had Mass offered up in Listowel by Very Rev D Canon O'Connor, P.P., V.F. and attended same, and received Holy Communion, for the repose of the soul of the late Thos Ashe, to mark the anniversary of his death.

## CO CAVAN BARRACK CAPTURED AND BURNED.

On Saturday night Arva police barrack was attacked by armed men, and the garrison were forced to surrender, the building being then burned to the ground.