

ED ASSAULTS:- Auxiliary Police held up trams in College Green, Dublin, during business hours on the 15th inst. Male passengers were taken out & searched. Trams were also held up in South Richmond St., & Talbot St. During a fair in Galway City on the 15th inst, Auxiliary Police & constabulary with rifles & revolvers surrounded the people and searched everybody.

English constabulary entered many houses in Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary, and ordered the inhabitants to extinguish their lights.

On Nov. 30th. an Officer & four men of the Black & Tans entered the offices of the "Cork Examiner" and forced three of the Staff, at the point of the revolver to insert a notice drawn up by the "Anti-Sinn Fein Society" addressed to all Citizens of Cork, warning them that if any householder were known to shelter any rebel, or subscribe to any funds of the Society known as Sinn Fein they had better "increase their fire & life insurance, as it would be needed".

OTAGE:- The village of Ballinalee, Co. Longford, was sacked in full daylight by Crown Forces on Monday, Dec. 13th after an attack on the local fortified constabulary Barracks by the I.R.A. The destruction of the house of Mr. Keraty, partially destroyed on Friday Dec. 10th, was now completed. The farmhouses, stables and crops of Messrs. J. Hannigan & P. Bracken, were burned down as well as the shops of Miss Hannigan & Mr. P. Earley. Nine other houses in the village were more or less seriously damaged, crops in all cases being destroyed. The farmhouse & shop of Mr. J. J. Connolly, a mile outside the village was completely demolished and his three cows were shot dead in their stalls. Other houses outside the village which were damaged were the residence & forge of Mr. McKeon at Millshrewly. A pony belonging to Mr. Hughes was shot dead. When Mr. Keogh's house would not catch fire the constabulary carried out his furniture and burned it in the yard together with his winter stocks of hay, oats & turf. The only occupants of the house were a little boy and girl who were roughly questioned as to the whereabouts of their elder brothers.

DER:- Very Rev. Canon F. J. Magner, Parish Priest of Dunmanway, Co. Cork, & Timothy Crowley, a farmer's son, were murdered by an Auxiliary Policeman on the road near Dunmanway on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 15th. Canon Magner was seventythree years old & Timothy Crowley was twenty-four. The facts of this double murder are as follows:-

Mr. P. S. Brady, Resident Magistrate, was motoring to his home in Bandon, Co. Cork, when shortly after 1 p.m. his motorcar broke down on the Ballineer Road. While Mr. Brady was endeavouring to mend his car, Canon Magner came on the scene on foot, and offered Mr. Brady his assistance. Mr. Brady did not need it, and after a short conversation the Canon passed on. He returned after a few minutes and inquired if the car was mended. Mr. Brady said it was, but he would require help to start the car again. Timothy Crowley passed on a bicycle a few minutes later, and Canon Magner asked him to stop and help Mr. Brady to start his car. Timothy Crowley gave his assistance to Mr. Brady. While Mr. Brady, Mr. Crowley and Canon Magner were standing by the car, one lorry filled with Auxiliary Police passed by. A second lorry came on the scene shortly afterwards. This lorry halted some ten yards from the group. One of the Auxiliary Police left the lorry and walked up to the three men around the car. He questioned Mr. Brady about his identity and business. Mr. Brady replied that he was an English Magistrate. The Auxiliary refused to believe him, and threatened to shoot him. Mr. Brady produced his papers and the Auxiliary went over to speak to Crowley. After a short conversation he struck Crowley in the face with the butt-end of a revolver. The other Auxiliaries in the lorry saw the blow and did not interfere. After a few more words the Auxiliary on the road shot Crowley dead. The Auxiliaries in the lorry witnessed the murder and did not interfere, although they informed Mr. Brady, who had gone to them to protest against his treatment, that Crowley was not wounded but killed. The Auxiliary on the road then approached Canon Magner and forced him down on his knees. In this position he kept him for a quarter of an hour questioning him all the time. The other Auxiliaries watched from the car and did not interfere. At the end of from fifteen to twenty minutes the Auxiliary who still kept the Canon on his knees, shot him dead. The other Auxiliaries then left the lorry and threw both bodies over the ditch. The whole affair lasted at least half an hour. After they had hidden the bodies, the Auxiliary who had committed the murders joined the others and all drove away. A search party which left Dunmanway at 2 o'clock to find the bodies did not discover them until after a search of some duration.