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FATAL GUNPOWDER EXPLOSION, AND VERDICT OF CORONER'S INQUEST UPON THE BODIES.

Yesterday the sadly mangled remains of Mr. J. M'Mahon, late spirit retailer, Denmark-street, were discovered after long search by the labourers exploring the ruins. On Monday shreds of a coat, and handkerchief, supposed to be his, were taken out of the rubbish, in which some blasting powder was also found, about the same time, with part of a human leg, and minor particles of flesh and bone, in which fingers and toes were distinctly recognised! M'Mahon now makes the *fifteenth* victim of this deplorable calamity, and Gurde, Mr. Richardson's Clerk, blown it is feared to atoms in the very heart of the explosion, constitutes the sixteenth and last victim of the same tragical consummation. M'Mahon was dashed, it is evident, by the force of the blast, from his own house into his next neighbour's habitation, Mr. Egan, and with such resistless power as to sweep away the strong side wall or partition at the same moment, and under which he was buried until yesterday.

The evidence on the Inquest has established one remarkable fact, the arrival of two casks of gunpowder the evening of the catastrophe, at Mr. Richardson's shop, from Cork, also the sale of a pound and a half of powder same evening from one of these very casks, by Gurde, who, it appears opened it for that purpose, and flung back the cover on the cask carelessly, and left it so. These two casks of powder it was intended to forward from Mr. Richardson's at an early hour next morning to Ennis for Mr. Leech, a vender of that article, and after the shop was locked up for the night, and the workmen had gone home, it is most probable that Gurde, who slept in the house, bethought himself of cooping up the cask for the carman in the morning, and with that view re-opened the shop, when he must have dropped the paper with which he lighted the gas on some loose grains of powder, and awful to relate the explosion of combustible matter was necessarily instantaneous, the thoughtless author of this tragedy having been the first victim to his own criminal neglect.

The Citizens who have suffered such great loss of property by the ruinous consequences of this explosion are resolved to appeal to Government for a consideration of their claims, and for that purpose have grounded an energetic memorial upon the resolutions which appeared in our last, and which our worthy Chief Magistrate has most kindly promised to submit in person to his Excellency, Lord Mulgrave, at Dublin Castle. The extent of damage is more than our original rough estimate of £9,000, and the computation now comes nearer to £13,000, of which in the article of glass alone, the loss incurred has been (£1,000) at the least. There are from 100 to 150 large panes of window glass smashed in some houses. The destruction caused in the angle of George-street and Denmark-street may be inferred by one glance at that now desolate and dismantled region, which presents a most unsightly and lamentable spectacle to the beholders.

Yesterday, the Inquest was concluded, when the Jury returned a verdict in accordance with the circumstances already recited, but conveying a censure upon the reprehensible mismanagement which prevailed in Mr. Richardson's concerns, when considered as a depot for gunpowder. The verdict appears in full in another column.

In conformity with a requisition in the Chronicle this day, the Mayor has called a public meeting of the Citizens for to-morrow at the Court-House, to adopt such measures as may guard against the recurrence of a similar fatality.

At three o'clock this morning, a fire broke out in the delapidated premises of Mr. William Wilson, seedsman,

fought all night through torments the Marines did their part with blue Jackets took the first battle called upon by Colonel Wyld enemy were repulsed, the General forward, and the troops nobly pieces of cannon, and 300 prisoners to flight towards Durango. It Carlists cannot be less than Queen's army from 7 to 800 army of the South have arrived we will meet them 12,000 strong the rear, while we attack the the final blow, so expect the I am delighted to add, our Regiments are under the brave General E good health. At present I see suppose you have already read, failed in the South, his expedition out of a force of 12,000 men he 1,200, and the loss of the great

"P. S.—The winter has been daily sleets, and several feet of of severe professional duties, but be said so and truly; the health is, thank God, excellent."

Captain Joyce and Lieut. Guster Light Infantry, volunteered to join Espartero, and lead on upon the besieging army of Carl it appeared a detachment of the

The Right Hon. Frederick Sh from Paris on Saturday.

Captain Healey and Lieut. V guished themselves in suppressing barracks of Omagh.

The Marquess of Waterford from London, after his recent pinked his antagonist, it appears

Erratum in Dr. Townley's of reasoning, read parity of re

Mr. Peter Drouett, Ordnance Barrack-Master of Isle aux Jobson.

The promised letter of Major appear in first page.

The convictions at our late Court seen in fourth page. The Rec terate offenders to transportation

Mr. Luke White, M. P. in Longford, giving thanks for his tative, declares civil and religious his political creed.

John S. Gabbett, Esq. Castle Commission of the Peace for the

Great dissatisfaction has been association at the paltry subscription Connaught, the county Tipper £800, while the entire Province

eighty pounds! Mr. Finn, M. the people there. Mr. Hawks the association declared that M

ford, does not possess even a It was also subject of complain

Counsel, who were members attached their names to a declaration including Mr. Pigot, Mr. Dicks

Mr. M'Dermott, Mr. Darcy, Shanly, a member of the association proverbial for baseness and corruption

A meeting of the Medical Faculty on Saturday at the Chamber of