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BRUTAL MURDER NEAR KILTEELY.

Last night one of the most brutal and shocking murders which has stained the annals of this county was committed by some person or persons unknown, in a lonely byway between Dromkeen Railway Station and the notorious faction-fighting village of Killeely. For some time past three men belonging to the Emergency Committee were in possession as caretakers of a farm near Killeely, from which the tenant had been evicted by his landlord for non-payment of rent. One of these men, named Roche, came into Limerick yesterday morning for the purpose of transacting some business, and returned to Dromkeen Railway Station by the four o'clock p.m. train leaving Limerick. On his arrival at Dromkeen Railway Station, Roche was met by his two friends, who accompanied him to a public house, where they had some drink. After partaking of some bottled porter, Roche left the public house, his friends remaining after him, and proceeded by a "borheen," or beaten track, across the fields in the direction of the farm in which the Emergency men were in charge. When about halfway between Drumkeen, he must have been met by the persons who shot him through the heart and then battered his head into an unrecognizable mass. Footprints are plainly visible round the spot, and the place where the unfortunate man's assailants were concealed is also apparent. There does not appear to have been any struggle. Roche was about sixty years of age, of very determined character, and of robust health. The only motive that can be assigned for this diabolical outrage is that Roche was obvious by reason of his being an "Emergency man." The unfortunate man's

body was this morning found lying on the "borheen" before mentioned by some persons who were going to work, who immediately gave information of the fact to the constabulary stationed at Killeely. The outrage was then reported by the police to Sub-inspector McGuire, of Bruff, who at once repaired to the scene. Subsequently Mr Henry, County Inspector, proceeded to the place this morning, and made diligent enquiries into the matter. No arrests have been up to the present made in connection with the murder, nor have the authorities any clue that would point towards the perpetrators. An inquest will be held on to-morrow by Mr Coroner Costello.

SEIZURE OF ARMS IN KERRY.

Acting on private information, Constable Strettan and a party of police proceeded last evening to Ballynoneen, near Ballyhunion, and made an important seizure of arms on the premises of a Widow Griffin. They found concealed under some hay in the stable two American rifles, quite new, with bayonets to match, a military sword, and fifty rounds of ball cartridge. Mrs Griffin professed she had no knowledge whatever of the weapons being deposited there, and on being asked where was her son, who managed the farm for her, she said she had not seen him during the evening. She was taken and conveyed to Listowel, while some of the constabulary were left to search for young Griffin. An alarming state of things seems to prevail in the district.

(Before Alderman Cleary, in the chair; Mr S. Hastings, and Mr F. J. M'Carthy, R.M.)

Sub-constable M'Carthy charged two boys named John Sullivan and John Connors with having been fighting in Thomondgate, near the Roman Catholic chapel, last night.

Alderman Cleary remarked that the Rev. Mr Moloney, the parish priest, had made several complaints to the constable of the district about the conduct of the people in that locality.

The accused were ordered to find bail for their good behaviour, themselves in £10 and two sureties of £5 each, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment.

Two men named Matthew Maloney and John Ryan were put forward by Head-constable Phelan with having been fighting at Pennywell on Sunday evening. Ryan stated that the other man challenged him to fight; he accepted the challenge, and the result was that both of them were badly wounded, and Maloney had to be admitted into Barrington's Hospital. They were both fined 20s, and costs or fourteen days' imprisonment.

Constable M'Donagh put forward a servant boy named John Sheehan on the charge of having stolen the sum of £5 from a farmer named Walsh, residing at Ballybrowne, near Clarina, on Sunday morning.

It appeared from the evidence that the accused is employed by Walsh, who is a farmer and cattle dealer. On Sunday morning he and his two sisters went to Mass, leaving the accused to mind the house, but on returning home the boy was nowhere to be found, and in a short time after Walsh found that a £5 note had been taken out of a cash box, which was broken open. It contained also a £10 note and some rent receipts, which he had locked up in a trunk. Walsh came into Limerick by the mail train that night, and reported the matter to the police, who arrested the accused this morning in a lodging-house in Queen-street. He first denied the offence, but after being in custody for some time he admitted to Constable M'Donagh that he had taken the money, and that he had given it to his sister, who is in a very respectable employment in the city. The latter gave it to the constable a short time afterwards. The prisoner was remanded to the Patrickswell Petty Sessions.

Head-constable Rolleston put forward a respectably-dressed young man named Patrick Walsh, who he stated, had been in custody since the 10th instant, on the charge of having been found posting threatening notices at Cappamore with another man who has not yet been arrested, and in order to make further efforts to effect his arrest the head-constable applied to have the accused further remanded.

Mr John Ryan, solicitor, appeared for him and applied to have him allowed out on bail.

Mr M'Carthy said as the magistrate who committed the man did not consent to allow him out on bail he could not grant Mr Ryan's request. The prisoner was then further remanded for a period of eight days.—Adjourned.

LIMERICK HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Commissioners was held yesterday in the Board-room, Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor (Mr J. Counihan, J.P.) in the chair. The other members present being—Alderman R. Phillips, J.P., Mr Wm. Boyd, J.P. (City High Sheriff), Alderman Z. Myles, Mr Wm. Spillane, J.P., Mr James Harris, Mr John M'Donnell, J.P., and Mr Wm. Cochrane, Mr Wm J. Hall, B.E., Harbour Engineer, Mr W. Fitzmaurice, Harbour Master, and Mr Wm. Carroll, Secretary, also attended.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AT THE DOCKS.
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