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But what about the Ulster Question? There is no Ulster question except what has been created by the British Government and their agents or dupes in Ireland. The Irish people themselves, who have shown such admirable self-control under such trying circumstances, will guard themselves and their country from chaos. As for anarchy, there will be spasmodic outbursts of anarchy as long as the agents of a foreign power seek to govern the nation against the will of the vast majority of the people.

If there is to be peace between Ireland and England there is one, and only one, way to it—simple, straightforward, and easy. Let the British Government treat directly with the freely chosen representatives of the majority of the Irish nation. That is the only and secure way. Any other 'negotiations' are now out-of-date and would be merely prolonging the agony.

Any treaty entered into by Dail Eireann with England will be accepted by the Irish nation, and will be treated, not as a scrap of paper, but honourably observed. Ireland, that has been so long and so fiercely held in the ignominious grip, knows and will observe all the justice and honour required of her. It is because she has hated inequality and loves justice that the Irish nation has suffered centuries of travail. You will please beg my people not to get discouraged or dismayed, but to rely on the justice of their cause, the guidance of Providence, the protection of the Mother of God. Be patient, calm, confident, and victory will be theirs.

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THE CORPORATION AND THE SITUATION.

Special Meeting Held.

Action Taken.

A specially convened meeting of the Limerick Corporation was held last night to consider the situation arising out of the wrecking of a portion of the City on Sunday. The Mayor presided.

There were also present—Aldermen S O'Mara, P Walsh, M P Coliver, M P Doyle, W Forde, J McInerney, Councillors P O'Flynn, J Cronin, J Canty, J A Hennessy, T Donnellan, J Sexton, M O'Dwyer, J Moloney, P A O'Brien, D Bourke, M Reddan, J Bourke, with Mr W M Nolan, Town Clerk.

The Mayor said he had called the meeting to consider the very grave situation in which the city found itself. It was unnecessary to tell them what had happened in a large portion of the city on Sunday. A whole business street had been burned down almost completely by the armed agents of the British Crown. That fact had not been disputed. A large number of dwellings, scores, at least hundreds of them were entered by these armed agents, and the contents of houses wrecked. In some cases the destruction had been complete, but in others it had not been so complete. He was safe in saying that not a single house escaped destruction in some way or other. Burnings and incendiarism were a British tradition. The people who burned the capital of the United States in 1812 were the British, and the same people burned down a portion of their city on Sunday. The burning of the capital of the United States was directed and ordered from London, and he had no doubt that the burning of a portion of the City of Limerick was also directly ordered from London. What happened on Sunday was not the result of a sudden outburst but was a deliberate, a pre-conceived, and serious action. This action was inspired in London, and directed and organised from Dublin Castle. The object was to terrorise the people in order that they might be prepared to make peace on any terms, but he was happy to say the people were not to be terrorised. One thing they could do and that was to contradict the lying statement issued with reference to the outrages. He was glad to say that the local representative of the "Daily Independent" had in the evening's newspapers repudiated the report which appeared in this day's issue of the "Independent."

to telegraphic exigencies. Early on yesterday I wired the "Independent" regarding a contradiction. Thanking you in anticipation for publication of this repudiation.

Yours sincerely,
C O'SULLIVAN.

HOSPITAL CIVILIAN SHOT DEAD.

Alleged Shooting by Military.

A Tipperary correspondent says:—The mysterious shooting of a man named Patrick Lynch is reported to have occurred on Saturday night at Hospital. It is stated that the victim was taken out of his residence by military, and shortly afterwards was found lying dead in a pool of blood. He had been shot through the head, on the road, less than a hundred yards from the village.

The deceased man was about 43 years old, unmarried, a harness-maker by trade, and the sole support of his aged father and three sisters. Lynch, it is said, never took part in political affairs.

The circumstances leading up to the shocking affair are told fully in a statement made by Miss Lizzie Lynch, sister of the deceased man:—We were all in the kitchen, she said, residing the Rosary, about 11 o'clock, old time (midnight summer time), when a loud hammering came at the front door. My brother went to open the door, when immediately there was another loud hammering at the back door. He opened the front door, and then the back door, and soldiers rushed into the house through both doors. There were about seven in all, in charge of an officer and a sergeant. They appeared to be very excited, and some of them seemed to be under the influence of drink. They carried rifles and revolvers and fixed bayonets, and were not in any way disguised. The officer said, "We want to see your correspondence." My brother gave the officer a candle, and told him he had no private correspondence, but that they could search the house. They then searched the shop and kitchen, but discovered nothing. A tall soldier called my brother from the kitchen into the shop, and I heard him question him about Sinn Fein. My brother said that he never took any part in politics; that he had not time to do so.

Miss Lynch gave details of the soldiers' interrogations regarding a man named Moloney. The military left later, but subsequently a soldier knocked and asked for her brother, who left the house with the soldier. They soon afterwards heard shots. Continuing her statement, she said that about twenty minutes later Dr Cleary came in, and informed her that her brother was dead.

It appears that a military officer shortly afterwards summoned Dr Cleary, who lives close to the scene of the shooting, and that the unfortunate man Lynch was found lying dead on his side on the middle of the road, with three bullet wounds in the head. Father Kennedy was sent for, but Lynch was dead.

Residents in the village say that they saw Lynch being brought up the street amongst a number of soldiers, and that they heard him say to them—"What did I ever do to you?" A little while afterwards there was a cry of "Halt," and three shots were heard.

For some time past there have been no police in Hospital, the military, of whom there are about 40, having taken possession of the barracks, as well as having commandeered the extensive premises of Mr John O'Sullivan, merchant.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

In connection with the shooting of Patrick Lynch at Hospital, Co. Limerick, on Saturday night, it is officially stated by the military authorities that Lynch was shot in trying to escape from arrest.

A correspondent states that almost all the inhabitants of the village left yesterday.

DISTRICT INSPECTOR SHOT DEAD.

District Inspector Wilson was shot dead in the Main street, Templemore, yesterday, about 3 o'clock, three bullets hitting him. Death was almost instantaneous. The tragic occurrence took place within a few yards of the police barracks, where the inspector had been doing office work during the morning. He was on his way home to dinner when he was fired at. His assailants disappeared.

FUNERAL OF CONSTABLE NATHAN.

The remains of the late Constable Cyril Nathan, who was killed on Sunday in Edward street, by a rifle bullet, were removed from the Morgue at the New Barracks this morning. The funeral, which was attended by police and military with band, left the New Barracks at 11 o'clock. The coffin, which was covered with the Union Jack, rested on a gun-carriage, and was taken to William street police barracks. From there it was transferred to a motor and taken by road to Dublin,

WOLVERHAMPTON MEETING

Himley Plate—Ardella (Gardner) 1; Potterne 2; Diana, 3. Also ran—Boy Sam, Clinis, Tol Fang, Bessieboom, Dutch Doll, Stimlar, and Grand Prix. Betting—9 to 4 agst Ardella, 11 to 4 Diana, 10 to 1 Potterne.

Shrewsbury Handicap—Silva (Piper) 1; Box Wallah, 2; Honest John, 3. Also ran—Snacker Queen, Nachsdoras, Hagiology, Castleton, Wards Folly, Red Cross Boy, J C B, and Jolly. Betting—11 to 10 on Silva, 100 to 6 agst Box Wallah and Honest John.

Bushbury Plate—Honeycomb (V Smyth), 1; Firing Line, 2; Juvenalia, 3. Also ran—Little Blane, Dorothy, Marting, Spedore, Fride, and Bellegrade. Betting—7 to 4 on Honeycomb, 7 to 2 agst Juvenalia, 7 to 1 Firing Line.

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STOCKTON MEETING

Trial Plate—Special (Donoghue) 1; Fertility, 2; Nurse Bobs, 3. Also ran—Supper Girl, Brown Label, Lunnar, Ampler, and Sahots. Betting—5 to 2 agst Nurse Bobs, 3 to 1 Special, 4 to 1 Supper Girl and Lunnar, 10 to 1 others.

Harwood Plate—Ribbery (E Wheatley) 1; Cabist, 2; Ready Made, 3. Also ran—Mary's Lamb, St Ada f, Grayling, Arotic, Hercules, Dream, C, and Gold Nib. Betting—6 to 4 agst Robbery, 7 to 2 Cabist, 8 to 1 Ready Made. Won by three lengths.

Wynward Plate—Barrulet (Carslake), 1; Polemah, 2; Sun Shaft, 3. Also ran—Royal Fancy, Phoebe, Abana, Radom, and Iorian. Betting—5 to 4 agst Polemah, 7 to 4 Barrulet, 100 to 8 Sun Shaft.

Stockton Plate—Grand Fleet (A Smith), 1; Oravaue, 2; Finalist, 3. Also ran—Bridge of Marna, Welsh Woman, Sorapbook, and Devonport. Betting—Evans Oravaue, 7 to 4 Grand Fleet; 6 to 1 Welsh Woman, 20 to 1 Finalist.