

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

In consequence of the sudden departure of the members of the Board of Trade, and the cancellation of the hours of 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the General Post Office, it has been found necessary to have the offices of the Chronicle at an earlier hour than hitherto. Advertisers will therefore please note that the latest hours at which advertising can be received at this office on these days is 8.30 p.m. Publication of any notices received after that hour cannot be guaranteed on that evening.

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THE COALFIELDS DISPUTE

The latest demands of the miners and the possibility of a resultant deadlock next month are a matter of keen concern to the domestic sphere and to trade and industry generally in these islands. From whichever of these interests the situation is viewed it is earnestly to be hoped that a miners' strike will not add to the difficulties and the inconveniences of the public at the present time. The strike would take effect at a season of the year when additional supplies are required in view of the approach of the winter months, and it is authoritatively stated that the reserves of coal, inadequate as they are, could only meet the requirements of the country for quite a limited period at best. One can, therefore, easily understand with the effect on trade and industry would be, though for the time being, as a considerable period of mild weather is still due to household requirements would not be so much affected. The President of the Board of Trade, Sir Robert Horne, puts the situation very clearly in an interview he has just given to the Press. Should a cessation of work take place export of coal would cease, and with it the large revenue the Government obtains from sales abroad. And he declares that the profit from this export trade is due to nothing which either the coal owner or miner contributes, but is rather due to the demand abroad; that the profit belongs to the country, and should go to its benefit through the Exchequer, and that if the miner is entitled to a share of it, the same concession might just as well be claimed by workers in other industries where Excess Profit Duty is paid. Such a demand, he said, "cannot fairly be conceded, and a strike to attempt to enforce it is an injustice to the whole body of our citizens." Our industries depend on coal—they cannot get on without it, and should the worst come to the worst, it is not one but multifarious undertakings that will be affected, and unemployment would, therefore, be the consequence. The miners have put forward two distinct demands—one is a reduction in the price of household coal by 1s. 2d per ton, which represents the increase put on by the Government last May; and the other is an advance in wages of 2s per shift, or 10s a week per man. As to the former it is evident that the public would expect no reduction in the price of coal unless by an equivalent subsidy from the State. But the Government has set its face against subsidies or a continuance of subsidies, not only as regards coal but also in the case of the railways and more recently still as regards bread. Those subsidies will come to an end in due course, and as the Government claim it is supplying coal at prices which only entail no loss, it follows as a matter of course that if the miners' wages, which were advanced last April, are further increased the public will be the real sufferers, and we would certainly think that the price of coal abnormally high as it is, should have now reached the limit. The Government has, therefore, taken a resolute stand with regard to the demands of the miners, and the ballot of the men to be taken towards the end of this month will disclose what their answer will be. The public, however, cannot but ardently hope that a way out of the impasse will be found, and that the threatened trouble in the coal-fields will be averted in the interests of all classes of the community and at a time too when all available supplies of coal are, or will be, needed to satisfy our needs and requirements in one direction or another.

CURFEW FOR LIMERICK

A Curfew Regulation has been issued by order of Major-General Sir P. S. St. John, C.M.G., commanding the Southern District, requiring all people to be off the streets between the hours of 9 p.m. and 3 a.m., unless provided with authorised permits. The Order, which was extensively posted throughout the city yesterday, covers an area within a radius of a mile of the General Post Office, which takes in the entire city at every point. The Order came into force at the official hour last night. At nine o'clock the first intimation of the changed conditions was received by an armoured car containing soldiers passing through O'Connell street from the New Barracks. This was followed by armed military and police taking up duty at several parts of the city and suburbs, and the few people abroad at the time were quickly warned of the operation of the Order. At a quarter past nine the streets were clear of everybody except the police and military. No arrests, so far as can be gathered, were made, or infringement of the Order. This was manifest when Lt.-Colonel Williamson, R.M., attended at the City Police Court this morning, there being no cause for hearing.

LIMERICK AND THE IRISH QUESTION

Attention is directed to an important notice appearing in our advertising columns, convening a meeting of business men and others, to be held on Saturday next, at 3 p.m., in the Chamber of Commerce, to consider the Irish situation and resolutions, particulars of which are given.

EXCITEMENT IN MILTOWN-MALBAY

A Miltown-Malbay correspondent says: "The military, who have commanded the dwelling-houses of Mrs. Anderson, have strongly fortified it with sand bags and barbed wire entanglements. The residents were started from their sleep by two shots, which were fired at about 2 o'clock this morning. The inhabitants were in a state of panic."

TERRIFYING SCENES
IN LIMERICKAT THE RAILWAY STATION
AND IN THE STREETS.

HEAVY FIRING.

HOUSES BURNED AND OTHER
DAMAGE DONE.

Police Constable Shot Dead.

Civilians Wounded.

One Succumbs to Injuries.

Limerick was thrown into a state of terror on Sunday last, following the report that two plain clothes policemen were held up and deprived of their revolver in the vicinity of Carey's Road. This incident is stated to have occurred at half past eleven on that morning, but the citizens generally assert that nothing happened such as to warrant what took place an hour or so later when the police ran amok in several parts of the city. A quarter to one o'clock, when the streets were crowded with people either returning from church or enjoying the sunshine, motor lorries of constabulary, fully armed, were despatched to Carey's Road and neighbourhood. Nobody appeared to be aware at the time that an attack on detectives had been made. At the hour named some firing was heard from the Hibernian Road direction, and was reported to have been directed at the debris. It was learned that the police had searched several houses in Carey's Road and maltreated several residents, all of the humbler class. The next stage of the day's happenings was at the railway station. The one o'clock train, which is now the only one leaving the city since the 15 August day train ceased to run, was largely stalled "at" by citizens to get to Dublin. Cork, and cross-Channel centre. On Sunday last, a number of people intended travelling, and five or six miles from the train was timed to leave, people were pourng down the platform. There was a scene of much anarchy at the station, which was crowded with men, women, and children. The anxiety, however, was confined to speculation as to whether the train would be held up, and at the time for its departure, a body of armed police marched into the station. Outside the booking office bystanders witnessed the two members of the force. The police took seats in the open train, and the result was that the driver and guard refused to proceed. The intending passengers were reluctantly allowed to leave their carriages, and in a minute or two thing was confused and commotion. The constabulary got out of their compartments, and fired several volleys high with a view probably of clearing the people. As a result of this act there was a stampede of men, women, and children down the platform. The women and children were greatly terrified. Many faint and screamed for help, and was only after great persuasion on the part of a cleric that the crowd left the station, everybody having an alibi, and the stampede several were injured but not killed.

Some time ago the British Press was told that the British Government had 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 outbreaks of anarchy as long as the agents of a foreign power seek to impose their will against the will of the vast majority of the people.

But what about the Ulster question? This 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 outbreaks of anarchy as long as the agents of a foreign power seek to impose their will 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 city of the Irish nation. That is the only and secure way. Any other "notions" are now out of date and would only prolong the agony.

Any treaty entered into by Dail Eireann with the British would be accepted by the Irish nation, and will be treated as a compact of paper, but honourably observed. Ireland, that is to say, will be long and so fiercely held in the continental mind, knows and will observe all the justice and honour required of it. It is because she has had private correspondence, but that she could search the house. The British, who thought that the watchman turned his face up to see what the culprit was, have been fired over his head.

Later the watchman was prevented from going up Rossetti street, where a fire had broken out in the extensive printing and newspaper offices of Messrs. Quinnell and Sons, proprietors of the "Kerry News," "Kerry Reporter," and "Killarney Echo." The flames lit up the sky, and the people were afraid to go out owing to the terror in the streets. Ultimately the firemen volunteers came to the rescue, and the watchman turned his face up to see what the culprit was, and discovered nothing. A tall soldier pulled my brother from the kitchen into the shop, and I heard him question him about Sinn Fein. My brother said that he never took part in politics; that he had not time to do so.

Miss Lynch gave details of the soldiers' interrogations regarding a man named Muloney. The military left late, but subsequently a soldier was sent to ask for her brother, who left the house with the soldier and was searched and shot dead. 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 bring 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 commanded 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 that the military authorities believe 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 Wilcox was shot dead in the Main street, Fredericks, 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 duty 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 at 10 a.m. for Cratloe at 11 o'clock. The coffin, which was covered with a Union Jack, rested on a gun-carriage, and was drawn by a William street police barracks. From there it was transferred to a motor and taken by road to Dublin, en route to London, where the interment is to take place.

GOVERNMENT AND HUNGER STRIKERS.

A statement was issued on Sunday night by Dr O'Dea, Castletown, regarding the conditions prevailing in prison. It states that the Government disclaims responsibility if prisoners, who resort to hunger-striking, render themselves unfit to take their trial.

RAILWAY JUNCTION RAID.

At midnight on Friday masked and armed men held up the night staff at Limerick Junction Railway Station, and were engaged for several hours in the locality at the coal bank, presumably removing the balance of petrol hidden there since the recent raid.

O'Flynn suggested that an estimate of the damage done be made out by the Royal Surveyor and sent for payment in the British authorities.

The motion was put and decided passed together with the suggestion of Mr O'Flynn.

Mr O'Brien thought the Council should offer a strong protest against the "Curfew Order," for which there was no justification. If there was any such a protest as that it would be submitted to the Council.

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SEIZURE OF MAILED.

Yesterday afternoon a goods train conveying mails from the Limerick and Cork to Clare and other districts was held up outside Long Park and Cratloe stations by an armed and disguised party. The mail bags were examined by the raiders and a portion left behind. The postmaster was informed of the occurrence, but no arrests have been made.

Official V.E.S.O.N.

An official report issued in Dublin on Sunday night states:

"Two plain clothes policemen were attacked by

the police during the night, and beaten up.

The scenes of the outbreak were visited yesterday by the Most Rev. Dr Hallinan, who was accompanied by the Mayor, Father Connolly, Adm. St. John, and Father Dwyer, Adm. St. Michael.

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STOP PRESS NEWS.

The most recent news is as follows:

"The Royal Irish Regiment, having received

orders to march to Belfast, has been ordered to

return to Limerick, and has been