

a mob in Limerick at 11.30 o'clock yesterday morning, and were stripped and beaten. The police turned out into the street and were fired upon from several directions. Constable Nathan was shot dead at Bolterboy barracks. Very serious firing took place from a publichouse. The police defended themselves by throwing bombs at the publichouse, which was set on fire and destroyed. The military turned out and assisted in restoring order."

Letter from Most Rev Dr Hallinan.

The Most Rev Dr Hallinan, in a letter to Father Dwane, Adm., St Michael's, says:—

"I felt it my duty, as Bishop, to visit to-day and see for myself the scene of the wreckage caused by the police. For this purpose I thought it well to be accompanied by you as the administrator of the parish where the greatest amount of damage was done, and also by Fr Connolly, Adm. of St John's, where damage of a very serious kind, though not so extensive, was also done. I wish to make publicly known through this letter to you the facts as far as I have seen them, as well as the amount of information I could gather.

The simple and unvarnished truth is the following:—Five business houses have been burned down. The whole of Carey's road, in which there are at both sides about 120 houses, mostly inhabited by poor people, has been partially wrecked. With a few exceptions, all the houses at both sides, both in Upper and Lower Carey's road, have had their windows smashed.

In some of them the furniture, the ware, the pictures, have been broken into atoms, the floors were covered with the debris. I was informed similar outrages were committed in some of the lanes branching off Carey's road. In some of the houses there was clear evidence of shots having been fired into them.

The dwellers say they saved themselves by rushing into hiding places. Two of the houses attacked and burned belonged to widows with young children. Everywhere there was evidence of widespread terror in the places of the poorer women and children in the raided districts. It was phenomenal that many lives were not lost and that there were so few wounded.

As regard the motive for this cruel action by armed police, I cannot say anything at present with any degree of certainty. Some say it was the disarming or shooting or wounding of two detectives; others say that it was the shooting by civilians of a policeman. This is the report I see sent officially to headquarters from Limerick, but this is strongly denied here, and it is generally believed that the policeman was shot, not before the burnings and wreckings, but during them, and by another policeman.

Whatever the true version, there can be no justification for the mad orgy of police violence against crowds of innocent people. Considering what happened here, in the light of recent happenings in Cork and Dublin and elsewhere, it looks as if these things were not the result of mere chance, but are of a subtle policy of provocation for ulterior purposes. If this be so, it is doomed to failure.

The Irish people are now too wideawaks and too self-restrained to allow themselves to be caught in any such trap. We are told by British politicians and the British Press that if certain colloquy that is now going on between Westminster and some well-meaning, unauthorised individuals, or group of individuals, does not issue in success, we have nothing before us but civil war, chaos, and anarchy. There is no danger of civil war. We have not in Ireland the element for a civil war.

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

Death of Edward Paget.

Edward Paget, 43, unmarried, who was admitted to the District Infirmary yesterday morning in an unconscious state as a result, it is alleged, of being seriously assaulted by police on Sunday, died last night. When admitted to the Infirmary on the certificate of Dr P. F. Graham, Mr Paget was found to have been badly injured, and from the first his condition was grave. Paget, who lived in School House Lane, was a builder's labourer, and an ex-service man, having served in the Royal Irish Regiment, and leaves a family to mourn his untimely death. The funeral is to be from St Michael's Parochial Church at three o'clock tomorrow (next) time. All the ex-service men are invited to the funeral.

No Inquest on Constable Nathan.

Yesterday Mr J J Dundon, solicitor, Deputy Coroner, attended at the military hospital, New Barracks, for the purpose of holding an inquest into the circumstances attending the fatal shooting of Constable Nathan, 19, a native of London, in Edward-street.

District Inspector W Egan and Sergeant Courtenay represented the authorities.

The enquiry was timed to be held at one o'clock, and at half-past one only ten out of the fifteen jurors summoned attended and answered.

The Deputy Coroner said in view of the fact that he had not a jury of twelve he could not hold the inquest. He was acting for the Coroner, Mr Barry, who was away at present. Having regard to the fact that under recent legislation another arrangement could be made for the holding of an inquest, he did not propose to fine absent jurors, and the enquiry into the death of Constable Nathan, owing to the absence of a sufficient number of jurors, fell through.

District Inspector Egan—Very well, sir. I suppose we may take away the body?

The Deputy Coroner—Yes.

A CONTRADICTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR—In the report in the "Irish Independent" yesterday of the outrageous action of the police in Limerick on Sunday the following paragraph appears:—"Portion of Limerick city was partly wrecked yesterday, following the death of a policeman."

In justice to myself as local correspondent of the "Irish Independent" I wish to clearly state that no such words were used by me in telegraphing, and no one was more pained than myself that so misleading and unfair a distortion of the telegram should have appeared.

The report sent to the "Independent" was verbatim with that which appeared in the "Cork Examiner" and "Freeman's Journal" as a separate message could not be despatched owing to telegraphic exigencies. Early on yesterday I wired the "Independent" requiring a contradiction. Thanking you in anticipation for publication of this repudiation,

Yours sincerely,

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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.

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SPORTING

TRAMORE MEETING

Town Handicap—Vivace, (J. R. Spider, 2; Nellie Mac, 3. Also ran and Charles V Betting—5 to 2; and Red Spider, 3 to 1 Vivace.

Castletown Handicap—Petite fill 1; Marliac, 2; Lovely Toy, 2. Al B y, Julianstown, Ambitax, M Athgarvan 1, and Sand Martin to 2 Petite filly, 4 to 1 Marlan, Toy. Won by three lengths.

Maiden Chase—Dudley (T Morg 2; Gristle, 3. Also ran—Ardmore and Whoa Whoop. Betting—6 to 5 to 2 Melange and Gristle.

Holiday Plate—Humming Top Plate Glass, 2; Monkey Climb, C Man, and Registration. Bett Humming Top, 5 to 1 Registration Won by two lengths.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Himley Plate—Ardella (Gardner 2; Diana, 3. Also ran—Boy Six, Bussboom, Dutch Doll, Stimar, Betting—9 to 4 agst Ardella, 11 to 1 Potterne.

Shrewsbury Handicap—Salva Walsh, O. Honest John, 2. Al