

LIMERICK COURTMARTIAL.

Kerryman Charged.

A district Courtmartial assembled at the Limerick County Prison this morning for the trial of Patrick Landers, Listowel, civilian.

The accused was charged with being in possession of documents likely to cause disaffection amongst his Majesty's subjects. The first charge was being in possession of a document not allowing solicitors to practice unless they took an oath of allegiance to Dail Eireann; the second was being in possession of a document relating to a policeman visiting a certain house to see a young lady, and the third with being in possession of a document, signed "Captain Connor," stating that a coastguard station was to be attacked, and giving directions to have forces taken out to block the roads to Ballyhaunin. That document was addressed to Commandant Landers.

When asked to plead, the accused said he did not recognise the court, but he had no objection to be tried by any member of the court.

The President entered a plea of not guilty.

A military officer stated he was in a raiding party at Nolan's publichouse, Listowel, on the 12th August. In a bedroom occupied by the accused he saw a member of the raiding party take a bundle from a mattress. After the search the accused, who was standing outside the publichouse, was also searched, and two documents taken from him. On the night of the 2nd September he was in the party that arrested Landers at Ballinruddy House.

The accused—Do you know that anonymous letters have been sent to Ballinruddy Camp against me?—Not to my knowledge.

As a matter of fact the roads were not blocked to Ballinruddy?—No.

During your time in Listowel have you seen me interfere with either policemen or soldiers?—No.

The Prosecutor—Do you know whether or not the accused holds any position in his Majesty's forces?—No.

The President—Do you know anything favourable to Mr Landers' reputation?—During the whole time he was out for peace in Listowel. When some of the soldiers got drunk he ordered the Volunteers to take them back to camp.

The President—Irish Volunteers?—Yes.

Another military witness stated he accompanied last witness on a raid at Nolan's publichouse on the night of the 12th August. On searching the room occupied by accused he found the documents (produced) and handed them to last witness. On the morning of the 3rd inst. when arrested at Ballinruddy House, the typewritten document (produced) about solicitors was found on him.

Accused—How long are you in Listowel?—Since last June.

During that time have I ever interfered with either soldiers or policemen?—Not to my knowledge.

A civilian witness said he knew accused for ten and a half years, and during that time he did not hold any position in his Majesty's forces as entitled him to call himself Commandant or Captain. The accused was not out against the police or soldiers, and witness saw him cautioning people who were against the soldiers and police, and on one occasion he saw him escorting soldiers to Ballinruddy Camp when they were in danger of being attacked. On another occasion he saved witness's life by coming to his rescue when he was about to be attacked by forty Volunteers.

This closed the evidence.

The President asked accused if he wished to call any witnesses for his defence, or to make any statement, and he replied in the negative. He desired, however, to say, with regard to the second charge of the policeman visiting the young lady's house, that the young lady in question was married to the policeman.

The Prosecutor—Of course the second charge is not a particularly satisfactory one.

The Accused—As far as the documents about solicitors are concerned, I wish to say that is a copy. I did not write it.

POLICE AMBUSHED IN CO. LIMERICK.

Constable Shot Dead.

It was officially reported on Sunday that at Abbeyfeale on Saturday night, a police patrol was ambushed, and one constable, John O'Mahony, was shot dead. Another constable was slightly wounded in the head, and a third in the chest.

A Press message says—A Constabulary patrol was ambushed about 11 o'clock on Saturday night near Abbeyfeale, and fired on by an armed party of men. Constable Mahony was shot dead, and two other members of the patrol, the head constable and a constable, were wounded. A large force of military and Constabulary proceeded on Sunday from Limerick for the scene of the ambush.

Police Constable John O'Mahony, shot dead near Abbeyfeale (Co Limerick) on Saturday night, was a son of Mr D O'Mahony, boat builder, Castletownshend, Skibbereen, and had about four years' service. The remains of Constable O'Mahony are being brought to Castletownshend for interment.

Two Civilians Dead.

Another tragedy occurred in Abbeyfeale last night, when two civilians lost their lives.

It is reported that the civilians, who were passing the police barrack between 9 and 10 o'clock, were challenged by police. They made no reply, and were then ordered to halt. Ignoring the order, they ran away. They were fired upon by the police, and both, it is stated, were shot dead.

A Temperance Hall was burned and other establishments damaged, following the death of Constable John Mahony, who was fatally wounded when a police patrol was attacked outside Abbeyfeale late on Saturday night.

Constable Mahony received the last rites of the Church from Father Fitzgerald and Father Carr. Both clergymen accompanied the remains to the police barrack.

Head Constable Little and Constable Collins, who were wounded on the same occasion, are progressing favourably.

It was only on Sunday morning that the townspeople learned of the tragic occurrence.

Father Carr, at first Mass, requested the prayers of the congregation for Constable Mahony. They had, he said, been congratulating themselves on the peaceful state of their parish when the terrible occurrence of the previous night involved the life of an inoffensive man. He did not think anyone in the district was capable of such a deed, and they extended their sympathy to the deceased's relatives.

Large numbers of soldiers and police arrived in the town.

The local temperance hall was subsequently burned. Mr Woulfe's pharmacy was considerably damaged, and windows were broken in Mrs Leep's and Mr D O'Neill's houses. Kibonlea Temperance Hall was set on fire, and the office at Devon road creamery was damaged.

Military and police have been patrolling the district.

Later particulars state that on Sunday night Devon Road Co-operative Creamery was partially burned down. No reason is assigned for the outrage, the damage involved amounting to a few thousand pounds.

LATER DETAILS.

The names of the two men shot dead in the neighbourhood of Abbeyfeale on Monday are Bartholomew Healy, labourer, and Patrick Hartnett, rural postman, both young men, and living in the locality. They met a constabulary patrol on the public road on the Kerry side of the town and were called on after some parley to surrender. They did not accept the challenge but proceeded to run away, and were in the act of doing so when, to avoid their escape, the patrol fired on the two men shooting both dead.

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SPORTING

CURRAGH MEET

Sourry Handicap—Ardsull (I Silvermore (Dines), 2; Glenste Also ran—Long, Tinoda, Vico, O Victorious, and Dono. Betting—3 to 1 Ardsull, 5 to 1 Glenstella 8 to 1 Tinoda, 100 to 8 others. quarters of a length.

Loughbrown Nursery—Blackie 1; Glannagalt (Wing), 2; Laver Also ran—Sunny Bird, Orceon High Colour, Clara B, Kingsb Betting—3 to 1 agst Glannagalt, 6 to 1 Blackladies and Mor Vall bridge, 100 to 8 others. Won by was an objection to the winner & objection was upheld and the Glannagalt, the third place being bridge. The Stewards fined Be pended him from riding again at

Anglesey Stakes—Russian Sab Silver Queen (M Beary), 2; Flor Also ran—The O'Donoghue, Tell Martinet, and Orby Lass. Bett Martinet, 4 to 1 Russian Sable, 1 Teltown, 10 to 1 others. Won b

Curragh Plate—Wavy Stripe Riverside Fairy (Ward), 2; Sun 3. Also ran—Transform and Gr —6 to 1 on Wavy Stripe, 7 to Fairy, 20 to 1 others. Won by

Brownstone Plate—Llangarre Volage Pet (J Doyle), 2; Hage Also ran—Marengo. Deralim, Ladylike. Betting—6 to 4 on L agst Volage Pet, 10 to 1 Hage Marengo and Saorosnet, 50 to by a length.

Kildare Handicap—Martini Daylight Saver (T Burns), 2 3. Also ran—Shotmaker, V Fariray, and Princess Wavelet, agst Princess Wavelet, 4 to 1 1 to Martinique and Swimmer, Fariray, 20 to 1 Vagabond, 10 Won by half a length.