

WEST CLARE TRAGEDY.

Policemen and Three Soldiers Reported Killed.

It is officially stated that a police motor car ambushed between Miltown-Malbay and Inch (Co. Clare). Two of its escort are reported to have been killed and two wounded.

Ennis correspondent writes:—A report has been received of a collision between a party of police and soldiers and civilians yesterday afternoon at Rineen, midway between Lalinoh and Miltown-Malbay. The military and police were in motor lorries at the time. There are no details as to the origin of the affair, but it is stated that four policemen and one soldier were shot, and one policeman badly wounded. It is not known if there were any civilian casualties. The other party of military came on the scene, and threats were made.

There was great military activity in the Ennis district all the afternoon.

Miltown-Malbay correspondent states:—Just before 5 p.m. to-day a motor lorry on its way from Miltown-Malbay to Ennistymon was attacked at a place known as Dromin Hill, about a mile from Ennis town, by a party estimated between 100 and 150 men. Six policemen were on the lorry. Four were fatally wounded, and one seriously wounded through the lung. Another police constable is reported to be missing.

Two military motor lorries later came on the scene. The attackers fired on the military, who returned the fire. It is stated that three soldiers were killed. A civilian, who was hay-making near the scene of the attack, was seriously wounded. His name is John Keane. It is also stated that one of the attacking party was injured.

Between 30 and 40 civilians, who were working at the time, have been placed under arrest, and are detained in Ennistymon military quarters.

As a reprisal two houses, owned by Thomas Henan and Mrs. Henan, were set on fire. Great military activity prevails at the scene of the disturbance. Machine guns are placed on the roads. Further details are lacking, as it is impossible to get near the place.

There were four policemen killed, one wounded, and one missing, according to a local correspondent, but there were only two killed (Constables Kelly and Harmon) and two wounded, according to a Dublin Castle report, the "Independent" says.

Latest Details.

FOUR POLICEMEN KILLED.

Latest particulars to-day show that four policemen were killed, a R.I.C. sergeant seriously wounded, and a private soldier wounded. It is stated that the attackers were engaged by the military, and that some civilians were seen to fall, but nothing further is ascertainable.

A Press Association telegram received this morning says:—It is officially stated four policemen were killed in the ambush in Miltown-Malbay yesterday. There were 36 arrests of suspected persons.

THREE MEN SHOT DEAD

LIMERICK CO. COUNCILLOR

Shot Dead in a Dublin Hotel.

Attempted Arrest by Military.

Mr John A. Lynch, of Limerick, a County Councillor, and member of the General Council of County Councils, was shot dead in his bedroom between 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday morning at the Royal Exchange Hotel, Parliament-street, Dublin. It is stated (says the "Irish Times") that a party of military came to arrest him, and that he fired on them. The fire was returned, and Mr Lynch was killed.

It is said that no one in the hotel heard any encounter, and that the body of Mr Lynch only shows one wound, below the mouth. There is only one bullet mark in the hotel. This mark is of an inward shot, about four feet from the ground, where a bullet struck the right hand wall of the bedroom, at an acute angle from the door.

Mr Lynch's body, clothed only in a shirt, was found lying on its back stretched across the bed, and the only blood marks are immediately about the place where his head touched, and on the floor below.

The military are in possession of a large calibre Webley revolver, which the man is said to have fired. It contains five live cartridges and one spent cartridge. It is stated also that the military have been for some time anxious to arrest Mr Lynch, and that his whereabouts was ascertained through a letter addressed from the Royal Exchange Hotel to Limerick, which was discovered amongst the mails recently seized and examined by military at Kingsbridge on Friday last.

When the military left the hotel they locked up the room in which the body lay and handed the key to the police. All day two D.M.P. constables kept guard at the door of the room, until about 6 o'clock in the evening, when, by order of the City Coroner, the body was removed to the Morgue to await an inquest, which the Coroner had arranged to hold to-day at 12 o'clock. The Coroner, however, last night received an official communication intimating that he was not to hold an inquest.

Another report states that Mr Lynch had apparently not gone to bed, as the bed clothes had not been disturbed.

HOTEL MANAGER'S STATEMENT.

The story of the death of Mr Lynch was told yesterday by Mr Cannon, manager of the hotel. He said that the first intimation he received of the occurrence was a note sent to his private address by the manageress of the Royal Exchange Hotel. In the note the manageress begged him to hasten into town, as a guest of the hotel had been wounded, and might now be dead. That was all Mr Cannon knew when he arrived at the hotel, and found two policemen guarding the door of the room which Mr Lynch occupied.

Mr Cannon said that he wanted to see the man who had been wounded.

"He is dead," the police replied, and told him that he could not go into the room, and that they had been sent there to mind the corpse.

"Who did it?" asked Mr Cannon. "The military," he said the police replied.

"Where did you get your information?" Mr Cannon inquired.

Terrible Outbreak at Balbriggan

Sequel to Shooting of Head Constable

Two Residents Shot

Many Houses Destroyed

During Monday night and there was a violent outbreak following the shooting of Head Constable in that town.

The Head Constable, with his clothes, had motored from Dublin to Germanstown. At Balbriggan for refreshments, which were publican.

In the disturbance which ensued, revolver shots were fired. Head Constable was shot dead. Sergeant Bourke, was wounded.

Subsequently, it is stated, a police constable stationed at Germanstown briggan. Many houses were fired in the streets. Two civil Lawless, hair dresser, and Joe proprietor, were killed during the morning large number of the population left the town, and apparently only those who got away remained.

The spacious hosiery factor Temple and Co, which employ was destroyed.

The deceased Head Constable promoted to that rank some time ago for his courageous defence of County Clare. He was on the way to the rank of District Inspector.

Lawless leaves a wife and two children. Gibbon lived in a house in Skerries with two sisters, one an invalid, and who were on holidays at Balbriggan.

In the course of the forenoon Rev Mr Jameson, rector; and managing director of the company, left Balbriggan for Dublin to putting the condition of the authorities at the Castle. A great uneasiness prevailed in the town.

QUIET YESTERDAY

Big Compensation

Balbriggan was quiet yesterday of the previous day. Some of the men returned, but again left a possibility of a renewal of the outbreak.

It is stated that claims for destruction of property to be made have been lodged.

During the afternoon a statement of the usual inquest circumstances of the death of the Head Constable and the men Gibbon