

NIGHT OF HORROR IN LIMERICK.

Mayor and Ex-Mayor Shot in Their Homes.

WIVES' HEROIC STRUGGLE.

LADY MAYORESS WOUNDED.

A Third Tragedy.

YOUNG MAN THE VICTIM.

Limerick was stupefied yesterday morning when it became known that the Mayor, Alderman George Clancy, and the ex-Mayor, Councillor Michael O'Callaghan, were fatally shot in their homes some time after midnight, and in the presence of their wives. To add to the general consternation and horror produced by the double tragedy, it was learned later that a third had been perpetrated in another part of the city, the victim being a young man named Joseph O'Donoghue, manager of the British and Argentine Fresh Meat Company, William-street. It was a day of gloom and depression which few will forget for many years to come. The news was not generally known until eight o'clock a.m., when the announcement was made at all the early Masses in the city. The feeling of horror that the intelligence created among the congregations was overpowering, and when it reached the citizens generally it caused stupefaction. It was naturally the prevailing topic all day long; nobody could speak or think of anything else, so overcome were the people at these dreadful happenings in a city, where only last week the Lord Chief Justice, in his address to the Grand Jury, referred to the Christian forces at work for the preservation of the peace of the city. The late Mayor and his predecessor in office were exemplary citizens. That is admitted on all sides. They were both young men in the prime of life. They were adherents of Sinn Féin principles, but were men of moderate views, and tolerant towards those who differed from them politically, while as Corporators they stood for the efficient administration of civic affairs. During the year Councillor O'Callaghan held the high office of Mayor, which he relinquished on the 30th January last, he worked energetically for the good of the community as a whole. He was a diligent and zealous Chief Magistrate, and concerned only for the welfare of the community. As a chairman he was impartial, able, and painstaking, and he conducted the debates in the Council with marked intelligence and courtesy. A member of an old Limerick family, he was about 40 years of age, and was a son of the late Mr Edward Hackett O'Callaghan, of the firm of Messrs O'Callaghan and Sons, City Tannery, and grandson of the late Ald Eugene O'Callaghan, who was

stomach, and the Mayor fell to the ground. Another of the attackers, producing a revolver, fired at the prone body of the deceased. The Lady Mayoress in intervening between her husband and his assailants received a bullet in the right arm. She, however, grappled with the attackers, but they continued firing shots while the Mayor was struggling along the hall-way towards the back entrance. Here he was subsequently found by his wife and a neighbour, meaning and evidently in great agony. In a few minutes the Very Rev Canon O'Driscoll, P.P. St Munchin's, arrived, and administered the last rites of the Church to the deceased, who expired soon afterward.

With regard to the shooting of Mr Thomas O'Donoghue, the circumstances show that he was lodging at the house of Mrs Lyddy, Jamesboro', a suburb of the city, and had been living there for a considerable time. On Sunday night, between half-past eleven and twelve o'clock, a party of masked and armed men called at the house. Mr O'Donoghue was asked his name. Having given his name, one of the raiders said, "You are the man we want." His room was then searched, and he was taken out and shot dead. When found, about 7.30 in the morning, some short distance from the house, the body was practically riddled with bullets. The deceased, it is stated, took no part in politics, but took a keen interest in the Gaelic League movement. The deceased was a native of Rathdoff, Co. Westmeath.

Most Rev. Dr. Hallinan and Very Rev. Canon O'Driscoll, P.P. St. Munchin's, visited the homes of the dead and prayed for their repose. At the house of the late Mayor his Lordship recited the Rosary in Irish.

Mourning in the City

Since yesterday the business houses in the city, and many private houses have had their blinds drawn as a mark of respect to the memory of the three deceased, and of deep sympathy with their relatives in their great sorrow.

The City Flag is at half-mast, and also the Trades' Flag at the Mechanics' Institute.

The following death notices, draped in black, are affixed to the entrance door of the Town Hall:

"Alderman George Clancy, Mayor of Limerick, murdered 7th March, 1921. R.I.P."

"Councillor Michael O'Callaghan, ex-Mayor of Limerick, murdered 7th March, 1921. R.I.P."

Messages of Sympathy.

Messages of sympathy and condolence, expressing horror at the terrible news were received from Councillor Barry Egan, Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork; Councillor O'Doherty, Mayor of Derry; Alderman Dr White, Mayor of Waterford; Alderman O'Meara, Mayor of Clonmel, and Mr Thomas Keane, Thurles.

Letters of sympathy were also received from Colonel-Commandant Cameron, O.C., and the Divisional Commissioner R.I.C., addressed to the Town Clerk. Same will be considered by the Corporation at next meeting, after which they will be published together with the replies.

The Funeral Arrangements.

A meeting of the members of the Borough Council, clergy, and other citizens, with representatives of the deceased, was held in the Town Hall last evening to make arrangements for the funerals. Alderman J. Casey, Deputy Mayor, presided.

A sub-committee was appointed to make all the necessary arrangements, and decided on the following—The remains of the late Councillor M O'Callaghan will be removed at 6 o'clock this evening from St Margaret's, and the procession will travel by the North Strand to St John's Cathedral. On the way it will be joined by the cortege of the late Mayor, Alderman George Clancy, whose remains will be taken from his residence, Castleview Gardens. There will be a lying-in-state in the Cathedral from tonight until Thursday evening, by permission of the Rev Fr Connolly, Adm., and for this purpose glass panels will be inserted in the coffins. The funerals, and that of the late Mr O'Donoghue, will take place after Office and Requiem Mass on Thursday for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery.

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stating they had learned "with deepest sorrow of the cruel deaths of the Mayor of Limerick, and Mr Michael O'Callaghan," and tendering their "deepest sympathy to their bereaved relatives and the citizens of Limerick, and deplore the loss the country has sustained by the death of those patriotic Irishmen, and particularly the loss the industrial movement has sustained by the death of Mr O'Callaghan."

The Most Rev Dr Cobalan, Bishop of Cork, has sent a telegram to the Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev Dr Hallinan, expressing deepest sympathy.

Mr J L Fawcitt.

Mr J L Fawcitt, Irish Consul, New York:—"Heartfelt sympathy with families, Council, and citizens on appalling murder; courage and constancy will win ultimate victory."

Official Report.

Dublin, Monday.—An official report issued in Dublin to-day states—"Councillor Michael O'Callaghan, ex-Mayor of Limerick, was shot at and mortally wounded by armed men at 1.30 this morning. He died half-an-hour later. Shortly afterwards Alderman George Clancy, Mayor of Limerick, was shot dead at his house. Mrs Clancy was wounded."

Visit by Military.

Five military officers visited the houses of the three deceased and viewed the bodies. It is expected that a military inquiry will be held in each case.

Deputy Mayor's Proclamation.

We received this evening the following for publication:—

Fellow Citizens—Stricken with horror and grief at the brutal murder of our most prominent citizens, we wish to protest in the most forcible manner possible against an unworthy insinuation that is being circulated. It is said that the men's lives have been sacrificed by what is called the extreme Sinn Féin faction because they were men of peace. We wish to emphatically deny this rumour. There are few who cannot form an accurate opinion for themselves as to who were responsible for those brutal murders during the hours of Ourfew. We call upon you in this moment of trial to act up to your traditions of calm and self-control; and while paying honour to the remains of these, our noblest and best citizens, you will give the enemy no reason to desecrate their obsequies by new outrages. We hereby declare Thursday to be a day of mourning, all work to cease, all schools and places of amusement to be closed that day.

"ALD. CASEY, Deputy Mayor, on behalf of citizens Committee."

DUBLIN DEATH SENTENCES.

Two Commuted.

The following communique was issued from military headquarters in Dublin on Saturday:— It is officially announced that the following sentences were promulgated this afternoon:—

(1) In the case of William Conway the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief in Ireland confirmed the finding, and commuted the sentence to penal servitude for life.

(2) In the case of Edward Potter the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief in Ireland confirmed the sentence. His Excellency the Viceroy has exercised the prerogative of mercy, and has commuted the death sentence to one of penal servitude for life.

(3) In the case of Thomas Wheelan, the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief in Ireland confirmed the sentence of death.

Thomas Wheelan, who has been sentenced to death, when charged at a General Court-martial at the City Hall, Dublin, on the 1st February with the murder, or alternatively manslaughter of Captain G T Baggally, of 119 Lower Baggot street, on the 21st November last, stated near the close of the trial, which lasted three days that he was absolutely innocent of the charge. He declared that he never entered the house 119 Lower Baggot street in his life, and he was not in Baggot street on the morning in question.

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Alderman George Clancy was elected a member of the Corporation at the last elections, in January, 1920, being returned at the head of the poll. On the 31st January last he succeeded Councillor O'Callaghan as Mayor, being returned unopposed. Since then he took a keen and intelligent interest in municipal affairs, and was a man of peace and moderation. A scholar of high repute, the late Mayor was son of Mr J Clancy, Grange, Co Limerick, and was about 39 years of age. He was, like his predecessor, identified with the Sinn Fein movement, and a member of the Limerick Gaelic League. The late Mayor was a fluent Gaelic speaker, and also spoke French and Spanish. With every movement for the betterment of the condition of the people he took a leading part since his entry into public life. By his death, and that of his predecessor in office, Limerick loses two outstanding figures, men who put every interest above self, and now that they are gone so unexpectedly and so tragically, the citizens, of all creeds and classes, and the country generally, extend heartfelt sympathy and condolence to their bereaved widows and families.

It is a further pathetic circumstance in connection with the Mayor's tragic death that only on Sunday last the funeral of Mrs Clancy's father, the late Mr Timothy Killeen, took place from the late Mayor's residence.

The death of Mr O'Donoghue under similar circumstances is another chapter in the tragedy with which the city has been visited within the past forty-eight hours. He was a young man, in or about twenty-eight years of age, and came to Limerick some two years ago as manager of the British and Argentine Fresh Meat Co., William-street.

From the particulars learned it appears that Mr O'Callaghan, who resided at St Margaret's, North Strand, retired to bed on Sunday night at half-past eleven o'clock. Two hours later he and his wife were awakened by loud knocking at the front door. Mrs O'Callaghan got up and went to the window, and asked who was there. She received the reply—"Police and military." She asked if they were accompanied by an officer, and the reply was "Yes, and two." One of the party of two or three men told her to throw down the keys of the gate in order to admit others of their party. This was the request made at previous raids on the house. Mrs O'Callaghan went down stairs, followed by her husband. Upon opening the door two men confronted her, with the collars of their coats turned up and caps drawn down over their eyes. Both wore motor goggles, with tortoise rims, and were also wearing what looked like fake moustaches. They called on Mr O'Callaghan to come out, adding "We want you." Mrs O'Callaghan, who was standing in front of the assailants with extended arms, exclaimed "No, no." One of the men then rushed into the hall with revolver in hand and fired over Mrs O'Callaghan's shoulder at her husband, who fell at the foot of the staircase. Mrs O'Callaghan, a frail woman, grappled with one of the men, and in the struggle pulled off his goggles, which is now in possession of the family. While Mr O'Callaghan was lying prostrate at the end of the staircase others of the assailants rushed in and fired several shots into his body, which bear the marks of three exit wounds. Mrs O'Callaghan then seized an umbrella, with which she attacked the raiders. During the course of the struggle to save her husband's life she was assaulted several times, and eventually thrown violently on the floor alongside her dying husband, where she was bound by the maid, the only other occupant of the house, and who was aroused by the shots.

The Rev Fr. Philip, O.F.M. and Dr J Roberts were phoned for and arrived in a short time. At that time Mr O'Callaghan was almost beyond human aid. Fr. Philip administered the last rites of the Church, but he died some short time afterwards.

As a result of the violence inflicted on Mrs O'Callaghan, in her gallant attempt to save her husband she is in bed suffering from injuries to

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On Thursday the funerals will leave the Cathedral at the conclusion of Requiem Mass, and travel by John street, Broad street, Charlotte Quay, Bank Place, Rutland street, Patrick street, O'Connell street, William street, and Mulgrave street, to Mount St Lawrence Cemetery.

The band of St Joseph's Orphanage will be stationed at the top of William street, and will play funeral marches while the cortege is passing. The remains of the deceased will be interred in a Republican Plot, of which the Sinn Fein Executive has been appointed trustees.

This evening the coffin will be shouldered the whole way to the Cathedral, and on Thursday the hearse will be utilised for the purpose.

Subject to the approval of the relatives of the late Mr O'Donoghue, his remains will be removed at 4.30 this evening from Janeboro' to the Cathedral, and the interment will also be in the Republican Plot.

During the passage of the funeral this evening and also on Thursday citizens are requested to keep on the sidewalks and not to congregate on the roadways.

A committee has been appointed to receive delegates—Corporation representatives and other public bodies from outside centres.

The order of the funeral procession will be regulated by a marshal, who will be assisted by a number of others.

Order of Funeral Procession

Children (the children from schools are to form up in Bank Place, and to head procession in the order directed by a special marshal); Clergy; Remains; Chief Mourners and Relatives; the following public bodies (who will be provided with seats in the Cathedral)—Local Public Boards, Limerick Corporation, Fire Brigade, and Mayor's Sergeants, Dublin Corporation, Cork Corporation, Derry Corporation, Waterford Corporation, Wexford Corporation, Clonmel Corporation, County Councils, Unions, etc; Cummann-na-mBann (who will form up in the Cathedral yard); the Trades and Labour Bodies, and the County Trades and Labour Bodies (who will take up positions along by the wall of St John's Hospital, as directed by Mr Carr, President, and Trades' Council Executive; General Public not included in above sections (who will form up in St John's Square). Everyone attending funeral is earnestly requested to carry out the Marshals' directions promptly and exactly. The Marshals' will be distinguished by badges. As the Centre Aisle of the Cathedral is being reserved for the bodies mentioned above, admission to same will be by card or ticket.

Thursday a Day of Mourning

It has been arranged that Thursday will be observed as a day of general mourning in the city.

Dublin Corporation Adjourns.

At Dublin Corporation meeting the Lord Mayor read a telegram from Alderman Casey, Deputy Mayor of Limerick, announcing the tragedies. As a mark of their sorrow for the calamity that had overtaken the people of Limerick, he (Lord Mayor) thought they should adjourn.

The proposition was passed in silence, Mrs Wyse Power, who seconded, saying no one could feel equal to the strain of doing business in view of the circumstances. She knew Mr O'Callaghan well. He was a good citizen and a great industrialist. The Lord Mayor, Mrs Wyse Power, and Messrs P T Daly and Sean MacCvoilte were appointed a delegation to represent the Corporation at the funerals.

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THE NEW U.S.A. CABINET

The following is the personnel of the new U.S.A. Cabinet:— Secretary of State—Mr Charles E Hughes, New York. Secretary of the Treasury—Mr A W Mellon, Pennsylvania. Secretary of War—Mr J W Weeks, Massachusetts. Attorney-General—Mr H K Daughterty, Pennsylvania. Postmaster-General—Mr W H Hays, Indiana. Secretary of the Navy—Mr Edwin Denby, Michigan. Secretary of the Interior—Mr A B Fall, New Mexico. Secretary of Agriculture—Mr H C Wallace, Iowa. Secretary of Commerce—Mr Herbert Hoover, California. An Exchange telegram says that the Senate has confirmed the Cabinet.

LIMERICK MARKETS.

BUTTER—3s 3d to 3s 4d per lb.
POULTRY—Chickens, 8s to 13 0d per pair; young ducks, 6s to 8s per pair.
PLANTS—Early York, 1s 6d per 100; common cabbage, 1s 0d per 100.
FISH—Cod, 1s 4d per lb; haddock, 1s 2d per lb; whiting, 1s 2d per lb; salmon, whole 3s per lb, cut 3s 6d per lb; plaice, 1s 6d per lb. Herrings and macarel scarce.
GRAIN—Wholesale Prices at Mill Door—3s 6d ers' Flour, 69s 0d per sack; G. R Flour, 69 0 per sack; Oatmeal, 80s 0d per sack; Fluke Meal, 32s 6d per cwt.
MEAT—All roasting joints, beef and mutton, 2s 0d per lb; boiling beef, 1s 8d per lb; boiling mutton, 1s 10d per lb; steak and chop, 2s 0d per lb.

PIGS.

The following are to-day's prices:—

	wt q'r lb	wt q'r lb	per cwt
Suitable pigs	(1 1 0 to 1 2 7)		180s 0d
Stout	(1 2 8 to 1 3 0)		180s 0d
Overweight	(1 3 1 to 1 3 14)		180s 0d
Heavy ditto	(over 1 3 14)		180s 0d
Ditto	(over 2 0 0)		170s 0d
Ditto	(over 2 1 7)		Special
Unfinished		Special price.	
Berwick	(about 8 stone)		180s 0d
"Sixes"	(bacon pigs under 10st)		180s 0d

CORK BUTTER MARKET.

THIS DAY.
 (BY TELEGRAPH.)
 Fresh (A), 273s.
 Supply small; demand quiet. Weather fine. Centrifugal Creamery, 290s to 280s; Factory 270s to 260s.

LIMERICK STOCK LIST

To-Day's Prices.

GOVERNMENT STOCK

War Loan 5% 1929/47 85½
 Consols 46½

BANKS.

Bank of Ireland 190 x d
 Hibernian 4½
 Munster and Leinster 5½
 National 15½
 Provincial 18½

RAILWAYS.

Gt Southern & Wes Orig. 35 x d
 Great Northern 47½ x d
 Mid Great Western 17 x d
 SOUTH AFRICANS