

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

In consequence of the earlier departure the evening trains from Limerick, and the curtailment of the hour for posting to p.m. at the General Post Office, it has been found necessary to issue the editions of the *Chronicle* at an earlier hour than hitherto. Advertisers will, therefore, please note that the latest hour at which advertisements can be received at this office on issue days is 3.30 p.m. Publication of any notices received after that hour cannot be guaranteed for that evening.

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THE COAL CRISIS.

The coal trade dispute has now entered on its seventh week. The public are wondering how long further this disastrous crisis is to continue. When it started no one as much as anticipated that it would have dragged along for such an inordinate length of time, with all its deplorable consequences to trade and industry, causing a vast amount of unemployment and great inconvenience to the public in the direction of drastically restricted train services, and the shortage of coal for even domestic use. Conference after conference between those directly concerned and the Government have taken place since the dispute began, but with no result, except the mere policy of drift, which is accentuated day by day by threatened complications in other directions. The debate in the House of Commons during the week-end, however, lends colour to the view that the threads of negotiations may again soon be picked up, and that the present week may see some definite move towards that end. Mr. Lloyd George declared that it was quite obvious that the parties directly concerned must be brought together when the "right moment" has arrived. Everyone ardently trusts that that moment is rapidly approaching, and naturally it must depend on the spirit of conciliation and of compromise that may present itself with a view to bridging over the dead-lock that has arisen. It is said that the parties concerned are more amenable and that there is a better feeling all round. The country will be very sensibly relieved if that is found to be the case. At all events it would seem as if the Government has opened fresh soundings, and it is regarded as probable that further conversations may take place this week at Chequers with the Prime Minister. These conversations may lead to a further conference later on, and, as stated, the "fresh atmosphere" that has been created in the past few days gives hope for a satisfactory conclusion of a disastrous and too long drawn out struggle. At the moment the elements making for peace are not propitious to say the least, and while the public are advised to take with caution optimistic statements as to a possible immediate ending of the strike, one must only hope that the policy of drift and inaction will, at all events, come to an end, and that speedily. And there is some encouragement in the view to be derived from the fact that as stated by the "Daily Telegraph"—"Steps have been taken during the week-end to sound the miners' leaders with respect to certain new proposals. There is excellent

AMBUSH IN COUNTY TIPPERARY.

Miss Barrington and Police Officer Shot Dead.

A very painful feeling was caused in Limerick on Sunday morning when it became known that Miss Barrington, the only daughter of Sir Charles Barrington, D.L., Glenstal Castle, a very popular young lady in county and city circles, had lost her life.

The accounts which reached Limerick on Sunday were scant, but the information available indicated that on Saturday a party, consisting of Miss Barrington and two lady friends, District Inspector (Major) Biggs, and a military officer, left Glenstal Castle by motor-car to go as far as Newport Police Station, of which District Inspector Biggs was in charge. They were ambushed by a party of twenty armed men, with the result that Miss Barrington and Mr. Biggs were shot dead, and two other members of the party were slightly wounded.

It is also stated that several bullets were discharged into District Inspector Biggs's body.

Fuller particulars obtained of the fatal ambush show that the motor car contained a party of five—two ladies, Miss Winifred Barrington, Miss Coverdale, Major Biggs District Inspector R.I.C., Captain Tamgouse, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, and Mr. William Gabbett, Mount Rivers, Newport. It would appear that Miss Barrington and Miss Coverdale, who was a guest at Glenstal Castle, Murroe, the seat of Sir Charles and Lady Barrington, proceeded to Newport in the afternoon, where they met Mr. Gabbett, who is a friend of the Barrington family. Miss Barrington rode on a pony and Miss Coverdale cycled. On the way they were met not far from Glenstal by Sir Charles, who had only just returned from London. Sir Charles addressed his daughter, and asked her to be home for dinner. When Miss Barrington and her lady friend reached Newport they were joined by Mr. Gabbett, Major Biggs, and Captain Tamgouse. It was suggested by one of the party that they should go fishing for the evening, and the suggestion was complied with. The pony and bicycle were left in Newport, and the party of five set out in a private motor, and the evening was spent fishing in the Newport river beyond Killoecully.

On the return journey, and when between Killoecully and Newport, at about half-past seven o'clock, the car was suddenly ambushed. Major Biggs was driving, and Miss Barrington was sitting next him, the other three being seated behind. At the first volley Major Biggs was hit and killed instantaneously. Miss Barrington was struck with a bullet in the chest, and was also wounded. She collapsed and fell out of the car which was put out of motion and came to standstill. The poor young lady called to Mr. Gabbett, who jumped out of the car, and did all he could for her, but she died in a short time. Mr. Gabbett then put up his hands, and shouted that there were women in the car, and a reply came from the attackers, "Why were they there?" The firing then ceased, and Captain Tamgouse, who succeeded in effecting his escape, temporarily left Mr. Gabbett and Miss Coverdale, who were also uninjured, standing by the motor with the dead bodies of Miss Barrington and Major Biggs. Word was conveyed to Newport of the dreadful occurrence, and in a short time a large party of police arrived on the scene, to find no persons in the vicinity but the survivors of the attack. They carried out a thorough search in the vicinity, but were unable to find any trace of the ambushers. The body of Miss Barrington was removed by the police to Glenstal Castle, where the terrible news was learned by Sir Charles and Lady Barrington some time previous with dismay and horror. The body of Major Biggs was removed at the same time to Newport, and on Sunday evening was conveyed to the morgue at the New Barracks.

The news of the appalling tragedy did not become known generally in the city until noon on Sunday, and created a painful and distressing feeling among the citizens. On every side the utmost sympathy was expressed for Sir Charles and Lady Barrington in the terrible affliction that had befallen them. Their loss under such tragic circumstances cannot be measured in words, and the grief that the family have been so suddenly and unexpectedly plunged into is shared by the people of the city and county, where Sir Charles and Lady Barrington are so very popular. All day on Sunday people visited Glenstal Castle to offer their sympathy, and, as only can be imagined, the shock to Sir Charles and Lady Barrington has laid them prostrate with sorrow for the loss of their only daughter, who was a great favourite with everyone who knew her. She was a young lady of great charm of manner, bright, and very unassuming. In the district of Murroe, where the Barrington family is so highly respected and esteemed, the news was learned with intense sorrow and consternation. The late Miss Barrington took a deep interest in everything Irish; she was a great lover of her country and its people, and her winning and graceful disposition endeared her to all, rich and poor, who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. She was a keen lover of sporting pastimes. It may be added that she did considerable war work during the late campaign.

The funeral takes place at 11 o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday) for, we learn, Abington.

IRISH TRAGEDIES.

STOP PRESS

Heavy Week-end Death Roll.

The number of deaths recorded during the week-end in Ireland was, it is stated, the heaviest for months past.

The week-end in the Cork district was extremely appalling. Tragedy followed tragedy with dreadful rapidity, and in all the casualties total at least sixteen, ten of whom are dead. In Cork one policeman was killed and three wounded. Later a man was shot dead in his bedroom, and Rev. James O'Callaghan, C.C., was fatally wounded in another house.

In Middleton three police were killed and one wounded. In Inishannon yet another constable was shot dead, and in Drimoleague three civilians were struck by bullets during an encounter with police. In the Carrigtwohill and Middleton districts three civilians were shot dead, a fourth was wounded, and a fifth is also reported dead.

Priest Fatally Wounded.

A Cork Correspondent says:—Between three and four o'clock on Sunday morning armed and disguised men suddenly appeared at the residence of Alderman Liam de Roiste, M.P., at Janemount, Sunday's Wall, Cork, and, battering in the front door, entered. Alderman de Roiste was away from home, and there were in the house at the time Mrs. de Roiste, Father O'Callaghan, who was attached to the Cork Roman Catholic Cathedral, and a servant. Father O'Callaghan, hearing the disturbance, hastily rose from bed, partly attired himself, and went out on the landing. A rifle shot then rang out, and the bullet passed clean through his body, penetrating his lung. He was conveyed to the North Infirmary, where he died at six o'clock on Sunday night.

Constable Shot Dead in Drumcollogher.

Constable Thomas Bridges was shot dead by an armed party of men in the village of Drumcollogher between 7 and 8 o'clock on Saturday night. With two other constables he went out from the barracks to make some small purchases. On the way the policemen were fired at by an armed party. Bridges was shot dead and the two constables slightly wounded. When the firing was heard by the police in the barrack a small party of them went to give assistance, but they were also fired at and two of them slightly wounded.

An official message reports that three R.I.C. constables were fired at while going into a shop to obtain groceries in the village of Drumcollogher. Constable Bridges was killed and another constable slightly wounded. A relief party hearing the firing left the barracks and they too were attacked, a sergeant and a constable being slightly wounded.

Charleville, Monday Night:—Following on the shooting of Constable Thomas Bridges, R.I.C., who was fatally wounded in Drumcollogher on Saturday night, considerable tension and alarm prevails amongst the inhabitants of the village, a number of whom, it is reported have already left their homes. The nervous feeling existing in the village was further accentuated yesterday when the occupants of six houses opposite the scene of Saturday night's attack were ordered to clear out. The remains of the dead constable, who is an Englishman, lie at the constabulary barracks in Drumcollogher, where an inquiry will probably be held.

Head Constable Killed in Tralee.

A Dublin Castle report states:—Head Constable Benson, R.I.C., was shot dead in Pembroke street, Tralee, at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

A Tralee Correspondent states that Head Constable Benson was walking from his house in Pembroke street shortly before three o'clock, when he was fired at and mortally wounded a few yards from his door. Three men, who had evidently been watching for him, constituted the attacking party. One man drew a revolver and fired point-blank at the head constable, who received a bullet through the temple and fell. The two other men rushed over and fired into the prostrate form, and the three attackers then walked off. The head constable received the last rights of his Church from Father Hillier and died shortly afterwards.

The Head Constable leaves a widow and six children.

Unarmed Soldiers Shot.

General Headquarter, Dublin, issued the following communique on Sunday night:—

At about 6 p.m. yesterday six unarmed soldiers of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, out walking on the main Bantry-Castletownbere road, were fired upon by about thirty armed men concealed near the road.

Three private soldiers were killed and one was wounded.

Cattle Dealer Killed in his Bedroom.

A Cork Correspondent says:—At half-past two o'clock on Sunday morning, at 9 Lansford row,

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FOWL—Chickens, 12s to 14s

BUTTER—1s 10d to 2s per lb

EGGS—Hen eggs, 1s 6d

Duck eggs, 1s 8d to 1s 10d

PLANTS—Early York, 1s

cabbage, 9d per 100.

FISH—Owing to difficult

regular and scarce. Salmon

2s 6d per lb.

BREADSTUFFS—Wholesale

—Bakers' Flour, 73s 0d

72s 0d per sack; Oatmeal

Flake Meal, 28s 0d per cw

MEAT—All roasting jobs

2s 0d per lb; boiling beef,

mutton, 1s 10d per lb; 1

per lb.

CORN—A small supply

White oats, 2s 3d to 2s 4d;

2s per stone.

HAY AND STRAW.—A

Rye hay sold at from £4

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to £3 10s; oaten straw, 1

PIGS

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