

en was "held up" and searched on the street by ten of "the uniformed and armed men who, I understand, at present billeted in various hotels in town." An explanation was asked for. On Saturday evening Commandant Brennan wrote in reply that he was having inquiries made. He had already given instructions to the men in his command not to interfere with Captain O'Sullivan's men, and he would stand by that order. The present situation had not been brought about by him.

In reference to the report that officers from Marlinton street Barrack were "held up" on Monday night, when Captain Hurley was shot, Commandant Brennan states that Capt Farrelly, with three of his men, when on their way for a motor, "held up" two men, who were immediately released when it was found that they were Republican Police.

Meeting of Protest.

Dr Thomas Dillon presided at a meeting of nearly 2,000 people at Eyre-quare on Tuesday night, to protest against the shooting of Captain Hurley. A resolution of condemnation, moved by Mr George Nicholls, T.D., seconded by Mr Cyril Brown, was passed.

AMNESTY FOR SINN FEIN PRISONERS.

In British Gaols.

The British Government, through the Home Secretary, ordered the release of all prisoners in British prisons convicted of Sinn Fein offences, irrespective of whether they were committed before or after the truce.

The amnesty applies to the prisoners committed at the A'sizs, including Glamorgan, and even to military prisoners, such as the Guardsmen convicted of theft of arms and ammunition.

The War Office objected to the release of those men, but the Home Office would not make fish of one end and fowl of another. The orders of release were, therefore, made applicable to everybody as and from Saturday last.

CLAIMS BY LANDLESS MEN.

Mr Cozor A Maguire presided at a Sinn Fein Land Commission Court held in the County Court-house, Limerick, on Tuesday. The proceedings were for the purpose of investigating claims by landless men and those in possession of uneconomic holdings in the district of Caheroonlish to a share of the lands recently purchased there by the late Mr Connors, and to have the lands divided.

Mr Ebrill, solr, Limerick, for the claimants; Mr John Binchy, solr (Messrs Binchy, Charleville), for the executors of the late Mr Connors, and Mr Liston, solr, Charleville, for the next-of-kin.

After a considerable hearing of the legal gentlemen engaged, the Court decided to appoint an inspector to investigate and report on the matter.

DEATH OF MR. V. D. HUGHES.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Vincent D Hughes, which occurred at his residence, Glenholme, Sandford terrace, Clonskeagh, Dublin, on Tuesday night. Mr Hughes was for a considerable period connected with the Dublin sporting Press, amongst his colleagues on which he was widely popular, and by whom he was held in high esteem. On giving up active participation in sporting journalism, Mr Hughes became Secretary

IRISH GUARDS FOR CONSTANTINOPLE.

Reuter's Agency learns that the 1st Battalion of the Irish Guards, which has been ordered to Constantinople to relieve two native Indian battalions, is expected to leave England on about the 27th, sailing on the Hunts Green. The battalion will proceed under the command of Colonel the Hon H R L G Alexander, D.S.O.

It is understood that this particular battalion was selected to go to Constantinople because it stands at the top of the roster for foreign service.

IRISH EXPORTED BUTTER.

Grading Scheme.

At a conference of different Irish organisations and representatives of the factory and home butter-making interests in Dublin on the 30th ult, at which the Minister of Agriculture presided, it was decided that a scheme for the grading of Irish exported butter should be a Government one, and that participation in it for each shipper should be optional. Approval to the scheme submitted by the I.D.A. and I.C.M.A.

The principal points of the scheme include the institution of a national brand of quality based mainly on the grading at the port of shipment of a sample or samples of each lot of butter shipped under the brand, and the advertising of such brand in the British trade papers and other mediums in alternative markets.

FIANNA BOY'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of Boy Scout Thomas Slattery, whose death occurred on Monday morning as the result of an accident while handling a revolver, took place from St John's Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday for interment in Mount St Lawrence Cemetery. The cortege was of large dimensions. Some companies of the deceased's comrades in the Fianna marched in military order. A firing party of the I.R.A. was in attendance, and a volley was fired over the grave and the "Last Post" sounded.

RAINFALL FOR MARCH, 1922.

At Derravoher, Limerick

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6th	..15	21st	.. —
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8th	..06	23rd	..18
9th	..04	24th	..25
10th	.. —	25th	..24
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12th	.. —	27th	..09
13th	.. —	28th	.. —
14th	.. —	29th	.. —
15th	.. —	30th	..01
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Total 1.63

No. of rainy days—15.

Maximum—25 on the 4th and 24th.

Total rainfall this year so far—8.72

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RUGBY

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