

**TWO MEN SHOT**

**Near Newcastle West.**

It is reported in Limerick to-day that two men were shot dead near Newcastle West.

Particulars to hand this evening state that four men were going home on a "tub" car last night from Newcastle-west. When about a mile away from the town a "halt" rang out, followed immediately by two shots, these taking effect and killing two men—James Ambrose, of Killeady, and Patrick King, of Ballykenny.

They were both dead when medical assistance arrived about 11 o'clock. One of the deceased men was a farmer, and the other a labourer, and both had large families. It is stated that the "halt" was not given by the military, who were not operating in the district.

The tragic affair is enveloped in mystery.

**KERRY AMBUSH.**

**Limerick Soldier Killed.**

The remains of Driver John Gilligan, National Army, who was killed in an ambush in the Tralee area on Sunday, arrived in Limerick this morning. The deceased, who was about 22 years of age, was son of the late Mr John Gilligan, Sendmull, an Inspector in the Limerick Night Watch for many years.

**CASTLECONNELL SENSATION.**

**Man Shot Dead.**

National troops operating from Castleconnell made some arrests in the district on Sunday. One of the men captured, whose name is stated to be Patrick Meaney, from near Murroe, was conveyed to Castleconnell later. It is alleged that while in the barrack he attempted to escape, and was called upon to halt. He ignored the challenge, and was fired upon and mortally wounded, succumbing to his injuries later. It is stated he was an ex-British soldier.

**COUNTY KERRY AMBUSH.**

**Soldier Killed.**

An ambush of a convoy of National troops, between Listowel and Abbeyfeale, on Friday night, resulted, says a correspondent, in the death of Sergeant Brown, of Kilmallock, of the 1st Western Division, and the wounding of Private Byrne, of the Dublin Guards, a native of Rathfarnham.

The convey consisted of about forty men, under Commandant General Murphy and Captain Aston. The party left Tralee for Limerick on Friday morning. Sergeant Brown and Private Byrne, travelling in a Crossley tender, following the armoured car "Danny Boy," with General Murphy.

At Duagh, between Listowel and Abbeyfeale, the road was obstructed by a barricade of stones and boxes. The troops had approached to within about fifty yards of the barricade when fire was suddenly opened on them from the direction of a publichouse, overlooking the obstruction.

Darkness had fallen, and only the flashes of

**DISTRESSING FATALITY.**

**Girl Burnt to Death.**

A distressing occurrence took place at Garryowen Cottages, Limerick, early yesterday morning, when Ita McKernon, aged 9 years, was burned to death. The child was in bed at the time, and while asleep the bed clothing accidentally caught fire from a lighted candle. There were eight other children in the house, with the parents, the father, James McKernon, parish clerk of St John's Cathedral, and the mother having rescued these children. The mother was severely burnt. In the confusion caused by the burning apartment, the little one Ita appears to have been overlooked, and when the Fire Brigade arrived Captain Hogan and his men discovered the charred remains in the room after extinguishing the fire. They had the body conveyed to the Watch-house at the rear of the Town Hall.

**The Inquest.**

An inquest was held last evening in the Town Hall by Mr J S McNeice, touching the circumstances of the death.

James McKernon, father of the girl, identified the remains. She was nine years of age, and was going to school. The child was in bed with a sister upstairs. Witness had not gone to bed, and sometime after midnight he was attracted by screams from above. He rushed up and into the rooms and took the youngest child from the mother who was in bed with three other children. The next thing he remembered was trying to get into the room where the dead girl was. He was unable to get in owing to the intensity of the fire. The Fire Brigade arrived at about one o'clock and got the fire under control. His wife was injured by the fire and was in hospital.

Dr J G Holmes deposed that he examined the body which was in a very charred condition, especially the left side, the left arm being missing. Death in his opinion was due to asphyxia caused by burns.

John McKernon, brother of deceased, said at about 12.15 a.m he was aroused by an alarm of fire, and was told to get out as quickly as possible by some neighbours. From the intensity of the fire he saw that it was useless to try and attempt to save the child. Her sister, mother, and a baby occupied the same room. The mother was burned about the face and hands, and was unable to attend the inquest. The fire was confined to the room in which deceased slept.

Sergeant Joseph Noone said he got a call to the fire at 12.40, but at that time the room on the right hand side was enveloped. He enquired if anybody was in the room, and was told a child was inside. By means of a ladder he made an unsuccessful effort to get to the room. When the Brigade had extinguished the fire he found the remains on the bed.

Guard Terence McCabe gave corroborative evidence.

The Coroner said no one could give information as to how the fire occurred except the mother. She was unable to attend. He supposed the jury could arrive at a verdict, as it was quite clear the fire was accidental.

A verdict in accordance with the medical testimony was returned, and sympathy was expressed with the parents by the jury and the police.

Sergeant Noone conducted the inquiry.

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