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ice of the earlier departure trains from Limerick, and of the hour for posting to General Post Office, it is necessary to issue the editions at an earlier hour than advertisers will, therefore, at the latest hour at which they can be received at this date is 3.30 p.m. Publications received after that time are not guaranteed.

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BRITISH ELECTIONS.

Britain is now in the whirl of a general election. Indeed, since the fall of the Lloyd George Government over a fortnight ago, a campaign in the country has been in progress. The great "guns" of political parties have been firing here, there, and everywhere, noteworthy, too, that the Government has been making an important and effective appeal to the electors. From every quarter great activity prevails in preparation for the polling day not now so far off. There is much speculation as to the result of the election, and the Government's chances of coming into power and with it the formation of a new Government. The general opinion appears to be that the new Government will be formed by the National Party. An estimate has been made that the Government will have a majority of eighty votes over the Opposition, while another puts it at half that number. Again, the National Party are of opinion that victory will be obtained by no means so easily, and therefore more than one election may be necessary before they are able to take power with a real workable majority. This may, or may not, be a new development of the situation, but it is not likely to turn out correct it would be a pleasant surprise. It is quite a pleasant surprise to the electors, as more than one election within a limited period is scarcely to be welcomed, and on that an "appeal" to the electors usually means an interference with the time being. But one thing is clear, and that is a distinct feeling in the constituencies of the Coalition, and conse-

LIMERICK PRISON SENSATION. ROTUNDA RINK POST OFFICE

Prisoner Mortally Wounded.

Michael Buckley, stated to be from the Knock-long district, was, while a civil prisoner in Limerick gaol, yesterday fired at and mortally wounded, succumbing to his injury in a short time. The deceased, who was a young man, was, it appears, awaiting trial, and it is alleged that he had been endeavouring to communicate with unassigned political prisoners. Although repeatedly warned to desist he persisted, and was fired on by the sentry with fatal results.

The Inquest.

An inquest was held this evening in the County Prison by Coroner J. S. McNeice and a jury concerning the fatal shooting of deceased.

Lieut. Commandant O'Connor represented the military, and Sergeant Noone the Civic Guard.

Thomas Gilbert, labourer, of Cash, Kilfinane, identified the remains. He knew deceased since he came into prison. About half-past one yesterday Buckley was near the kitchen window, but at that time he did not hear or see him motion to any of the prisoners in the main wing of the building. Ten minutes later witness heard a shot and saw the deceased fall. He never spoke afterwards, except to say the "Lord have mercy on me." Witness then went and told other prisoners of what had happened.

So Lieut. Commandant O'Connor—There were a few moments before, people in the yard outside, but witness did not hear the sentry shout to keep away from that window. He was aware of the order to keep away from that window, and not to communicate with prisoners in the main wing of the building. Witness had deserted the National Army and joined the mutineers, and was now in prison on that charge.

Michael Sheehan, farmer from Newcastle West, deposed that he was in the kitchen with the last witness yesterday anterior to the shooting of deceased, to whom he was speaking. He could not say where the shot came from, but in his opinion it came from the prison tower, which is opposite the kitchen window. After falling, deceased said he was shot, adding "The Lord have mercy on my soul."

By Lieut. Com. O'Connor—There were people lined up in the large yard before the shooting, but they then dispersed. Deceased asked some of these people for tobacco, but he did not see him make any signs. He told witness that he was waiting for a particular person to bring him tobacco. Buckley could have communicated with people outside without witness knowing it. He was not aware of the order prohibiting communication with the prisoners in the main wing of the building.

A private in the National Army, who volunteered evidence, stated while on sentry duty in the prison tower yesterday, he noticed the prisoners in the right wing trying to communicate with prisoners in the main wing. He saw the deceased making signs to the prisoners in the main wing, and warned him several times but to no avail. He repeatedly kept calling the prisoners over, and witness threw stones at Buckley with a view to getting him to desist. Finally witness fired. He was not acquainted with deceased, and bore him no ill-will.

Another private in the National Army gave similar evidence.

A Captain in the National Army deposed to the orders given to sentries, which were to fire on prisoners who disobeyed the instructions of the officer commanding.

Medical evidence attributed death to shock and hæmorrhage, caused by a gunshot wound between the ribs on the right side.

The jury found that deceased died from a gunshot wound inflicted by a soldier in the discharge of his duty.

HIGHWAYMEN CHASED.

Attempt to Rob a Bank Manager.

Burned by Armed Men.

The Rotunda Rink Post Office, Dublin, was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning.

About 6.40 o'clock armed men compelled a watchman to admit them at the western gate. The officials on duty were ordered into a small room, and later were escorted into Lower Dcmnick-street, when they were instructed to walk towards Broadstone Station.

In the meanwhile other men entered the Rink with tins of petrol, with which they saturated the floors, and, when their preparations were complete, set the place on fire.

Within an hour, despite the efforts of the Fire Brigade to extinguish the flames, the Rink was a mass of smouldering ashes and twisted ironwork.

The destruction of the Rink has resulted in the loss of a great quantity of correspondence. The postal authorities apparently intend to use Banba Hall as a temporary sorting office.

A Postal official notice says:—
The destruction by fire of the Rotunda Rink Sorting and Delivery Office has resulted in the loss of correspondence received on Saturday as follows:—

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| I. Afternoon Collections. | } All Correspondence, except that for Dublin and District, places served by Great Northern Railway Line and for Great Britain and Continent. |
| II. Mails received up to 5.0 p.m. | |
| III. Up Day Mails. | } All Correspondence. |
| IV. 8.30 p.m. Collections (City and Suburbs). | |

Certain alterations in the letter mail services are announced in consequence of the loss at the Chief Sorting Office.

No time has been lost by the postal authorities in endeavouring to adjust the inconvenience caused to the public by the burning of the Rotunda Rink sorting and delivery office. Workmen were busy yesterday equipping Banba Hall, close to the Rink, as a temporary office pending the acquisition of more commodious premises.

Two men have been arrested on suspicion in connection with the burning of the Rotunda Rink. Yesterday salvage operations were conducted at the Rink, and from the debris postmen and other officials recovered some partially burnt documents, which were taken to other offices for examination.

As far as can be ascertained there were no American mails in the building at the time of the burning.

RAID IN DUBLIN SUBURB.

National Soldier Killed.

Ernest O'Maille Wounded.

Ernest O'Maille, one of the most prominent leaders of the anti-Government forces, was seriously wounded, and a National soldier killed, in an encounter in a Dublin suburb on Saturday morning.

National troops who arrived to raid 36 Ailesbury-road, the residence of Mrs Humphries, were fired on from the house, and a fierce fight lasting half an hour followed.

It was then found that O'Maille had received seven bullet wounds, whilst two ladies and two soldiers were also injured, one of the latter so seriously that he speedily succumbed.

An official communique from the Army authorities says that the house was used as the headquarters of what was known as the Northern and Eastern Command, and that documents of the highest importance were found.

Miss Mary MacSwiney Arrested.

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On Saturday Parliament.

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