

CITY TRAGEDY.

Young Girl Shot Dead

In Edward Street.

A very sad shooting tragedy occurred in the city on Sunday night, when Kathleen Hare, aged seventeen years, was shot dead in Edward-street, close to the railway station gate.

On Tuesday, at half-past one, Mr J S McNeice, City Coroner, and a jury opened an inquest on the body in the Board-room of Barrington's Hospital.

Sergeant Eustace, of the Civic Guard, represented the authorities. George Hare, father, a hackney car driver, Dixon's lane, identified the remains as those of his daughter, Kathleen, who, he said, was seventeen years old.

On the application of Sergeant Eustace, the investigation was adjourned for the purpose of having all the available evidence possible produced.

The enquiry was accordingly adjourned.

FATAL CITY SHOOTING.

Labourer Shot Dead in Publichouse.

On Saturday night Thomas Hastings, a labourer, 48 years of age, living in White Wine lane, was shot dead in a public-house in Broad street.

An inquest was opened on St Stephen's Day at Barrington's Hospital by Mr J S McNeice, City Coroner, and a jury, into the circumstances touching the death.

Evidence of identification was given by Mary Hastings, widow of the deceased. She stated that her husband left his house at half-past six, and was then in his usual health.

On the application of the military, the enquiry was adjourned with a view to ascertaining how the revolver came into the possession of McMahon.

CITY SENSATION.

Prisoners Escape from Custody.

Considerable excitement took place in the upper portion of the city on Sunday night at half-past seven, following the escape from Frederick Street Military Barracks of Gerard Fitzgibbon and Joseph O'Connor, civilians, from Carey's Road district, who were recently tried by a military court in Limerick on a charge of shooting and mortally wounding Lieutenant Joseph Hanrahan, of the National Army, at Rathbane, on the night of the 17th October.

DEATH OF MR RALPH NASH, SOLICITOR.

The death, which we announce with extreme regret, took place in St John's Hospital on Sunday night of Mr Ralph Nash, solicitor. For some time past Mr Nash had not been in the best of health, and on Thursday last he was removed to hospital.

The Funeral.

The funeral of the late lamented gentleman took place yesterday morning from St. John's Cathedral, and despite the inclemency of the weather, was largely attended. At 10 o'clock solemn Office and Requiem High Mass was sung for the repose of the deceased's soul in presence of a large congregation.

At the end of the Mass the coffin was removed from the sacred edifice to the solemn strains of the "Dead March in Saul," played on the organ. It was covered with beautiful floral tokens, and placed in the hearse. The funeral then formed up and proceeded by the Old Town, the Mall, and Patrick street, to Mount St Lawrence Cemetery, where the interment took place.

The chief mourners were—Sir Vincent Nash, D L (brother); Messrs Harold and Rupert Nash (nephews); Mr Jerome Dorgan, Cork, (brother-in-law), and Mr James Bennett (nephew-in-law).

The clergy present were—The Bishop, Most Rev Dr Hallinan; Very Rev Canon D O'Driscoll, P.P., V.F., St Munchin's; Rev Fr Murphy, P.P., Monaleen; Rev Fr Dwane, Adm, St Michaels; Rev Fr Carroll, O.C, do; Rev Fr Thornhill, O.C, do; Rev Fr Hannon, O.C, do; Rev Fr Treacy, O.C, do; Rev Fr Fitzpatrick, O.C, do; Rev Fr Connolly, Adm, St John's Cathedral; Rev Fr Rice, O.C, do; Rev Fr Kelly, O.C, do; Rev Fr O'Carroll, O.C, do; Rev Fr Moloney, Bishop's Secretary; Rev Fr Robins, C.S.S.R, Spiritual Director Arch-Confraternity Holy Family; Rev Fr O'Rielly, S.J, and Rev Dr Murphy, O.S.A.

Canon O'Driscoll officiated at the graveside. The following sent wreaths—Miss Ralph Nash (widow), Sir Vincent and Lady Nash, Mrs J F Shanahan, Mrs J Bennett, the Misses Emily, Miss Fitzgerald, Marie, and Georgie Nash; Mr and Mrs J Dorgan, Master and Miss Dorgan, Mr and Mrs Frank Sutton, Cork; Mr and Mrs O Glynn, and His Honor County Court Judge Pigot.

Mr Frank Sutton, Cork, and Mr Charles Glynn, Killybeg (nephews-in-law), were unavoidably absent.

APPALLING TRAGEDY IN CO. ST. WEXFORD

Farm House on Fire.

Widow and Her Seven Children Victims.

A Gorey correspondent writes:— An appalling occurrence took place at Ballygarret, Clonewan, 9 miles from Gorey, on Saturday night or early on Sunday morning, which resulted in a widow named Alice O'Neill, aged 42 years, and her seven children, aged from 1 to 10 years, being all burned to death.

A blaze at the farmstead was first observed about 12.30 on Sunday morning by a farmer named Michael Hobbs, who lives close on a mile distant, and he and a publican named D Doyle at once cycled to the place, when they found the rick of hay at the rear, which contained about 20 tons, ablaze on all sides, and nearly burned to the ground.

The dwellinghouse, 18ft from the rick, was all on fire, and the southern portion had fallen in. The out-houses adjoining were burning fiercely. The northern portion of the dwellinghouse was also burning furiously, and also fell in.

The two men called out if there was anyone inside, and no one answered, nor did they hear any cries for help. Owing to the flames which shot out from the thatch they could not get near the doors or the windows, and they were powerless to do anything.

They then set about calling up the people of the village, and they arrived in large numbers. The Very Rev Canon Jones, P.P, was one of the first to respond, and he stayed there for some considerable time. Many willing hands fetched buckets of water to throw on the smouldering mass, with a view to searching for the bodies. After some time the charred bodies of Mrs O'Neill and her seven children were discovered. They presented a ghastly sight. In one room off the kitchen the four elder boys slept in one bed together, and in the adjoining room the mother and three other children, the youngest one year and three months old.

The iron bedsteads were twisted out of shape so fierce was the fire. It is presumed that they all got suffocated before they knew where they were, and that when the burning roof fell in they were all roasted where they lay. People coming to early Mass in Ballygarret on Sunday morning were horrified to find that eight valuable lives had been lost, and the tragic occurrence was the sole topic of conversation in the locality. The deceased had about 16 acres of land, and was a quiet, inoffensive, and hard-working woman.

Last May her husband, who was most popular succumbed to an attack of pneumonia. The second eldest child, Molly, had been staying with her aunt, Mrs Morris, and she was not involved in the calamity.

The Inquest.

At an inquest held by Coroner Lawler, Newtownbarry, on the charred remains of the 8 deceased, which were in 2 coffins at the residence of Mrs Bridget Morris, across the road, the latter who is sister to Mrs O'Neill, swore that when she was leaving the deceased's house at 9.30 on Saturday night, the fire was just out.

The children were all in bed, and Mrs O'Neill had her boots opened and was going to bed. The little paraffin lamp could not have caused the fire.

Syl Redmond swore that he and two others passed the place about 11.30 on Saturday night, and there was no blaze or light of any kind about the place.

The Coroner said their evidence dispelled the theory that the fire originated in the house.

Mrs Morris, replying to the Coroner, said deceased's land was "spiked" last summer, and about 20 potato stalks were pulled in a garden which she had on her land.

The Foreman (Mr Michael Redmond) said that the meadow had been "spiked" and the stalks pulled, and another juror said that objection was taken to the man who was cutting the hay.

The Coroner said that from the evidence it must have been maliciously done, and as the jury seemed to be divided in their opinions, he would like a vote as to whether they considered it malicious or accidental.

On a vote being taken, 11 voted for malice and 6 against, one juror not voting.

The Coroner said that, as twelve had not voted for it, according to the regulations he could not accept it, and the words, "maliciously done," as a consequence, would have to be deleted from the verdict, which was—"That Alice O'Neill and

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