Historic Fight Recalled

Sologhead-Beg Ambush

The death of Mr John Conners, Rathnaveen, Tipperary, aged 36, recalls the ambush of the R.I.Cat Sologheadbeg in January, 1916, which was the first action in which Irish Volunteers engaged after 1916.

Atmost immediately after the ambush the police, who suspected John's younger brother Tim, then aged 12, of knowing something about those who took part in it, took him from school and brought him to Dablin where he was he'd for a considerable period with the object of securing information from him.

It was only after a strong agitation, during which the matter was raised in the British Parliament by Irish members, that Tom was released under the Haebus Corpus Act. About the same time John Connors, then aged 18, was arrested on the farm of Mr Nicholas Treacy, Bologheadbeg, and detained for three weeks.

The remains of Mr Connors, wrapped in the Tricology, were removed on Saturday from St Michael's church, Tipperary, and interment in St Michael's cemetery. His brother Thu was among the mourners.

- - Marchaelle