

It was reliably learned in Washington to-day that the United States will send a military mission to Iraq to study the feasibility of constructing the unfinished link in the historic Berlin-Baghdad railway as a route for war supplies to the Soviet Union.

Following the suspension of the executions of 100 hostages at Nantes and Bordeaux for the killing of two German officers comes the news that the German authorities in Norway have decided that the mass trial of Norwegian Trade Union leaders and other prominent

of casualties has been reported. One enemy aircraft was destroyed.

FIRES STARTED.

British Fighter Command in American-built Havoc aircraft attacked German occupied aerodromes in Northern France the night, states the British Ministry news Service. One drome near Avveville was bombed three times in two hours. Fires were started in the attack, one being very bright green flames. In the last adds the report, bombs were bursting on a runway. The bomber returned home safely.

A FINE FIGURE

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LATE "MICK" McDONNELL, PATRICKSWELL

(AN APPRECIATION).

News of the recent death of Mr. M. McDonnell, Patrickswell, was received by the people of the village and surroundings with sincere regret. A man of modest demeanour, of unassuming disposition, of generous heart and simple ways, Mick McDonnell was a favourite of young and old, and the district will be the poorer by his loss.

See him in his older days; his gentle manner, his precise appearance, his noble gait, his measured step. See him in his younger days, as he chased the flying ball over the velvet sward with the speed and agility of a fawn. For Michael McDonnell was a stalwart of the old Creora hurling team, which won laurels near and far. To mention his name where local Gaels foregather is to re-open the pages of the past. Picture the day Creora played Clounanna well nigh over half a century ago. A valuable set of medals the prize. Level chinks at full-time. Half an hour extra combat. The tide of battle flows! The sands are running out when, with the eye of an eagle, Mick McDonnell fastened on a flying ball, and swift and true it sailed between the posts for victory. When we hear those veterans speak of Mick McDonnell we must muse, how tenderly they loved him, how deeply they deplore.

Michael was a character who commanded the respect of all

BULLET IN LEG

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SHOOTING ACCIDENT IN CROOM

While shooting rabbits at Crane Hill, about three miles from Croom, a young man, Thomas Ryan, of Islandbeg, Croom, received a bullet in the leg through the accidental discharge of his rifle. The bullet entered above the knee and travelled downwards towards the region of the hip. He was removed to Limerick County Hospital, Croom, by ambulance that was on the scene soon after the accident and is reported to be progressing favourably. Mr. Ryan is Quartermaster of Croom G.A.A. and Treasurer of the hurling club.

who came his way. He so famous. Much happier he was and line on a river bank. But though retiring in nature was a man whom it was a pleasure to talk to. A man of innate grace who saw his own people could also see yours.

But Michael McDonnell! The sky is leaden and the black horses move slow. The casket is lowered hollow sound. The watching as they whisper words of pathy. The solemn tones of final prayers, and the last look at the brown earth laid with verdant sod. You are gone but not forgotten. We pray that the green Creora may rest lightly on your bounteous heart. Ar c go raibh d'anam.