

# Deadly Attack

TWO IRREGULARS AND TWO FREE  
STATE SOLDIERS KILLED AT  
HEADFORD.

FOUR SOLDIERS WOUNDED.

CALLS FOR SURRENDER MET BY  
COUNTER-ATTACK AND PURSUIT

MINE BLOWS IN BARRACK DOOR.

Irregulars Escape in Boats Across Corrib.

A desperate conflict took place between  
Irregulars and National troops stationed  
at Headford on Sunday morning, when an  
attack was opened by about thirty irregu-  
lars at 5.10 o'clock, a.m., in broad day-  
light.

The dead are John Higgins, Ballytrassan,  
Tuanm, who was killed during the fight;  
Company Sergeant-Major McCarthy and  
Volunteer Lyons, of the National forces  
died as the result of serious wounds re-  
ceived; four or five other volunteers, in-  
cluding Harry Burke, of Tuanm, received  
slight wounds. The number of irregulars  
wounded cannot be exactly accounted for,  
as it is stated they were carried away by  
their comrades, and streaks of blood are  
visible in many places along the line of  
retreat. At least one wounded man was  
seen to be taken away by his comrades.

The plan of attack seemed to be the  
blowing in the front of the barracks, which  
is the building formerly known as the  
National Bank. A position was then taken  
up by six irregulars in the shop of Mr.  
Timothy M'Hugh, opposite the barracks  
across the road. The garrison was called  
on to surrender or come out and fight,  
and evidently the irregulars thought there  
would be an immediate surrender. Their  
first net was to lay a mine resting on the  
bull-wire entanglements around the front  
of the building. The men who placed it in  
position walked across in their stocking  
feet. In fact, mostly all the attackers  
are said to have been without boots, which  
they had taken off and left behind them  
when they retreated.

The mine blow in the front door of the  
barracks and shattered the stone steps  
and windows. The garrison became  
aroused and immediately took up posi-  
tions. Sergeant-Major McCarthy, in charge  
of the machine-gun, brought it into play,  
and its fire caught Higgins, who was found  
dead in a yard near the courthouse. His  
stomach was frightfully cut up with bul-  
lets. The machine-gun was also trained on  
M'Hugh's house, where Dan M'Cormack,  
a native of Liskeevy, Tuanm, was very seri-  
ously wounded. An arm and a leg were  
almost severed from the body with bul-  
lets, forty-five of which are said to have  
caught him.

An attempt was made to lay a second  
mine near the barracks, but it was frus-  
trated by the sudden rush out of the mili-  
tary. There were then calls from some  
irregulars to the barracks garrison to go  
out and fight, and Captain Nugent, Lieut.  
Burns, and Sergt-Major McCarthy, with  
a machine-gun, went out. Crossing the  
street Sergt-Major McCarthy was mortally  
wounded, and he died in Renmore hospital  
on Sunday evening. Volunteer Lyons,  
who was with him, was also mortally  
wounded, and has since died in hospital.

At this time the irregulars had begun  
their retreat, and it was stray shots from  
one or two of them who covered the re-  
treat that caught McCarthy and Lyons.  
The troops followed in pursuit across the  
demense and on towards Ross Abbey and  
Clounceen village. Another fight took place  
in the demense, where four other volun-  
teers got wounded, but not seriously.  
Here the irregulars suffered severely, and  
Captain Nugent had about sixteen of them  
almost surrounded when he tried to get  
the machine-gun into operation, but it  
failed to work, the blood of Sergt-Major  
McCarthy, who had fallen across it when  
wounded, having got into it. The irregu-  
lars got away with their dead and  
wounded. Streams of blood were observed  
on the line of their retreat. They left  
after them four rifles, twenty bombs, one  
battery, and a large cable wire. Some of  
the attackers got away across the Corrib  
in boats, having had, it is stated, come  
across from Connemara the night before.

The fighting, it is stated, did not last  
longer than half-an-hour, the irregulars  
having retreated as soon as the soldiers  
left the barracks. There was not much  
damage done to the building, which was  
again being strongly fortified.

The report that a shop and house were  
burned is not correct. Very little damage  
was done to any house in the town beyond  
the breaking of windows. Only a few bul-  
lets were fired through the barracks win-  
dow. The irregulars left many of their  
boats and boats behind them. Most of the  
troops too, including Lieut. Burns, went  
out in their bare feet and without coats.

Three prisoners named Skerritt, Rab-  
bitt, and Hughes were arrested in the  
locality of Headford on Monday.

Rev. Father Daly and Dr. Golding at-  
tended to the wounded.

## HEADFORD FIGHT.

### INQUEST ON TWO SOLDIER VICTIMS.

Mr. J. C. Conroy, solr., coroner, held  
an inquest on Tuesday at Renmore into the  
circumstances surrounding the death of  
two soldiers, Sergeant-Major John McCar-  
thy and Private Thomas Lyons, who were  
killed in the Headford fight on Sunday  
morning.

A jury having been sworn,  
Dr. Heneghan deposed: I saw Sergeant-  
Major John McCarthy yesterday (Sunday),  
at 11.30 o'clock a.m. in Headford. He  
was then lying on a stretcher in an am-  
bulance. Prior to my arrival he had been  
medically treated. I transferred him to  
my own ambulance and had him conveyed  
to Renmore hospital, Galway. After con-  
sultation with Dr. O'Malley, we made an  
examination of his wounds. He had a  
large gaping wound on the right side about  
nine inches long, and another bullet-  
wound at the back of the right knee. He  
was in a very weak condition, and ap-  
peared to have lost a lot of blood. He  
was surgically treated by Dr. O'Malley.  
His condition did not improve, and he  
died at twelve o'clock last night (Sunday).  
Death was due to shock and hemorrhage.  
I saw Private Thomas Lyons yesterday  
(Sunday) at 11.30 o'clock at Headford. He  
was in the ambulance with Co. Sergeant-  
Major McCarthy. I also had him trans-  
ferred to my ambulance and conveyed to  
Renmore. He had a punctured wound in  
the right buttock. He was in much pain,  
and was suffering from shock. He ap-  
peared to have lost a good deal of blood.  
He was surgically treated by Dr. O'Malley,  
but his condition did not improve, and he  
died at three o'clock this morning. Death  
was due to shock and hemorrhage follow-  
ing gunshot wounds.

Dr. Heneghan added that septic poison-  
ing set up in the wound and developed a  
condition known as malignant oedema.  
This condition is brought about by dirt.  
The man had been lying on the street  
at Headford for a considerable time dur-  
ing the fight, but his clothes would re-  
vent any dirty matter getting into the  
wound, and he was therefore forced to the  
conclusion that the bullet which caused  
the wound was poisoned.

The inquest was adjourned to this even-  
ing.

When the inquest was resumed on Tues-  
day,

Lieutenant J. Murphy, Clonmorris, re-  
presenting the military and next-of-kin,  
was present.

Captain Joseph Nugent deposed: I am  
in charge of the barracks at Headford,  
and was in charge on the morning of the  
attack. I saw the body of Company Ser-  
geant-Major McCarthy, who was in my  
command, and identified it. He was a  
native of Touluracounell, Athlone, and  
unmarried. At about a quarter to five  
o'clock on Sunday morning last the bar-  
racks were attacked. There was firing for  
about half-an-hour or three-quarters. The  
troops got out of the barracks and went  
round. Sergt-Major McCarthy and Vol.  
Lyons being amongst them. When they  
left the barracks they went round the road  
and the firing stopped for a few minutes.  
When the troops came back again to the

barracks the firing from the attackers was  
resumed, and Sergt-Major McCarthy and  
Vol. Lyons were hit. He (witness) with  
others, removed deceased into the bar-  
racks for safety. He saw some of the men  
that attacked the barracks, but could not  
recognise any of them. One of the at-  
tackers was shot. They found him after-  
wards at the end of the town wounded.  
Dr. Goldrick, Headford, attended the de-  
ceased, and later the ambulance arrived.  
Another man who was found after the fir-  
ing ceased, was dead. Witness also saw  
the body of Vol. Lyons, who was a native  
of Ballyglass, which he identified.

Asked by Lieut. Murphy for the mili-  
tary and next-of-kin, if the men found had  
any arms, witness said they had arms and  
ammunition.

This concluded the evidence, and the  
coroner said: Gentlemen, this is all the  
evidence we have to deal with. You  
have heard the doctor's evidence,  
and you will recollect that the  
doctor who examined the de-  
ceased men said in his evidence that he  
examined them very carefully and he  
found both were very badly wounded, and  
he had given it as his opinion that death  
was due to shock and hemorrhage caused  
by wounds. What caused those wounds  
you have heard—a light was started in  
Headford. The barracks were attacked,  
the light going on for three-quarters of an  
hour, in which deceased were shot. One  
of the attackers, according to the evi-  
dence, was found dead and another  
wounded. It was a pretty clear case.  
Bullets will not settle arguments, and  
there seems to be no way of settling argu-  
ments like that. I do not see the good  
of going into political matters in this case.  
They had only to find the cause of death.  
He thought it was a case that the jury  
should consider very carefully. They had  
a Government authority in the country  
which was established by the will of the  
people and its officers are attacked, and  
that was a pretty serious thing. He would  
leave them to bring in their verdict, but  
to bring in, of course, a verdict in both  
cases—of Sergt-Major McCarthy and Vol.  
Lyons.

## THE VERDICT.

The jury then retired, and, after a short  
absence, returned with the following ver-  
dict:—That both men met their deaths  
by gunshot wounds, inflicted by some per-  
son or persons unknown. They added a  
rider expressing deep sympathy with the  
relatives of deceased, with which the cor-  
oner and Lieut. Murphy associated them-  
selves.

## FUNERAL OF JOHN HIGGINS.

The remains of John Higgins, killed at  
Headford, were removed by the military  
to Tuanm barracks on Sunday. On Monday  
evening they were taken to the Cathedral,  
attended by a large number of mourners.  
Deceased was a brother of Mr. Martin  
Higgins, D.O., Ballytrassan, Tuanm. He  
was for years in the Sinn Fein movement,  
and took an active part in the fighting  
against the British. There was High Mass  
in the Cathedral on Tuesday morning for  
the repose of his soul, and the interment  
took place in the family burial ground.

## WOMEN PRISONERS.

### BIG BATCH AT TUAM.—IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS FOUND.

The following prisoners are in the cus-  
tody of Tuam troops:—Misses Chambers,  
Curran, M'Hale, Murphy, Loughney, and  
Gilroy, handed over by Clonmorris troops.  
Misses Birdie Feeney and Jennie Ward  
were arrested in Tuam on Saturday night.

It is stated that important documents  
were found in the house where Miss Feeney  
lived, and it is alleged that both she  
and Miss Ward were observed posting up  
Republican literature in Tuam on Satur-  
day evening.

Men prisoners taken by the troops are:  
—Edward Lyons, Killeanna, Headford;  
Peter Dunley, Killeanna, Headford; Michael  
McDonogh, Ballyhale, Headford; Michael  
Dowd, Ballyhale, Headford; John M'Hugh,  
Innsbrook, Killeanna; Patrick Farrell, Bally-  
hale; Peter Murray, Mountness, Headford;  
Martin Hughes, Kilbeg, Headford; Ger-  
ard Hoade, Clonmorris, Headford; Patrick  
Connell, Myrehill, Headford; William Lang-  
ley, Myrehill, Headford; and John Crea-  
ven, Clonmorris.

All the lady prisoners except two, and  
most of the men prisoners, were removed  
to Galway jail on Monday morning.

## MR. DE VALERA.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARREST WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

Dublin, Wednesday.  
The announcement made in Dublin to-  
day that Mr. de Valera and Mr. Dan  
Breen had been arrested last night is  
without foundation.

In a Stop Press Edition of the "Even-  
ing Herald" the following appeared:—

"We learn on good authority to-day  
that Mr. de Valera and Mr. Dan Breen  
were captured near Clonmel last night."

An "Evening Telegraph" representa-  
tive made inquiries at Army Headquar-  
ters, Portobello, and was informed that  
no news of the capture had reached there.

Telephonic communication with the O.C.  
Headquarters, Clonmel, elicited the infor-  
mation that the report was incorrect.

Later an official communication from  
Army Headquarters, Portobello, stated  
that the report was incorrect.



## AN APPEAL

### TO SAINTS AND SINNERS ALIKE.

For the love of the Sacred Heart of  
Jesus I Appeal to all for Funds to roof  
the Roundstone Church. A few weeks  
ago the roof was practically blown away  
and the walls damaged. The people of  
the district are down and out as the fish-  
ing is nil for the last three years. They  
have given generously of the only thing  
they can give—viz., work.

I, therefore, Appeal to all to do some-  
thing to help to roof a House for Jesus.  
He will repay you as He alone knows how  
to do so well. The Archbishop of Tuam  
sends a cheque for £50 and blesses those  
who contribute towards the good work.

Subscriptions will be thankfully re-  
ceived and gratefully acknowledged by—

REV. C. WHITE, P.P.;  
REV. P. KINGS, or  
M. MANNION, N.T.,  
Roundstone,  
County Galway.

(823)-5-5-23.

## GALWAY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

### REPAIRS OF PUMP AT COLDWOOD, NEAR ATHENRY.

The Council, at their meeting to be  
held at 17 Mary street, on Saturday, 20th  
inst., will be prepared to consider ten-  
ders for the repairs of this Pump in ac-  
cordance with a specification prepared by  
the Engineer.

The specification may be examined at  
any office daily from 10 to 4 o'clock.

The Council do not bind themselves to  
accept the lowest or any Tender.

Tenders to be left with me before 12  
o'clock on the day of meeting.—By order,  
ROBERT F. MULLERY,  
Clerk to Council.

Galway, 9th April, 1923. (816)-14-4-23



Home prices,  
113 & 3/- per tin.  
Of all Chemists.

## 'Cloud of Sins'

COUNSEL'S REFERENCE  
EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

TRIBUTE TO STATION

Goods' Clerk Returned

At a special court in Gal-  
way last, before Mr. S. For-  
William Cassorly, late good  
employment of the M.G.W. way,  
was charged with the of a sum  
estimated at between £800, and also with  
falsified accounts. The court was spec-  
ified by Mr. Ford in order that Mr.  
livan, the railway company might repeat  
the evidence; in the absence of Mr. Ford  
regularize the proceedings.

Mr. O'Sullivan repeated and having been cross-examined  
T. F. Ward, B.L., for the de-

Mr. R. J. Kelly, State so-  
cussed, asked that the ac-  
turned for trial to the next con-  
tent jurisdiction. He said he  
that one of the charges against  
sawly was that of forgery. His  
mission to withdraw the charge  
and to substitute the charge of  
false and forged documents for  
receipts.

Chairman: There is not man-

Mr. Kelly: Not very much

technical difference.

Addressing the court on be-  
accused, Mr. Ward said: I can  
think your worship will agree  
that there has been nothing pro-  
the accused in this case—certainly  
definite. A big thick cloud of  
from the point of view of the  
veloped the accused, but in  
opinion, nothing whatever of  
nature has been brought home  
I have stated, a cloud of sin  
been thrown around him. He  
ally enough that nothing will  
the eyes of the public of Gal-  
whom he associates except a  
dict of a jury of his country-  
courts the fullest investigation  
case, with the consciousness that  
guilty of the charges preferred  
him. He has taken up that a  
the very beginning. As I told  
ships on a former occasion, the  
charges were first made against  
sawly. He went up to the head  
Dublin—the general manager  
view. He came back from  
view with the general manager  
and authority to go fully into  
and investigate for himself. In  
some sinister influences appear-  
changed the views of the com-  
stead of being permitted to  
accounts. Mr. Cassorly was a  
gentleman, Mr. O'Sullivan, who  
to-day on your worship's in-  
provided with a special train a  
moment would be lost in effec-  
rest of the accused. He was  
not by your worship, and he was  
in jail for a week. He was at  
on at least five occasions, and  
pared to attend here on every  
till his honour is cleared and  
tated in the eyes of his fel-  
In this case I do not ask you  
formations, because had you a  
verdict might be regarded as  
sive one in the eyes of the  
Cassorly welcomes—earnestly  
trial before a jury of his fel-  
and the only thing I ask for his  
trial, and I hope that it will  
for the State to bring him  
Monday week, when the Que-  
open here, so that the opportu-  
afforded him of vindicating his  
fore his fellow-countrymen. I  
to him—as one can readily see  
that this charge should hang  
duly long.

The chairman said there ap-  
much irregularity from the  
point of view. That was all  
say about the case. He had  
that a prima facie case had be-  
and he would return the ac-  
to the next court of compe-  
tition. I would like to say, add-  
that a great deal of credit is  
Warner, the stationmaster is  
discovering the irregularities  
pany's books. Only a per-  
of a good technical knowledge  
discovered these irregularities  
railway company and the  
debited to him for the lucid  
he gave his evidence in what  
ordinarily complicated case.

Mr. Ward: I quite agree with  
ments expressed by your wor-

The accused was returned  
the same bail to the Galway  
sions on Monday week.

## THE POPE'S ENVOY

### LETTER FROM CORK CITY.

Rev. Dr. McGrath, St.  
Cork, has written the fol-  
advocating that the En-  
should ask Monsignor Luce  
envoy, to endeavour to bring  
in, Ireland:—

"St. Augustine's, Cork."

"Dear Sir,—While the En-  
here in Ireland on business.  
Sec. I would suggest that the  
profit by his presence and re-  
their ardent desire for per-  
him to endeavour to bring  
conflict to an end. This  
people can be manifested by  
and representative persons,  
lose no time in coming forward.  
"The blessing of God was  
sought a move, because the  
Holy See in the world is one  
eleven centuries, as history  
Pope has been successfully  
to an end."

## 'TABLE SAUC'

Troops visiting Pallas Es-  
tion on Friday, states an o-  
aned by G.H.Q. discovered  
eight cases labelled "I-lea-  
addressed to a man named  
packet addressed to Miss  
The cases and packet con-  
which, on being mixed tog-  
a powerful explosive.

Two men named Amgen  
arrested at Myrohill, and  
Lyons and P. Dealey, who  
Killeanna, by troops from

The National army has  
nounced the capture of Mr.  
the Republican leader (a  
which he was seriously won-  
Tipperary?) Other reports  
Massra, de Valera, and I  
with Liam Lynch, but es-