

A most distressing tragedy occurred at Killeen, a few miles from Galway, on Sunday afternoon during a round-up of irregulars by National troops operating from the city, as a result of which Mr. Jack Lohan, a youth of twenty-two, the son of Mrs. Lohan, of Wood Quay, the principal teacher of the Claddagh National Schools, was fatally wounded.

Early in the afternoon a party of twenty-five National troops on cycles, armed with rifles and revolvers, went out in the direction of Killeen, on the Tuam road. A short distance from the city they arrested two men—James Furey, of Oranmore, and James Fahy, of Kiltulla, Athenry. These were sent back to Galway as prisoners.

The troops then proceeded to M'Hugh's public-house at Killeen. It is stated that a number of irregulars were standing about the house, and others were inside it. The National troops came upon them before they could realise their presence, dismounted, and called upon them to halt. Most of the members of the body halted, and six other prisoners were taken.

Young Lohan failed to halt, and made a dash for liberty. He was repeatedly called upon, and a number of shots were fired over his head. Thereupon, the troops took aim, and he fell shot through the body.

Word was immediately conveyed to Galway, and the ambulance was despatched to the scene; but before its arrival the poor lad had passed beyond all human aid. He only lived about fifteen minutes after the shooting.

The body was conveyed back in the ambulance to the Galway County Infirmary, where it remained until six o'clock to-day, when it was removed to the Cathedral. A considerable concourse followed the remains, and the coffin was covered with wreaths.

#### THE OFFICIAL REPORT.

Publicity Department, Regular Headquarters, Galway, issued the following report this afternoon:—"On Sunday, September 24, a cyclist patrol of National forces was proceeding from Galway under orders. Three miles from Galway, at M'Hugh's public-house, Killeen, they came upon a body of men, some of whom were in the house; others lolling outside. The troops had got to within about fifty yards of the men before they were sighted. The men ran on the approach of the troops, but when called on to halt, they did so, with one exception. This man, John Lohan, of Wood Quay, Galway, continued to run despite repeated challenges. Shots were fired over his head, but he still ran. He was then fired on and hit. He only lived about ten minutes. A fully loaded Webley revolver was found on the body. Lohan had been for some time an engineering student at University College, Galway. He was a very active member of a column of irregulars operating around Galway, who have been responsible for the blowing up of several bridges.

"The names of the prisoners are:—James Furey, Oranmore; Joseph Fahy, Kiltulla, Athenry; Daniel Fallon, Twomileditch, Castlegar; Patrick Hanley, Bruckey, Castlegar; Michael Fallon, Twomileditch; Christopher Connell, Raleigh Row, Galway; Thomas O'Carroll, Ballinacarra, Ballymote, Co. Sligo; William Donnelly, Mallaranny, Co. Mayo. The two last-named were medical students. The captures include two Webley revolvers; thirty rounds of .45 ammunition; Mauser ammunition; a bag of bombs; electric detonators; electric cable, and a few rolls of bandages. The captured men had a spare shirt each in their possession.

"About half-past ten last night six shots were fired at one of the sentries at the docks. He returned the fire, and the attackers withdrew."

#### SUNDAY NIGHT'S FUSILADE.

The fusilade on Sunday evening created momentary excitement. It would appear that shortly after ten o'clock, whilst most of the people were at the picture-houses or in the town hall, half a dozen shots were discharged from the vicinity of Forthill cemetery, near Lough Atalia, at the sentries on the docks. The latter immediately replied, and for about ten minutes there was fierce volleying. Headquarters were notified, and the Lancia car was manned, and shot out into the streets, whilst foot patrols spread over the various areas in extended order, and searched the streets for a considerable time. All the guards were promptly called to arms. The whole thing was over in a few minutes, and most theatre-goers, who passed quietly to their homes, were unaware that anything unusual had happened.

#### THE FUNERAL.

Office and High Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was offered in the Cathedral, Galway, on Tuesday, and the funeral took place immediately afterwards. The celebrant was the Rev. J. Moran, O.C.; deacon, Rev. P. Glynn, C.C.; sub-deacon, Rev. N. Fagan, P.P., Castlegar; master of ceremonies, Right Rev. Monsignor Considine. In the choir were: Very Rev. A. J. Canon Nestor, P.P., V.F.; Canon J. Mitchell, Fr. Mitchell, Rev. J. O'Dea, bishop's secretary; Very Rev. Canon P. Davis, P.P., Rahoon; Rev. Fr. Tarpey, C.C., do.; Rev. T. Burke, C.C., do.; Rev. J. Dowling, S.J.; Rev. Fr. Feeney, C.C.; Rev. N. Fagan, P.P., Castlegar; Rev. W. Mullins, P.P., Killanin; Rev. Canon P. Moran, P.P., Craegaway; Rev. Dr. Sheedy, Castlegar; Rev. Fr. Mansfield, O.S.A.; Rev. Fr. Moran, O.S.A.

The chief mourners were: Mrs. Lohan (mother); Lily and Ita (sisters); Willie and Mick (brothers); Hannah Gannon (aunt); Paddy Gannon (uncle); Miss O'Dea, Tuam (cousin); relatives, Miss P. and B. Nohilly, Tuam; Mr. and T. Nohilly Tuam.

Rev. Fr. Considine officiated at the graveside.