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what they would do with their prisoner. Ultimately he was thrown into the bridewell, where he remained until Head-Const. Bowles, remarking the way he had been treated was a shame, released him.

BAYONETS THROUGH BED

The police also raided the house of James Moloney, but he was not at home. They rushed up to his empty bed, which afterwards bore bayonet marks. Shots were discharged at the house.

BOMB THROWN INTO HOUSE

A bomb thrown into the house of Mr. J. Casey, Secretary, local Arbitration Court, exploded at the far side of the room occupied by two lodgers who had taken refuge under two feather beds, which were shattered, the lodgers having a miraculous escape.

The flames at Canney's spread to the other side of the street. The windows at the 'Connacht Tribune' office and the premises of Mr. F. J. Stafford, were scorched, the glass having been already shattered. When Dr. Costello and his man ventured abroad to take the fire hose to Canney's, the rioters threatened to fire on them.

Subsequently rescue work was organised by the townspeople and Volunteers, but little could be saved from the burning buildings, and their efforts were confined to isolating the outbreaks.

LAMP WAS SHOT OUT OF WOMAN'S HAND

The firing, says our Tuam correspondent, was kept up for two hours. Only an occasional house in any street escaped the volleys. In some cases from 16 to 30 bullets pierced the windows and ceilings, and it was miraculous that people escaped injury.

Mrs. Nohilly's house, Dublin Road, was riddled with 20 shots. She stated that when removing an altar lamp over her bed it was shattered in her hand by a direct hit. The bar of her shop, she alleged, was pillaged, and glasses of whiskey and wine left on the counter.

The walls of the Mercy Convent Schools showed marks of bullets, Mr. O'Connor's saddlery establishment was gutted. There was terrific cheering and shouting when Canney's place burst into flames.

WHEN THE FLAG FELL

A Sinn Fein flag, which had been hoisted on the town hall since the visit of the American Commissioner, was the last to be caught in the flames. A loud cheer went up as it fell to the ground.

The police knocked wildly at James Maloney's door, and threatened to blow it in. His mother, the only occupant, opened it, and being asked where her son was, said she did not know, and fainted. The police upset the house in a vain search, and as they left broke in two windows. They then proceeded a few miles out, and burned down Addergoole Sinn Fein Hall, and riddled with bullets the house of Michael Moran, Carrowmooneen.

Mrs. Starr, from whose house Mr. J. Neville was taken to the barracks, said the police surrounded the house in front and in the back.

Mr. E. Casey, Irish National Assurance agent, and Registrar, Arbitration Court, stated he heard knocking at his door, and was coming out when the door burst in. "I heard," he went on, "a voice saying, 'Where is he?' I answered, 'I am here.' The head-const. said, 'I want you.' The next thing I heard was a rush of police."

"The head-const. stood in the door, and tried to prevent the other police from entering, but they made repeated efforts to gain admittance, stating their orders was that I was to be shot. The head-const. said he would countermand that order. Shots were at this time being fired through all the windows of the house, and a bomb was thrown through the top window.

"My wife, standing in the hall, implored the police, one of whom raised his rifle to strike her, not to kill me. I said I was quite prepared, provided they did not do so while she was in sight. Eventually the head-const. induced the police to go away. A machine gun was trained on the house, and we could hear repeated shouts of "Blow them up."

Passing down Vicar Street later, the police fired another volley at Mr. Casey's house.

Several residents left Tuam last evening for the country, fearing a repetition of the shooting.

"POLICE GOT OUT OF HAND"

The following is the official report received at Dublin Castle and circulated by the Press Association:

"After the murder of the two constables, Burke and Carey, a party of police and military went to Tuam, and the police got out of hand on seeing the bodies of their dead comrades. Shots were fired and houses burned. The police allege that they were fired on."

According to the "official reports of outrages," the ambush took place at Aughle, 3 miles from Dunmore.

All the police arms and ammunition were taken.

ARCHBISHOP'S ACTION

Demand for Reparation

Most Rev. Dr. Gilmartin yesterday despatched the following letter to Sir Neville Macready:-

"I regret to have to trouble you again, and that this time that matter is very serious. Two policemen were shot dead yesterday evening about three miles from Tuam. This was a dastardly crime which we deplore and condemn.

"It is the first of the kind in this district, and I am satisfied the good people of Tuam do reprobate this deed; but the sequel is calculated to seriously imperil the peace and good order of the town.

"The sequel is that about 5 a.m. this morning, in revenge for the deaths of their comrades, the police raided the town almost from end to end.



Bystanders at Dublin Road corner view the ruins of Canney's drapery shop.

RUTHLESS CONDUCT

"They burned our beautiful town hall to the ground; they set fire to one large shop, which is now completely demolished; they ruthlessly broke plate-glass windows. Shots were fired into several houses and a bomb was thrown into an upper room of at least one house.

"I heard bombing and firing from 5 to 5.45 a.m. I have just visited the whole scene of destruction. I have interviewed the police authorities, who tried to put the blame on police who came from Galway under the Co. Inspector. One man, Casey, was alleged it was the Tuam Head-Constable who kept him from being shot dead by other police.

"You may imagine the state of terror and indignation that exists to-day in what was yesterday a peaceful and prosperous town, where the relations between police and people were as cordial as expected. I hope you will see that a sworn inquiry is opened immediately with a view of bringing all culprits to justice and making reparation to the town as far as such is possible."

ARCHBISHOP VISITS SCENE

Early yesterday His Grace, accompanied by Rev. O. Hannon, Adm., and Rev. Fr. Eaton, President, St. Jarlath's, visited the damaged buildings and called at the police station.

Dr. Gilmartin later told our Galway representative he had informed Dist.-Inspector Colleran he intensely



Waldron's shop in High Street, now the Town Hall Tavern, was badly damaged.

deplored and condemned the shooting of the two policemen. His Grace did not think such an occurrence would have taken place in view of his frequent condemnation of crime. Whilst deploring this, he added that two wrongs never made a right, and he protested in the strongest manner against the indiscriminate shooting and wrecking of property and the threats to life. He asked that the police should be kept off the streets or in check during this period of extreme tension.

Dist.-Inspector Colleran replied that he could not keep the police off the streets, as he had orders to patrol them at night; but he gave His Grace an assurance that there would be no further shooting on the part of his men if they were not attacked.

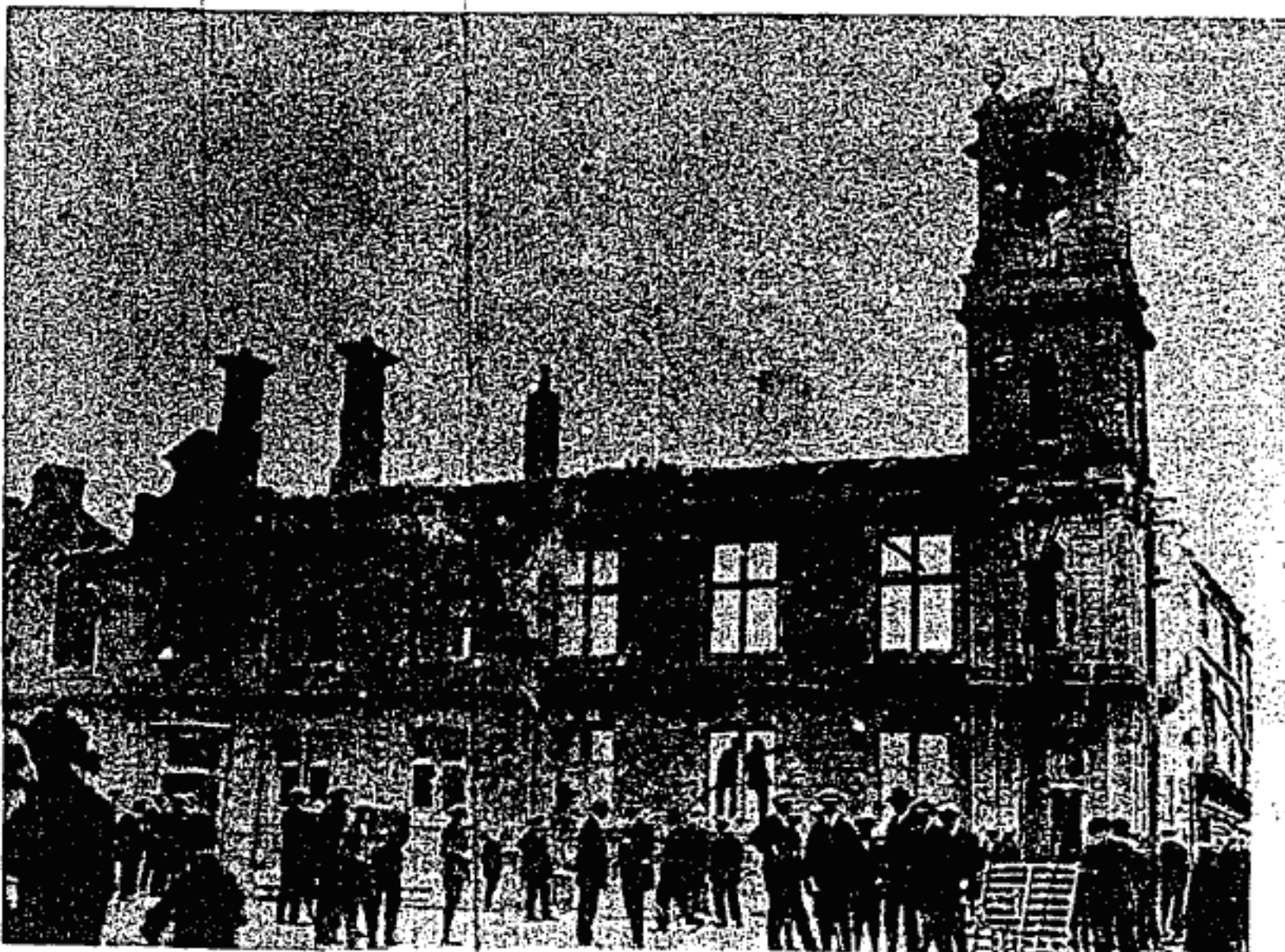
The terrible wrongs already committed on both sides, Dr. Gilmartin said to our correspondent, could not be made right by reprisals or the commission of greater wrong. He hoped and prayed the people would restrain themselves under whatever provocation.

A few weeks ago, when the military discharged shots on the streets, Dr. Gilmartin requested Sir N. Macready to withdraw the night patrols of soldiers. Sir Neville did so, and the town had since enjoyed uninterrupted peace, the streets being cleared after 11 a.m. by Volunteers.

ATTITUDE OF MILITARY

Soon after the outbreak the military stationed in the town came upon the scene, but were immediately afterwards withdrawn.

Mr. Quinn, solr., who witnessed the thrilling scene from the midst of two houses in flames, declared he heard the officer calling off his men and shouting: "This is not our job," the inference being that the military did not wish to be associated with the outbreak.



The Town Hall was still burning when this photograph was taken.