

TEEN KILLED AMRITZAR REPEATED IN DUBLIN CRIME WITHOUT

Deadly Round-Up of Military Auxiliary Officers in Dublin ... KING STREET BATTLE

Make Sortie From House and ... With Crown Forces

The attacks by the armed raiders were practically simultaneous, and most of those whom they shot were, according to the Dublin Castle report, military officers associated with the Government's policy in Ireland.

KILLED: 5 WOUNDED

Mr. L. A. WILD, Cadets CARLIN and MORRIS, WOUNDED. Mr. J. CALDOW, Captain KINLEYSIDE, Colonel WOODCOCK, Colonel MONTGOMERY, Lieut. MURRAY.

Most of these officers, says an official statement, were connected with court-martial, and the attackers were in search of documents found in the typid plot.

SERIES OF SHOOTINGS IN THE CITY

was heard, at least a dozen shots being fired. The raiders then rushed out and disappeared down the street.

OFFICER AND CIVILIAN

Shot Dead in Bedrooms in Leading Dublin Hotel

A party of men, said to number about 20, appeared suddenly in the vestibule of the Grosvenor Hotel, O'Connell street, at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, and covered guests and employees with revolvers.

HANDS UP!

Scene on the Field and the Officers' Order

One special football reporter, who was at the press box, half way on the side line in front of the goal stand, said the match was about ten minutes in progress when he saw, at the goal end of the ground, a volley of shots from uniformed forces who had entered the park.

"AS COOL AS COBBERS"

"As cool as cobbles," said the crowd, "that I could see you I was nervous, and could be none the less, you were in my pocket."

Armed Forces of the Crown Kill Player and Spectators in Croke Park

AGONISING SCENES ON FOOTBALL FIELD

Eleven or Twelve Persons, including a Woman, Killed, and from Eighty to One Hundred Wounded

Scenes of bloodshed on a football field, unparalleled in the history of the country, were enacted at Croke Park yesterday by armed forces of the Crown.

has not been definitely ascertained, is a long one. It is estimated that eleven or twelve persons are dead, and from 80 to 100 wounded, in varying degrees of seriousness.

poor Hogan lying on his back in a pool of blood. His feet were on the playing pitch, and his body on the gravel walk.

PRIEST DESCRIBES THE SCENES OF BLOODSHED

Terrible scenes took place during the Tipperary and Dublin match at Jones' road yesterday.

being searched individually and allowed to pass through the gate.

a considerable amount of blood oozing from his left side, seemingly. Another priest came over, and he afterwards went for the Oils accompanied by the head-constable.

PRIEST'S EXPERIENCE

A Visit to the Dead and Wounded on the Field

A well-known Catholic clergyman who was present at Croke Park gave a graphic account of what he witnessed there.

A WOMAN KILLED

Priest Finds Her Lying Dead on the Ground

"I asked an officer," he continued, "if there was anyone else hurt. He said there was not, but on walking on I found a woman lying dead on the ground. I was not allowed to proceed any further than that."

CREeping ALONG THE GROUND

The rev. gentleman added that he was informed by one of the players that when the shooting commenced this player and poor Hogan went down on all fours and began to creep along the ground.

LIKE HAILSTONES

Another spectator at the match said the firing from the canal end of the field was the most intense.

LIKE A BATTLEFIELD

Tipperary Man's Description of the Shooting

"A night's hell," he said, "is what you would expect to find in a place during the war."

BRIEST ATTENDED WOUNDED

All the spectators who were taken to hospital during the match at the moment of the shooting, said that the crowd's attitude was calm and collected.

CURFEW EXTENDED

On to-day (Monday), 22nd inst., and until further notice, the hours of Curfew in the Dublin Metropolitan Area will be from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m.

Body of Missing Priest Near Galway

SHOT THROUGH

Catholics Horrified Discover

The worst fears that were entertained concerning the fate of Father Griffin, C.C., Galway, who has been missing under mysterious circumstances for the past week, have been realised.

The priest's dead body, with a bullet wound in the brain, was found on Saturday evening by parishioners, who were attracted to a marshy district some miles from the city by a piece of cloth sticking out of the ground.

"LET IN THE LIGHT"

The mystery and anxiety concerning the fate of Rev. Michael Griffin, B.A., C.C., who was missing from his residence at Galway for the past week, was solved on Saturday evening, when the body was found buried in a boggy soil near the village of Barba.

MYSTERIOUS LORRY

It was known that parishioners were following up inquiries regarding a motor lorry that was said to have come along the road towards Lough Inch from Shantilla on Monday night about 11 o'clock.

HERE IS FATHER GRIFFIN

Graphic Story of the Finding of the Body

While our correspondent was discussing the mystery with Father O'Meara, who shared the residence with Father Griffin, on Saturday evening a message arrived, and Father O'Meara left to follow up the clue.

CITY EDITION

(Over Our Own Spectacles)

"BEYOND CONTROL"

The Times.—We do not believe that in normal circumstances these murders could have met with such a reception from the great mass of Irishmen. But an army already perilously incriminated and police force avowedly beyond control have defied by heinous acts the reputation of England, while the Government, who are the trustees of that reputation, are not free from suspicion of dishonourable connivance.

Result of Illegal Violence

Daily Mail.—The killing of the two officers in Dublin was only a vile and bloodthirsty episode which Irish justice must pursue to the ultimate end. But it is appalling to find that in all the subsequent and direct result of the groundless and senseless shooting of these two officers, the lives of hundreds of innocent people have been sacrificed.

The Story of Bloody Sunday



Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath Dublin City Council



Bloody Sunday

21st November 1920

Setting the Scene...

Ireland in November 1920

The War of Independence had been ongoing in Ireland since January 1919 with the Irish Volunteers/IRA engaged in guerrilla warfare with British forces.

By 1920, the British forces needed reinforcements. The Black and Tans arrived in Ireland in early 1920 followed by the notorious Auxiliaries in July 1920. These were additional armed forces meant to supplement the police. The Black and Tans were mainly ex-First World War (British and Irish) soldiers; the Auxiliaries the same, but they were mostly former officers.

Michael Collins was the driving force behind the War of Independence in Dublin. He was Minister for Finance in the Dáil and also head of intelligence for the IRA. From mid-1919 onwards, Collins set out to destroy the intelligence service of the Royal Irish Constabulary particularly that of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, whose intelligence officers were grouped together in 'G' Division and causing problems for Collins' men.



The IRA used surreptitious photographs like this to target and kill members of the Crown forces; those taking the photos put their lives at risk. Photos courtesy of Dublin City Library and Archive.

Collins established the Squad to target the spies. The Squad was a group of young IRA men whose sole job was to identify, track and kill police and undercover police agents in the city.

They were ruthlessly efficient at this, forcing the authorities to reorganise the whole intelligence system in mid-1920 and to deploy dozens of plain-clothes, ex-military officers across the city.

Collins decided to attack this new British intelligence network and to wipe it out in one large operation – he wanted to show the strength of the IRA on the streets of the capital city.



Michael Collins, Minister for Finance and IRA Director of Intelligence. He was the driving force behind the war in Dublin. Image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland.

On the night of 20th November 1920, British intelligence officers arrested IRA commanding officers Peadar Clancy and Dick McKee at a safe house in Gloucester Street in Dublin (now Sean MacDermott Street). Although not directly involved in the operation against the intelligence officers, they would become victims the following night.



Afternoon

In Croke Park a challenge football match between Dublin and Tipperary was set to throw-in at 2.45pm but due to crowd congestion, the match started half an hour late.

Around 3.15pm, a mixed force of British army, police and Auxiliaries arrived at Croke Park in trucks. They blocked Clonliffe and Jones' Roads, as well as St. James' and St. Joseph's Avenues. Their stated intention was to halt the match and search the crowd for weapons.

It is not known who fired the first shots at 3.25pm, but the first casualties were two boys, Perry Robinson (11) and Jerome O'Leary (10), both shot dead from Russell Street Bridge by police. A second group of police and Auxiliaries entered the stadium at the canal end and, hearing the shots outside, opened fire on the crowd. In the ensuing panic, the spectators surged across the pitch and straight into the police line of fire. In a couple of minutes of gunfire, 278 rifle rounds and 50 machine gun rounds were spent, killing eight spectators and one player outright, with five more dying of their wounds later; a further 64 were injured. Of the fourteen casualties, three – Jane Boyle, James Teehan and James Burke – were crushed in the stampede (Jane was also shot in the back), while Michael Feery was impaled on railings while trying to get out. The gunshots killed footballers and IRA members Michael Hogan, who was on the Tipperary team, and Joe Traynor who was a spectator.

Night

Later that night, IRA Dublin Brigade commanding officers Peadar Clancy and Dick McKee were beaten and shot dead while in police custody in Dublin Castle. Conor Clune, a Gaelic League activist from county Clare who had been arrested in town, was also killed in the Castle.

*24-year-old Tipperary player Michael Hogan was shot dead as he tried to crawl off the pitch.
Photo courtesy of the GAA Museum.*

Casualties and Aftermath

British forces killed fourteen people on Bloody Sunday in Croke Park, either dying on the afternoon of 21st November 1920 or during the following days:

Jane Boyle, age 26, Lennox Street, Dublin

James Burke, age 44, Dundrum, Dublin

Daniel Carroll, age 30, Templederry, Tipperary

Michael Feery, age 40, Gardiner Place, Dublin

Michael Hogan, age 24, Grangemockler, Tipperary

Tom Hogan, age 19, Tankardstown, Limerick

James Matthews, age 48, North Cumberland Road, Dublin

Patrick O'Dowd, age 57, Buckingham Street, Dublin

Jerome O'Leary, age 10, Blessington Street, Dublin

William (Perry) Robinson, age 11, Little Britain Street, Dublin

Thomas Ryan, age 27, Glenbrien, Wexford

John (Billy) Scott, age 14, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin

James Teehan, age 26, Tipperary

Joe Traynor, age 21, Ballymount, Dublin

The killings made headlines around the world and came during the deadliest week of the War of Independence.

'Amritsar repeated in Dublin' reported the Freeman's Journal on the 22nd of November 1920, comparing the deaths in Croke Park to the Amritsar massacre in India when British troops fired on unarmed civilians in April 1919, killing 379 and wounding hundreds more.

The official British report of the attack was a whitewash and absolved the Crown forces of blame, suggesting that unknown gunmen had fired from the crowd at the police and that a large quantity of arms had been recovered from the pitch afterwards.



After Bloody Sunday, City Hall was occupied by the Crown forces. On 6th December 1920 the Tricolour was removed from the flagpole and soldiers placed barbed wire across the entrance. Photo courtesy of Dublin City Library and Archive.

FOURTEEN KILLED AMRITZAR REPEATED IN DUBLIN CRIME WITHOUT PARALLEL

Amazing Deadly Round-Up of Military and Auxiliary Officers in Dublin

STARTLING STREET BATTLE

Civilians Make Sortie From House and Fight With Crown Forces

Dublin was a city of amazing tragedy yesterday. In a series of morning visits by armed men to hotels and boarding-houses, at least ten officers, two civilians, and two auxiliary policemen were killed, and several officers were wounded. In Lower Mount street, where a civilian was shot in bed in mysterious circumstances, a regular battle took place between armed civilians emerging from the house where the shooting took place and auxiliary police, and two of the latter, it is said, were mortally wounded.

The attacks by the armed raiders were practically simultaneous, and most of those whom they shot were, according to the Dublin Castle report, military officers associated with the Government's policy in Ireland. The record we give of the day's events may not be complete, for until a late hour reports were coming in of other shootings in the city—two dead bodies were found in Merrion street—but owing to the operation of the Curfew regulations it was extremely difficult to secure full details or confirmation.

14 KILLED: 5 WOUNDED

The official list of casualties resulting from the shootings of officers yesterday morning is as follows—

KILLED.
Major DOWLING,
Captain D. H. MACLEAN,
Captain T. H. SMITH,
Captain HENNETT,
Lieut. JAMES,
Lieut. NEWBERRY,
Lieut. HAZARDLY,
Lieut. FITZGERALD,
Lieut. McCORMACK,
Lieut. McMAHON.

WOUNDED.
Mr. L. A. WILD,
Capt. CARLIN and MORRIS,
Mr. CALLOW,
Lieut. KINLEYDE,
Lieut. WOODCOCK,
Lieut. MONTGOMERY,
Lieut. MURRAY.

Most of these officers, says an official statement, were connected with court-martial, and the raiders were in search of documents found in the hospital room. Captain Fitzgerald was some months ago shot at and left for dead in Co. Clare, but by a shamming death he got away with a broken arm.

STARTLING SERIES OF SHOOTINGS IN THE CITY

One of the most astounding of the tragic events took place at 117, Mount street. The house is one of a terrace of three-story villas on the right-hand side of the street. The occupants of the house, who were in the front room, were shot at by the raiders. The raiders then rushed out and disappeared down the street.

OFFICER AND CIVILIAN

Shot Dead in Bedrooms in Leading Dublin Hotel

A party of men, said to number about 20, appeared suddenly in the vestibule of the Grosvenor Hotel, O'Connell street, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, and entered the bedrooms of the hotel. The raiders shot dead two men in the bedrooms. One was a military officer and the other a civilian.

TWO DEAD, ONE BARELY WOUNDED

At South and Mr. Callow lying on the floor, two dead, one barely wounded. The raiders then rushed out and disappeared down the street.

NO WARNING

The raiders gave no warning to the spectators to depart beyond the preliminary order to clear the area.

ALL OVER QUICKLY

It was exceedingly difficult to obtain information as to the circumstances under which the shooting took place. There were very few witnesses at the time, and the whole thing was over before there was an adjacent house realized that was happening. One version was that a number of men in civilian clothes entered the house and were greeted by the occupants. They then shot at the occupants and then rushed out of the house.

"AS GOOD AS GUMMERS"

"As at all said the police," "but I can tell you I was nervous, and you'd be nervous, too, if you were in my place. They were on top of us."

Armed Forces of the Crown Kill Player and Spectators in Croke Park

AGONISING SCENES ON FOOTBALL FIELD

Eleven or Twelve Persons, including a Woman, Killed, and from Eighty to One Hundred Wounded

Scenes of bloodshed on a football field, unparalleled in the history of the country, were enacted at Croke Park yesterday by armed forces of the Crown.

Almost 15,000 spectators had gathered to witness a football match between Tipperary and Dublin, when suddenly the game being in progress, shots rang out, fired by the armed forces, and Michael Hogan, a prominent member of the Tipperary team, fell dead, shot through the mouth. Many of the onlookers were also seen to fall dead or wounded.

A priest, who was a spectator of the tragic occurrence, says: "I found poor Hogan lying on his back in a pool of blood. His feet were on the playing pitch, and his body on the gravel walk."

PIEST DESCRIBES THE SCENES OF BLOODSHED

Terrible scenes took place during the Tipperary and Dublin match at Croke Park yesterday.

Hands UP!

The crowd then, according to the police, all raised their hands and were ordered to lie flat on the ground.

PIEST'S EXPERIENCE

A well-known Catholic clergyman who was present at Croke Park gave a graphic account of what he witnessed there. He said that the raiders had been proceeding for about 10 minutes when he heard a large number of shots go off.

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Hands UP!

Body of Missing Priest Found in Bog Near Galway

SHOT THROUGH THE BRAIN

Catholics Horrified at Tragic Discovery

The worst fears that were entertained concerning the fate of Father Griffin, C.C. Galway, who has been missing under mysterious circumstances for the past week, have been realized.

The priest's dead body, with a bullet wound in the brain, was found on Saturday evening by parishioners who were attracted to a marshy district some miles from the city by a piece of cloth sticking out of the ground. On closer investigation the horrified people, under the supervision of a priest, unearthed Father Griffin's remains.

"LET IN THE LIGHT ON IRELAND"

The mystery and anxiety concerning the fate of Father Griffin, B.A., C.C., who was missing from his residence at Galway for the past week, was solved on Saturday evening when the body was found buried in a boggy soil near the village of Barba.

The discovery was made when a piece of cloth sticking out of the ground attracted the attention of a group of people who were engaged in a search for the missing priest.

HERE IS FATHER GRIFFIN

Graphic Story of the Finding of the Body

BISHOP'S STATEMENT

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Dr. O'Dea Counsels People to Exercise Restraint

Page five of the Freeman's Journal, Monday, 22 November 1920. (Courtesy of Dublin City Library and Archive)

In the aftermath of Bloody Sunday all GAA matches in Dublin were cancelled and the 1920 All-Ireland football final was delayed until June 1922, when Tipperary defeated Dublin by 1-6 to 1-2 at Croke Park.

Britain's international reputation, already tarnished by reprisals in Ireland, never recovered from Bloody Sunday. The war ground on in Dublin until July 1921 when a truce was agreed. Five months later, on 6th of December 1921, the Anglo-Irish Treaty was signed in London, which established the Irish Free State.



The Dublin Football Team

21st November 1920



Johnny McDonnell

(O'Tooles)



Patrick Hughes

(Keatings*)



Patrick Carey

(O'Tooles)



William Robbins

(O'Tooles)



Josie Synott

(O'Tooles)



Christy Joyce

(Parnells)



Jack Reilly

(O'Tooles)



William Donovan

(Kickhams**)



John Murphy

(Keatings)



Frank O'Brien

(Keatings)



Paddy McDonnell

(O'Tooles)



Jack Carey

(O'Tooles)



John Synott

(O'Tooles)



Stephen Synott

(O'Tooles)



Frank Burke

(UCD)

Subs

Gerry Doyle (Geraldines), Tom Carey (O'Tooles), Joe Norris (O'Tooles)

Joe Joyce (Parnells), Tom FitzGerald (O'Tooles)

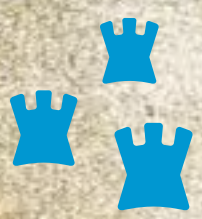


*Dublin Team on 21 November 1920
(Courtesy of GAA Museum)*

- * Keatings morphed from a branch of the Gaelic League on Parnell Square but are now disbanded with no known link to a present-day club. The club won 3 Dublin Senior Football titles, the last one in 1911.
- ** Ballymun/CJ Kickhams amalgamated with Ballymun Gaels in 1969 to form Ballymun Kickhams. Ballymun Kickhams have won 4 Dublin Senior Football titles, the last one in 2020.

Exhibition created by Dublin City Libraries as part of Dublin City Council's Decade of Commemorations programme.

Supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. Thanks to Michael Foley for the information in his book "The Bloodied Field Croke Park. Sunday 21 November 1920". You can borrow this book for free from your local library, www.dublincitylibraries.ie



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhailé Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council



An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir,
Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán
Department of Tourism, Culture,
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

