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AMRITZAR REPEATED IN DUBLIN **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 woman is amongst the killed.

The casualty list, the extent of which 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.

The armed forces, according to many of the onlookers, gave no warning to the spectators to disperse, beyond a preliminary volley of shots in the air. Then the bullets came thick as hail, dealing out death in their swift passage; a wild scene of panic ensued, and women and children were knocked down and walked on. 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."

The Dublin Castle official report, which gives the number of dead at about 10 and the number of wounded and injured about 54, states "it was believed that a number of gunmen came up to-day under the guise of wishing to attend the Gaelic football match between Dublin and Tipperary, but that their real motive was to take part in the series of murderous outrages which took place in Dublin this morning."

PRIEST DESCRIBES THE SCENES OF BLOODSHED

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

The match opened at 2.45, and the stands and grounds were crowded with spectators, numbering between 10,000 and 15,000. At about 3.10, about 12 lorries containing armed forces of the crown arrived. It is alleged that the grounds were dominated from four perches, Machine-guns placed on the railway which traverses the end of the field and both gates leading from Jones' road were forced by the raiders. It is stated the gate money was seized.

As the raiders entered the grounds they immediately opened fire, first into the air and then at the crowd.

NO WARNING.

The armed forces, according to many present, gave no warning to the spectators to disperse beyond the preliminary volley in the air.

A general stampede followed, men women and children rushed wildly for shelter. Michael Hogan, a well-known Tipperary player, was shot dead through the mouth, and many people were wounded or injured in the stampede.

HANDS UP!

Scene on the Field and the Officers' Order.

Our special football reporter, who was at the press table, halfway up the side-line in front of the grand stand, said the match was about ten minutes in progress when suddenly, at the canal end of the ground, a volley rang out from uniformed forces who had entered the park.

He emphasised as a fact that it was from the uniformed men that the first and only shots came.

Following this there was a stampede and a temporary pause, everyone making towards the exits. Before they could get through, however, the uniformed men had swarmed onto the ground through the various entrances.

The officers gave orders to the people who had rushed forward and were wedged in a solid mass around the exits, to hold up their hands.

There were about 15,000 people on the ground, including men, women and children.

In the meantime it was seen that a member of the Tipperary team, Hogan, had been hit fatally as it subsequently proved.

Other people were seen to fall in different parts of the ground. The whole place was a mass of running and shouting men and shrieking women and children. During this rush for the gates, many fell and were badly injured in the crush.

PRIEST ATTENDS WOUNDED.

After an interval a priest, who had been among the spectators at the interrupted match, went on to the ground in charge of two officers with revolvers in their hands. While going across the field he had to hold up his hands. The priest administered spiritual consolation to a number of those who were injured.

At this time there was desultory firing practically all round the ground – at one moment from the Ballybough end, at another end from the Jones's road end.

The crowd, who were still holed up, were being searched individually and allowed to pass through the gate.

Owing to the delay caused by the searching process, it took the people a long time to go through the gate.

When they arrived outside they saw 10 or 12 military lorries drawn up on the Clonliffe road. Here, too, passers-by were subjected to a search, and in this locality firing also took place while the people were trying to emerge from Croke Park.

The wildest excitement prevailed, and panic reigned amongst the vast crowds which gathered.

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 Freeman's Journal representative a graphic account of what he witnessed there. He said that he thought the match had been progressing for about 10 minutes when he heard a large number of shots go off just as an aeroplane which had been circling round got over mid field.

The firing started at the west side of the field and was taken up at the south side, where a big crowd was gathered. There were shots fired from behind the pavilion also.

Together with others the rev gentleman went into the pavilion for shelter. Looking out through the windows after a few minutes he saw [his] people holding their hands over their heads, and thinking that someone might be injured, he went out into the field holding his hands aloft like everyone else.

He met a Tipperary player whom he knew and on whose hands and face there was blood. He asked him if he was injured and the player replied "I am all right but poor Mick Hogan was shot dead on the field."

Proceeding towards an armoured car, the rev gentleman spoke to a head constable of the police, telling him there was a man shot and he wanted to see him.

The head-constable consulted an officer, and he then accompanied the rev gentleman across the field.

"I found poor Hogan lying on his back in a pool of blood" our informant continued. "His feet were out on the playing pitch and his body was on the gravel walk. There was 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. I remained until the other priest came back."

"SOME OTHERS HURT."

I heard a man in police uniform remark to the head-constable "There are some others hurt over there," and leaving the other priest with poor Hogan, I went across to the hill at the other side of the field, where I found a man with a broken leg. He said his leg was broken in the crush, but that he was not struck by a bullet. He told me there was a man lying dead behind him, and proceeding to where he indicated, I saw a man lying dead on the ground with police around him. I don't know whether he was shot or not, but there was foam coming from his mouth.

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 walking on I found a woman lying dead on the ground. I was not allowed to proceed any further than that."

The woman's name in Miss Jane Boyle, 23 Lennox Street Dublin. She was a sister of Mr. Thomas Boyle, President of the Coachmakers' Society and an ex-President of the Dublin Trades' Council. Miss Doyle, who was 26 years of age, was a spectator of the football match when the shooting took place. She was taken in the ambulance to the Mater Hospital.

"I asked an officer," continued our informant, "if the relatives would be allowed to take away the bodies, and he replied :- "When we are done taking in our dead, we will look after these fellows."

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. While they were in that position, Hogan was shot dead.

LIKE HAILSTONES.

Another spectator at the match said the firing from the canal end of the field was the most intense. Bullets ploughed up the playing pitch and others struck the wall at the railway end of the field. One man standing by one of the iron girders near the pavilion had a marvellous escape.

A bullet struck his back and glanced off, another cut through his pants without injuring him, and the third cut the skin on the back of one of his hands. The rattle of the bullets on the wall near the railway line was like hailstones, he added.

LIKE A BATTLEFIELD.

TIPPERARY MAN'S DESCRIPTION OF THE SHOOTING.

"A regular battlefield like what one would expect to find in France during the war," was the description given of the onslaught on the football ground by a young Tipperary man who had fled from the scene when the shooting commenced.

The fusillade was opened up, he said from the canal side of the field, and the armed forces who entered the gate from that end

fired point-blank, without any warning or any cause on the spectators.

At the time he made this statement he was in search of a brother who, he feared, had been shot.

"Just near where I was standing," he proceeded "a young woman was hit and fell backward, as if shot dead, for she did not move after falling. My brother was near me at the time, and the bullets were flying around us, but since then I have not seen him."

A NARROW ESCAPE.

"The Bullets Ploughed Up the Turf."

A man named Mr. O'Brien had a very remarkable escape from being shot dead. He was standing, he said, at a spot in the field where the bullets came as thick as hail. Bullets ploughed up the turf.

"Near me," he proceeded, "was a tall man who was knocked over. I tried to drag him to a place of safety, and in doing so my hands and clothes were covered in blood. The man, who asked me to look after him, said his name was Carroll, and that he lived in Holybank road. He was very weak and scarcely able to speak."

ACROSS THE BARBED WIRE.

"I got down the field, and in scrambling across the barbed wire my hands were badly cut. A number of others hurriedly leaving the ground by the same fence suffered similarly.

"In addition to the rifle fire in the field," he continued, "the attackers also poured several deadly volleys from an eminence outside the grounds into the crowd in the field. There was a wild stampede. When a number of us got over the barbed wire fence where the houses are we saw an armoured car on the street, and there were armed men lying on the street with their rifles presented as if they were in trenches. When they saw the people emerging they fired, and I am puzzled to understand how so many persons escaped."

MOANS OF THE WOUNDED.

"For 20 yards," he continued, "I pulled his body as well as I could, being all the time under a rain of bullets. One caught my hat and carried it away. I then made my way as well as I could out of the field, and as I did so I could hear the moans and groans of those who were shot and wounded."

A young lad named O'Brien was placed in an awkward dilemma while making his exit from the playing field. After scaling the stile near the end of the grounds he proceeded to slide down on the other side of the fence. In doing so the back portion of his trousers got bloodied in the jagged end of the corrugated iron covering the shed.

"There I was suspended for some time," he said, "until the piece of my trousers was torn away. I then got into a house to escape the shooting outside."

RUSH FOR SAFETY.

BULLETS FLYING: WOMEN AND CHILDREN KNOCKED DOWN.

A Dublin gentleman who was present at Croke Park yesterday told a Freeman's Journal representative that he had never seen anything like the scenes which took place there, except those which occurred in connection with the Bachelor's Walk shootings in 1914.

He thought the match had only been in progress about 15 minutes when the spectators were startled by a volley of shots fired from inside the turnstile entrances.

It was seen that armed and uniformed men had entered the field, and immediately after the firing took place scenes of the wildest confusion took place.

The spectators made a rush for the far side of Croke Park and shots were fired over their heads and into the crowd.

Many people fell wounded, and others were knocked down in the rush and walked upon. Women and children were amongst the latter.

OVER THE WALLS.

Many of the people escaped over the walls into the Belvedere football ground and others got on to the railway line.

Some of the spectators made their way through homes to Clonliffe road, where they were confronted by armed men. There were, one informant stated, some shots fired along Clonliffe road.

He saw one man shot inside the reserved enclosure, and another, who went to his assistance, was wounded in the shoulder. A man climbing over the wall on to the railway line was wounded and fell back into the field.

There were aeroplanes hovering overhead.

SPECTATORS SEARCHED.

He noticed that one of the players was shot dead. The others mixed with the crowd in the general stampede.

Before the people were allowed to leave the ground they were searched by the armed men. Letters found on them were read, and they were asked whether they were Sinn Feiners or not.

The playing pitch was strewn with coats, hats, umbrellas and walking sticks, all of which were lost in the stampede.

AT THE HOSPITALS.

SOME OF THE DEAD AND WOUNDED.

The killed and many of the wounded were removed to Jervis street and Mater Misericordiae Hospitals, but owing to the reticence of the authorities at these institutions it was impossible to get a full list of the names.

It was learned, however, that the following are amongst the dead:-

Miss Jane Boyle, 28
Lennox street,

Mr. Michael Hogan, from
Grangemockler, Co.
Tipperary, one of the
Tipperary players.

Mr. Behan, supposed to
be a publican in Green
street, and

Thomas Ryan, 29 Viking
street.

AMONGST THE WOUNDED.

Amongst the wounded are:-

Chris Duffy, 60 Lower Ship street, bullet wound in the shoulder;
Thos. O'Connor, 103 Bride street, bullet wound in wrist;
James Fagan, 15 Denmark row, wound dressed;
Joseph Doherty, aged 30, 107 Grove Park road, injured leg due to bullet;
Michael Curley, 4 Irwin place, bullet wound to shoulder;
Patrick Caulfield, 26 Corporations Buildings, wrist wound;
Patrick Connolly, 541 N.C.R., wound in ankle;
Lawrence Flynn, 42 Great Charles street, wound in knee;
Patrick Lacy, wound in hand and leg;
Frank Howard, 11 Blessington street, wound in leg;
James Flood, 11 York street, wound in hand;
Michael O'Donnell, St Bridget's Cottages, knee dislocated;
Patrick Kenny, 2 Bolton street, aged 50, bullet wound in thigh;
Thos. Hogan, 29 St. James terrace, Dolphin's Barn, bullet in shoulder;
James Doyle, 8 Erne terrace, broken leg.

The exact details of the casualties are not known yet, as a number of wounded were taken to private houses owing to the fact that the ambulances could not cope with the great numbers that fell.

Later in the evening an unknown man was removed from 11 Russell street to Jervis street Hospital, where he was found to be dead on arrival.

THE DEAD PLAYER.

Pathetic scenes were witnessed in the grounds when, prior to the arrival of the ambulance, small crowds gathered around Hogan's body and reverently recited the Rosary. He looked a ghastly spectacle in his player's costume, decorated by a green gold-lettered sash, face blood-stained, open-mouthed on the green grass, grey-white, cold, and dead.

DUBLIN CASTLE REPORT

"IT IS BELIEVED THAT A NUMBER OF GUNMEN CAME UP TO-DAY"

The following official account was issued by Dublin Castle late last night:-

"It was believed that a number of gunmen came up to-day under the guise of wishing to attend the Gaelic football match between Dublin and Tipperary, but that their real motive was to take part in the series of murderous outrages which took place in Dublin this morning.

"In this belief it was decided to make investigations, and for this purpose a mixed party of military, R.I.C. police and auxiliary police were detailed. They approached the grounds from different directions, and found that pickets had been posted at the different approaches to the field, presumably to give warning in the event of the approach of any of the forces of the crown.

"They not only gave notice but fired upon the approaching troops. Details are not yet to hand as to the extent of the injured, but fire was returned and a number of casualties were sustained by people who were among those who were watching the match.

"In addition to the injuries sustained through this firing, several people, it is believed, were badly crushed in the stampede which ensued, and a number of men who were attending the match escaped. Others, to the number of several thousand, were searched on the grounds, and many of them dropped arms on the ground, and more than 50 revolvers were collected in the field, besides a few captured on spectators.

"The number of deaths, so far, is believed to be about 10, and wounded and injured about 54."