

SELF-CONVICED.

The Burke-Cavendish Tragedy in Phoenix Park.

Starting Statement-Caffrey's Plea of Guilty Who Struck the Fatal Blow-Forensic Testimony Continued.

Dublin, April 30.—The trial of Fitzharris on the charge of participation in the murder of Cavendish and Burke began this morning. The prisoner pleaded not guilty. Porter, Attorney-General for Ireland, argued that although Fitzharris did not personally stab Burke, yet he was cognizant of the act and was an implement of murder, as he drove off the assassins red handed.

Dublin, May 1.—Fitzharris, charged with being one of the principals in the Phoenix park murders, has been acquitted. No witnesses were called by the defence. The evidence of Fitzharris was that given by the informers. He was besides identified by independent witnesses, who swore they saw him in the park on May 6.

McInerney made an eloquent address for the defence. He stated the accusation that the prisoner was in the park with a knowledge of the errand of the murderers rested on the evidence of the informers alone. He said although Peter Carey swore the prisoner recounted the circumstances of the murders to him, his narrative of the association differed from ascertained facts. He closed with a pathetic appeal to the jury to restore the poor man to his starving family with the good name which was his sole possession.

The judge charging the jury said no evidence had been adduced to show the prisoner was aware of the plot against Mr. Burke before May 5. The earlier meetings which he attended were held to plot against the life of Mr. Forster, and had no connection with the present charge. It was clear that Fitzharris was in the park when the murders occurred, but if the jury doubted that he was guilty of the knowledge of the mission of the iron he drove, they were bound to acquit him.

After the verdict had been rendered, Fitzharris was taken to jail to await trial on a charge of conspiracy to murder, the penalty for which offence is ten years' penal servitude.

Dublin, May 2.—Patrick Delaney and Thomas Caffrey, charged with participation in the murders of Cavendish and Burke, were arraigned this morning. They created a sensation by pleading guilty. Both were sentenced to be hanged on the second of June.

Before Caffrey pleaded guilty he was informed by his solicitors that the Crown gave no hopes of a mitigation of the sentence of death which would be passed upon him. When Delaney was called upon to plead he said: "I am guilty, being in the Park at the time that Cavendish and Burke were killed, but I did not commit murder. I plead guilty."

The Judge explained the real meaning of a plea of innocence. Delaney then formally pleaded guilty. He said: "I was brought into this at first foolishly, and not knowing what it was. I was forced from my work to the Park. We had to obey the orders of the Societies on the consequences. When I got in the Park I could not get away. I saw the murders committed, but took no part in them. I went to the Park on Kavanagh's car. He speaks the truth, so does Carey. The murders were committed by Joe Brady and Timothy Kelly, and by nobody else. I saved Judge Lawson's life at the risk of my own. I was put on to shoot him by Mullett and Brady. The only way to escape the task was by calling the guards' attention. Judge O'Brien, in sentencing Delaney, said he had a duty to perform. He had at the previous trial of the prisoner for attempting to shoot Judge Lawson pitied him because he showed some feeling for his wife and family. The prisoner would see to what misery they had been brought by the wicked system of conspiracy.

When Delaney was placed in the dock his face wore a smile. The consequence of pleading guilty was again fully explained to him in the court, but he persisted in his plea. Being asked whether he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him, he replied in a loud, clear voice, "All I have got to say, standing on the brink of the grave, is that I did not know what was going to happen until twenty minutes before the murders were committed. I was bound to go to the Park under pain of death."

The Judge in passing sentence said there were no means of judging the truth of the prisoner's statement. He did not decide it was necessarily wholly untrue. The Grand Jurors have been summoned to meet to-morrow to find bills against men charged with conspiracy to murder.

Dublin, May 2.—Delaney's sentence will probably be commuted to life-long service. Joseph Hanlon, one of the prisoners awaiting trial, will finally be accepted as approver. He will confirm the evidence of the two Careys against the thirteen prisoners in Kilmainham jail charged with conspiracy to murder.

Number One.

London, April 30.—Two of the members of the 13th Middlesex Volunteers have, it is understood, been sent to Mexico for the purpose of finding Tynan, the accused "No. One," and negotiating with him for a price for such information as he can unquestionably give, and will serve the purposes of the government against both the Phoenix Park assassins and the dynamite conspirators. It is not expected that he could be induced to return to England to give testimony against them, but the government hopes to obtain information from him to corroborate its own view. Several things about which Tynan knows are absolutely unknown to the Government, as to the real leaders of the Invincibles and the sources from which money was derived and supplies received. Tynan joined the volunteers probably for the same well-defined purpose, but for a purpose which is not known.

Through his persistent urgency he was given, with his own opinion, the places of honor at the trial, the opening of the New London Court, where he was stationed at the bar, the witness, and must have been a fine sight during the procession within a few feet of Her Majesty. What were his purposes in this, since he seems to have remained entirely passive and inactive, are unknown. It is believed Tynan could connect the Parliamentary party directly with the crimes if he could be extradited. No effort would be spared to identify the member of the House of Commons who attended the meeting of assassins.

Port Albert.

Mr. John Dougherty has sold his property in this village to Mr. Wm. Cunningham. Mr. Dougherty intends going to Osh-kosh, Wisconsin.

A party of fishermen en-route to Southampton, put into this port on Saturday when they had to remain until Tuesday, the entrance to the harbors up north being blocked with ice.

Stanley.

One of those happy events which the young people look forward to take a part in, took place at the residence of the respected deputy-reeve of Stanley. The occasion was the marriage of Mr. Castle's only daughter to Mr. John Pollock. A large party graced the occasion. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. McCosh. The bride looked happy and her numerous friends expressed hearty wishes that she might continue to be so. She was the recipient of many valuable presents.

Dunlop.

Miss Annie Mahaffey, of Port Albert, has been enjoying a few days' visit here being the guest of Miss Macdonald. During her stay she visited the Indian encampment, and other points of interest.

Work at the saw-mill is quite brisk. Nearly half a million feet of lumber have already been shipped away. Eagle's Iron horse from Shepparton is engaged to cut headings. Johnny Morrish, who engineers it, blows the whistle at dinner time, and saves the goodwives much lung work in calling the men to their noon-day meal.

Kingsbridge.

We understand that P. J. Sullivan has forsaken the idea of going north, as he has received employment as travelling agent for Seegmiller & Co.

Leburn.

A number of young persons from this place attended the Goderich High School L. S. entertainment on Friday last. What lent additional interest to the exercises of the evening was the fact that their old friend Harry Horton is president of the Society.

AN INTERESTING SUIT.—At the Division Court, held in this place on Monday last, a case of considerable interest was tried by a jury, the plaintiff being Mr. R. Elliot, teller in the Molson's bank; and P. McPhillips, Esq., J. P. the defendant. It appears that some time last month, Mr. McPhillips went to the bank and gave Mr. Elliot a roll of bills, together with some loose ones, telling him he wished to deposit one thousand dollars. Mr. Elliot counted the money, and made the amount forty dollars more than that stated by Mr. McPhillips. The money was then counted by Mr. Elliot, who counted it with the same result as before. Mr. McPhillips then gave Mr. Elliot an additional two hundred dollars, which he also wished to deposit. Mr. McPhillips was asked if he wished to deposit the whole amount, when he replied he would take forty dollars and leave the even twelve hundred. After the bank had closed Mr. Elliot was making up the day's business, and found there was just forty dollars wanting. He referred to the deposit slip and found that while adding together the figures on Mr. McPhillips' slip, he had carried over forty dollars too much. Mr. Elliot then informed Mr. McPhillips of the mistake, but that gentleman refused to return the forty dollars. Hence the suit. A verdict was given in favor of Mr. Elliot, for the amount claimed, together with costs.—Exoter Reflector.

Colborne.

Mice have made sad havoc among the young orchards in this vicinity during the past winter.

Miss Annie Young who has spent the last four months at Kingston young ladies college, has returned home.

The fall wheat has suffered severely from the cold dry weather of the last few weeks, and the outlook for a good crop is not very encouraging.

Mr. W. J. Young has returned home from Queen's college, Kingston, after having successfully passed his final examination as M. D. He intends to leave for Edinburgh in about three weeks, to get an insight into the hospital work of that city.

Mr. Robert Buchanan left on Tuesday last for O'Appella, where he has obtained a situation as foreman of a large North-west farm. He took with him three span of horses and two cows. The best wishes of his many friends in Colborne go with him to the far West.

On Sunday morning last the Rev. E. Eby preached a "farewell" sermon to his congregation of the German Evangelical church here. He goes to Renfrew Co., Ont., this week, to take charge of Renfrew mission. Rev. F. Meyer has been appointed to fill his place here.

The "South-end" young man squeals out in very abusive terms at the writer of the harmless item he refers to, but forgets that sensible people never lay claim to any unusual measure of personal common-sense, while conceited simpletons like himself, suppose themselves possessed of more than an ordinary share of that necessary faculty. We would further beg to explain to the "South-end" that we have no time or inclination to enter into a course of evening studies from the same text book with himself. And in conclusion, we would express our satisfaction at the abatement of the waters from off the earth, and hope that the water on the brain of the young man will shortly abate in a corresponding measure, so that by next week he can report progress in that direction.

He has turned up near St. Louis this time. John Jacobs, a young man of 20 years, seeing a young-lady friend coming up the street, thought it would be nice to frighten her. He picked up an old shot-gun, and, putting on a cap hurried back to the door. He thought he would snap a cap at her, and that the sound would make her jump. He waited till she was in front of the door and then pulled the trigger. Bang a little cloud of smoke, and she fell dead at his feet. Jacobs was, of course, horrified, and went about crying, like the idiot that he was, that he "didn't know it was loaded."

There was great indignation and threats of lynching. The young lady was 18 years old, very pretty and very popular.

Quarterly services were held at Donnybrook last Sabbath.

Rev. A. E. Smith is suffering from a severe attack of cold, and was unable to perform all of his usual duties on Sabbath. We hope to see him around as usual ere long.

The young man Parrott, who was accidentally shot some time ago in East Wawanosh, has so far recovered as to be out. He attended the Presbyterian church last Sabbath.

An open meeting will be held by the temperance lodge on Thursday evening, May 10th. The proceeding will consist of an address by Rev. A. E. Smith, with readings, recitations, etc., by the members.

At the last meeting of Maitland Temple No. 304, I. O. G. T., the following members were elected as officers for the ensuing quarter:—W. C. T. Andrew McDonald; W. V. T. Mary Sturdy; W. S. Richard Miller; W. T. W. D. Wilson; W. F. S. George Sturdy; W. M. Henry Sturdy; W. I. G. Lizzie Stalker; W. O. G. John Gravestien.

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HORSE SOLD.—Our townsman E. Shaw has sold his five year old horse "Punch" to R. W. McKenzie, of Goderich, to go to Manitoba. The sum paid was \$175. This is the highest price ever paid for a horse in Leeburn. We wonder if Mayweed can get anything in the way of Dunlop or horseflesh to equal that? What about the Yorkshireman's horse?

SCHOOL REPORT.—The following is the standing of the pupils of Leeburn public school who obtained the highest marks for the month of April. The standing is based on attendance, good deportment, punctuality and general proficiency:—V Class—1 L. McAllister, 2 S. Smith, 3 P. Stuart, 4 A. Hetherington. IV Class—D. Hetherington. III Sen. Class—1 H. Horton, 2 S. Foley, 3 A. Thurlow, 4 J. Linfield, 5 S. McAllister, 6 B. McWhiney. There were 12 in the class. III Junr. Class—1 D. Hall, 2 A. Green, 3 A. Bogie, 4 W. Fulford, 5 F. Strong. Six in the class. II Class—1 F. Henderson, 2 W. Green, 3 A. Burk, 4 J. McAllister, 5 P. Foley, 6 M. Foley. Fourteen in this class. Part II Class—1 Henry Horton, 2 A. Knuckle, 3 Hillary Horton, 4 D. McLeod, 5 M. Shields, 6 J. Strong. Eleven in this class. R. E. Brown.

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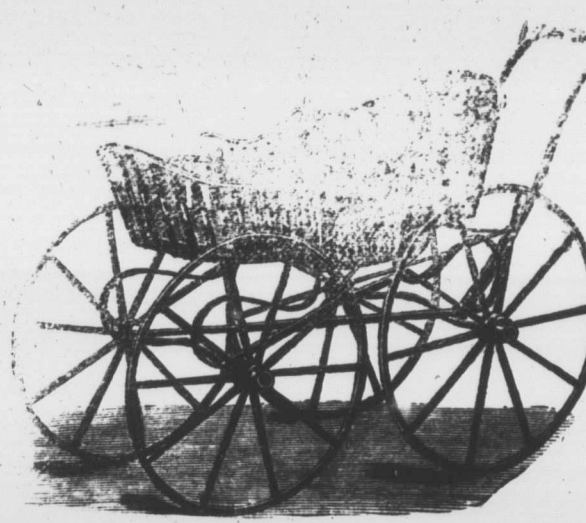
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