

EVENING AMBUSH IN DUBLIN.

BOMBS IN GRAFTON ST THREE PERSONS WOUNDED

In an attempted ambush of a military lorry in Grafton St. last night, 3 civilians were wounded.

They are:—Thomas O'Loughlin (50), 15 Drummond Place, Harold's Cross (wound in calf of right leg). Elizabeth M'Loughlin (23), 77 Bride St., Dublin (wound in inner side of right elbow). Henry Farrell, 28 Clarendon St. (abrasion above right knee).

They were removed to Mercer's Hospital, and the two first-named were detained.

On inquiry in the vicinity an "Irish Independent" representative learned that about 7.45 p.m. a large armour-plated, wire-netted military lorry was passing through Grafton St. towards St. Stephen's Green, and had just proceeded past the corner of Duke St. when there was a loud explosion outside Robert and Co.'s drapery premises.

NO FIRING.

The lorry dashed on, and there was no firing from the soldiers. A large number of people were passing to and fro at the time, and the explosion caused an immediate panic. There were frantic rushes by all for shelter, but on learning there was no shooting the people became calm and proceeded on their business or pleasure.

Mr. O'Loughlin was hit outside Mrs. Bothwell's millinery shop. He bled a good deal, and there were 2 or 3 pools of blood along the pathway. In an interview he stated that he was passing along when he heard an explosion and felt a sharp sting in his leg just as a military lorry passed by.

Miss M'Loughlin stated that she was coming down Grafton St. and saw the lorry approach. As it passed her opposite Robert and Co.'s shop she heard something fall with a thud at her feet. Looking down, she saw a bomb, and becoming terrified she had just turned to run away when it exploded. She felt a hot pain in her right arm, and collapsed in the hallway of No. 85, where there were splashes of blood to be seen afterwards.

THREE MEN SEEN RUNNING.

The two seriously wounded persons were removed to Mercer's Hospital in the Corporation Ambulance. The young man was able to walk there. R.I.C. and Auxiliary police were on the scene shortly after inquiring into the matter. Three men, it is stated, were seen running down Duke St. into Dawson St. after the explosion.

An unexploded bomb was subsequently found by the police in Duke St.

A communique from G.H.Q. states:—"Shortly before 8 o'clock two bombs were thrown at an R.A.S.C. lorry in Grafton St. from the corner of Duke St. A girl was injured. No fire was returned and no casualties or damage done to the military."