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**Shots exchanged**

A telegram from our North Galway representative yesterday stated: -  
 A report reached Tuam last night that Sergeant Beglan and Constable McGuire, of Castlegrove temporary police station, were fired at when on patrol duty at about eight p.m., and returned the fire.  
 Some men with revolvers appeared on top of a ditch and called on the police to halt. Shots were discharged. The police returned the fire, and after a short exchange, the attacking party withdrew.  
 The fire on either side does not appear to have taken any effect.  
 Our reporter telegraphed later: -  
 It is stated that the police were fired at near Castlegrove as they were going to a shop for provisions. They were in the act of crossing a ditch when the shots went off.  
 Cartridges were subsequently found at the scene. The police

Dr. Comyn, who appears to be a prominent, said this was a most peculiar case. The gentleman, Mr. Francis Rock, was a professional traveller who lived in Belfast. He had applied for jewellery for the other applicant, Messrs. Grossman and Co.  
 On the evening of October 27, this gentleman was in Loughrea in the ordinary course of his duty for Messrs. Grossman and Co., who supplied him with a motor for the purpose of carrying on his business. He had what was known as a hooded Ford car for carrying his wares behind, and on the date in question he left the Railway Hotel at Loughrea and proceeded up the Main-st. in the direction of the West Bridge.  
 There was a party of uniformed policemen - none of them local police - travelling in two lorries some distance in front of Mr. Rock's car. The police pulled up near the West Bridge and started firing down the main street. Mr. Rock, seeing them fire down the street, tried to turn his car around quickly when a bullet passed through his overcoat.  
 There were several bullets passed through the motor, rendering it inoperable. It would now be impossible to find the

**CROSS**  
 ACROSS  
 3. Glasses  
 8. Complete  
 10. Splendour (5)  
 11. Belonging to him (3)  
 12. Party, informally (5)  
 Sarcophag (7)

