

IRELANDS  
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# Bloody Sundays sunday 30 August 1913

Blood on the streets of Dublin. The workers have been on strike so the factory owners lock them out. Today the workers' leader, Big Jim Larkin, tried to speak to his supporters in Sackville Street. He slipped past the police by wearing a false beard and climbed up to the balcony of the Imperial Hotel.

The police charged into the unarmed people and hacked them down with clubs and swords. Some say 600 people were wounded. It was at least four hundred! Some of them were just passing by.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 1920

What a day of murder and revenge! It started when the Irish Republican Brotherhood got a group of assassins together, they called the Gang. They were worried about the British spies who were giving information to the police. So in the early hours of this morning, the Gang set out to exterminate the spies. They killed eleven of them, most of them in their beds and many in front of their wives and children. Three men were wounded and another three totally innocent men were killed by mistake! Of course the British were never going to let the IRB get away with it. They couldn't track down the Gang, so they went after the people they could get. They had they had three prisoners in Dublin Castle.

# FACTS

## Strange But True

The rebels were cruelly killed by better weapons. They dug trenches in St Stephen's Green park. But those trenches were overlooked by the tall Shelbourne Hotel and many rebels were machine-gunned. Private James Fox lost his nerve and ran for the railings at the edge of the park. He was cut down by machine gun bullets but still crawled on. A second burst killed him. But a British machine gunner continued to fire at the body. It looked as though Fox was still alive as his body moved under the hammering bullets,

The rebels included brave women. Rebel women smuggled weapons inside their clothes, and British soldiers were to polite to search them. One officer suggested he could dress up his men as women and they could search suspicious Irish women.



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awfully if I had  
a rummage around  
in your bag?