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The Death of The O'Rahilly, 1916.

With regard to the death of The O'Rahilly, I heard that Albert Mitchell, who runs a Comb and Bead Factory in Waterford Street, Dublin, offered his services, when the Insurrection broke out, as an ambulance driver to the British Forces. He was accepted, and in the course of his work he came upon O'Rahilly lying wounded in Moore Street, or perhaps Moore Lane. Mitchell attempted to pick him up and take him into the ambulance time after time, but on each occasion was prevented by British military. Eventually, when O'Rahilly was dead, Mitchell was allowed to pick up the body, and, knowing that O'Rahilly's personal possessions would be seized by the first soldier who got an opportunity, Mitchell took the contents of O'Rahilly's pockets, including his watch, and the following day gave them to Madame O'Rahilly.

This is the story as I heard it at the time, and I hope that Mitchell is still alive to corroborate and amplify it.

I think it was E. M. Stephens who told me this story.

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