

*"Truth on their lips and Courage in their hearts."*

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## ERNIE O'MALLEY, T.D.

Ernie O'Malley, one of the bravest soldiers who ever fought for the Independence of Ireland, is now lying at death's door.

Since the Declaration of Independence was signed in Easter, 1916, this man has received no less than seventeen wounds in the fight to uphold it. During the war against the Black-and-Tans he endeared himself to the people by his great bravery. His famous escape from Kilmainham Jail with Frank Teeling (at the time doomed for the gallows), and his adventures in a lorry from Kilkenny to Dublin, when he was taken out on the road twice to be hanged, are still spoken of with bated breath. In the six months preceding the Truce he was mainly responsible for holding the second Southern Division, I.R.A., together. He is a man admired and loved even by his enemies. And now lying once more in Kilmainham Jail, with his former comrades for captors, with his wounds opening again from the low state of his health, Ernie O'Malley only says that his body is "crocked," and will always be, and so he is willing to die, especially if by so doing, he may save the lives of the other men. This is in keeping with his letter to the late Liam Lynch, Chief of Staff, I.R.A., when he remarked of his pending execution that "another bit of lead won't do me any harm."

Such bravery, surely, cannot be defeated even by death.

At the recent Elections in North Dublin constituency, 9,785 First Preference Votes were cast for the principle for which Ernie O'Malley is now giving his valuable life. It must be obvious to his Jailers that should he die these people have to be reckoned with. Will his death bring that peace to our country for which we all earnestly pray?

Ernie O'Malley's two younger brothers, Patrick and Cecil, are also on hunger strike in Tintown Camp No. 3, and are reported very weak.

## SEAN BUCKLEY, T.D.

Sean Buckley is a quiet, thoughtful man, who has consistently worked for Ireland all his life. He is the most trusted man in the County and is beloved by all classes. He is a member of the Cork County Council and Chairman of the District Council in his native town, Bandon. He was a Volunteer, and on the Brigade Staff in the Tan time, and fought the good fight with his comrades. There are few men over 40 years of age who did not then hold themselves exempt from military service. His was the first house in Cork burnt as an official Black-and-Tan reprisal in 1920. He has fought and suffered right through, and all that valour, all that rectitude could give to his country he gave in measure overflowing. And now lying in a cell beside Ernie O'Malley, Sean Buckley has received the Last Sacraments, and calmly awaits his fate.

## DELAYS ARE DANGEROUS.

Some of our readers weary of hunger strikes, may think that the danger to life is not great until people are without food for a very long period, but that is not always a sure thing to calculate on. An eminent New York Scientist states: "It would be foolish for laymen to venture very far in experimental fasting without the strict surveillance of a competent Physician." The endurance of individuals varies greatly, and in many cases would involve the most serious dangers.

## N. D. U.

The Misses M. Cuddihy, M. O'Reilly, and M. Coyle are very low. May Zambria, aged 16, of Dublin, collapsed on Sunday, and is in a precarious condition.

## TINTOWN No. 2.

Patients from Mountjoy are unable to move to go to lavatories, consequently all refuse is deposited on Hut floor.

## IS A MILITARY DOCTOR A MEDICAL MAN AT ALL?

Ireland in the past prided herself on the learning of her sons. Chief amongst the scholarly, she esteemed her Doctors. Those men who spent their years in acquiring knowledge of the healing art, that with it they might relieve their suffering brethren. They appeared above the turmoil of political strife always. The opportunist, who sided with each party in turn, scenting increased increment here and there, seemed conspicuous by his absence from the ranks of Medicine. That was before the Treaty was signed. What has happened to debase them since? We cannot tell; we held them outside and above the strifes of men—wedded to their Christ-like calling. Now those of them who serve the Free State Army have indeed fallen from their high estate. They have not raised their voices against the conditions in the Camps. They have allowed men lie without care and without medicine in the fetid Huts. When called to their patients, in many cases they refused to go, because the sufferers were on hunger strike. It used to be the Doctors' prerogative to preserve life until it became extinct. The English Doctors so acted to Terence MacSwiney. The Irish Doctors' opinion of the brutality practised on Thomas Ashe was forcibly expressed by Sir Arthur Chance.

But now the scene has changed, and the elements of the profession that has been absorbed as officials by the Free State have debased their calling. We do not say that amongst them there are not noble exceptions, but the directing staff on whom the responsibility lies have truly fallen. To such an extent have they stooped that for years to come the very name of the Free State Medical Service will stink in the nostrils of mankind.