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THE CRIME OF READING EINSTEIN.

In his speech in supporting the Second Reading of the new Coercion Bill, Mr. Kevin O'Higgins made a characteristic jibe at President de Valera. President de Valera is the only prisoner in Arbour Hill, and it is quite possible that he is reading Einstein. But the rest of the description does not fit him, he is certainly not the man "who pressed the button for anarchy and produced a crime wave unprecedented in the history of this country."

Those responsible for the anarchy and the crime wave are those who tried to turn this nation aside from the high and noble purpose which it had almost achieved; who split the nation and taught men to sneer at honour and at oaths.

Mr. Kevin O'Higgins is displeased that Republicans will not bring their proud souls under to the Treaty. Mr. O'Higgins naturally feels aggrieved that other people have not followed his example and eaten their words. He once assured his constituents in Leix and Offaly that they would be offered by the British 60 per cent., 70 per cent., 90 per cent. of their demand, but on the day they would accept 99 per cent. of their demand he would cease to be their representative. He was too wise in his generation of unfaithfulness to face them at the last election having meantime accepted dishonour.

Mr. Hogan with much solemnity assured his audience that the "Government" know from intelligence they had, that Republicans had not changed their minds. What a wonderful intelligence department, to find out what Republicans have repeatedly declared all over the country. They have not changed their minds. They are still working, and will continue to work, for the Republic; but they have declared and subscribed to the declaration of their President—that the armed conflict with the Free State is at an end.

Do the Free State Ministers then propose to keep the jails full till Republicans have changed their minds? Well, what do the Irish people so greatly traduced by Mr. Kevin O'Higgins and Co. think of the kind of peace and stability guaranteed by this course.

Between the hours of 12.30 and 1 a.m. this morning, Mrs. Campbell, 36 Upper Abbey Street, Dublin, was awakened by a loud knocking on the hall-door of her house. She dressed herself, and with a lighted candle proceeded to find out the cause of the noise. On asking, "who is there," a voice replied, "military! get this door open at once!" When she opened the door she saw a man dressed in civilian clothes armed with a revolver; in company with him was a D.M.P. man (in uniform). This man in civilian clothes was under the influence of drink. He asked, "Where is your son?" She replied, "I do not know." He then asked: "Do you know of any man by the name of—?" The blank represent an expression too foul to print. She replied she did not know. This man ordered the D.M.P. man to remain at the hall-door whilst he went in to search the house. Apparently his search did not prove very much to his liking, for he told Mrs. Campbell he was going away to get a "guard," and that she was not to lock the door, as he was coming back. An hour or so nearly elapsed, and Mrs. Campbell, thinking he would not return, ventured down the stairs to bolt the door; as she was coming down the stairs a voice called, "get back! get back!" at the same time a number of revolver shots were fired from the hall-door up the stairs. The bullets embedded themselves in the wall, and if Mrs. Campbell had turned the stairs which faces the hall-door she would have been killed. On hearing the shooting, the women in the house became terrified, one woman fainting, became very bad; another woman became so frightened that she is in bed all day. The unfortunate children's cries could be heard the length of the street away. After things had quietened down a bit, and the women and children became calm, Mrs. Campbell ventured down the stairs again to bolt the door, she succeeded in doing this, but no sooner had she the door bolted than a motor car drove up with armed men in it. Those men began to bang on the door, and Mrs. Campbell again was forced to open it, four men in civilian clothes entered the house and questioned Mrs. Campbell again about her son.

After awhile they left the house, and Mrs. Campbell asked them where they were coming back, and they said "no," she might go to her bed. This is the 33rd time her house has been raided.

TINTOWN 2.

There are 46 men in hospital. Twenty of them are suffering from the following complaints:—

1. Is suffering from tubercular peritonitis. Recommended for release by Free State M.O. last April. Receiving full disablement pension from British Army.

2. Epilepsy.

3. Suspected pulmonary T.B.

4. Head wound received in 1920 against British; dropped ankle, and general debility.

5. Heart case. D.A.H. and debility.

6. Neurasthenia and general debility.

7. Old bullet wound through upper jaw, and also chronic gastritis.

8. Old gunshot wound in leg. Gastritis.

9. Suspected tuberculosis.

10. Nueritis.

11. General Nervous debility.

12. Chronic bladder trouble.

13. Myocarditis and debility.

14. Chronic bronchitis and chronic enlarged tonsils

15. Suspected tuberculosis.

16. Chronic gastritis.

17. Chronic ostitis of upper end of left femur. Received severe injury in that region in 1921.

18. Old bullet wound in middle of right thigh. Bullet not yet extracted.

19. Bullet in right leg. Not yet extracted. In Curragh hospital from August till November.

20. Bullet wound in right knee.

KILMAINHAM.

Alderman de Courcy, Mayor of Limerick, still continues in precarious condition. He has been removed to St. Brin's Hospital. The hardships of the men are greatly increased by the lack of firing. There is no way of heating Kilmainham Jail. The cold is severe at any time, but to men so debilitated as these prisoners are, the want of firing is a great hardship.

THE "FREEMAN" ABROAD.

It is interesting to know, what we already suspected, that the "Freeman's Journal" is the official organ of the "Free" State. Foreign readers are not likely to compliment the Free State much on the style of intelligence displayed in their official organ, but then what can one expect from England's little statelet trying to boast that it is Free!

The following consignments are interesting:—

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THE MUGS.

The language of the Free State Ministers becomes daily more choice. Mr. Kevin O'Higgins' latest is to allude to the Soldiers of the Republic as the "ordinary mugs who were led away under the picturesque trappings of the tri-colour."

We may take it that all those released are among the "mugs" then. Here are some of them:—

Sean T. O'Kelly, T.D., Dublin; Dr. P. McCarville, T.D., Monaghan; Sean Buckley, T.D., Cork; Alderman Charles Murphy, T.D., Dublin; P. McElligot (Pro Patria), P. J. Cahill, T.D., Kerry, and other distinguished citizens.

TO ALL FREE STATE T.D.'S.

Foreigners frequently tell us that they are ignorant of the "detention in jail of your brother Republican Deputies." They learn nothing of it from your parliamentary reports nor do they hear the matter mentioned when they interview any of the Free State Government. They become incredulous when they see posters with statements to the effect that some of the prisoners are representatives of the people. They ask how is it that there is little of this in the Irish papers.

You understand why the Press is silent. You have helped to make it so. Your acquiescence in this and every other act of your Government must be regarded as active participation in all the forms of coercion that this Government has inflicted on your former comrades a few years ago. You were loud in outcry against a hostile Press—a silent Press—and a brutal foreign Government. To-day you have accomplished the abdication of that Government by getting many of the people who fought with you or more still who sympathised with you to believe in your sincerity, your honesty, and established you in power. You know that this power is and was based on a subterfuge. You persuaded the people, your people, our people, that the Treaty was the recognition of Ireland's nationhood—Ireland free and divided only in name, the division to decrease gradually under the auspices of the Boundary Commission. The fate of your Northern comrades was left in English hands. They were given to understand their fate would be kind and soon bound up with their comrades in the South. The Argentina is the fate that awaits them, the Boundary Commission that was to have decreased the Northern territory was scrapped by the first Commander-in-Chief of the Free State Army in collusion with Sir James Craig.

This was subsequent to the attack on your fellow-countrymen which was carried out by Irish soldiers with British guns ordered by an English Cabinet Minister. You were inarticulate then as now, your permission for the deed was not sought. You gave it after the deed had passed into history. Individually many of you disclaim responsibility for the deeds done in your name. You have been a party by your silence to every act that has been committed by the Free State Government; you have protested little if at all against the murder and imprisonment of those to whom you were bound in friendship and are still bound by blood. The bond is there, it is besmirched by blood, you cannot see it because of the stain the blood you have spilled has made.

You appear still unrepentant and thirsty to cause more misery. Only 13 of you voted against the second reading of the Public Safety Bill. Two of your number only protested against the unmanly abuse that your Minister for Home Affairs poured upon the men whom he has injured and who are powerless to defend themselves.

You permit the man whom you have elected President to browbeat you or any representative man in the country as he wills. He treats everyone who raises his voice against his tyrannies as he would an inebriate intruder not fit to manage his own affairs. Mr. Cosgrave's language to those of the public who have dared to protest is tinged with the insolence and arrogance of one who fears.

You also. Do you fear? Fear to go on and fear to return? The greatest tyrannies that have ever convulsed the world have been due to fear. Fear of the consequences of evil deeds. If you continue further and pass this second Public Safety Bill you will widen the chasm between you and your brothers into a river of blood. Your greatest fear then will be your own consciences.

You know many of the men you hold are in bad health; these will be further injured by a continuation of their imprisonment. Your consent to this will react on yourself even more grievously than on your victims as does every act of tyranny re-act on the tyrant. Think of the past and the future before it is too late.