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THE BRITISH ARE BACK.

Michael Collins over the bier of Arthur Griffith, Eoin MacNeill in a letter to the Wexford Co. Council, have stated that the aim of the Republican troops is to bring the British back. Will the nation always be gulled by these phrases! THE BRIT-ISH ARE BACK, They are here amongst us killing our young men and despoiling our nation. They have changed one thing onlythe colour of their uniforms. Their arms, their aims, their methods are the same. Collins and MacNeill called the R.I.C. British, and shor THEM DOWN AS BRITISH, because these Irish constables strove to subvert the Republic and bring Ireland into the Empire. Thousands of British troops have Irish blood and Irish names. They are British by reason of their fight with British arms for the extension of Britain's Imperial Authority. Collins and MacNeill, now engaged in the same fight, are themselves British, their "Government" is British, their troops to the last man are British, every shot they fire is British shot given to be fired in the British service. And not only are the British back but to-day they are more mercilessly the enamies of Ireland's independence than ever before. the Free State following never see things as they are?

Treaties of—-War.!

might find it worth while to glance at current European politics. Three years ago the Treaty of Versailles was imposed under threat of extermination upon Central Europe. It was called a Peace Treaty. It has led to turmoil and the destruction of the economic life first of the vanquished and now of the victors and has already sown the seeds of another world war. Six months after a Treaty was imposed under threats of extermination upon Ireland the same causes have mitted one of the heaviest defeats yet produced the same effects. Will suffered by the Colonial troops. rulers never learn that there is only Within eight miles of Clonmel, at the one kind of peace, the peace based town of Fethard, a column of the upon justice and national indepen- enemy was attacked and repulsed dence. Everything else leads certainly to incessant war culminating in national and economic ruin.

Destruction-Plain Words

Whenever the J.R.A., attacked by Churchill's cannon, armoured cars and machine-guns, cut enemy rail or sent to us by a well-known Officer in road communication the F.S. Press howled at "this senseless saborage," "this criminal war on women and children." The Official F.S. reports describedit as "ravaging the country," But when threatened with I.R.A. attacks on Bruree the Colonial troops promptly destroyed the roads themselves; and following the capture of Dundalk the F.S. Press of the 15th, reports:

"Portions of the line have been removed by National troops in order to prevent a raid by rail on the town (of Drogheda)."

So that even the destruction railways is a military necessity after all. The whole of this hullaballoo about destruction is transparent hypocrisy. Churchill's Army did not spare the publicly-owned Four Courts or the privately owned O'Connell St. when they thought it a military necessity to dislodge the I.R.A. They have not hesitated to shell the Munster towns. A war is a war and both sides not only do but must destroy public and private property as the F.S. forces found at Dublin, Bruree and Dundalk. The responsibility for the destruction lies at the door of those who began the war.

Mr. Figgis says—"Not a Government"

Even Mr. Figgis, who by his intrigue against the Pact of May 20th made war possible, has turned upon his masters. Or August 1st he addressed a stern letter to the President of Dail Eireann and the members of The F.S. Military dictatorship the Provisional Government demanding in the name of the Irish Farmers an immediate Session of the Dail in order to ensure "the proper constitution "of a Government. So even Mr. Figgis admits that the War-Makers are improperly called a Government and have no constitutional existence and hence no authority whatever.

"Completely Controlled"

The F.S. Press of yesterday adwith 23 killed and wounded. part of Tipperary is one of the F.S. "completely controlled" areas.

COMDT. F. BOLSTER AGAIN

A TORTURER OF PRISONERS.

The following statement has been Wellington Barracks. He vouches for its accuracy in every particular:

"On the night of 9th-10th about 11 p.m. a member of the Dublin Brigade was held up near the City Hall. He was brought to the vicinity of SS. Michael and John's Church in a Ford Car. Here he was taken from the car, made to remove his cap and ordered to say his prayers as he was to be shot. He was then put against a wall and F.S. Comdt. F. Bolster cocked his revolver and took aim, asking him to give information about all those he knew in the I.R.A. . He refused and the revolver was pressed to the back of his neck. Still he refused and it was forced between his teeth. Then he was beaten by Bolster and three of his men. This was kept up for an hour. Brought finally to Wellington Barracks he was kicked and beaten in the Orderly room there and for several hours the assaults were continued at intervals. At the end Comdt. Bolster cleared the room and going to the door drew the pin from a bomb and threatened to throw it at him if the information sought was not given. It was not given.

Three nights before this (Sunday 6th inst.) 7 I.R.A. captured at Tallaght were beaten mercilessly at Wellington Barracks for refusing to give their names."

During the Black and Tan war the editor of "Poblacht" was editor of the "Irish Bulletin" which disclosed the infamy of Greenwood's regime. Few of the statements which passed through his hands showed more calculated savagery than now appears to be in progress in Wellington Barracks and other jails.

In a letter dated August 2nd from Wellington Barracks where he is a prisoner Frank Daly (brother of Comüt.-Gen. P. Daly, of the F.S. Guards) says:

"We were all sorry to hear of poor Harry. I am sure Mick is happy now. His Tans are doing their work well; but he will not be able to stop this war with a word the sameas he started it. We get the papers but of course don't mind them. This war is not going to be won by any army capturing towns but by the side that can stick out longest."

