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## SELF-CONFESSED USURPERS.

Cosgrave's "Government" has decently refused to sustain the Griffith -Collins pretence that it is the lawful Government of Ireland. The recent elections were carried out under a decree of Dail Eireann, shelving the Treaty and ordaining that the body to be elected was the Third Dail, i.e. the Third Republican Government of all Ireland, and the Ministry responsible to it a Coalition Ministry. The validity of this decree is unquestionable since at the time it was made the F S. Party, even more vehemently than the Republicans, asserted the indefeasible supremacy of Dail Eireann. But Ald. Cosgrave and his colleagues, instead of obeying this decree—ratified on June 16th by the electorate—have set up an entirely different body, the Partition Parliament, and, instead of the Coalition Ministry have created simply the Provisional Government. They have taken the bold step of publicly admitting their illegality. Every official statement they make refers not to the Dail—the Press now alone sustains that myth—but to the "House," and the Ministry is no longer the Dail Cabinet but openly and officially the Provisional Government. These facts are vital. Cosgrave admits by them that he has no authority and that his usurpation is based solely on the invalid Act of a foreign legislature. Simultaneously he admits the right of the I.R.A. to oppose his usurpation in arms since the Republic has never been disestablished and Irish citizens cannot obey a body which not only has no authority fron that Republic but does not even legislate for the only Ireland that exists—the Ireland of 32 counties.

The 'Irish Times' reports that the F.S. aeroplane captured and destroyed by I.R.A. at Macroom Co. Cork was carrying bombs.

One day's Press—Sept. 14th—reports 16 successful actions by I.R.A. in which the F.S. troops lost 4 killed and 26 wounded. The enemy tries to cover his losses by fantastic stories of the capture of I.R.A. flying columns and deadly casualties inflicted on them. These are bluff,

Mr. P. J. Hogan of the Provisional Government who incites the F.S. troops to take no prisoners was never in the I.R.A. and never fired a shot against British aggression.

# The Murder of Sean McEvoy

At the inquest on Vol. Sean McEvoy. murdered on Tuesday last in Bishop Street, Dublin while in custody of the C.I.D., Mr. W. J. McEvoy. deceased's father, declared that he did not blame the 'National' Army tor shooting his son. Although the evidence of witnesses proved that McEvoy was brutally beaten and then shot with his hands up, the jury, on the father's statement exonerated the murderers. It should be known that this unnatural father turned his son out of his house for defending the Republic against the Black and Tans and has always been a bitter enemy of the independence movement. In spite of Mr. McEvoy's statement the proofs of the murder stand. We add to them the following extract from a signed statement by Voi. Fergus Murphy, who was arrested with Sean McEvoy and witnessed the murder:

"Sean and I ran for it but when Sean was hit we both surrendered. Our guns were taken and the C.I.D. man wanted to shoot us both. When we had proceeded a little way towards Kevin Street reinforcements of the enemy arrived including two more C.I.D. men. One of the C.I.D. men fired three shots at me from a revolver but missed me. I took cover in a doorway. When I came out from the doorway I saw the first-mentioned C.I.D. man firing deliberately at Sean's head. He hit him in the neck. Then the officers of the party attempted to prevent the C.I.D. man from shooting me and in the confusion that followed I escaped."

### The Infamy of the Prisons

Not even in the Black and Tan Terror has the torture of prisoners been so brutal and persistent as in the F.S. barracks and jails since July last. Day after day we receive signed and fully authenticated statements from victims and witnesses of this infamy. Some of these were sent to Richard Mulcahy. But the torturing goes on unchecked. The Labour deputies seem to think that these statements are exaggerated. During the British Terror the acting Editor of this journal dealt with hundreds of prison statements. A long experience has taught him to know the true from the exaggerated. Nothing has been published or commented on in the Poblacht for which there was not full proof. Two statements are before us now. One, dated from Wellington Barracks on Sept. 4th, is from Judge Crowley of the Supreme Court, since released, and the other from Thos. McCarthy, 4th Battalion, Dublin Brigade I.R.A., who was arrested on Sept. 1st and tortured in the same Barracks for three days. He was asked to betray his comrades. Refusing, he was kicked and beaten and brought out to die, not once but almost hourly for three days. Bleeding and broken though his body was, he gave no information. How can Mulcahy hope to defeat the spirit of such men? Judge Crowley, though he wrote unaware of McCarthy's statement, bears out this horrible story, say ng:

"I will not live in cowardly silence. And notwithstanding what I have and must continue to endure I do not regret being brought here because I should never have known otherwise that such inhuman atrocities were being perpetrated or could possibly be at all, even among savages."

Yet McCarthy's case is not the exception but the rule in Wellington Barracks. Mulcahy knows that and we challenge him to deny it.

#### HYPOCRITES.

For ten weeks the Treaty Press and Party have denounced the blowing up of bridges and the cutting of roads as "brigandage" "outlawry" and "wanton war on women and children." The hypocrites! What is their own record when they defended the Republic? The official records of the late war, when Mulcahy was Chief of Staff, and Cosgrave, Mac-Neill, Fitzgerald, Duggan, Blythe and MacGrath were Ministers, are still available. We quote from these records some of the operations of the Army, directed by Mulcahy, sanctioned by Cosgrave:

"Nine bridges were blown up during the week and roads in 17 counties were trenched or otherwise rendered impassible." "Irish Bulletin Review," week ending May 7th 1921.

"Ten trains were raided...

Enemy stores were destroyed on 14 occasions. 18 bridges were blown up and enemy mobility further hampered." Review, May 21st 1921.

"Interruption of enemy communications for the week included the destruction of 17 bridges and raids on mails in 35 districts." Review, June 4th, 1921.

"In many districts British attempts to re-establish communications have been frustrated by extensive road-cutting measures and destruction of buildings about to be commandeered." Review, June 11th, 1921.

"Many buildings about to be commandeered for use of British forces were destroyed." Review, June 18th, 1921.

On May 25th, 1921. the Dail Cabinet ordered the destruction of the Dublin Custom House and none more openly approved the operation than Ald. Cosgrave.

On June 22nd, 1921, Mulcahy, as Chief of Staff, issued a counter-reprisals General Order to his troops, authorising the wholesale destruction of Anti-Irish Unionists' houses wherever the British destroyed a Republican residence.

Now when these men have gone over to the enemy, they denounce the very tactics they taught us and trained us in, as war on women and children. The Hypocrites.

