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#### NOTES.

The war and its rumours are discussed by everybody. There is anxious talk about the Coalition Government and the plight of Home Rule. Party claims and party services and party interests and party apologetics keep politicians occupied. There are State prosecutions, imprisonments, fines, dismissals, deportations, showing how strenuously the Realm is defended in Ireland—and these things are warmly discussed. All the time, newspaper and politicians and the man in the street are playing mum about one thing of gigantic importance to Ireland, the economic, industrial, and financial prospect immediately in front of us.

Time and again, since the war began, I have tried to draw attention to Ireland's dangerous economic position. I have looked around in vain for any sign that the danger is generally realised. I do not complain of being ignored. The Pope will not be listened to in these times if he speaks his mind, and I am not even an infallible politician—I am a Nobody, a Sore-head, a Crank, a Factionist. National economics are not my particular business. Why should I concern myself with them? My only answer is that I am an Irishman, that the general silence and heedlessness makes it all the more necessary for me to speak out, and with the help of God I will go on speaking out until the gravity of the national position is driven into the most unwilling intelligence. The position in a word is this, that Ireland is now threatened with an increase of Imperial burdens that promises to be more ruinous to every class in the country than any part of the oppression and injustice the country has suffered since the Union. The menace over-hangs us all, Nationalists, Unionists, landlords, tenants, freeholders, purchase holders, business men, employers, employes, professional men, rich men, and the poorest of the poor. If we submit to it, our population will be again reduced by half, and the remaining half will be little better than chained slaves.

I hope nobody will imagine that I am using strained and exaggerated language. I am not an alarmist. I have warned my fellow-countrymen, especially those of my native province, of the existence of an Imperialist Pogrom Plot. In giving that warning, I had to incur the risk, especially repugnant to me, of increasing the tension of feeling in parts of Iteland. Against that risk, I set the counterwarning—Do not mistake the Tools for the

I warned my fellow-countrymen months ago, in the early weeks of the war, as soon as I read of the formation of the Committee of Imperial Defence and of the action of certain Imperial statesmen-the Rulers, as Churchill calls them-within that Committee, who formed themselves into an inner Committee and allowed the fact to be made public: I warned them that a Coalition was establishing itself in total disregard of Ireland's claims and rights. I repeated that warning from time to time. It has been fully verified. I was not an alarmist then. I am not an alarmist now. I say again, Ireland at this moment is threatened with a completion of her economic ruin, a ruin that will involve all parties and classes alike, if it be not wanted off. .

The most powerful class in this country are the farmers. Next to them come the capitalists and the business men. I fear that most of these are blinded to the coming danger by the artificial and temporary conditions produced by the war. Farmers are getting good prices for their produce. They will pay dearly for this advantage before long. Monied men and business men are able to protect themselves for a time. It will not be long till the strain breaks through all their means of protection. If they do not look ahead they will run upon disaster unawares. Now is the time to examine the danger and take the measures that alone can defeat it. When the danger is examined, the way to defeat it will become plain.

An English tourist was one day stalking up and down the platform of a French railway station. His manner and his rig-out were apparently intended to be a complete and defiant challenge to the urbanity and good taste of the natives. In those days the French and Italians were not "our brave and honourable allies"; they were "the decadent Latin peoples" of British journalism in general, "the murder races" of the Anglo-Saxon "Review of Reviews." Two Frenchmen stood talking on the platform. A friend of mine stood near them. As the portent strutted past, the Frenchmen paused in their chat to take a view of him. Then one of them turned to the other and said quietly, "Quel produit!"

"What a product?" The expression constantly comes to mind when I look around here in Ireland. There are so many persons, so many agencies, that take themselves seriously, and imagine their words and acts to be free, spontaneous, and autonomous, when all the time they are simply Products—the manufactured articles of the Imperial Exploitation Co. Ltd. I hear things said every day, and read things in Irish newspapers, that remind me of

the dolls that say "Mamma" and "Papa" when they are suitably squeezed. They were manufactured to do it, and they do it until they are worn out. They are Products, and serve the purposes of the Producer.

The Ulster Presbyterians are, mentally and physically, a fine people. Before the Union they were free men. Since the Union, by dint of a careful and constant moulding process, they have become for the most part Products. There are, of course, very numerous excep-tions. One of the chief instruments in manipulating and moulding them in the Imperial interest is the Belfast "Northern Whig." I say in the Imperial interest, because only for the glorious Imperial Peace, the Pax Britan-nica, imposed on Ulster, the Ulster Presbyterians would be twice as numerous and twice as prosperous as they are. The "Northern Whig" is itself a manipulated and moulded Product, though the editor no doubt sincerely imagines otherwise. It claims to be the "organ" of a certain section of Irish opinion. A horse that never saw its driver might possibly imagine that the reins, bit, bridle, and blinkers were part of its own organism. The "Northern Whig" was not always the Product it now is. It is the most bitter champion of sectarian hatred in Ireland. The reason why it is the most bitter is because the Ulster Dissenters, as their history shows, required special manipulating and moulding in that direction-in the Imperial interest. They needed special machinery.

A special sort of memory had to be worked into them, a memory in watertight compartments. They had to forget their Guelic origin, and to remember the Solemn League and Covenant; to forget Wallace and Bruce, and to remember St. Bartholomew's Day; to forget Strafford, and to remember William III.; to forget the persecutions that drove their kindred to America, and to remember Dolly's Brae; to forget how under Washington their brothers fought for liberty; to forget Orr, M\*Cracken, Munro, Russell, Hope, and to identify themselves with the party of Castlereagh; to forget the Irish Volunteers, and to remember Scullabogue; to forget their welcome to the Catholic Emancipation delegates, and their celebration in arms of the opening of the first Catholic Church in Belfast, and to remember Dr. Cooke and Dr. Hanna; to forget how they were freed from landlord oppression, and to remember deal more of the same kind, required careful manipulation, and there could be no better machinery than the "Northern Whig" to turn out the finished Product, British Imperial manufacture. But the "Whig" itself required a turn or two in the machine. the British Constitution. All that, and a great

The "Northern Whig" is to-day avowedly opposed to Home Rule on sectarian grounds. It is a No-Popery organ. How did that come about? Two generations ago, an editor of the "Northern Whig" and a Catholic priest were put in the dock side by side, indicated by the British Constitution, and duly punished, for exposing the methods by which the Imperial Power, in Plunket's words, was then engaged in "hallooing Catholic against Protestant, and Protestant against Catholic," in County Antrim. The editor, if I remember correctly what I have heard, was Mr. Finlay; the priest was my grandfather's brother, Father Bernard M'Auley, P.P. of Ballymena. They were each, I think, fined £500, but if the present editor looks up his file he will find the whole history. The Process has been going on ever-since, and now we have the Product.

The "Northern Whig" is now asking: Where would England be if Ireland had Home Rule and England was engaged in a life and death struggle like the present war? The question is enough to show whose agent and instrument is the "Northern Whig." The answer sought for is, that, in the interest of England, Ireland, including the Uister Dissenters, is to be deprived of autonomy, bound hand and foot, and kept down in the dirt, the harbarous and degrading dirt of sectarian hatred, for the production of which the once punished "Northern Whig" is now Imperialism's most perfect machine. Quel produit:

On the night of Friday, June 11th, the Burglar broke into the house of the Treasurer of the Irish Volunteers. Having waited till Tuesday, June 22, for the ceremonial call to inquire, on that day the Treasurer, to enjoy a hard-earned boliday, went with his family to Ventry, Co. Kerry, where he owns a cottage. Next day, Wednesday, he received a deportation order from the British military authority in that region, commanding him to tetric from the counties of Kerry, Cork, and Limerick. This news has very much relieved the prevalent depression.

The Jingo journals of London are rejoicing over the Coalition's new Registration measure, which they proclaim to be the thin edge of Conscription. The Irish public has been warned that our valiant Rulers, if they could not make us slaves by open means, attempt it by underhand and roundabout stratagems and by small beginnings. The Irish Parliamentary Party has bound itself by resolution, in its latest public declaration, to resist conscription in any form. In this they have done rightly, for the whole public opinion of Ireland is opposed to conscription. introduction of compulsory military service would be a sweeping constitutional or unconstitutional change. In two main respects, therefore, any measure of conscription would be a violation of the principle of Irish selfgovernment. Ireland's answer to conscription in any form is: "We won't have it."

Let us put this Registration business to the test. My life is all my goods. The working man's life is all his goods. In this well robbed land of ours, for ninety-uine men out of a hundred our lives are all we have to live by. If we are asked to put our names on a Government register, so that the Government may commandeer our lives, our work, and our live-lihood, we answer, "When Lord Lansdowne, Lord Londonderry, the Duke of Abercom, and other great Imperial patriots, abandon all their possessions and throw them into the common stock—when, the law compels them to do so—then it will be time enough to come down on the poor man and compel him to surrender life and all. Till then, your essepulsory pro-

posals, thin end or thick end, are plainly no better than a tyrannical scheme to enable your wealthy landlores and capitalists and your dividenders to live on in riches, comfort, and luxury by sacrificing the lives and labours of the poor.

In Ireland, the question has a National aspect besides, and to yield the rights we now possess would be a National surrender. We will give nothing but the Free Gifts of a Free People, unless we give it to overpowering force. The Irish Parliamentary Party is bound to keep its pledge, its latest public pledge to the people of Ireland. The people of Ireland are no less bound, for the honour and safety of their nation, to refuse to render the servile duty of a country that is not free. The reply to every attempt at compulsion is Mr. Asquith's Magna Charta: "The Free Gift of a Free People."

The Irish Volunteers should be strictly on their guard against any attempt to force their action or direct their activity by means of har assing and provocative factics, whether such factics are directed against those in chief responsibility or against local bodies or their officers. We can see how an external situation is being used as a cover and pretext for political bostility within Ireland. The situation in Ireland is, in all essentials, precisely what it was before the external situation arose, and

#### Tyrone Training Camp, SATURDAY, July 10th, to SUNDAY, July 18th.

For particulars see Headquarters Bulletin and Notes.

what it would have been if the external situation had not arisen. The rights and liberties which the Irish Volunteers enrolled themselves to secure and maintain have not been affected in any important degree by the external situation that has since arisen. The objects of the Irish Volunteers remain unchanged, and the duty of the Irish Volunteers is to proceed steadily with the organisation and provision necessary to enable them to attain those obicets.

It can only be through the blindness of faction if Irish Nationalists, no matter under what leaders they may group themselves, fail to clearly recognise that every act of hostility to the Irish Volunteers is an act of hostility to the Irish Nation. These hostilities began on the very day that the Irish Volunteers began, and that was nine months before the European They began under a coalition War began. that existed all the time, though it has not been publicly avowed till a few weeks ago. It is not likely now that they will succeed, and their only chance of success will be if the coalition is successful in putting its fingers into the two eyes of the Irish Nation. The main hope of doing so depends on the working up of factious differences among Irishmen, but every day that passes brings fresh proof that Irishmen have too clear a view of what is going on and too clear a purpose to allow themselves to be manipulated in this way through any instruments

I ask Volunteers, and especially Volunteer officers, to strain every point to get the benefit of the camp training which is now beginning, and about which particulars are given in H.Q. bulletins, in advertisements, and on application to Headquarters,

EOIN MAC NEILL

# An Example from the Dardanelles.

The following account of a small night attack which proved entirely successful is from a recent French despatch, and makes very instructive reading for Volunteers:

" A detachment of thirty-four Europeans and thirty-two Senegalese, all volunteers, under subaltern, received orders to leave the first lim trench in Indian file, and excep on their hands and knees to the immediate neighbourhood of the small fort. There they were to assemble and deliver a surprise attack without fring a shot. Two other parties were ordered to leave our trenches in the same manner on the right and left, but they were to stop half-way, and hold themselves in readiness to shield the volume teers in the event of a repulse, or support them in the event of success. The weather was very fine. The moon was at full, but, happily, or low on the horizon that its beams show in the eres of the Turks. This favoured the nove-ments of the volunteer section, who legan their stealthy advance at nine o'clock. detachments left an hour later. A quarter of an hour before midnight the band of volunteers had got within forty yards of the fort, Springing over the parapet, they completely surprised the Turks, who, after firing their rifles, fled. Thanks to the suddenness of our assault, we had only three wounded—a sergeant and two men.

One point to notice is the extreme care and patience the attackers displayed. The advance occupied almost three bours, and yet it is very unlikely that the distance to be traversed was above half a mile at the outside. The method of advancing was of course very slow—but no other way was possible. Frequently the Irishbent on rushing things. They try to carry out an attack far more quickly than is possible in real warfare; where men who don't take the trouble to make reasonable use of cover are simply shot down and no more about it.

Another remarkable point is the complete and overwhelming nature of the success by reason of surprise. The defenders simply blazed off a random volley and bolted. This is what troops surprised at night invariably do. We know from other narratives the very brave and steady character of the Turkish troops, and the incident simply proves that the best troops are helpless if taken at such a diadvantage. Note also how the element of surprise very much reduced the casualties of the attacking force.

The numbers employed correspond fairly well to the strength of a large number of the Volunteer corps; and several Volunteer officers are quite able to handle such a force in all ordinary circumstances. In carrying out such an attack by one corps, the position of the supporting bodies need only be indicated and the entire force worked in the actual attack.

#### The Value of Uniforms.

It is a principle of Volunteering that the gun and ammunition must precede the uniform. And, after all, a uniform is bardly a disguise. There are occasions when its using the undesirable. A Volunteer who must study economy should get his suit, shirt, and soft collar dyed green, and ask his tailor to do the rest. Another alternative is to get our items that is easily solved. A soft green hat can be transformed instantly by turning up one side and pinning if with a brooch, which Head-pourteers can supply at the absurdly low out of 1/1 post free.

#### Why Artillery would be Ineffective in Ireland.

Occasionally one still meets Volunteers who despair of ever being able to take effective military action because they have no artillery. And the important results achieved by artillery action in the present war seems to give some colour to their views. As a matter of fact, though, the character of the ground in Ireland is for the most part totally different from that in any part of continental Europe. Indeed, it is not too much to say that in Ireland it would in the first place be practically impossible to employ artillery at all; and in the second, even if it were used, it would be practically ineffective.

The men who want artillery for the Volunteers never stop to think what it would mean. A battery of artillery on the march takes up about 200 yards of road; and the Irish roads are usually so narrow that guns on them would choke them and prevent the movements of other troops. Besides, on the Irish roads guns would be liable to be ambushed, in which case they would be quite helpless. Many of the side roads have so poor a surface that the guns would get bogged, and the fields are often so soft that it would be very difficult to maneguvre in them. Thus even on the march the difficulties artillery would labour under would be very serious indeed.

In action the case would if possible be worse. No one will venture to assert that an ordinary two-wheeled farmer's cart can be driven across country in Ireland. And a moment's thought will convince anyone that to drive the guns and waggons of a battery across country is a much more difficult task. It might easily happen that at the moment when it was most important to bring the guns into action it would be quite impossible to get them off the road at all. Besides, very often it would not be very easy to deploy the guns. A battery in action takes up a front of almost 100 yards, and in many parts of Ireland the average size of the fields would not be as much as that. Consequently it would often be unavoidable to split up even one battery, with the consequent lack of control. In the case of even so small a body of artillery as, say, three batteries the difficulties would be so enormous that it is difficult to see how they could be overcome at all.

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But even if all the difficulties were overcome which would be very unlikely-the artillery could not accomplish very much in action. Artillery must have a target, and in Ireland it would not be at all easy to find the targetwhich, of course, is the enemy's infantry. These are lying close in the cover of a hedge: and how is the battery commander two miles away to know which particular hedge of the hundreds around is the one that hides the infantry? The only way to locate the concealed troops is to search every spot, and the huge expenditure of shells this would need would put it out of the question.

Not only would the artillery commander himself be quite unable to locate the hostile unfantry, but even his aeroplanes would not be able to assist him very much. The hedges give such excellent concealment that an observer in an aeroplane can hardly at all observe men lying under them. A bedge gives to a skirmish line the same concealment from above that a wood gives to a large formed body of troops.

Finally, a bedge gives considerable protection tion against a large proportion of the shells striking in its neighbourhood. The ordinary infantryman's pack gives a very considerable degree of protection against shrapnel bullets to infantry lying down; and it is not hard to understand that a hedge is much more effective cover than that.

It should be fairly clear then that very little could be expected from artillery in Ireland. The man-killing power it would have would not be at all sufficient to compensate for the excessive difficulties experienced in handling it. More than that, it is so bulky on the march and so powerless in the same case, that it might easily prove more of a hindrance than a help to the force placing much reliance on it.

#### Delaying Actions.

The close, intersected nature of the country in Ireland offers great scope for the practising of delaying actions by small bodies of troops. The movements of large bodies would be almost entirely confined to the roads, and at first only the heads of these columns could come into action. The length of time required for deploying the columns even if fairly small would always be sufficient for a well handled small party to withdraw and take up another position in rear, there to repeat the performance. Continued harassing tactics of this nature would eventually demoralise the troops subjected to them and leave them an

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A section of lightly equipped infantry well acquainted with the country they are operating in can effect great results against an enemy not so suitably trained. The papers at the present time afford many examples of this in the case of the Italian Alpine troops. We will assume that the section commander has occupied a good concealed position from which he can bring the road under heavy fire at close range, and has posted a couple of men to look our The enemy may have scouts for the enemy. out, but unless these discover the little force it is better not to interfere with them at all. The main point is to surprise the principal body

The method of action is to open fire suddenly and keep on firing as long as it is safe to do so. Every care should be taken to keep the men thoroughly in hand, to insist on accurate aiming, and to make every shot tell. Sooner or later, of course, the enemy will recover from his surprise, will deploy very superior forces and compel the little party to retire. Consequently it is of the utmost importance to have the line of retreat decided on beforehand. This will almost always be possible; but if for any reason it becomes necessary to retire over unknown ground, one or two active intelligent men should be sent on in advance to find and point out to the others the best paths by which to fall back.

Reterements should be gradual, a few men slipping away at a time and the others keeping up the firing. A few of the most active should remain firing briskly until the very last, and then slip away. The entire force will be assembled at some distance away, and will take post further on for a second stand.

These delaying actions will be much easier and more effective if put into operation by two small parties mutually supporting each other. The first section engages the enemy's column at A, the second section engages it at B, a few miles further on. Meantime the first section has plenty of time to reach C, yet another few miles on, and take its measures there, and so Two well-handled sections can delay a large force in this way to an incredible

degree.

A further development of this kind of action can be managed by well-trained cyclists. In their case practically every turn of the road can be turned to good account and contested. But evelists are not at all confined to roads in operations of this kind. It does not inconvenience them to move across country for short distances. There is practically no place where bicycles cannot be wheeled. They can also be lifted over a gate, bank or fence without any trouble. So the cyclist is not in such danger of being cut off as might be thought at first

#### The Tyrone Training Camp.

1. This Camp, which will be a moving one, will start from Dungannon on Saturday, July 10th, as soon after 6-30 p.m. as the Volunteers attending it are all assembled.

2. The Camp will make a circular march in the southern part of County Tyrone, and will finish at Dunganuon on the afternoon of Sun-

day, July 18th.
3. The force in Camp will take part in combined field exercises with all the Volunteer Corps in the part of the county included in the march.

4. A number of spare tents will be carried; so that members of local Volunteer Corps who are unable to attend the Camp will be able to have some nights under canvas, and learn a certain amount of the duties of troops in camp.



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#### The Irish Volunteer SATURDAY, JULY 10th, 1915

Headquarters' Bulletin.

The Central Executive of the Irish Volunteers met at Headquarters on Wechiesday evening, June 30th, Professor Eoin Mac Neill, President, in the chair.

Reports on Organisation, Recruiting, Training, Summer Camps, and Finance were received and discussed.

The splendid demonstration at Cappagh, near Pomeroy, Co. Derry, on June 29th, and the successful despatch of two cyclist columns from Dublin to Tullow, Co. Carlow, on June 25th, were reported on.

The attitude of the Irish Volunteers towards Compulsory Registration for war purposes was discussed, and it was unanimously agreed that Irish Volunteers must resolutely oppose the application of any such measure to Ireland, as being a form of Conscription, against which in any form Irish Volunteers stand pledged.

Draft arrangements for the Tyrone Training Camp, which starts at Dungannon on Saturday, July 10th, were approved of. The period in camp will extend from Saturday evening, 10th.

to the evening of Sunday, (8th inst. The week's course will embrace every essential department of field training. The training force will march over a large part of the hill country of Co. Tyrone, the route being by Pomeroy, Omagh, Fintona, and Donaghmore back to Dungannon. The officer in charge will be Captain J. J. O'Connell of the Head quarters Organising Staff, to whom Volunteers who are joining the Camp will report in Dungannon at 6 p.m. on the 10th inst.

Headquarters, 2 Dawson St.,

Dublin, 2nd July, 1915.

#### TYRONE TRAINING CAMP.

GENERAL SCHEME.

- 1. The period in camp will extend from the evening of Saturday, July 10th, to the evening of Sunday, July 18th.
- 2. Volunteers joining the camp will report to Captain J. J. O'Connell, C.O., in Dungannon at 6 p.m. on the 10th inst. The force will leave Dungannon at 6-30 p.m. and march to Galbally, where it will camp.
- 3. The general route of the force during its week's training will be by Pomeroy, Carrick, more, Gortin, Omagh, Fintona, Clogher, Ballygawley, and Donaghmore back to Dungannon.
- 4. The course will cover all the essentials of field training.
- 5. The local corps will be included in combined field exercises with the force in camp.
- 6. Tents and commissariat will be provided for all Volunteers in training. Particulars as to output required and all other necessary information will be furnished to applicants. Bicycles are to be brought, if possible.
- 7. A certain number of spare tents will be carried to provide accommodation for any local Volunteers who wish to spend a night or two in
- 8. It has been found that the cost per man will probably work out at not more than 158, a week, so that it will probably be possible to refund 5s. to each man out of the £1 paid.

### NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS.

NO COMPULSORY REGISTRATION.

The Executive at its last meeting defined the attitude of the Irish Volunteers towards Compulsory Registration for war purposes. That artitude is one of resolute opposition. The Irish Volunteers are pledged tooppose Conscription in any form, and Compulsory Registration is a form of Conscription. Any attempt, therefore, to apply any such scheme to Iteland or to any part of treland will be unflinchingly opposed by the Irish Volunteers.

#### THE TYRONE CAMP.

The Tyrone Training Camp, the first of its kind, starts in Dungannon on Saturday evening next. The place is of happy omen. At 6-30 p.m. a force of Volunteers will march from the

Volunteer Town for the green hills of Tyron They will train and operate in the very county in which the soldiers of Hugh O'Neill, the victors of Ciontibret and the Yellow Food trained and operated. Field training in all in branches scouting, skirmishing, the selection and improvement of cover, range-finding and firing-protection at rest and on the march pitching camp, camp-routine, striking camp, transport, supply, and communications all will come within the purview of the week's work. The local corps will join the force in training for combined field exercises of a ven useful kind. On the whole, it will be, from the training point of view, the best-spent week in the history of the Volunteers,

#### OTHER CAMPS.

Dublin, Cork, and Galway will probably be the next training centres. Applications should be sent in at once, as the number of applicans, will be a factor in deciding the exact locality of each camping scheme,

#### ARMING.

Returns which have been reaching the Director of Organisation go to show that a number of Companies are still very imperfectly armed. In some cases no genuine effort to arm the men seems to have been made by the officers in charge. Such officers are lightly bearing a very grave responsibility. The day may come when they will have reason to regret a neglect which borders on the criminal. Superior officers must really insist on company officers arming their men. And company officers who are unwilling to do so must step down and make room for officers who are.

#### WE HAVE THE GUNS!

It is a matter of willingness, not of ability Guns are available. Headquarters is pledged to produce a gun for every Volunteer who undertakes to pay for it. Lee Enfields and Martini Enfields are scarce at the moment, but a gun of some sort-and a gun which will shoot -can be had by every Irish Volunteer who can put up the price of it; nay, who can pay for it by instalments. Why should any Company remain unarmed?

#### RECRUITING LITERATURE.

It has been assumed by some Companies that the parcels of recruiting literature recently sent out from Headquarters exhaust the supply that is available for each Company. This is not the case. The Director of Recruiting has a large stock of literature in hand, and is in a position to supply any demands likely to be made on him. Companies, for instance, can have as many copies of the window card, "Enrol under the Green Flag," as they are able to dispose of, as also of the leafler "How to Help the Volunteer Movement." Instructions to Companies and County Boards and specimen handbills are also available.

#### Derry Pledged to Resist Regiscription!

At the Parade Ground, Bogside, on Wednesday evening, Mr. Newman addressed one of the largest gatherings that has been held in Derry for a considerable time.

An armed guard met Mr. Newman at his hotel, and conducted him to the place of

Mr. Newman read a message to the people of Derry from Eoin Mac Neill, as follows

An urgent call to Headquarters has, to my extreme regret, prevented me from keeping my appointment to speak in Derry. What desired to say to the people of Derry, at this most critical time in Ireland's history, is exactly reported in the forthcoming issue of the trish Volunteer in the speech which I delivered at the Cappagh monster meeting yesterday.

Mr. Newman will outline for your benefit the facts which I have felt called upon to put

before you.

Let me say that in this hour of danger no Nationalist can afford to sneer at a Unionist: and no Nationalist is worthy of the name who treats either Unionist or Redmondite with dis courtesy. Politeness and firmness will win more friends for our cause than controversy.

In the face of a united English oligarchy Irishmen must realise that they are Irishmen, and must permit no imposition, either financial

I have calculated that the present war loan will mean £3 in perpetuity from every house in Ireland. Three pounds a year for ever.

It is for Ireland to decide whether she will have taxes imposed upon her which will bankrupt the land and perhaps reduce our population to half its present figure.

The future is the future of small nations: and in a sound national policy there is room

The substance of Mr. Newman's address was the disclosure of the Pogrom Plot, and has already been embodied in the report of Eoin Mae Neill's address at Cappagh monster meet-

At the conclusion of the proceedings the meeting declared itself determined to resist any attempt, either direct or indirect, to force Conscription upon Ireland, and as the Registration Bill now before Parliament was probably the thin end of the Conscription wedge, the audience declared itself determined to refuse any information, either verbal or written, which would assist the enforcement of Conscription.

Mr. Walsh, T.C., who advertises his start in business in Dublin, presided over the inaugural meeting of the Irish Volunteers in Cork. He was well-known as Chairman of the Cork County Board of the G.A.A. Shortly after the Cork meeting, where he bore the brunt of the hostility to the Volunteers, he contested and won a councillorship in Cork City. the postal service, he was removed later on to England by the friendly Government, and ultimately, a few weeks ago, he was dismissed from his position. On his way home, he was stopped by the military authorities and deported. He is now making a fresh start in life, and he may rely on the good-will of Irish Volumeers and arbletes.

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#### XIII. VALMY.

When France, in 1792, declared war on the great Powers of Europe, her prospects of success seemed very poor indeed. Under the monarchy her armies had consisted largely of foreigners, who had either been slaughtered or disbanded at its overthrow. Moreover, the emigration of the nobility deprived the wrecks of the army of nearly all its higher officers and of most of its subalterns. However, there was no lack of Volunteers whose fierce enthusiasm partially atoned for their lack of discipline and training.

#### OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN.

France's one hope was to take the enemy by Accordingly, before they had time to knock their vast levies into anything like the shape of an army, they invaded the Austrian Netherlands. But even their great numerical superiority could not prevail over the discipline and training of the Austrians, and a series of disgraceful routs turned the invasion into a

Meanwhile the allies had collected their forces on the Rhine. Sixty thousand Prussians, forty-five thousand Austrians, and fifteen thousand of the French noblesse prepared to march into France through Ardennes, by Chalons, upon Paris. T Two French armies were opposed to them-one of twenty thousand, under Kelleman, at Metz; another of twenty-three thousand at Sedan. Sedan, Longwy, and Verdun, then wretchedly weak fortresses, were the only other barriers on the road to Paris.

#### PRELIMINARY MANGEUVRES.

At the end of July, 1792, the Allies ad-inced. Their whole forces were under the command of the Duke of Brunswick, who had acquired a considerable reputation in the Seven Years' War. Moving forward at a leisurely pace he invested Longwy on the 20th August Longwy opened its gates at the first cannonade, and Verdun surrendered soon after.

The allied army was now interposed between the two French armies at Metz and Sedan, and might have crushed each of them in turn but for the arrival of Dumouriez, the new French Commander-in-Chief, who took instant and vigorous action. He quickly marched the Sedan army to the rear of the Argonuc, and ordered Kellerman to wheel round from Metz to St. Menehould, where he was to be met by

reinforcements.

Dumouriez' plan was to hold the passes of the difficult country of the Argonne, and so force the enemy to make a detour in his march, and perhaps expose his flanks to attack. This plan failed, for the Austrians forced one of the passes, and he had to fall back. The only thing left to do was to try and join Kellerman, and so place himself at the head of a force strong enough to menace the enemy and draw him back from the advance to Paris, which it was now impossible to bar. By a rapid movement southward he evaded the Germans, and with some difficulty reached St. Menehould. Here he was joined by Kellerman and his 20,000 men.

Dumouriez was strongly placed at St. Mene-bould, protected by the Rivers Aisne and Aule. He had chosen a plateau to the northwest as Kellerman's position, but Kellerman moved on to the plateau of Valmy, a weaker position, and separated from Dumouriez by a dangerous interval.

The allied army meanwhile deployed on the beights of La Lune, running south-west and north-east, opposite the two French armies, but nearer to Kellerman than to Dumouriez, thus seriously jeopardising the position of the

THE BATTLE

On the morning of the 20th September, the right wing of the allies moved out on Kellerman's left in order to cut him off from Chalons. The remainder of the allies were to assail him in front, and, as their position partially enveloped his, to interpose between him and Dumouriez,

Dumouriez, seeing his colleague's danger; moved up supporting troops on his flanks.

The Prussian guns on La Lune now opened

fire, while their infantry and cavalry advanced to the attack. For once the French held their ground, and their own artillery replied vigorously to the enemy, doing great damage to the close ranks of their infantry. Then Kellerman led out a column of French infantry to the assault, and was beaten back with loss.

The Prussians followed up their success by an infantry attack in force. At first the French showed signs of giving way, but Kellerman rallied them in person, and they stood their ground. Dumouriez men were now actively co-operating with them, and the Prus same to a standstill. The allied generals, de-spairing of taking such a position, called off their men, and the battle was over.

#### COMMENTS.

This triffing affair was one of the decisive battles of the world, and changed the course of history. As the German poet, Goethe, who was present, said: "From this place, and from this day forth, commences a new era in the world's history." Artisans, tradesmen, mechanics, and peasants had stood up to the best troops in Europe and saved the new-born French Republic from destruction. Yet their general had merely marched them well and posted them well, and done very little else.

#### Security on the March in Ireland.

Probably Ireland is the most difficult country in the world in which to carry out reconnaissance. And in a general way it may be taken that recomnaissance and security are the same. Reconnaissance is commonly described as the art of searching for the enemy, and security is the art of protecting one's own troops on But a single field day will prove the march. to anyone that the only way to have one is to

Furthermore, the conditions that obstacles in the way of one are also those that interfere with the other. For instance, it is easy for the enemy to lay an ambush in a large wood: and that is also the place where it is hardest to find him. What is true of a wood is true of countless other features of ground, and every county in Ireland is full of possible examples.

The question of reconnaissance and security has been a very important problem for Volunteer officers. In the main, too, they have tackled it in a very intelligent and business like way. It needed time and thought, plenty of field work, and a good many mistakes be fore satisfactory principles were established Still, the thing was done-owing, indeed, to a large extent to the natural capacity of the Volunteers. The result is that even now the average good corps of Volunteers is probably better capable of taking care of itself in Inland than a corresponding body of any other After all, this is something to be thankful for, because it is a big advance. Now it is up to the other corps to rival the good

AN INFANTRY COLUMN ON THE ROAD.

All text-books which treat of reconnoitring and security lay down that a column on the march should be covered by an advance guard and flankers. The advance guard normally consists of a point, a vanguard and a main guard. Contact between the different portions of the column is maintained by connecting files; and average distances between all bodies are set out. This is the general scheme, and any arrangements adopted must follow to some extent. But the particular military character of the Volunteers and the nature of the country call for very considerable changes from the ordinary methods.

First of all, the Volunicers are all either infantry or cyclists, and the special training of cyclists is not at all as far advanced in some corps as it is in others. Frequently a corps consisting of infantry has had to do its own reconnoitring and provide for its own security When this is so, one of two things happens: either (a) the scouting is very imperfectly per formed, or (b) the rate of march becomes very One corps at least has grappled with this difficulty in the following way: every man in the corps has been trained in the semaphore, and can thus convey information to the main body while it is on the move, and at considerable distances away. Further, whenever halts occur lost ground is made up by doubling the men. This is a method that might be adopted with profit in hilly country par ticularly.

Very often, though, the system of infantry flankers will break down altogether the more enclosed the country the more hopeless is their task. Even if they can keep a fixed distance down the road on which the column is march ing, they will tend to drop to the rear, no matter how light their equipment may be. They will lose many yards of ground at every fence. Besides, if they reconnoitre the line of the nearest fences, there will be others beyond, and still others beyond those, and no limit can

he set to this It would seem, then, that the infantry column in Ireland can only reconnoitre directly to the front along the road on which it marching. This is not really so, but it will be better to postpone the question of flank protection to a subsequent article. The column on road will be split up into three usual divisions; but, as a rule, the distances between them will be less than those usually set out, because the country is closer than ordinary, Besides, the numbers in a column are not very great: and this leaves fewer men for connecting files. Indeed, it will probably be found best to have no infantry connecting files at all. It is much more economical to have two cyclists one riding from head to rear of the column, and one from rear to head. Even one man, riding from rear to head, halting until the rear is closed up to him, and then riding on again, will do the work better than any number of infantry files, who are merely so many men out of hand in case of a surprise.

Usually it will be best for the covering detachments to move in file or single file on one or both sides of the mad. In that way they obtain a certain amount of cover from view from the fences, and also are better placed to kneel down in shelter if suddenly fired into.

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## Field Training.

#### CHAPTER XL

RECONNAISSANCE IN DEFENCE.

Read this chapter in conjunction with Chapter VI., which dealt with recomnaissance in general as well as reconnaissance in attack

Unless the situation demands instant action, no commander of any unit smaller than a division should ever give buttle without making a personal survey of the ground.

Take your men to a good position which commands a view of the surrounding country, and point out its principal characteristicshills, valleys, woods, rivers, marshes, plains, roads, railways, houses, villages, etc., indicating their military use.

Now choose out a position which you might decide to hold against an enemy, and send your men in patrols of 4 or 5 to recommoitre it. Instruct them to report under the following beads:

- (1) The extent of the position.
- (2) The nature of the position. Whether it is naturally defensible, or will require artificial defences; whether the ground is easy to entrench or not; whether it is dominated by high ground; whether the flanks are defens-
  - (3) The weak points of the position.
  - (4) The strong points.
- (5) The probable position of the enemy's
- (6) Firing positions likely to be seized by the enemy. [See Chapter VI.].
  - (7) The enemy's probable line of attack.
  - (8) The hest ground for the counter attack.
  - (9) The line of retreat.

When you have sent out the various parties and appointed a time to meet again, set out

yourself to survey the ground.
Take note of all the points on which you have ordered the remainder to report, and in the light of this knowledge think out the disposition of your forces in case you had to defend the position. Take it that the available force consists of infantry and cyclists, and remember that its general disposition should conform as far as possible to this type:

This represents a hartalion with eyele some in battle formation.

You will have to choose our positions los each of these divisions of your force, as well as for your ambulance and transport. A thorough knowledge of the functions of each as shown in the foregoing chapters, will be sufficient guide to the disposition of Finng Line, Supports, and Local Reserve. The general Reserve (half your force) is placed in good cover and ready to deliver the decime counter-attack. The Ambulance and Trans port must, of course, be secure from danger, C.

When you and your men have collected to gether again, receive their reports and comparthem with your own observations. You will probably learn more than you will teach in the process, but that will be all the better,

If there is time, the whole party should then go over the ground together and compare

#### Things a Sentry Should Know

The young Volunteer new to sentry duty is liable to make mistakes at first, but a little care will quickly enable him to carry out his duties It is only necessary to know what is the right course of action in such-and-such a ease, and most men will do it then.

One example of a natural enough mistake is for the raw sentry to take post on the skyline He can observe well from there, and may forget that he can easily be seen there also But this is the sort of thing an intelligent man,

needs to be told only once,

Another mistake is to challenge too som Persons approaching the post should be allowed fairly close before challenging. Other wise the sentry cannot be certain of hitting, in case the person challenged tries to get away. and it is necessary to shoot.

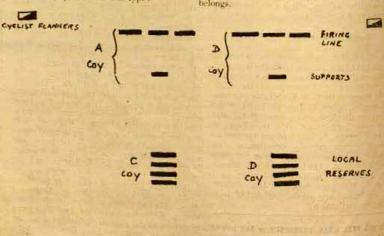
Again, it is most important that the senting should never allow more than one man to approach in case it is necessary to make one of a group advance to be recognised.

A sentry should never fire unless absolutely Firing at night upsets the entire necessary.

camp, and should be avoided when possible. He must never leave his post. If he takes a prisoner he should keep him if necessary

until the next visiting patrol.

It is better to be sure than sorry; and in any case in which the sentry is in doubt as to the proper course of action he should summon the commander of the guard to which he belongs.



#### Is Rebellion Against Authority a Sin?

Even after Ireland's seven centuries of protest against the foreign yoke of England, there are quite a number of good souls who have scruples as to whether it is a righteons thing to protest either interiorily, by refusing assent to the existing government, or by taking up arms to deliver the Irish people from slavery.

These people cannot have it both ways, Aiming is merely a detail, it is the logical outcome of a refusal to assent to foreign rule.

If it be a sin to oppose any government which possesses the power to force itself upon a nation, it is equally wrong to refuse "loyal" support to that government by assenting willingly to its existence.

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"I can only absolve you if you hold the holy faith as a Tyrolese, as our forefathers have always held it in the Tyrol.

"But my conscience, your reverence! How shall I see my way? The Austrians have made peace, and given the Tyrol to the Bavarians, and the King of Bavaria is now the authority set over us by God. And in the Tyrol they say we must rebel against the Bayarians and chase them out of the country. And now my conscience tells me: 'That is seditious. We must be subject to the authority set over us by and I to keep that?" Now, your reverence, how

The priest answered-

"When the Pharisees tempted our Lord by asking whether they were to pay tribute to Casar or not, be answered: Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God Casar the things that are Casar's, and unto God the things that are God's. Is there any question of a King there? No, only of the Emperor and God. In our case, too, the matter is so very clear that a doubt almost amounts to impiety. You must be subject to the authority set up by God. Quite right, but who is the authority are considered. authority set over us Catholic Christians by God? Is it the apostate who was made King of Bavaria by the insurgent Bonaparte? No, it is His Apostolic Majesty, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. Or to whom have you swom

allegiance? To the King of Bavaria? No. you have not sworn allegiance in holy haptism to the Catholic Church, which is now separated from him, not of our own free will but by If robbers drive your flocks out of their stall, does that make them theirs by right? Not at all, they are yours, and it is your duty to take them back again by force. I tell you: be ready for the struggle

To this the penitent replied; " I understand, I quite understand, but we are quite powerless Poor little Tyrol cannot resist all-powerful France and all the other great nations who are united with her. It is absurd, we shall be trodden under foot like a worm

"Oh! faithless Christian!" cried the con-fessor. "As faint-hearted as the disciples on Peter's ship in the storm; but the Lord com-manded the waves. We must not sit still with our hands folded. Help thyself, and God will

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