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THE WAR IN KERRY.

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THE RIGHT PLACE FOR IRISHMEN.

"GERMAN GOLD" AGAIN.

WHERE TO MAKE MONEY IN POLITICS.

BIRRELL'S IMPERIAL BURGLARS.

THE PREDOMINANT PARTNER AGAIN.

Under the Defence of the Realm Act, anything said or done that is likely to cause disaffection towards the sovereign power becomes a crime. Under this provision, prosecutions innumerable have been brought forward in all parts of Ireland, and in nearly every case there have been convictions and severe sentences. It does not appear that there have been many prosecutions in Great Britain, and there have been still fewer convictions. All this is quite according to rule. Nobody in Ireland, on any side, expects that the law will show the same face in Ireland as in England. Ireland is the One Bright Spot, kept bright by continual sandpapering. In the cant of Ascendancy law, all men are equal before the law. It is a notorious lie, but even if it were true, it would still be a delusion. What justice requires is not that men should be equal but-a very different thing-that the operation of the law should be equal. But, as between Ireland and Great Britain, there has never been any equality of law under the Union, and nobody in Ireland expects such equality.

COERCION AS USUAL.

Questioned by Mr. Ginnell in Parliament, the Chief Secretary against Ireland, Mr. Birrell, said that the number of persons sentenced to imprisonment in Ireland under the Defence of the Realm Act was fifty. In twenty-three cases the evidence was entirely supplied by the official paid servants of the Crown. Mr. Birrell's fifty does not err on the side of exaggeration. There have been many

additional cases since his answer, and his fifty does not include the numbers who have been punished by fines. It does not include the cases of deportation, and the still more numerous cases of dismissal. The number of persons under punishment in Ireland for political offences at present is probably as large as the number under the Coercion Acts in the beight of the Land War.

THE BIRRELLESQUE OF GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Ginnell further asked if the Chief Secretary against Ireland would give any opportunity of comparing the words used by Messrs. Milroy and Skeffington, prosecuted in Dublin, with the words that were allowed to be used in England. Mr. Birrell answered, "he was sure counsel would take full advantage of the suggestion." This is the perfection of Birrellesque. "Are we to understand," asked an English member, Mr. Kellaway, "that whilst it is an offence in Ireland to endeavour to stop recruiting, it is not an offence in this country?" "My obligation," replied the elusive Minister, "begins and ends with Ireland."

MR. BIRRELL'S ALLIES.

So it does not concern the Liberal Home Rule Minister whether there is any equality in the law as between England and Ireland! It is a comfortable doctrine. Mr. Birrell, as a member of the Cabinet, has a joint responsibility with all his colleagues for their joint administration. If there is inequality, which Mr. Birrell does not attempt to deny, he is more responsible than any of his colleagues, for he has particular charge in Ireland. Yet why should not Mr. Birrell, an Englishman, treat the matter lightly, when his conduct is condoned and even instigated in the weekly felon-setting supplement of the "Placeman's Journal?"

INNOCENTS ABROAD.

Another English member, Mr. Outhwaite, asked: "Why, if action is taken against individuals in Ireland for the presention of recruiting, the circulation of the Daily Mail and other Harmsworth journals is permitted?"

Here the Speaker threw his shield over Mr. Birrell, who, he said, was not responsible for that in England. But the "Daily Mail." and the "Times" circulate also in Ireland. The innocence of all these Englishmen is beyond admiration. The answer to all their questions and answers is: "The government of Ireland is a continuity," or, as the English navy man in Cahirciveen put it, the place for Irishmen is under the feet of Englishmen.

EDITOR TURNS INFORMER

Getting back to where we started as we are told Mr. Birrell will do with Home Rule after the war it is a crime under the Defence of the Realm Act to cause disaffection in Ireland, if not in England. There can be no question that disaffection is widespread, almost universal, in Ireland. Why not prosecute those whose words and acts can be proved by thousands of witnesses to have been most effectual causes of disaffection in Ireland? While certain patriots are denouncing Irishmen to vengeance, I propose to myself a new occupation, to become felon-setter and informer against our "Rulers," as Winston Churchill calls them, of the new Absolute Socialist English National Irresponsible Autocracy.

WILL BIRRELL PROSECUTE ASQUITE?

I ask first of all for the prosecution of the Prime Minister on the charge of causing wide spread disaffection in Ireland. I begin with the Prime Minister; there is no one of higher rank who can be incriminated under English law. I will undertake to prove in any court that the Prime Minister's words and acts have contributed more than the words and acts have contributed more than the words and acts all Mr. Birrell's fifty prisoners to cause aggravated disaffection in Ireland. I am convinced that no jury that the Attorney General against Ireland could manage to pack could be induced, on the evidence, to find the Prime Minister not guilty.

WILL BIRRELL PROSECUTE BIRRELL?

I do not know whether the Viceroy against Ireland can in any circumstances be made liable to a criminal prosecution in Ireland. In any case, I do not think His Excellency has said or done much that has affected the Irish public one way or another. But I undertake to prove that the Chief Secretary against Ireland has been an active cause of aggravated disaffection in Ireland. After him, I propose that the other members of the Ministry, one by one, shall be overhauled and tried on the charge of causing disaffection in Ireland, and I am confident that in most cases the evidence against them will be found conclusive.

THE ULSTER POGROM PLOT.

I can bring evidence to show that two at least of the defendants have threatened Ireland with a massacre. When I say massacre, I mean massacre literally, a regular pogrom, not a "civil war" in any sense. I do not now refer to the Attorney General for England, whose threats and preparations have been instigated, fostered and financed by English politicians on one side, and connived at on the other side. I refer to Englishmen, holding high ministerial office.

From the Ministry down, there are a large number of persons whose words and conduct can be shown, by a mass of indisputable evidence, to have caused and to be daily causing aggravated disaffection in Ireland. If the new Attorney General against Ireland were paid by fees, he would make a speedy fortune out of this class of cases. I pass entirely over the case of others who have aided and abetted the chief instigators of increased disaffection, but whose conduct is known to have been carried on under compulsion from the principal delinquents.

NOT IN THE CABINET.

While these delinquents go free, men like Sean MacDiannada of the Irish Volunteer Council are sentenced to long terms of imprisomment with hard labour on charges brought under the Defence of the Realm Act. Sean MacDiarmada is an honest man, a man without fear and without reproach, whose public words and acts are undeniably dictated by one motive, his devotion to Irish nationality. It is judgment enough on what they call the "Realm" in Ireland, based on Lord Lansdowne's dictum, "We have Ireland and we mean to keep her," that the Government of Ireland for its own safety confesses itself forced to keep men like Sean MacDiarmada in its prisons. I congratulate Mr. Birrell, whose pious sympathies with liberty are express 1 in his writings.

" MATTY GAG-GAG."

Our Nathanal daily press, while it fills its pages with long and expensive telegrams about the war, telegrams which Mr. Belloc tells us not to read if we do wish to be misled, omits to give any account of many prosecutions under the Defence of the Realm Act, and omits from the accounts that it gives many of the most important facts. The cause of this Nathanal silence is now well known throughout Dublin. In a provincial weekly, the "Killatney Echo,"

of last week, we may find an instructive example of the fifty cases for which that lover of liberty and small nationalities, Mr. Birrell, accepts responsibility.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM IN CAMPRIVEEN.

From the evidence given in this case, it appears that a petty officer and some men, all English, from His Majesty's ship Drake 11. were drinking in a public-house in Cahireiveen on the 25th of May. According to their own evidence, they had taken five or six drinks earlier in the day-it was not yet noon when the trouble began. The petty officer was asked in cross-examination: "Had you to be put ashore in Valentia from your ship in consequence of quarrelling with your superior officer?" He replied: "I and the skipper had a slight difference owing to family troubles. We had a difference two or three times. It may be about drink. I was sent ashore by the warrant officer. . . . When I was sent ashore the ship went away from me." Another of the Englishmen, cross-examined, said that the petty officer, Owen, was sent off the ship " for being noisy." The police officer, Hicks, vouched for the "family troubles" of Mr.

So much is established by the evidence of the witnesses for the prosecution. A petty officer on a naval patrol ship had several times quarrelled with his commanding officer. It is to be presumed that the "family troubles," which were his own explanation for his misconduct, could not have occurred on board the ship off the Kerry coast. The man at all events had family troubles, he took more drink than was good for him, he was noisy, he quarrelled with his captain, and he was put ashore in custody, and left behind at Valentia, but was afterwards allowed to rejoin the ship. On a later day, he spent the morning with some comrades drinking in Cahirciveen. Towards noon, he and two comrades had a row in a public-house with an Irishman named John Kinsella, a fisherman from Arklow. Three other Irishmen were present. According to their evidence, the petty officer was noisy and quarrelsome on this occasion also, and insulted the Irishmen calling them "Irish bomms"; one of the navy men said the Irish were uncivilised, and that they were or should be always under the feet of the English. In his direct evidence, Owen testified that Kinsella said to him that he was "a damn maniac" and "made an attempt to strike him," but that he struck Kinsella and shoved him away. The altereation seems to have lasted a long time in words before it came to blows. The barmaid, giving evidence, said that the sailors called the Irishmen "bumms" and said they were beneath the English, and that Owen, the petty officer, called one of the Irishmen a cur. She then had to go to dinner, her place being taken by another girl. When she came back, the Englishmen were "insulting everybody who came into the shop," and Owen knocked Kinsella down and took off his coat to fight.

Another civilian witness testified that when Kinsella was down, two of the sailors kicked him. Before things reached this stage, the harmaid had sent for the police.

How VICTORY WAS SECURED.

Now for the sequel. Some time after this row, Percy Owen, the English petty officer in disgrace, laid a formal complaint with the police against John Kinsella, the Irishman who had been insulted, knocked down, and kicked; with the result that Kinsella was arrested and charged at the Cahirciveen perty sessions by District Inspector Hicks, under the Defence of the Realm Act, with having "acted in a manner prejudicial to the safety of the Realm by saying in the presence of His Majesty's sailors, Percy Owen, John Rushby and Frank Morrows: Down with England and to hell with England; the sooner we are ruled by Germany the better; we would be far better off with German rule." The police brought no charge against the sailors. According to Owen's evidence in court, Kinsella also said, "England is no good, we do not forget that England did years ago worse atrocines than Germany is doing at the present time." Owen also said in evidence, "I have no particular love for the Irish. The two sailors corroborated Owen's evidence as to the words charged against Kinsella

COUNTER-ATTACK REPULSED.

The prosecution was conducted by Police Inspector Hicks. Four civilian witnesses, including the barmaid, were examined for the defence. It does not appear from the press report, which is very ample, that the Inspector, in his cross-examination of these witnesses, sought any corroboration from them of the sailors' evidence as to the words charged against Kinsella. His reported questions comprise only an attempt to discredit, insult, and brow beat each one of the four civil witnesses, and as he does not seem to have been reproved from the Bench, it is to be hoped that his actual conduct was not so disgraceful as it appears in print.

THE POSITION CONSOLIDATED

The report does not show any serious conflict between the evidence for the prosecution and the defence. The magistrates accepted the testimony of both sides. They found that "provacation had been given to the prisoner." John Kinsella. They also convicted him on the charge, and in view of the fact that he had already been imprisoned for a formight before trial, they sentenced him to a further formight's imprisonment with hard labour.

THE FRUITS OF VICTORY

I now ask Mr. Birrell, who admits responsibility for these prosecutions, to answer to himself, which is the more potent cause and justification of disaffection in Ireland; on the one hand, such words as were charged against John Kinsella of Arklow by three English sea-

men; and on the other hand, the conduct and language of these sailors in an Irish town; the provocation which the four magistrates, including a paid magistrate, unanimously found to have been offered to Kinsella; the fact that, after a quarrel in which the complainant admitted that he was accused of speaking like "a maniae," and that the first actual blow was struck by him, he was allowed to avenge himself with the belp of Mr. Birrell and the Defence of the Realm Act; the manner in which Mr. Birrell's subordinate, Inspector Hicks, conducted the case in court; and the sentence of imprisonment with hard labour, inflicted by the magistrates on the Irishman, John Kinsella? Does Mr. Birrell imagine that proceedings of this kind are calculated to diminish disaffection and inspire affection towards the present regime in Ireland? Let Mr. Birrell answer to himself and his fellow countrymen. We in Ireland can form our own judgment, and as to the "responsibility" of Mr. Birrell and other English politicians for things in Ireland, we only want to see them entirely relieved of it.

ANOTHER HICKS PASHA:

It is, however, our right to inquire strictly into the conduct of men like Inspector Hicks, an Irish civil officer, and of other men in similar position, and to hold them strictly accountable for their conduct, though the day of accountability may be deferred. An Irish police officer is not supposed to be a politician. He is supposed to stand impartial and indifferent between political parties. He is a public servant, and as such, in the discharge of his duty, he is not entitled to insult any man or woman, or to bector, browbeat, or intimidate any man or woman. I have before me the report of the Cahirciveen case in the "Killarney Echo" of June the 12th. If the words and conduct of Inspector Hicks, as reported in that paper, are not disproved, if the report of his words is found to be substantially correct, it will be a public scandal if Mr. Hicks is not dismissed from the public service. We shall see whether Mr. Birrell's police officers are salaried public servants, or salaried politicians licensed by Mr. Birrell to insult Irishmen and Irishwomen.

THE POLITICAL INQUISITION.

The first witness for the defence, Edward Foley, was cross-examined by Inspector Hicks as to his politics. He answered, "I have no politics." He was asked by Inspector Hicks, "How much of the German money did you get to come here to give evidence for the accused?" He answered, "I got none of the German money." The Inspector then said: "It is not to defend a man who spoke against your country you should come. You ought to be ashamed of yourself. Go down out of that. Take him down for fear he would fall." The last remark was presumably addressed to the policemen in court.

The second witness for the defence, John

Murphy, was asked by Inspector Hicks, "What are your politics?" Witness - "I have no politics. I am neutral." Hicks- "Are you a Sinn Feiner?" Witness-"No." Hicks-"How much of German money did you get to come here to give evidence?" Witness-"4 got

The third witness, asked by Hicks, " Did you get any of the German gold to come here?" replied " No."

The fourth witness, Miss O'Donoghue, the barmaid, was asked by Mr. Shiel, solicitor for the defence: "Now, Miss O'Donoghue, Mr. Hicks will be asking you if you got any German gold, I may as well ask you the questiondid you get any German gold?" Witness-"I did not; I did not need it." Inspector Hicks-"Do you know the reason why you did not get any of the German gold? It is because they were afraid you would not keep the secret, as ladies do not keep secrets."

This is the sort of thing that is going on in Ireland under Mr. Birrell's instructions, and the sort of thing for which Mr. Birrell admits responsibility. We are Sir Edward Grey's "one bright spot," and Mr. Asquith's "free people," and we have now a constitution "superior to Grattan's Parliament."

QUIS CUSTODIET CUSTODES?

While the officer in command of our excellent police force in the danger zone of Cahirciveen is earning his salary, and no doubt expecting the V.C., on the stricken field of politics, and pelting the enemy with shells from a noted Dublin factory of high explosive language, there is another of Mr. Birrell's officers in Dublin who has devised a still more remarkable plan for carrying the Irish war to a successful issue. The reader will remember that some months ago a police raid was made for arms, not for the German arms imported into Ulster by Mr. Birrell's friends whose "loyalty is unquestioned," but on the house of a lady whose brother is honorary treasurer of the disloyal Irish Volunteers. I have already drawn attention to Mr. Birrell's Birrellesque explanation of his continual solicitude, exhibited in raids, seizures, prosecutions, dismissals, espionage, etc., for the welfare and popularity of the Irish Volunteers. It is all on account of "the present crisis." Mr. Birrell's attentions began on the evening of the very first meeting of the Irish Volunteers provisional Committee, when the manager of the hotel in which the Committee met was visited and cautioned by Mr. Birrell's watchful watchmen. Since then, from day to day, the watch has been sustained. I pointed out that "the present crisis," that is the European War, did not begin for nearly a year after Mr. Birrell set his watch upon us. Mr. Birrell, however, may have known what we have since learned from his colleague, Mr. Churchill, that certain preparations specially directed to meet "the present crisis" had been going on for the past four years, so that the crisis, in its preparatory stage, began about the same time as the preparations for "civil war," of which the loyalty is not questioned, were commenced in the Carlton Glub. In that case, though Mr. Birrell's explanation is remarkable, it is not irreconcilable with a certain order of facts. If Mr. Churchill, then Ruler of the King's Navy, put his blind eye to the telescope when the

Fanny passed within view carrying her loyal cargo to his cousin at Newtownards, Mr. Birrell had no cousins in the Irish Volunteers, and a Special Commission failed to find the missing link in the history of the Battle of Bachelor's Walk. Before as well as since the war began, Mr. Birrell's watchmen have been kept watching the Irish Volunteers. But "who shall watch the watchmen?"

IMPERIALISM IN A NEW ROLE.

One evening last week, Mr. Newman came from Belfast on a visit to our Treasurer. He brought some luggage, which was duly stored in a room at the top of the Treasurer's house. In the small hours of the morning, the house was broken into, "Who shall watch the was broken into. "Who shall watch the watchmen?" The Imperial housebreaker, the nights being now very short, forced one of the ground floor windows open with a steel lever, and went straight to business. He did not visit the kitchen for food or the cupboard for drink. He did not look for silver spoons in the dining room. He did not open any drawer to find money or valuables. He did not blunder by mistake into any bedroom. He went right away to the store room at the top of the house. He made a thorough search there, even on the top of the window-case and in the folds of the curtains. He went away as he came, entering no other room, but made his exit by the back door, and took the key with him. He found nothing else, at all events nothing that he wanted. Perhaps Mr. Birrell, who is "responsible for Ireland," will be able, with the help of his watchmen, to explain this new and mysterious sort of burglary.

WATCHMAN! WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

The Irish public are beginning to wake up. They are beginning to understand this extra-ordinary comedy or rather Birrellesque of Liberal Home Rule Government. Their view of the situation may be understood by those who reflect on the fact that, while the enterprising watchman's not a-watching, three manifestoes from the three leaders of the Irish Anabasis cannot bring a third of the electorate to the poll for the College Green election in the Irish capital. There is, however, a decided rally to the ranks of the Irish Volunteers. EOIN MAC NEIL



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Headquarters' Bulletin

The Central Executive of the Irish Volunteers met at Headquarters on Wednesday evening, 9th inst., Commandant P. H. Pearse, in the chair.

Reports on Organisation, Recruiting, Training, Arms, and Finance were dealt with

To meet a large demand in the country, supplies of various forms of recruiting literature were ordered and will shortly be available.

It was reported that an increase in the office staff was necessary in order to cope with the largely increased amount of business imposed upon Headquarters by the continued development of Irish Volunteers activity in the country. The necessary increase in the staff was sanctioned.

A special report showed gratifying progress in the growth of public opinion on the Conscription question.

Deputations were received from the Dublin County Board and the Dublin Brigade Council, Various Battalion appointments were made.

Headquarters, 2 Dawson Street, Dublin, 1915 GENERAL ORDERS.

Battalion Scout Commander.

In each Battalion there shall be an
officer, to be called the Battalion Scout Commander, who shall be responsible to the
Battalion Commandant for the training of the
Cycle and other Scouts of the Battalion, and
shall ordinarily command them when massed
for Battalion purposes.

2. The Battalion Scout Commander shall rank as a First Lieutenant. He shall be regarded as one of the Battalion Officers, shall be appointed in the manner prescribed for the appointment of Battalion Officers, and shall be a member of the Battalion Council.

DUBLIN BRIGADE.

t. The Fingall Battalion is hereby constituted the Fifth Battalion of the Dublin Brigade.

P. H. PEARSE,

Commandant,

Director of Organisation. Headquarters, 2 Dawson Street,

Dublin, 10th June, 1915.

NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS. THE RISING TIDE.

Two decisions which were necessary at the last meeting of the Executive are indications of the extent to which the Volunteer tide has risen and is rising. One was to make an immediate increase in the Headquarters' Office Staff; the other to increase the output of recruiting literature. A glut of work at Headquarters-a rush recalling the rush of last summer-has necessitated the former; the widespread demand in the country for information about the Irish Volunteers, for advice on forming Companies, for schemes of organisation and training, has necessitated the latter. Everybody at Headquarters is as busy as possible, and if our staff were twice as large it would be just as busy. There could be no healthier sign.

WORKERS, NOT TALKERS.

Last year the difficulty was to find speakers. This year speakers are not in demand. The cry is for organisers and instructors. This again is healthy. In point of fact, the less speaking there is at Volunteer gatherings the better. A few words on discipline and training are all that are required, and the fewer these are the better. Then get your training going straight away. Let a short address on Taking Cover or some hint on Rifle Practice be your offering to your audience if they will have a speech.

THE CAMPS.

Applications for places in the summer camps abould be sent into Headquarters immediately. A week or a fortnight in camp will probably mean more training and better training than a whole year in a drill-hall or on a paradeground. Our camps are to be moveable: the Volunteers in training will actually spend a large part of their week or fortnight on the march. The conditions will be as like as pos-

sible to the conditions of active service, and the whole will constitute the most valuable piece of training it is possible to imagine, short of a campaign. Volunteers who are anxious in secure places should lose no time in sending in their applications. Detailed information can be had from Headquarters.

MUSKETRY TRAINING.

The importance of more and more Muskers Training cannot be exaggerated. A Company that does nothing more than make good shots of its men will have justified its existence; a Company that does not do this, whatever other good work it may do, has existed in vain There should be weekly or bi-weekly practices at the miniature target. The practices should be carried out according to some regular scheme. and records kept of the men's scoring. There should be occasional competitions among the members of the Company, and every opportunity for an inter-Company or inter-Battalion competition should be eagerly-seized. Battalion Commandants should satisfy themselves that this most important item of our programme is receiving due attention in every Company of their command.

TARGETS.

Headquarters is in a position to supply Companies with neat and useful targets of the standard pattern for twenty-five yards range. They have a space for recording the scoring and the name of the firer, with his Company, Batalion, and Regiment. They have been specially printed in Ireland for the Irish Volunteers.

TENTS

The Headquarters' Staff has been working at various important details of Volunteer equipment, and will shortly publish a series of Orders supplementary to the Orders recently issued on the subject. Among other things, the Staff has designed and commenced the manufacture of tents especially adapted to the requirements of Irish Volunteers. A very useful shoulder strap, which will enable the wearer to dispose his whole marching kit with the greatest case and comfort, has also been designed. Specimens of these articles may be seen at Hearlquarters. Communications touching all such matters should be addressed to the Director of Supply and Communications.

A VOLUNTEER TEXT-BOOK.

The Staff has also been engaged in the preparation of a complete Text-Book of Volunteer Training. The first section—covering all the essentials of Infantry and Cyclist Training in close and open order, including Scouting—is practically ready for the Press. The publication of this manual will make our officers independent of British military text-books and will give them a clear and simple programme of work from which everything unnecessary will be eliminated. Pending its issue, the columns of the "Irish Volunteer" should be our manual for everything but the mere formal parts of drill, for which British Infantry Training, 1911, must still be used.

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VICTORIES OF IRREGULAR TROOPS.

XI. MAGERSFONTEIN.

The vital necessity to Britain of saving ber dominions the inconvenience of seeing a sunset forced her to tear up the scrap of paper guarantecing the independence of the Boers, which had been signed after the battle of Majuba in 1881. The Boer Republics, with a total fighting force (including Irish and other allies) of about 80,000 men, were forced into war with the greatest empire the world has ever seen, and held up its enormous armies for three years. Like the good fighters they were, they took the offensive at once, and invaded the enemy's country. One force entered Cape Colony and laid siege to Kimberley. Lord Methuen, advancing to relieve the town, fought three actions with the Boer covering force at Belmont, Graspan, and Modder River. On each of these occasions the Boers, having caused great delay and loss to the enemy, retreated before him to take up another position further back. These tactics were necessitated by the nature of the Boer armies, which consisted of mounted rifle-men, undisciplined, but crack shots.

PRELIMINARY MANGUVRES.

By the 10th of December, 1899, the Imperial Army at Modsler River had been reinforced to the strength of 15,000 men. When Lord Methuen gave the order to acroance he was in receipt of the information that the Boer line of defence stretched from Langeberg Farm to Magersfontein Hill, that they had detachments south of the river, and that they held Moss Drift. Their numbers were estimated at 12,000 to 15,000 men, with 6 or 8 guns.

Meanwhile a Boer Council of War had taken place at Jacobsdaal. This was the position Cronje wished to hold, as by so doing he would have compelled the English to diverge from their line of advance to Kimberley in order to attack him. De la Rey, however, preferred to hold the direct road, and his was the plan adopted. At first the beights of Spytfontein were selected, but when De la Rey realised that the beights of Magersfontein could be used as artillery positions by the English he decided to occupy these instead. The defending line was nine miles long.

"In the centre, Magersfontein Hill, a green rock-bound kopje, rises precipitously from the veldt and dominates the plain, six miles in width, which stretches from its foot to the Modder River ridge. From this hill the Boer line extended five miles north-west to Langeburg Farm along the foot of a series of kopjes.

From the south-east of the hill a low scrub-covered spur, three miles in length, runssouthward to Moss Drift on the Modder

The greater part of the plain was comparatively free from scrub, but in the neighbourbood of the ridge the bush was thick enough to retard the movement of troops. . . . Two wire fences crossed the plain; one, stretching away towards the north-east, marked the frontier of the Orange Free State; while the other ran across the trenches which guarded the centre of the Boer position."—(Maurice.)

The Boer force amounted to 6,000 men. (Note:—Compare with the English Scours' estimate.) A. Cronje commanded the right, De la Rey the left. Piet Cronje was in supreme command.

Lord Methuen, having debated and rejected many plans, decided to hold the Boer right, and carry the heights of Magersfontein. He was then to make a turning movement against the left flank of the Spytfontein Range. The Highland Brigade was to march to the foot of the hill during the night, and attack it at dawn on the right.

THE BATTLE.

On the afternoon of the 10th the English artillery opened fire to prepare the way for the infantry attack on the morrow. After two hours the fire ceased, having done little damage.

The night was wet, and a thunderstorm was imminent. The Highlanders bivosacked during the first part of the night behind Head-quarters' Hill. Soon after midnight they advanced. Major-General Wauchope, who was in command, marched his men in quarter-column owing to the darkness. Thus 30 companies were arranged one behind the other. The whole brigade was guided by one major's compass, and nearly lost its way owing to its getting clogged by the rain.

At 4 a.m. the deployment commenced. At the same time a terrible storm of rifle fire burst from the Boer trenches, which were only a few hunded yards away. The head of the column immediately crumpled up, the General himself being among the killed. The forward movement, however, continued, owing to the impetus from the rear. But soon it came to an end, and the survivors flung themselves on their faces. In the early dawn the officers managed to restore some order, and the Scandinavian commando, which had been cufflading the Highlanders, was destroyed.

When daylight broke, scattered parties tried to storm the hill. But their own artillery, ignorant of what had happened, shelled them, and the Boer riflemen fell on their flank. Every similar attack failed with heavy loss.

While the infantry lay exhausted and mable to advance or retire the artillery took up the fight, but the Boers were too well entrenched to receive much damage. Later on a Boer attempt to turn the British right on the Modder was repulsed by the British dismounted cavalry, and about the same time the Gordon Highlanders, advancing to assist the Highland Brigade, were brought to a stand-still by the Boer riflemen. Thereupon the shattered

Brigade suddenly fell back in disorder, leaving the guns exposed. The Guards, however, advanced to protect them, and the Highlanders were rallied in time to prevent a Boer attack,

At 5-30 p.m. the Boer guns, which had been silent all day, opened fire, and Lord Methuen, feeling his position hopeless, ordered his army to retire to the camp on Modder River.

COMMENTS.

The Boers chose their ground well. It was protected from a frontal attack by the open and level ground opposite the centre. The right flank could not be turned owing to the waterless nature of the country west of Langeburg Farm, rendering it impossible for an enemy to march there. Its very position, threatening, as it did, the English camp and its stores and the railway bridge over the Modder, rendered a march of 14 miles to the east, which was necessary if their left was to be turned, absolutely impossible. In fact the hill was the only point to attack, and there they would concentrate their energy. Their one fault was their lack of initiative in failing to attack when the Highlanders finally retreated, and so making their victory complete.

Field Training.

CHAPTER IX.

EXERCISES IN DEFENCE (Continued).

A-DEFENCE OF VILLAGES.

A Commander will seldom get an opportunity to practise village fighting, and if he ever gets one he should take it. The main thing to notice is that a village under shell fire should not be occupied. The arrangements, therefore, for the defence of a village are somewhat complicated. First reconnoitre the ground, and it it is at all suitable, entrench your firing line well to the front. (In all practices carry out the actual entrenching, if possible. Nothing requires more practice than this form of field work. The fire-trenches already described can easily be obliterated when finished with).

Now detail a section of the supports to search the carpenters' shops, timber yards, etc., for anything that may be useful to you. (This only refers to actual warfare).

Put sentries at the public-houses.

Occupy Telegraph and Post Office and public buildings at once. (In manceuvres this is done by simply ordering the detailed men to take up their position outside the buildings).

All sanitary arrangements must be made. These will be dealt with in a subsequent article. Fix your headquarters, and make it known

to all concerned.

Issue a countersign.

The remainder of the supports will entrench themselves behind the village.

See that your flanks are well protected, and barricade all roads leading to the position, taking care that the barricades can be swept by your fire.

This is all that can be done under peace conditions. The use of houses and villages in actual warfare deserves special study. For practice sake, two companies should come together, and carry out as much of the above as they can manage in a small village.

B-Woods.

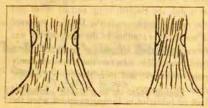
Wood-fighting should be avoided as much as possible, as it takes up a great number of men. A wood, however, is easier to defend than to attack, and its defence requires practice.

The defence falls under two heads:
1. When front edge of wood is along front line

Put your firing line about 200 yards in front of the wood, and let them entrench themselves. Put the supports under cover well within the wood.

If the trees are sparse enough to give a good field of fire, and the undergrowth can be cleared away, you may put the firing-line 25 yards or so within the wood, the supports, of course, being further back.

Clear all roads and tracks of undergrowth. Indicate the line of retreat by means of blazes trees. Trees are blazed by cutting a notch out of the bark a couple of feet above the ground. The trees may be blazed on both sides, so that the track can be read either way.



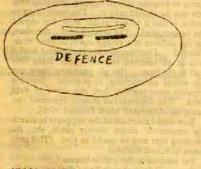
2. When rear edge of wood is in front line of position.

All roads and tracks leading through the wood must be barricaded or entangled.

Put your firing line 500 yards or 50 from the edge of the wood, and make egress from the wood difficult by entanglements, and by the following method:

following method:

Cut V shaped cleavings at intervals of 20 yards, and pile the wood so cut in an inverted V shape between the cleavings, giving the edge of the wood the appearance of a saw. This makes it hard for the assault to establish firing positions.





"Nationality."

Irish Volunteers very naturally welcome the new weekly journal, which undoubtedly will become a power in the land. It's policy is no compromise, and it will contain much matter which the military character of the Volunteer naturally makes it difficult, in fact impossible, to include.

The first number contains the work of some of the ablest men of letters in Ireland. The newspaper speaks for itself and needs no recommendation.

Cumann na mBan.

The work of Cumann na mBan for the last three months has pursued its normal course, the organisation having benefited by the reaction in favour of the Irish Volunteers, which is beginning to be widely apparent. A number of new branches have been formed, and are working with energy and enthusiasm to catch up with the old-established centres. Among them are those at Tralee, Dingle, Castlegregory, and New Ross. A pleasant incident, breaking the monotony of office-work, has been the reception of letters from Liverpool and from Melbourne, Australia, requesting directions for the formation of branches there.

In view of the approaching summer months, a circular is being drawn up at headquarters, and will be forwarded very shortly to country branches, suggesting special and useful out-door activities. The Dublin branches have begun to make plans for a summer camp early in July, and it is hoped that something similar will be undertaken by the branches throughout the country.

On May 28th the Ard-Craobh and Craobh Inghini na h-Eireann met in friendly rivalry at the hall in 25 Cearnog Parnell, and a most exciting competition ensued, which was watched by a considerable number of friends of both sides. While the palm was awarded to the Ard-Craobh team, owing to their efficiency in signalling, the adjudicator expressed himself as particularly pleased with the excellent marching and physical drill of the Inghini team, as also with their stretcher drill. Another competition of this kind is expected shortly, and such friendly inter-branch meetings cannot be too highly recommended to branches as a means of quickening enthusiasm and promoting emulation of a kind that would not be disapproved of by St. Paul.

When the competition was over, the adjudicator, Padraig O'Riain, was asked to draw the winning number for the beautiful pendant, presented by Miss O'Flaherty and Mrs. M'Neill, and raffled among Dublin friends during the winter and spring months.

The lucky winner was declared to be Miss Pauline Smith, 75a Parnell Street, Dublin. She had purchased her ticket from Mrs. Toru Clarke.

The action of the Ard-Chraobh in promoting the publication of the "National Series" of Pamphlets as a sort of supplement to the "Tracts for the Times" should not be be overlooked, and the Hon. Secretary to whose energy and enterprise the scheme is chiefly due, deserves hearty commendation. The Ard-Chraobh has now in hand the making of tents for Coiste Gnotha Oglach na h-Eireann, and is making good progress with the work.

na Ronaroce,

Bodenstown Pilgrimage.

The annual pilgrimage to the grave of Wolfe Tone in Bodenstown will be made on Sunday, June 20th. A special train will leave Kings bridge for Sallins at 11-15 a.m., returning from Sallins at 6-30. The fare will be 18, 9d., and for children 18.

ORDER TO VOLUNTEERS

All Volunteers travelling to Bolenstown on Sunday next, the 20th June, will assemble at Blackhall Place at 10-15 a.m. Fall-in at 10-30, march off at 10-45. Usual equipment to be worn. Rations to be carried.

By Order, Brigade Council

EAMONN CEANNT,

Commandani

12th June, 1915.

To Ulster Men.

Expressly for the convenience of Irlsh Volunteers in Ulster, Headquarters have arranged for a training camp near Newry, from 10th to the 17th July.

It is the duty of every company in Ulster to send at least one man to this camp. Companies should select men who will be intelligent and energetic, and capable of bringing back what they learn at the camp.

The camp is intended to include all the Ulstermen who care to come. Immediate application should be made to the Hon. Secretary at Headquarters, as provision must be made for the number who give in their names in good time before the camp begins.

Write at once and say you will spend your July holidays in the Irish Volunteer camp.

The following is an extract from the official circular on the subject:-

"We would be glad to hear from you how many men from your corps intend to go to one of the camps, and we would suggest that as far as is practicable where the circumstances warrant it, the funds of the corps should be used to some extent to assist members of your Company in their training. It is particularly requested that this matter should be brought before the Company at their next meeting, and that every effort will be made to get every possible man trained this summer."

The Belfastmen intend to leave on the evening of 10th, and will probably march from Belfast to the camp. Any country company applying to the Secretary at 130 Divis Street, Belfast, might join in this march, if it wishes.

emte na zealaite.

"Innip dom, 'Seasain Ui Fearsail, Fat do Luadain cusainn i Leit!"
"Eirt! eirt lem' rseal, a duacailt"—
a'r a leaca larca teit—
"Ir iad opduisce an deadings sinn d'an isléarad rein le dris, a'r na picide deit le ceile
Le slain-einse na Sealaise!"

le stain-énise na Seataise: le stain-énise na Seataise: a'r na pictoe beic le céile le stain-énise na Seataise.

"Innir vom, 'Seasain til Peapsait,
Ca mberd daitiusad na dreap othean?"
"Inf an trean-ait coir an trpota
Ir tein-aithid ddinn anaon.
Seinnteap ruar tid an pore-cata,
Ar rean-popt maipreata rein,
Ar na picide ap an nguatnaid
Le caoim-einse sit na Rae!"

Le caoin-éipée sit na Rae: Le caoin-éipée sit na Rae: A'r na pleide an an nguatnaid Le caoin-éipée sit na Rae.

O Sac teastac, pead na n-oroce, D'fain na mitte stap-fuit ste; Diead na mitte choroce an reiteam Le teact potuir tochain 'Dé! Rit thom-monan the na Steanntaid Man chonan dubac mna-ride, A'r di coitte reas as dealtham Le stam-einse na Seataise!

Le glam-émpse na seataise: Le glam-émpse na seataise: d'r bi coille rleas as peatham Le glam-émpse na seataise.

Catt, coir an crnoca comminain Mear na Franna Dána Ceann, S an noit-bhacac Stóphan naiche as rottamain or a Sceann! "Dár do naimain "r do tucc na bhaice!" Seinn pope caca - buait puar 6! Dia te h-Cipinn : Dia te Saompe-reac! pil-cinse seat na Rac!

O! til-eipge seal na Rae : Ol pit-einge geat na Rae: Dia te h-Cipinn: Dia te Saoippe reac! vit-empe seat na Rae.

mare a pepear ap ron na banba, A'r Sio chuas a deuicim chéic, Dan mo Laim! ní náin Linn Labaine An fean-bliadain a Ninety-Bight Durve te Dia ! Taio por an mantain Choroce Larone Lancoa Sporce tmattrat 'na man bo'n macain' Le glain-einge na gealaige.

Le glain-einge na gealaige: Le glain-einge na gealaige trializat 'n-a pian bo'n macaip', Le Stain-einte na Seataite!

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