

WAR NEWS

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THE MUTINY IN DERRY JAIL.

On the morning of Christmas day, the Republicans interned in Derry gaol mutined in protest against their prolonged illegal detention without charge or trial, and also against certain unjust measures to which they were being subjected. In accordance with an order issued by the Home Office, to the Governor of the Prison, many of the internees were deprived of all visits from their friends. Mothers were refused admittance to see their sons, and wives admittance to see their husbands. In addition to this, letters to and from the internees were constantly being confiscated by the police, which meant that all news of the prisoners was kept from their families.

It was against these things, but principally against their continued detention without trial, that the internees decided to register a forcible protest by the most effective means in their power, a protest which would attract public attention and arouse public sympathy. They planned everything well, and so on Christmas morning, shortly after 9 o'clock, they seized the top tier of the Prison, in which they barricaded themselves.

Soon, high up on Derry Jail, two Tri-Colours were hoisted, together with slogans in enormous letters - "GIVE US OUR FREEDOM!" and "ENGLAND, CHAMPION OF FREEDOM - IS THIS FREEDOM?"

The news spread like wildfire, Christmas festivities were all but forgotten, and the Maiden City spoke in excited whispers which showed plainly where her sympathies lay. Large crowds congregated around the prison to watch the progress of the battle between British officialdom and the little band of Irish Republican internees.

A pillar of smoke rolled slowly up from the prison. The internees had set fire to a portion of the Prison! Large bodies of police and "B" Specials were rushed to the spot

to assist the swarms of warders in their attack on the unarmed but defiant Republicans. Hoses were brought into play, but not to extinguish the fire. Cruel jets of icy cold water were directed against the top tier of the prison, where every window was smashed. The watching crowd gasped as it realised that the hoses were being used as a pitiless weapon to beat the internees into subjection.

Above, the Republicans waited, knowing that their protest would bring reprisals in the form of brutal treatment and further loss of "privileges". But they were satisfied, for they had brought to the notice of the world the vile things which are being done in Ireland in England's name.

In a recent White Paper, "The Champion of Freedom" made a fierce attack on Germany's use of concentration camps and the alleged barbarous treatment meted out to prisoners of the Nazi Regime. Hypocrisy is a filthy and contemptible thing, and England above all others is hypocritical. Be sure she will never issue a White Paper against the Concentration Camp in Derry.

Arrested without reason, herded like animals behind barbed wire, held without charge or trial for 12 long weary months, and then deprived of the means of communicating with their families. This was the treatment meted out to Republican internees, and that is why they demonstrated their deep indignation in such a way. It is the duty of every true Irishman to stand behind the Republican Prisoners and show that they value at their real worth England's Protestations of love of liberty and Democracy.

The "Irish Press", in its report on the events in Derry Jail, deliberately set out to convey the impression that the internees made a premeditated and unsuccessful attempt at "jail-break". No such attempt was made. The whole series of incidents had been carefully planned as a protest against

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their internment and the refusal to allow them visits.

Does the Editor of the "Irish Press" expect his readers to believe that the internees spent days making flags and slogans protesting against their continued detention, to hang out AFTER they had made their escape?

-----oooOooo----- I.R.A. EXPLOSIONS IN ENGLAND.

Our Expeditionary Forces in England have been very active during the past weeks. The burning of a British Cargo steamer in Hull on Dec. 16th, was followed on Tuesday, 19th, by the destruction of Mails in Andover Post Office, Hampshire; the damaging of a large chain store in Birmingham by a Bomb Explosion; and the setting on fire of a newly erected military camp in Kent. In this latter fire the Army stores and pay offices were completely gutted and many other buildings were seriously damaged.

A fresh series of Explosions occurred on Thursday night, Dec. 21st.

In Birmingham, five incendiary Bombs exploded in the Sorting Department of the G.P.O. Over 200 letters were damaged.

In London six Incendiary Bombs burst at Eversholt Post Office, Kingsway Post Office, Paddington Post Office and Mount Pleasant Postal Depot, hundreds of letters were destroyed.

At Crewe there were two Explosions in Pillar Boxes. In this case also the number of letters destroyed ran into several hundred.

In Wolverhampton six incendiary bombs exploded in the Gt. Western Railway Station and in the Sorting room of Wolverhampton Post Office.

In all several thousands of letters and parcels were destroyed in the above Explosions.

An Incendiary Unit in Manchester set fire to a four storey furniture warehouse in Blackfriar Street, Salford on Thursday night, Dec. 21st. The fire raged for two hours before the united efforts of two fire brigades marning ten fire engines brought it under control. Furniture intended for Government Offices was destroyed in the fire.

A further explosion occurred in the works of the English Steel Corporation on Dec. 21st. An Electric Steel Melting Furnace was destroyed, and the building badly damaged by the Bomb.

Several Explosions occurred on Friday, Dec 29th in Yeovil, Somerset, causing considerable damage and leaving the inhabitants of the district panic-stricken. The Explosions were caused by Bombs placed in various man-holes throughout the area.

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DUBLIN MAGAZINE RAID.

On Saturday night, Dec. 23rd, a section of the Irish Republican Army carried out a very successful raid on the Magazine in Phoenix Park, Dublin. Millions of rounds of ammunition were captured.

The Fianna Fail Junta, admitting the success of this raid, have decided to use it as an excuse for intensifying their pro-British activities in the Twenty-Six Counties. Raids, arrests and Bribes, the old Black and Tan tactics are again being used against Republicans. Not satisfied with this Mr. de Valera proposes introducing further measures of Coercion, under which he may again fill the jails with the men and women who refuse to be a part of the British Empire.

The following statement, which needs no comment, appeared in the "Belfast Telegraph" on Dec. 29th:-

"The raid on the Magazine Fort was a challenge to the Empire and the Free State.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary co-operated with Mr. de Valera's police and on the border searched all vehicles coming from Eire which might be used to transport the stolen ammunition".

-----oooOooo----- "CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR".

The festive season of Christmas looks like becoming something more than a time of "peace and goodwill". The Craigavon gangsters celebrated the happy occasion by nocturnal visits to the homes of men suspected of being connected with National Organisations in the Six Counties.

Practically every district in Belfast:- Falls, Springfield, Nth Queen Street, Ballymacarrett, Ardoyne, were all subjected to intense police activity. Defenceless women, mothers, wives and children were bullied and beaten by drunken, armed thugs, because they refused to disclose the whereabouts of "wanted" men.

In the Twenty-Six Counties, the homes of Republicans were visited by "Free State" C.I.D., The first of these raids commenced early on Sunday morning, Dec. 24th, and were continued unceasingly throughout the Christmas period of "peace and goodwill". Several men were arrested in Dublin and district simply because they refused to answer questions concerning their movements asked by the paid tools of the puppet Government of Eire.

Christmas has passed and the Empire's hirelings in Ireland have spent a "Merry Christmas" terrorising innocent people.

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WAR AGAINST ENGLAND - NOT CIVIL WAR.

For many months it has been perfectly clear to every thinking man that the politicians were selling the Nation. Starting out with a policy of militant Republicanism, they ended with a policy of second rate Imperialism in which they accept with indifference the insults or favours that it suits Britain to bestow on them.

When Mr. de Valera promised England that in no circumstances would this country be used to injure English prestige, he was turning his back deliberately on the policy of Tone and Emmet and Michel and Lalor and Pearse. It was such a complete reversal of Irish National policy, such a confession of inability to achieve or visualise even, an Ireland that would be a Nation amongst European Nations that English politicians were amazed and incredulous. Since then they have been squeezing Mr. de Valera and his Cabinet to render more abject submission, more certain help, in time of danger.

The Offences Against the State Act in which the Fianna Fail Junta now admit they raped the Constitution which they themselves forced upon the people; in the acceptance of Maffey; in the joint policy of Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Craigavon and Mr. de Valera, of jailing Republicans; in the second-hand armament - guns, planes, boats - that the Twenty-Six County Puppet Government have got from Britain, is the indisputable proof that everything is ready to bring Ireland into the war on the side of England. The actual process of bringing us into war has begun already. A.R.P., Censorship, Coast Defences, Black-Outs - all of which incidentally are administered with the most shameless dishonesty - are dictated by England, in the interests of England and with the full knowledge that they are in England's benefit.

To make our participation in the war inevitable it is, in the opinion of the Government in Westminster and her agents in Dublin and Belfast, necessary to bring about a Civil War here. This would enable them, they believe, to shoot or imprison every Republican and to kill moral resistance to their designs. With a press every line of which Mr. de Valera's Censorship assures is pro-British and with fifty thousand Republicans in jail, all the mugs would flock to the Union Jack or be driven to it. The process might be less subtle than that in force to-day, in which hunger and poverty in a land of plenty, are Britain's best recruiting Sergeants.

Well there will be no Civil War because we have taken measures to prevent Mr. de Valera from bringing it about.

As we announced a year ago, our war is with England, and with England only, and that war must be fought on the soil and in the cities of England. Until the last man and the last gun are withdrawn by Britain from this country, we shall wage war upon her mercilessly and continuously to matter what the consequences to ourselves may be.

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A RALLYING SONG.

When Ireland sounds her call to arms,
Our hearts are filled with pride,
When Ireland's sons are on the march,
Let traitors stand aside,
We want no slave, we ask no slave,
To help us in the fray,
But true men, like you men,
Come, join the I.R.A.

Our flag once more, we have unfurled,
It proudly floats on high,
Our challenge echoes round the world,
As Britain we defy,
We fear no foe where'er we go,
We're ready night and day,
We're Ireland's sons, with Ireland's guns,
The dauntless I. R. A.

Perhaps the law will say 'tis wrong,
To fight for Ireland's Cause,
Our answer is the Fenian one,
"To hell with British laws",
And Lalor's cry "from sod to sky",
Still holds for us to-day,
No king we own but God alone,
Come join the I. R. A.

(Air:- "Who fears to Speak

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FERMOY REPUBLICAN SENTENCED.

Tom Wall a young Cork Republican was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment by the Special Criminal Court at Collins Barracks, Dublin, on charges of possession of incriminating documents, namely copies of "War News" and membership of the I.R.A., on October 29th, last.

As a soldier of the I.R.A. Tom Wall refused to recognise the Court. Evidence was given by Sgt. Barry, Bandon, that he found a number of copies of "War News" and a poster concerning the hunger strikers in Wall's car. Tom Wall stated that an examination of the documents would show that they were purely news sheets from a Republican point of view.

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RADIO STATION CAPTURED.

During the course of a Broadcast from the Irish Republican Radio Station on Friday, Dec. 29th, a large party of C.I.D. broke into the Broadcasting room and arrested the four occupants. For several months past the Irish Republican Army had broadcast regularly from this station.

Although the C.I.D. searched unceasingly in their efforts to locate the station, together with the fact that details of Broadcasting times, wave-lengths etc. were constantly announced, the station carried out its work in Dublin for a much longer period than was thought possible.

The four arrested men, whose names are:- James Byrne, Solicitor, John Plunkett, John McNeill and Seamus Mongen, Teacher, were charged on Saturday, Dec. 31st with illegal possession of a wireless transmitting apparatus. When asked by the Judge if they wished to ask questions, the four men remained silent, and were then remanded in custody until Wednesday, Jan. 3rd.

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POLICE PERSECUTION OF DEPORTEES

"Free State" Peelers resumed their persecution of the men deported from England, during the week when they visited a Turf Store, recently established by these people and demanded the names and addresses of all who were employed in the concern.

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AND STILL THEY COME!

We understand that another Constitutional Party is about to appear before the public early this year. This new party is being formed by Ex-I.R.A. men, some of whom fought on both sides during the "Civil" war.

It is certain that the new politicians will appeal to the public in the name of the Republic. We, the Army of the Irish Republic, warn the people of Ireland against repeating the folly of the Treaty, when many accepted Cosgrave's word that the Treaty was but a "stepping stone to the Republic", or the error of placing de Valera in power in 1932, when he promised to restore the Government of the Irish Republic.

The Government of the Irish Republic is the only lawful authority in this country, and as such, claims and is entitled to the allegiance of the whole Nation. The Irish Republican Army, acting on behalf of the Government, is waging war on the British Empire. By this means this means only can Freedom be achieved and the connection with England finally and completely

broken.

Away then with Constitutionalists who have failed and betrayed you time and again and rally round the Flag of the Irish Republic and march with the Army of the Republic to Freedom.

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MANY ARRESTS.

The Campaign of terror by "Free State" C.I.D., which was intensified following the Phoenix Park Raid continues throughout the Twenty-Six Counties.

In Dublin several men appeared before the Courts on charges in connection with the Raid. The following were remanded in custody:- William Cleary, Dundrum. William Gordon, Clondalkin. Joseph McDermott, Baldoyle. John Parnell, Georges St. Dublin. John Lyons, Berkeley St. Dublin. Thos. Grogan. Drogheda.

In Counties Kildare and Dublin, more than 20 men in all were taken into custody, whilst in Dundalk a further 5 men were arrested on Monday, January 1st.

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THEIR CONSCIENCE STIRRED.

Signs that our Bombing Campaign in England has at last stirred the conscience of the British Public can be discerned in a Meeting recently held by the Womens Peace Campaign, at the Central Hall Westminster, London. The Meeting which was of large proportions had two items on the agenda namely - a just peace negotiated now (a) with Ireland (b) with Germany.

Part of a speech which aroused frantic applause was as follows:- "Let us apologise for things we have done in the past - you remember the Black and Tans, and the hideous tortures of a hundred years ago." This passage was followed by an appeal to the British Government to admit responsibility for these injustices and to find some way of reparation.

This awakening of the British conscience may be attributed to our Campaign in England, it is the first sign of weakening on the part of John Bull, and it is up to the Irish people now to support their Lawful Government both morally and materially to continue their Campaign, so that they may eventually succeed in forcing England to release its stranglehold on the political, economic and social life of our Country.

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ON TO A FRIEND EACH WEEK.