

WAR NEWS

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OUR WAR AIMS.

At the present time Ireland is on the road to another disaster as big as the famine of '47, which robbed our Nation of over 4,000,000 of its people, and sent thousands in Coffin ships to the bottom of the Atlantic. The days of the famine saw plenty of food in Ireland, but it was shipped to Britain to pay rents to absentee Landlords whilst our people went hungry and died.

John Mitchel called for Revolution. "It was better" he said "to die in defense of their rights as human beings fighting for what belonged to them, than to starve as rats and die in the ditches". Daniel O'Connell counselled patience. "Be honest" he said. "Pay your rent". "Be loyal to the Repeal Association and all will be well". But all was not well. The Famine caused more misery and more deaths than three Revolutions would have caused. The advice of Mitchel went unheeded - Black '47 was the result.

To-day we are again at the crossroads. As a result of British domination, one hundred thousand of our people are unemployed. Poverty and starvation are rampant in our cities and country villages, whilst the fertile plains of Ireland produce fat bullocks to feed the plundering armies of the tyrant England, who has scourged our race for centuries. The Puppet Parliament in Leinster House is determined to hold Ireland in subjection.

Like O'Connell de Valera counsels patience. "All will be well". But the people continue to live in poverty and slavery. On the other hand the I.R.A. takes its stand with Mitchel and Lalor. It says "It is definitely better to attempt Revolution than to allow our Race to become extinct or to sink to such a state of degradation that its salvation is impossible."

The Revolution we call for has three phases, POLITICAL, CULTURAL and ECONOMIC. Our first task then is POLITICAL. We must break the Political link that binds us to Britain. That link is maintained by armed force. It can only be removed by armed force. We do not preach War for the love of War. We preach it as a dire necessity.

Side by side with the breaking of the political link goes the task of restoring our Language, our Traditions and our native Culture. "Not Free merely but Gaelic as well, not Gaelic merely but Free as well". Our final drive to achieve a just social order is dependant on our being able to attain the other two objectives. Unless we have Political Freedom, unless we restore our Gaelic language and Traditions, the building up of a new Society would be impossible.

To the young men of Ireland, we, therefore, appeal to come into our ranks and achieve these three great aims. Let it not be said that we are less courageous than our fathers were. Let it not be said that we deserted the Republic whilst at the same time other young men are serving sentences of 20 years Imprisonment for our Cause. WE FIGHT FOR AN IRELAND FREE, GAELIC AND SOCIALLY EMANCIPATED.

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OUR BROADCASTS.

THE IRISH REPUBLICAN BROADCASTING STATION, which had been off the air for some weeks past, has again resumed its regular Broadcasts. Until further notice, we will continue to Broadcast as follows:-

EACH	SUNDAY	AT 1.30 p.m.
"	WEDNESDAY	" 9 p.m.
"	FRIDAY	" 9 p.m.

This new series of Broadcasts commenced on Sunday, December 3rd. Tune in to each of the above Broadcasts which will be sent to you on a Wave-Length of 21.4. metres.

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YOUNG MEN! JOIN THE I.R.A. NOW.

A MESSAGE TO YOUNG IRISHMEN.

In this Message we address you, the Youth of the Nation. You are faced with the most critical situation that any Irish generation was faced with. You are the custodians of the Traditions of a brave and noble people. In your hands rest the destinies of the Irish Nation.

..Young Irishmen! Your enemy the British Empire is at war. The cruel tyrannous Empire that scourged your Nation; that robbed it of its freedom; that suppressed its language, its schools; murdered its soldiers and its scholars; confiscated the lands of your fathers; starved thousands to death by artificial famine. Sent us the Black and Tans to burn and loot and murder. Imposed a Civil War on us where brother shot down brother; partitioned our country and condemned over half a million of our Race to slavery under an Orange Junta. THAT EMPIRE IS AT WAR - WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

In Britain's gaols in Ireland at the moment there are almost one hundred young men held prisoners because they would dare to assert the right of this Nation to Independence. In the gaols of England there are 82 young men suffering for the same Cause. They too, would dare to assert Ireland's claim to liberty. All these men are members of the Irish Republican Army - Ireland's National Defence Force. They are proud to suffer for the Cause for which generations of Irishmen have died. They make no complaint. They ask for no mercy. They are proud to be soldiers of the I.R.A. but now that they are imprisoned, now that their activities have ceased for the time being, they hand on the task to you. WILL YOU NOT BE FAITHFUL TO THAT TASK?

In this Message we make no secret of the fact that we are asking you to join the I.R.A. Why should we make that fact secret? The I.R.A. is the Army of this Country. It has a great Tradition. A Tradition it will live up to. It was founded to break the connection with England and to erect in this country a Free, Independent, Gaelic Republic, where poverty would cease to exist, and where a social order based on Christian Justice would take the place of the foul British System known as Capitalism.

In Appealing to you the Youth of this generation, we would recall to your minds the days of 1914 when slavish Irishmen, who were then the leaders of the Irish people, refused to seize the opportunity of England's difficulty to secure Irish Freedom,

and decided to hold Ireland for the Empire. But we would also recall to your minds the days of 1916, when the "Hot-heads and the fools" raised the Flag of the Irish Republic in Dublin, and by so doing, redeemed this Nation, and killed forever the slavishness of the so-called Constitutional Party.

To-day when other leaders posing as Republicans are following in the wake of Redmond and Dillon, and endeavouring to hold Ireland for the Empire, be proud to take your stand with the "Hot-heads" of Easter Week. We stand for Ireland against the Empire. WILL YOU NOT STAND WITH US?

We have no hesitation in issuing this appeal to you. We know the spirit of Irish Youth. You are the Sons of Rebel Fathers. Let it not be said that you are the most cowardly Youth in Europe. Great things are happening to-day. Armies are on the march. Empires are crashing and new ones arising. National territories are being defended in all parts of the world. Is it to be said that the Young Men of Ireland are the only Young Men in Europe who are afraid to draw the sword for their own Nation? We do not believe this of you. We believe that you only await the opportunity, and we believe that that opportunity has been given to this generation.

COME INTO THE RANKS OF THE I.R.A. - at once. We want you. We want to train you. We want to arm you so that when the day of battle arrives you will not be found wanting. Make no mistake about it, the War will not pass without an attempt being made to cut this country off from the British Empire. They may gaol us, they may hang us but they will never exterminate our spirit.

The torch which we received from Cathal Brugha as he fell riddled with bullets, with the cry of "No Surrender" on his lips, we hand to you. Will you hold it aloft with us? Will you defend it with your lives? Will you help us to enthroned and to make function the living Irish Republic? If you will, then your place is with the I.R.A. with your shoulders behind your rifles. JOIN TO-DAY. Long Live the Republic and down with the British War Lords, and their servants in Merrion St. and Stormont.

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HAVING READ THIS ISSUE OF "WAR NEWS" YOU CAN HELP OUR CIRCULATION BY PASSING IT ON TO A FRIEND.

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THE FOUR MARTYRS.

On Friday, December 8th, Republican Ireland commemorates the memory of the Four Martyrs. Rory O'Connor, Liam Mellows, Dick Barrett and Joe McKelvey having spent over five months in Mountjoy Jail as prisoners of War, were on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 1922, taken from their cells and brutally murdered by the Cosgrave Murder Gang.

Rory and Liam are dead and gone
Star of the Morning, Mary come,
Slain at the Eight of December's
Dawn,
Mary Immaculate, guide them home.

Rory and Liam and Dick and Joe,
Star of the Morning, Mary come,
Red is their hearts' blood their
souls like snow,
Mary Immaculate, guide them home.

Their slayers have rung no passing
bell,
Star of the Morning Mary come,
But the rifles' crack is their
funeral knell,
Mary Immaculate, guide them home.

Their eyes are steady in face of
death,
Star of the Morning Mary come,
For their minds are rapt by the
vision of faith,
Mary Immaculate guide them home.

For Winter will pass and Spring be
born,
Star of the Morning Mary come,
And Freedom will wake the land at
morn,
Mary Immaculate, guide them home.

And what is death but an envoy sped,
Star of the Morning, Mary come,
With a call from the Heaven of
Ireland's dead?
Mary Immaculate, guide them home.

Why reckon the pangs that have
sufficed,
Star of the Morning, Mary come,
To bring free souls to their
Captain Christ?
Mary Immaculate, guide them home.

Rory and Liam are dead and gone,
Star of the Morning, Mary come,
They have found the lights that go
out at dawn,
Mary Immaculate, guide them home.

Rory and Liam and Dick and Joe,
Star of the Morning, Mary come,
Our starlight fades, but the road
they know,
Mary Immaculate, guide them home.

(Padraig de Drun)

BELFAST REPUBLICAN GETS 12 YEARS.

Seamus McGowan of Belfast (charged under the name of Morgan) was on Tuesday, Nov. 28th, sentenced to 12 years penal servitude at Leeds Assizes for unlawful possession of Gelignite.

He stated when pleading "If it is guilty to bear arms on behalf of one's country then I am guilty". After he was sentenced he declared "I would not have acknowledged the authority of the court or pleaded at all had not an innocent man been charged with me. The Irish were being accused of using wrong methods to help their country yet the British Prime Minister had said that the only way to meet aggression was by force. The Irish should have that right too as they have always been persecuted". Sheridan who was tried with McGowan was found "not guilty".

Seamus McGowan may be tried on another charge in connection with a Birmingham Explosion which damaged 101 houses at Balsall Heath last March.

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IRISHMAN REMANDED IN LONDON.

Daniel Crotty (25) was remanded at Bow Street Police Court on Nov. 27th, charged with having conspired with John Evans, John Gibson, Daniel Jordan and James O'Regan (all recently sentenced to 20 years penal servitude) to cause explosions likely to endanger life and property between the 23rd and 26th August.

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DUNDALK REPUBLICAN FOR
MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

Bernard Murphy a young Dundalk Republican, appeared before the Military Tribunal, Dublin on Thursday Nov. 30th, charged with being a member of the I.R.A. and possession of "seditious documents". He was remanded in custody until Dec. 7th.

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FOYNES A BRITISH BASE?

Why all the secrecy that surrounds the SIX SECRET APPOINTMENTS recently made to the Foynes Air Base? What is the present situation as regards the Air Agreement in which England, U.S.A. and the "Free State" were partners? How will the continuance of this agreement affect the so-called neutrality of the Twenty-Six Counties?

Foynes is at the moment being prepared to receive from Canada, British and French War planes, bought from the U.S.A. The Irish people must insist that this country shall not be used by Britain for the transfer of her war materials.

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NA CEATRAR MAIRTEAC.

Seacht mbliana beas ó'n aoine seo cuimhne .i. an t-28. Lá de Mí na Nollag 1928, cuireadh ceatrar óisfear de Laochraí Saebeal cun báis i bpríosún Mountjoy, - Liam Ó Maoil-Iosa, Ruaíoraí Ó Conchúair, Risteárd Cairéad 7 Seosamh McKelvey. Cuireadh cun báis toisg go raibadar dílis do poblacht na h-Éireann 7 toisg gur eiriseadar glacad le tisearnaís an t-Sasannaís agus leis an saorstát.

Cóimís aigne uasal na bfeair san i ngac cor dár cuireadar díob ar son na h-Éireann. Cuadar iad féin d'Éirinn mar a díobad ós 7 d'fhanadar dílis di go bás.

Ní raib Liam Ó Maoil-Iosa aet na garsún nuair a cuir sé 'na luisge as Countess Markievicz 7 Oifigí na n-Oglac go raib sé aosta a dócáin cun toshú ar a cuib oibre d'Éireann. Cuistil sé an tír a' riarad na bfianna 7 'a n-ullmú cun beic 'na n-Oglac ar bail. Ní Liam óm h-ábaltá san 'na saotar gur cuireadh i mbun riarad na n-Oglac féin é 7 as san amac do méadaiís ar a cútrac 7 ar a saotar.

Cuad órbú do Éire d'fágaing 1915. Níor bein sé rub ar an órbú 7 tamall 'na diaib san cuireadh príosún ceitire mí air. 1 dtosaí na bliana 1916, cuireadh bá airméoin go Sasana é aet d'eiríís leis éalód abailé cun páirt a tógaint san Eorpge 'mac. Ní sé i gceannas an lartair ar fad seachtáin na Cásca, 7 d'eiríís leis beairricí a tógaint 'na lán áit, aet dí neart fear as an Sasannaí ná raib as Liam 7 b'eiríín do an mób cogaid sin a tréigint go ceann tamail, 7 fanaet le sgéal ó'n gcuib eile d'Éirinn. Táinig an sgéal sa beire gur beinead botún agus nár eiríís aet blea áta Cliait 7 loí gceannas. Ní sé ar a coimead tréis an eiríís amac 7 annsan cuireadh go h-Améirice é cun cúis na h-Éireann a cur ós comair na nSaebeal a hí i gcoiscricí ann agus cun aigib a bailiú. Nuair a táinig sé abailé cuireadh i mbun loín cogaidáim na poblachta é agus is mó uair a hí sé i mbaozal a saota le linn sunaí agus lón a beic á dtadairt i dtír.

Ní sé go mór i gcoinnio an "Treaty" agus cáin sé a leicéib sin do sócrú le Sasana, i gcaint neam-bailé. Dírís sé a saotar go léir anois ar éaradas a coimead idir Saebealáib agus cun troib a meas Saebeal féin a cosg. Saad é 7 tréir ceitire mí i príosún cuireadh cun báis é féin 7 an triúr Laoí eile.

I lictir beireannaís Uí Maoil-Iosa, noctar a sprib calma agus a árd-aigne. Cun a mátar a b'ead an lictir sin 7 ba mór an t-adúar mórtáis agus mórdála d'aoi mátar a leicéib sin do mae a beic aice. Cus máitreaí an ceatrair sin a maca go poonmar d'Éirinn fé mar a gus na céadta mátar eile 7 fé mar a d'adarpaid go dtí go mbeib ceann sgríbe sroiste 7 saoirse na h-Éireann buaibte.

Cá an Ceatrar san sa éré le seacht mbliana beus aet maireann a sprib cun dócais 7 calmaícta a coimead ar lasaí i gcoiribí Saebeal. Maireib a gcuinne faib is a beib Saebeal beo i n-Éirinn 7 maireib a dtéagass a leanfar ar a mbótar san go mbeib an ceangal beireannaí le Sasana réadta, briste.

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SIX COUNTY RAIDS AND ARRESTS.

Three young men were arrested on Nov. 26th outside the walls of Derry Jail while attempting to converse with a friend interned therein. They were taken to the Police Barracks for questioning and search but were subsequently released. One of the men was Sean Dolan, Secretary of Derry County G.A.A. Board.

Police and Detectives raided houses in the North Queen Street area of Belfast during the early hours of Friday morning, Dec. 1st. No seditious documents were found and no arrests were made.

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XMAS IS APPROACHING - ARE THE PRISONERS DEPENDANTS TO SPEND IT DESTITUTE - THE ANSWER RESTS WITH YOU. SUBSCRIBE NOW TO THE IRISH REPUBLICAN PRISONERS DEPENDANT FUND.

MANCHESTER MARTYR'S COMMEMORATIONS.

The 72nd Anniversary of the Execution of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien, the Manchester Martyrs, was marked by huge demonstrations in Ireland and England. A Parade of Republican and Gaelic Organisations marched through Manchester to the Martyrs Monument where an Oration was delivered.

In Cork City, Miss Ann MacSwiney delivered an Oration whilst in Bandon, where Philip Allen once resided, exciting scenes took place during the Commemoration Ceremony. Over a 100 uniformed police and C.I.D. armed with machine guns, attempted to arrest the Speaker and another I.R.A. man, both of whom however succeeded in escaping.

Derry Republicans held a Commemoration Concert in the Forrester's Hall, which is within hearing distance of Derry Jail. By pre-arrangement the 61 I.R.A. Prisoners in the Jail joined with the audience, at a given moment in the singing of "GOD SAVE IRELAND".

MORE I.R.A. EXPLOSIONS.

Our Expeditionary Forces were responsible for TWO Violent Explosions in Southampton on Tuesday, Nov. 28th.

The first occurred in a Cloak-room on Southampton Central Railway Station, causing extensive damage. The second took place an hour and a half later outside a Municipal Building.

COVENTRY EXPLOSION FRAME UP.

Three Irishmen and two Irishwomen will shortly be charged at Birmingham Assizes in connection with the huge Explosion which turned Broadgate, the Coventry business centre into a shambles on August 25th. Their names are Peter Barnes, Joseph Hewitt, James Richards, Mary Hewitt and Bridget O'Hara.

All are charged with the Murder of 5 people who lost their lives in the Explosion. It was not until the men whom the Police held responsible for this Explosion had escaped, that the above mentioned persons were charged with complicity in it.

YOUR DUTY.

For over 700 years the Irish Nation has struggled unceasingly to throw off the chains of British Imperialism. Almost 12 months ago the I.R.A. carried this age-old fight into the heart of the Empire. In order that this generation can achieve the final victory, each man, woman, boy and

girl must be organised and trained. It is, therefore, your duty to become a member of an active Republican Organisation immediately. You must either SERVE or IMPEDE and BETRAY the Cause of Irish Freedom. TO STAND ASIDE INDIFFERENT IS NOT POSSIBLE.

ARBOUR HILL PRISONERS RELEASED.

On Friday, Dec. 1st. Seamus Burke, a Mayo Republican was released from Arbour Hill on an order of Habeas Corpus by Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy. The remaining Republican Internees were unconditionally released on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. It must be emphasised that none of the Political Prisoners made any petition to the "Free State" Government for their release. Seamus Burke was released on an application by his brother for a Habeas Corpus order on the grounds that he was illegally arrested and interned without trial.

Following their Release, the 53 Prisoners paraded through the streets of Dublin in military formation. En route they were enthusiastically cheered by the people on the sidewalk.

Hunger Strikes, Protests and the ever increasing hostility of the Irish People, were mainly responsible for the "Free State" Government's decision to avail itself of the excuse offered by Gavan Duffy for the Release of the Arbour Hill Prisoners.

There are still Republican soldiers imprisoned in the Curragh Camp for the Crime of Patriotism, as there are men and women suffering in English and Six County Jails. The feeling of hostility to Coercion so evident during the past weeks, must be intensified until every soldier of the Republic is freed from the Empire Jails, and the Puppet States which exist by Coercion swept aside to make way for the legitimate Government of the Irish Republic, established by the people of Ireland in 1918.

"We may bravely fight all the battles of all the peoples of the earth, but while Ireland's battle for Irish Freedom remains unsuccessfully fought - while England continues to Rule Ireland - all the historical bravery of our Race in every land, will not save us from the slur of the unfriendly chronicler who write that we fight well as 'mercenaries' that we fight bravely the battles of every land except the battles of our own land. (O'Donovan Rossa)

THE LESSON OF THE MANCHESTER MARTYRS. (Continued)

Two years later the "Irish People" was founded to advocate an armed Rising. Within two years more - following the close of the American Civil War, which had afforded the Fenians there a fine if costly training ground - 13,000 soldiers and 20,000 of the 30,000 men in the Militia in Ireland were sworn Fenians. Fifty per cent of the regiment that garrisoned the Pigeon House Fort were Fenians; the keys of the Powder Magazine, Phoenix Park, were available and the police in large numbers were more or less sympathetic.

Visiting American Officers, including Col. Kelly who came to play a leading part in the Movement, were able to Report more favourably on the 200,000 men now enrolled at home, while another 200,000 Irish-Americans, released after the Civil War, thirsted for a chance to strike a blow at the ancient foe. So John Mitchel, who had escaped from Van Diemens Land a dozen years earlier was sent to Paris to transmit Fenian Funds to Ireland. Things seemed well in train when Fanny Parnell, voicing the Traditional spirit of Irish womanhood, thus closed a clarion call:

"Oh! by the God who made us all
The seignior and the serf
Rise up! and swear this day to hold
Your own green Irish turf!
Rise up! and plant your feet as men
Where now you crawl as slaves,
And make your harvest fields your
camps,
Or make of them your graves."

A Rising at that junction, with thousands of Irish soldiers in the British service ready to participate, could hardly have failed, but the opportunity was not availed of, and soon the disaffected soldiers were shipped off to India. Worse; the offices of the "Irish People", virtual Fenian Headquarters were raided and many of the leaders including Luby, O'Leary and Rossa, taken, September 8th, 1865. On Nov. 4th Stephens, Kickham and others were arrested. Stephens at his subsequent trial, created a sensation when he said: - "I have employed no lawyer in this case, because in making a defence of any kind, I should be recognising British law in Ireland. Now, I deliberately and conscientiously repudiate the existence of that law in Ireland, and I defy any punishment, despite any punishment it can inflict upon me. I have spoken"

The sensation was magnified when, ten days later the Fenian Chief escaped from Prison, the escape being facilitated by warders Breslin and Byrne, and planned and superintended by Col. Kelly.

At the trial of the other Fenian Prisoners, Rossa for 9 hours acquitted himself almost with the valour of one of the Fiana of old, who, before taking arms, had to defend himself from nine different angles. Warned years earlier in Tralee that, if caught again, he would pay the penalty, he was now somewhat in the position of Major John MacBride at his courtmartial in 1916, and was sentenced to penal servitude for life. Meanwhile at a Conference after the rescue of Stephens, all the Officers, Irish and Irish-Americans, with the exception of Stephens, favoured an early Rising. Yet his view prevailed. Soon he and Col. Kelly crossed to France, whence they passed to the United States, where they endeavoured to heal a bad split in the Organisation, which had left Mitchel somewhat helpless in Paris. June 1st, 1866, the American Fenians crossed Niagara in their raid on Canada, and at Limestone Ridge ignominiously routed the Queens Own Regiment of Toronto under Col. Booker, who led the stampede with alacrity worthy of "The Races of Castlebar". The Fenians under Col. O'Neill would have driven the English into the sea, if permitted to follow up this victory; but the United States Government prevented reinforcements from crossing, and so the triumphant Fenians were obliged to re-cross the frontier, bringing with them their captured flags and trophies.

England thus escaped a second defeat in the New World; but her financial position at home was never more precarious. Banks, Railway Companies and other Corporations were in desperate straits, one leading discount establishment failing for close on £20,000,000 so that the Bank of England had to issue notes, no one knows how much beyond the legal limit. Despite it all, the London "Times", while admitting that the two American Political Parties "outbid each other for the favour of the Irish populace" declared:-

(The final instalment of the above article by Seelig will appear in our next issue of "WAR NEWS")