

WAR NEWS

IRISHMEN! ANSWER COERCION -
JOIN THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY.

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PANTOMINE IN LEINSTER HOUSE.

In almost every generation for the past 150 years, daring men and true men have over and over again set all Ireland laughing at the Dublin Castle bailiffs of the British Crown; but the laugh raised against them has never been as loud, as ironical as that which is still ringing from end to end of the land, at the recollection of the happenings of Dec. 23rd, 1939, when a handful of courageous men raided His Britannic Majesty's Magazine in the Phoenix Park, Dublin, and proceeded quite leisurely to load up a line of lorries with some 30 tons of Empire ammunition. And they got away with it!

The fun of it was only rivalled by the laughing stock made of themselves by the muddlers of Merrion St, when they solemnly called the "Free State" Partition Parliament together for the purpose of putting a patch or two on the vaunted, castiron, watertight, foolproof Offences against the Empire Act enacted last Autumn by a minority of the Twenty-Six Counties Legislators.

The proceedings in Leinster House on Jan. 3rd and 4th, outrivalled Jimmy O'Dea's Pantomine and revived all the laughter that had begun to die down. The spectacle of de Valera saying solemnly that his own Supreme Court knew no law and he knew it all, and that he would have to get a "disciplined" Judiciary like his "disciplined" Parliamentary Party (only 51 of whom he could gather up to vote for the newer Coercion, while over 20 actually present in Leinster House refused to cast a vote for it), was too funny for words. And the touching duet entitled "Rule Britannia" sung by himself and Frank MacDermott drew tears of laughter from the eyes of "Disaffected" Ireland. And the recitation by Johnnie MacEntee of the Coercion Speech of every British Chief Secretary who ever occupied Dublin Castle, was one of the triumphs of this two-day Pantomine; while the clowning done by Gerry

Boland and Frank Aiken - especially the latter's screamingly funny boast that he had often pinched more stuff himself with fewer men - won the laughter of all Ireland. It was the greatest exhibition of stupidity, futility, and littleness ever given by any pack of Britishers in any part of the world.

What the people are saying between gusts of laughter is this:- If de Valera, even with the aid of Sean T. O'Kelly's whip, could not force or induce, coax or stampede over 20 members of his own Party into the division lobbies to vote for his futile Repairs to the Coercion Bill that has already failed, how can he expect outsiders to support it?

The people of Ireland never authorised him or his predecessors in Office to wage war on the Republic of Pearse and Clarke and Connolly and Brugha. Their hearts are with the young men of to-day as the hearts of their fathers and grandfathers were with the young men of other days, and when Cosgrave and de Valera and their Associates shall have long gone down in defeat and excretion like all the British bailiffs of the past, the soldiers of the Republic whom they plan to persecute to-day will be remembered and honoured in a Free Ireland.

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AN 'AIKEN' HEAD.

Attempting to gloss over the importance and undoubted success of the Magazine Raid on Dec. 23rd, Frank Aiken had the audacity to tell us last week, that he himself had stolen 10 TIMES as much 'stuff' with less men. In actual figures this fable works out at more than 12 million rounds or almost one million rounds per man. How, when and to where this ridiculous amount of material was taken no one knows.

Perhaps the enormous strain that Mr. Aiken is undergoing at present is responsible for this pitiful mental lapse or maybe he is crazy!

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MANY REPUBLICAN ARRESTS.

The wholesale round up of Republicans by "Free State" C.I.D. men, which was intensified on Christmas Eve, continues unabated throughout the Twenty-Six Counties. Scores of Republicans have been arrested and thrown into jail on various charges. That this intense activity by de Valera's Peelers is but part of Fianna Fail's persecution of Republicans, is obvious from the fact that most of the arrested men are merely charged with failing to give an account of their movements during a specified period".

The arrested men include:-

James Maguire,	Oldcastle,
Patrick Tracy,	Mullingar,
Thos. Brady,	Co. Cavan,
Francis McKiernan,	" Dublin,
Patrick Reynolds,	" Meath,
Simon Leonard,	" Dublin,
P.J. Collins,	" Limerick,
Laurence Carwood,	Dublin,
Michael McCarthy,	Cork,
Michael Walsh,	Cork,
John Kennefick,	"
John Varian,	"
Thos. Murphy,	"
Patrick Griffen,	"
James O'Neill,	"
Richard McCarthy,	"
Jeremiah Cronin,	"
Daniel Cronin,	"
Patrick Lynch,	"
John Connolly,	Co. "
Michael O'Leary,	" "
Jeremiah McCarthy,	" "
Jeremiah Crowley,	" "
Edward Barrett,	" "
William Humerston,	" "
Daniel Lehane,	" "
Anthony Lyons,	" "
James Wynne,	Dundalk,
Thos. Walsh,	"
Patrick Byrne,	"
Charles Hoey,	Drogheda,
Nicholas Doherty,	"
James Rooney,	"
Joseph Farrelly,	"

The six men, who as already announced by us, are charged with participation in the Magazine Fort Raid, were together with Thos. Doyle, Crumlin, again remanded in custody.

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DERRY SENTENCE.

John Gerald Doherty, Marlborough, Avenue, was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment at Derry on Jan. 1st. He was charged with possession of I.R.A. documents and with making a seditious speech, which included the following statement:- "It is our duty to do what Pearse said - to Free our country - and that can only be done by force of arms". Failing to give bail, he was ordered to undergo a further 3 months.

TRUE ENOUGH!!

In the Loinster House Assembly on Jan. 3rd, considerable surprise if not actual alarm was caused - not by a Bomb explosion - but by a few plain facts. Dr. M. Brennan (Sligo), who was responsible, referring to the new Coercion Measure stated that the cause of all our trouble was that we were still, unfortunately, not a free people.

Continuing, Dr. Brennan said:- "the fault was England's and England must take the responsibility. Before they could with justice champion the cause of a small Nation, the British Government should put their own house in order, and remedy a grave injustice at their very doorstep.

The history of our struggle for Freedom showed that any attempt to impede the onward march of a Nation was doomed to utter failure and the arrest and detention of men under this Bill was not likely to meet with any greater success now than it had in the past".

When making the above remarks, Dr. Brennan, unfortunately, overlooked the fact that those who have sold themselves to the Robber Empire, are not in a position to profit by the lessons of history. Hence it is that a further futile attempt to impede the march of this Nation is being made; without doubt this attempt is also doomed to utter failure.

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EIGHTEEN MONTHS HARD LABOUR.

A sentence of 18 months hard labour was passed in Belfast on Saturday, Jan. 6th, on Joseph Nevin, Upper Library Street, Belfast for being in possession of a copy of "Prison Bars", which contained a statement "likely to cause disaffection to his Majesty".

The statement in question was a copy of a letter from Rory Campbell, who is serving 20 years in England, which was written to his mother. It is interesting to note that this letter was written in His Majesty's Prison, was censored by His Majesty's Authorities and was eventually delivered by His Majesty's Servants. Now, after a lapse of months, it is being used by the Craigavon Junta in their efforts to crush the Cause for which Rory Campbell and Joseph Nevin are proud to suffer.

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DEPENDANTS FUND.

OUR ACTIVITIES IN ENGLAND.

Early on Saturday morning, Jan 6th, a fierce fire was caused by an I.R.A. Unit in a Military Camp in East England. Considerable damage was caused, many military huts being completely destroyed. The blaze which illuminated the countryside for miles was fought by firemen, civilians and hundreds of soldiers before it was finally got under control.

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BOMBS IN THE NORTH.

On Dec. 29th, last, a Bomb Explosion occurred in the offices of the "Irish Press" Belfast and three days later another Bomb Explosion took place in the Hawkin Street Fire Station, Derry.

On Christmas Day firemen from this station deliberately turned hoses on the Internoes in Derry Jail, some of whom are now suffering from pneumonia as a result. The "Irish Press" deliberately set out to misrepresent the Mutiny in Derry as well as the motives of the men involved.

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DESPICABLE METHODS.

The method adopted by the 26 Counties C.I.D. in arresting Thos. Brady in Co. Cavan during last week is perhaps the most despicable used for many years. A 'phone message was sent to a friend of Brady's in Dublin, informing him that his mother was seriously ill.

The message eventually reached Tom Brady who immediately hurried home from Dublin to find, not as he expected - a sick mother, but a party of police thugs, who had used the above ruse to capture him.

Republicans who wish to avoid arrest had better beware of such like tactics.

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THE JITTERS!

It is stated that a "Free State" soldier on duty at A. Rosley Bridge, Dublin, "accidentally" dropped his rifle. The gun "accidentally" went off and a passing woman was "accidentally" wounded.

Whilst appreciating the terrible strain of war time conditions under which our "state forces" are at present labouring, we are tempted to remark that perhaps the "Free State" army is not so efficient after all.

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DO YOU STAND WITH THE IRISH REPUBLIC

OR
WITH THE BRITISH EMPIRE?

THE DEPORTEES.

(Air : "Bold Fenian Men")

Deported from England and outlawed
 in Erin,
 Hunted and hated by traitor and foe,
 Soldiers of Freedom undaunted & daring,
 Eager and willing to deal blow for blow,
 Encamped in the County where Wolfe
 Tone is lying,
 Like Tone and his comrades both
 fearless & gay,
 A proof that the Cause which they
 loved is undying,
 And is served by its citizen soldiers
 to-day.

They knew that Britannia was merely
 a vampire,
 That fastened on Ireland and drained
 her of blood,
 Confirmed in their hatred of England
 and Empire,
 In the heart of the enemy country
 they stood,
 When the forces of Freedom spread
 terror and panic,
 These men were arrested and cast
 into jails,
 They were tortured by hirelings with
 fury satanic,
 But they suffered in silence like
 true-hearted Gaels.

Then beaten and lashed with the
 foulest invectives,
 They were placed on a ship bound for
 Erin's green shore,
 They were threatened with death by
 the brutal detectives,
 If they chanced to set foot in that
 country once more,
 With honour unstained all these
 exiles returning,
 Pledged hatred forever to England's
 cruel might,
 With faith unsubdued and with hearts,
 fiercely burning,
 They wait for the day of the triumph
 of right.

The breezes the folds of their banner
 are filling,
 As proudly 'tis floating high over
 their camp,
 An see where erect and alert they
 are drilling,
 As steady and clear comes the sound
 of their tramp,
 Impatient they wait for the long-
 delayed order,
 To march for the Cause and to fight
 and to bleed,
 To Free all their people, to banish
 the Border,
 And make Ireland at last a Republic
 indeed.

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(The above was written by one of
 the Deportees prior to their Expul-
 sion from Co. Kildare by C.I.D. men)

"EIRE GAN ROINNT".

Nuair adubhairt De Valera ag Ard-Fheis Fhianna Fail cupla seacht-mhaine o shion, go raibh se le "plan" a fheachaint le "Eire gan Roinnt" a bhaint amach, agus go mbainfeadh se amach a freisin, marach saothar Oglagh na h-Eireann ann na Poblachta-i Sasana, bhi fhios ag chuide dhuine gur thug se a eitheach. Nior chroid aon-teachta dha raibh i lathair e. Bhi fhios ag cuile theachta dha raibh i lathair, go raibh Mr. de Valera ocht bliadhna i gceannas na Se Conndae the Fichthead agus nach raibh "plan" na "sceim" aige ar an bhfad sin, i dtacbh na Se Conndae the. Ni raibh "plan" na "sceim" aige gur thuagair Oglagh na h-Eireann cogaadh ar Shasana i dtus na bliadhna. Annsin bhi "plan" agus "sceim" aige - ni "plan" agus "sceim" le "Eire gan Roinnt" a bhaint amach - ach "plan" agus "sceim" le Oglagh na h-Eireann a chur faoi chois, a chaitheamh isteach i bpriosuin agus a chur 'un bais, mar gheall go raibh ag eirge leo-san go sar-mhaith san iarracht a bhiodar a dheanamh le "Eire gan Roinnt" a bhaint amach.

Cuidigh agus ta Mr. de Valera ag cuidiu go maith le Sasana i lathair na h-uaire leis an teorainn a bhuannd idir na Se Conndae the agus na Se Conndae the Fichthead. Ta Sasana buid-each do agus ta se 'faghail a chuitig-hthe uaithe. Ach ni mor do feachaint leis an dalladha flog a choinneal ar a Party fhein agus ar Mhuintir na h-Eireann. Ar an adhbhar sin abruigheann se "that he does not rule out the possibility of force". Ach ar an dluath a's a dtosugheann Muintir na h-Eireann le "force" a chur i bhfeidhm ar Shasana, caitheann se isteach i bpriosuin iad. Tuigean Clanna Gaedheal ce ata dairire faoi'n teorainn. Tuigean Ard-Fheis Fhianna Fail fein, ce ta ag siomadoireacht. - Mr. de Valera "cannot have it both ways."

CORK ARREST.

Thomas MacCurtain, son of the murdered Lord Mayor of Cork, has been arrested and charged with the murder of Det. John Roche, Cork.

A DENIAL.

Having completed exhaustive enquiries, we are now in a position to state emphatically that no member of the Irish Republican Army was involved in the "ambush" which is alleged to have taken place near Finglass, Co. Dublin, on Saturday January 6th.

A SECRET LOAN.

We are reliably informed that a secret Loan of £10,000,000, has recently been made by the British Government to Mr. de Valera's Exchequer. The terms of this secret Loan are similar to those of Mr. Cosgrave's infamous secret agreement.

Whilst arrangements were being completed in London for this Secret Loan, the Fianna Fail hood-winkers at home decided to float a public Loan - the purpose of which was simply to cover-up the £10,000,000 received secretly from Britain.

The above facts are clearly borne out by the following:- having served its purpose, the public Loan was withdrawn before it had been fully subscribed - in fact it was withdrawn after two days.

Mr. de Valera is now in a position to purchase from Britain, with Britain's money, all the implements of war - boats, planes, guns etc. - which he hopes will enable him to hold Ireland for the Empire.

THE MERE IRISH.

In the course of a letter addressed to the Secretary, Red Cross, South Tipperary, and written by Col. Charteris from the Kildare Street Club, Dublin, the following passage occurs:-

"Am I right in thinking that Dan Breen has been put on the Tipperary S.R. Council of the Red Cross, as if so I decline to serve on it".

The above statement, written by an Imperialist in a den of Imperialism is a significant one.

Dan must surely be disappointed to learn that although he has renounced his Rebel instincts, and joined hands with the King's Irish, he is still, in the eyes of his British Masters just another contemptible "native".

IRISHMEN - BRITISH CONSCRIPTS.

More than 40,000 Irishmen are at the moment being called up for service in Britain's Army. These men though born and reared in Ireland are under the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, British Subjects.

This Act, you may be surprised to learn, applies to every single Irishman, woman and child - this, in spite of the fact that we have been presented with the brand-new Constitution of the "Sovereign, Independant" State called Eire.

PLEASE PASS "WAR NEWS" ON TO A FRIEND.