

WAR NEWS

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ONE SPLENDID YEAR!

There have been shameful years in the remote and recent history of Ireland, but 1939 can never be written down as one of them. It was a year to be proud of a splendid year of achievement, of courage and of sacrifice, and the credit for that is due to men and women who are wearing England's convict garb today, as John O'Meara and Charles Kitcham and O'Donovan Rossa and Tom Clarke and John Daly and scores of other true men were it in the past.

Just a year ago - on Jan 12th, 1939 - the Government of the Republic of Ireland sent a dignified Ultimatum to the British Foreign Secretary (they ignored the Dominions Office, which is the spiritual home of the Merriion Street bailiffs) and in that Ultimatum they gave the British Government four days to decide whether they would withdraw from our country or face up to a War on their own soil. Sure of their Irish tools in Dublin and Belfast they ignored a reasonable demand, and on Jan. 16th, 1939, the Expeditionary Force of the Irish Republican Army commenced hostilities by carrying out a series of damaging Explosions in England's most important centres. Official notice was given that the War would be confined to England alone, that it would not be extended to Scotland or Wales, as Ireland had no quarrel with these countries.

From the beginning the men of the I.R.A. were hampered by the fact that an order had been issued to them to avoid the taking of life. This order was scrupulously obeyed but accidents will happen in War zones as in Peace zones, and unfortunately a few lives have been lost as a result of the Explosions. A great deal of hypocritical scorching has gone on about this loss of life, but it is a fact that four times as many lives have been lost in England by STARVATION during the past 12 months than were caused by the activities of the I.R.A. - and this in a Country the Government of which decided to spend thousands of

millions of pounds on armaments for the destruction of human life!

Close on 300 important operations have been carried out by the intrepid soldiers of the Irish Republic during the past 12 months and the war is still in progress. As men were arrested and sentenced to 5, 10, 15, 20 and 30 years penal servitude, others stepped into the vacant places and continued to spread panic from end to end of England. The whole police and detective forces of England, aided by the slaves in Dublin and Belfast have been frantically trying night and day to find the Irish military leaders or to surprise an operation in progress, but in this they have failed.

All the men and women arrested have been taken up on mere suspicion, have been convicted on police evidence alone, and sentenced by partisan judges, who have delivered bitter political tirades from the bench. Their contemptible attitude was in striking contrast to the demeanour of the brave men and women in the dock. Not one of them quailed, not one of them whined for mercy, not one of them brought discredit to the name of Ireland. Like all the "felons" who fought before them in the same undying Cause, they gloried in the fact that they were about to suffer in the Cause of their Country's Freedom and declared that if the fight were still on when the jail gates opened for them, they would take their place in it again.

Let the petty underlings of England in Merriion Street and their paid scribes of a venal Press seek as they will to defame the men who have fought and are fighting for Ireland on enemy soil, the true and unbought among our people are with them, and their names will be cherished and honoured along with all who have fought and suffered for the honour and Independence of Ireland. They have smashed Imperialist intrigue and shameful bargaining and have lifted up our Country's name again as an unfree Nation battling with a Robber for its Nationalhood.

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THE PRISONERS' DEPENDANTS DEPEND ON YOU!

I.R.A. ACTIVITIES IN ENGLAND.

Last week + 12 months after the Irish Republican Ultimatum to Britain - the Expeditionary Forces of the I.R.A. were still active.

LEICESTER JAN. 9th:- A Bomb Explosion occurred in the works of Messrs. Richardson & Co., Ltd. Several men were injured as a result and the building was extensively damaged. The floors, walls and roof were almost completely shattered by the force of the Explosion, and nearly all windows within a radius of 400 yards were broken.

CUMBERLAND JAN. 11th:- An I.R.A. Incendiary Unit was responsible for a fire in Maryport. Soldiers, police, civilians and firemen combined to prevent the spreading of the fire, which was described as the biggest to have occurred in Maryport for 10 years.

LONDON JAN. 12th:- A further fire was caused by our Units on Friday night. For three hours, 200 firemen fought the fire which occurred at the factory of W. Martin & Sons, Ltd. The building was completely gutted, flames lit up the "black-out" area for miles around.

CHESHIRE JAN. 13th:- Considerable damage was caused at the Shipbuilding Yard of Yarwood & Sons, Ltd. Northwich, Cheshire, early on Saturday morning. A fierce fire, which resulted from several Explosions raged for several hours, flames leaping nearly 200 feet into the air. Tons of iron girders and corrugated iron were twisted into a tangled mass by the force of the Explosions.

Scotland Yard, having failed to make an arrest in connection with above operations, decided to inform the public that there was no "evidence of sabotage".

ANOTHER DERRY EXPLOSION.

On Monday, Jan. 8th, a Bomb Exploded in the Headquarters of the Special Police, Derry, causing considerable damage. Following this incident, the police, who had become thoroughly alarmed, raided almost every Nationalist home in Derry. No arrests, however, were made.

In connection with the Explosion at the Derry Fire Station, it has been stated that the firemen did not "hose" the Internees who took part in the Derry Jail Mutiny on Christmas Day. We have secured the full details, and we now emphatically repeat that the prisoners were not forced back into their cells, until the hoses were turned on them by members of the Hawkin Street Fire Brigade.

Public feeling in Derry has been so aroused that the Fire Brigades are being given ARMED POLICE ESCORTS, when answering calls.

BORDER RAIDS.

Many Republican homes along the Formanagh-Monaghan Border were raided by R.U.C. on Saturday, 13th inst. During the raids, armed police scoured the countryside in motor cars.

The purpose of the raids, which was for arms and seditious documents, proved a failure and no arrests were made.

ANOTHER "DAMNED GOOD BARGAIN".

Britain is at War, her sources of food supplies are consequently severely curtailed. The question of food is or rather was her greatest problem, until her pet pup Premier - de Valera - solved the riddle with the new Trade Pact.

Under this Pact, considerable supplies of Beef, Mutton, Bacon etc., will be shipped daily to England to feed the British, while thousands of Irish shall continue to live on the verge of starvation. The fertile plains of Ireland will again be laid waste and thousands more of our boys and girls will be driven from the land to make way for the bullock. All this, to feed John Bull!

The British Robber has, in his typical generosity towards the Irish, agreed to pay the Irish farmer approximately 6/- per cwt. LESS than the British farmer. A damned good bargain for the Empire.

In view of the fact that animals like humans, arriving from Ireland, are now prohibited to certain specified ports, we can only conclude that the six shillings saving per cwt. is to meet the increased cost of British C.I.D. men, whose job it will be to intern all cattle suspected of having I.R.A. sympathies!

AN APPRECIATION.

Commenting on the situation in Ireland, the "Washington Star", tells us that "it is a credit to the de Valera Government that, with Britain at war, it is apparently determined to oppose violent methods that would tend to impair the Crown's position."

The King's hirelings in Leinster House must surely be gratified to learn that some observers, at least, appreciate the strenuous efforts they are making to hold Ireland for the British Empire.

BECOME AN ACTIVEIRISH REPUBLICAN NOW!

TEN YEARS' SENTENCE.

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On Friday, 12th inst., Daniel Crotty (25) was sentenced at the Old Bailey, London to 10 years penal servitude.

He was charged with conspiracy to cause Explosions, and was stated by the police to be the brains behind the conspiracy. He refused to plead, and when sentence was passed, he was taken from the dock shouting "GOD SAVE IRELAND".

-----oooOooo----- SENTENCED IN DUBLIN.

On Thursday, 11th inst., the first group of Irish Republicans charged with refusing to account for their movements on Dec. 23rd and 24th were sentenced by the Special "Criminal" Court.

They are:-

Hyles Heffernan.....	6 months.
Jack Fitzsimons.....	6 "
Laurence Carwood.....	6 "
John Brady.....	4 "
Thomas Brady.....	4 "
William Kennedy.....	3 "
John Hornibrook.....	3 "
Seamus Coulton.....	3 "
Peadar McAndrews.....	3 "
James Conde.....	3 "

Some of the prisoners had been previously sentenced by the same Court, others had been recently interned.

-----oooOooo----- CORK MEN FOR SPECIAL COURT.

The 19 Cork Republicans, whose names were already given by us, appeared before various Courts in Cork City and County, last week. They were all remanded in custody to the Special "Criminal" Court, Dublin.

Other Cork arrests include John Allen, Araglen, Fernoy and Patrick Moore, Araglen, both of whom were also sent for trial to the Special "Criminal" Court.

Three further arrests were made in Cork City on Sunday last.

-----oooOooo----- OTHER ARRESTS.

William Walsh, High Street, Galway, who was arrested on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, is to appear before the Special "Criminal" Court at Collins Barracks, Dublin.

He was charged at the Galway District Court on Thursday, 11th inst., with being in possession of seditious documents and refusing to answer questions. A number of copies of "WAR NEWS" were found on him when arrested.

At Naas, Co. Kildare, Patrick Walsh, Sallins, was remanded in custody for a fortnight on a charge of failing to account for his movements.

Michael Tait, and Patrick Quigley both of Birr were remanded to the Birr District Court. They are charged under

the Offences Against the State Act. James Maguire, Oldcastle, Meath, has been remanded in custody to the Special "Criminal" Court for refusing to answer questions. Three other charges against him concerning the Magazine Fort have been withdrawn.

On Monday, Jan. 8th, William Kirwan, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, who was deported from England, was arrested by "Free State" C.I.D. under the Offences Against the State Act.

At Navan District Court, Patrick Reynolds was returned for trial to the Special "Criminal" Court, Dublin, for refusing to answer questions.

All of the above prisoners refused to recognise the authority of the "Free State" Courts.

-----oooOooo----- "- IF THEY SHAKE NOT THEIR SIRS".

English-minded Erskine Childers, petty son of a great father, went pelting mud at the I.R.A. during the Christmas holidays. He is too small and too degenerate to understand that every time he attacks the unpaid soldiers of the Republic, he insults the memory of his illustrious father, who marched with the I.R.A. fought with them against the same enemy that is opposed to them today, shared all their privation and dangers, and finally gave his life that the Republic of Ireland might live and that it might triumph over the mongrel institutions of Empire, of which his mean son is a member today. If the latter cannot understand and accept Irish Traditions, he should, at least have the innate decency to respect the memory of his own father.

Capt. Erskine Childers, the Patriot, stated before the Court which sentenced him to death that he did not recognise the legality of the provisional "Free State" Government. He recognised only the authority of the Irish Republican Government and Army.

-----oooOooo----- ARCHBISHOP AND PARTITION.

Speaking recently on the present European crisis, Most Rev. Dr. Hannix, Archbishop of Melbourne said that people should be reminded that Ireland had not been partitioned by either Russia or Germany. The Partition of Ireland was made by English forces and WAS MAINTAINED BY BRITISH MONEY.

-----oooOooo----- IRISHMEN! YOU CAN CRUSH COERCION

IF
YOU JOIN THE I.R.A. NOW.

"DIA LÍB A LAOCHRAÍ SAEBEAL
NÁ CLUINGTEAR CLAOIBTEACHT ORAIB."

Cúin na hSaebéal i Sasanna atá an teachtairéacht san éuas 'a cur agáinn, éúca san a cosnais bliain an dtaca seo ar cat a cur ar an Sasanna 'na ducais féin. Cogadh míshní is crodhácta iseadh an cogadh seo ó éus 7 tá teasbháta do h-saoghal as na saibhúirí sin go bfuil i n-éirínn fós, fíor 7 mhá ná fuil sásta leis an "saoirse" seo atá agáinn; fíor 7 mhá ná géilleann do teagasg bréise ná do bollsáiseacht fallba na gcailleamhac atá i mbun ríaghlúis na tíre seo.

D'éirí 7 go maíe agus tá as éiríse go maíe le h-Arm na poblácta i Sasanna. Níor éir bídéal an tSasanna is stop leo: cuirtear príosún orca, daoraí go h-éagórác iad, díbrígead as an dtír iad, áit leamhann an cat, agus leanfaid faid is a beid buine aca fál.

Seana sgéal iseadh sgéal seo saoirse na h-éirínn. Níl aon teaghlac i n-éirínn indiu, bocht nó saibhir, agus ní raib le h-oct gcead bliain - ná gur beirtead tráct go mion is go míshic an ar daorbhuib a dtíre agus orca san a d'imir a n-aham ar a son. Ná tégtar oráinn mar sin má bíonn an port céadna 'a éirínn de ló is d'oidce agáinn - níl áit port amháin le seirnt as Saebéalais agus leanfaim don n-aon-port san go mbeid torad air mar port.

Cuirtear cat, agus gíospam Saebéal i gcéin is i gcómhar cún cafa - níor élaib oet gcead bliain do daorsmáct Sasanna sin agus ní élaibpear anois ná go bráct san.

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TROUBLE IN MOUNTJOY.

Under existing conditions in Mountjoy Jail, all Republican prisoners are locked in their cells each evening at 5 o'clock, where they are kept until the following morning. Conditions in the cells are rendered almost unbearable by the intense cold, due to lack of heating arrangements and insufficient bedclothing.

On Friday, 12th inst. and again on Sunday, 14th inst. the Republican prisoners in Mountjoy refused to return to their cells at 5 p.m., and on each occasion a pitched battle ensued between prisoners and jailers.

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"WHERE IS THE FLAG OF ENGLAND?"

The winds of the world made answer: North, South and East and West,
Wherever there's wealth to covet or land to be possessed;
Wherever are simple peoples to cozen, coerce or scare,
You shall find the vaunted ensign - for the English flag flies there.

Aye, it waves o'er the blazing hovels, whence the African victims fly,
To be shot by explosive bullets, or wretchedly starve and die,
And where the beachcomber harries the isles of the Southern sea,
At the peak of his hellish vessel the English flag flies free.

It has floated o'er scenes of pillage, it has haunted o'er deeds of shame,
It has waved o'er the fell marauder as he ravaged with sword and flame;
It has looked upon ruthless slaughter, upon massacre dour and grim,
It has heard the shriek of its victims drown even the jingo hymn.

Where is the flag of England? Séek the land where the natives rot,
Where decay and assured extinction must soon be the people's lot;
Go search for the once glad islands, where disease and distress are rife,
And the greed of a callous commerce now battens on human life.

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POLICE ACTIVITY IN WATERFORD.

During last week-end many Republican homes in Waterford City and District were raided by "Free State" peelers. In each house a thorough search was made for documents etc. Nothing "seditious" was found and no arrests were made.

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HAVING READ "W. NEWS", PLEASE PASS IT ON!