

# WAR NEWS

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WE SERVE - ONE BUT IRELAND.

The propaganda of Imperialist Agents in this country to the effect that the Republican movement is in the pay of Foreign Governments, is a thing that needs to be dealt with. That propaganda is coming from all sorts of sources, from the Right and from the Left. In an attempt to break the I.R.A. all kinds of people are being employed to spread the lies that we are Fascists. To the workers in the towns and cities they whisper that we are Fascists and to the rural workers that we are Communists. People indulging in this type of propaganda come from various walks of life. They are from the ex-British Army Captain to the pseudo Labour leaders.

All these propagandists, no matter what angle they work for and spread their filthy lies are Agents of the British Government and servants of the sub-office in Merrion Street. We would think it beneath us to refer to this type of propaganda but for the fact that certain of the people spreading it are coming to the Irish people in the guise of Republicans and Revolutionaries.

Let us, therefore, state our position in clear and distinct language. We are Irish Republicans and Irish Separatists. We are not prepared to allow Ireland to be dominated by any Empire, whether that Empire be British, German or Soviet. We believe in the historic Irish Nation and we believe in the right of the Irish people to the ownership of the Nation and all its wealth producing sources. Not only do we believe, but we of the Irish Republican Army have again asserted that right in arms.

Now with regard to our position in International affairs; we do not wish Ireland to be dominated by any Imperial group, but at the same time we know of no Empire who wishes to dominate it at the moment except the British Empire - which maintains an Army of Occupation in the North and an Army of bloodsuckers in the South. The

British Empire to-day holds our Nation in chains. The British Empire is at War and the Republic of Ireland is also at War - with that Empire.

That is our position in clear and distinct terms. We make no apology for it and we are prepared to ally ourselves with any forces working for the destruction of the Robber Empire. We of the Irish Republican Movement are prepared once again to use England's difficulty as an opportunity to make the Republic function. British propagandists may call us all the names they like - it does not matter to us. We have a job to do and we will do it.

Like Connolly who raised the slogan "Neither King nor Kaiser" we too make it clear to the world -

WE SERVE NO ONE  
BUT IRELAND.

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THE REAL REASON

When sentencing two members of the "Free State" Army to 14 days imprisonment for the larceny of a bottle of whiskey, Mr. Beatty, D.J., Mullingar, stated: - "It is a disgraceful thing that men charged with the protection of the state and public, should abuse their position by stealing and acting in the manner in which these defendants had. If they were properly disciplined that would not occur."

In our opinion, Mr. Beatty, the system and conditions prevailing in the "Free State" Army, rather than the men should have been the subject of your attack.

The "Free State" soldiers are at present forced to exist in overcrowded barracks, where food, heating etc., is not even sufficient to ensure the minimum of comfort. They serve long hours daily and receive in return a paltry pittance.

The morals of any men, however honest he may be are certain to deteriorate under such conditions.

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THE PRISONERS DEPENDANTS NEED YOUR HELP!

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Mrs. Austin Stack,  
167, Strand Road, Merrion, Dublin.



WITH OUR EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Successful Operations carried out by I.R.A. Units in England last week include:-

BIRMINGHAM On Monday 15th, the factory of B.K.L. Alloys, Ltd., King's Norton was completely shattered by an Explosion. Several men were injured. The Explosion, which was heard for miles around was followed by an outbreak of fire.

PLYMOUTH A large Tyre Depot at Manor Street was gutted by fire on the 15th inst. following incendiary action.

LANCASHIRE Police state that our Units were responsible for at least 5 fires on the Lancashire Moors. All fires were started at night within a radius of 10 miles. The police, describing the fires stated that they were a "perfect guide for enemy aircraft".

LIVERPOOL Many people escaped serious injury when Bombs placed in city manholes Exploded on Wednesday 17th inst.

LONDON One of the biggest Operations yet carried out by the Expeditionary Force took place on Thursday, Jan. 18th, when the Royal Gunpowder Factory, Waltham Abbey, Essex was wrecked by a terrific Explosion.

Scotland Yard on one hand called the Explosion an "accident" and on the other hand admit that they had received notice that this and other operations were about to be carried out. Five men lost their lives in the Explosion because of the inefficiency of Scotland Yard, who failed to have the factory employees removed although they had received timely warning.

As a result of this Explosion havoc was spread far and wide, houses, shops, greenhouses and sheds were damaged and the force of the Explosion itself was felt almost 90 miles away.

ENFIELD A "mysterious" fire was caused on Thursday, Jan 18th, at the Works of Messrs. Sydney Bird & Sons, Clydon. Police investigating the fire, believe it to have been the work of "enemy agents".

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A BOOMER-ANG!

Britain's yellow Press last week squealed loud and long about the British prisoners who are held captive on board a German prison-ship. The London "Daily Herald" on the 19th inst., describes the German Ship as a Nazi Hell-Ship.

We seem to remember some Irish Republican Prisoners who were slowly done to death on Hell-Ships such as the S.S. Argenta.

The Hell-Ship Argenta was - no not German - but British.

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BECOME AN ACTIVE IRISH REPUBLICAN.

ANOTHER INSULT.

From the "Irish Press", better known as Truth in the Moose, we gleaned the following statement on Jan. 18th:-

"The Tri-Colour will be hoisted to-day to the mast of the first motor torpedo boat being delivered to the Irish Government".

The Tri-Colour referred to being the stolen flag of the Irish Republic, the "Irish Government" the Puppet Parliament of Twenty-Six Countyaire and the "torpedo boat" being, of course, the property of the British Government.

The road back into the Empire is without doubt a vile and filthy one. Fianna Fail after rising to power in 1932, decided to forget their empty promises about the Republic, instead they retained possession of the flag, name and other property of the Government of the Irish Republic, stolen by their predecessors after the Treaty of Surrender.

They have jailed Irish Republicans - are jailing them; they have time and again insulted the memory of Ireland's Patriot dead; and now, horror of horrors, they have decided that the flag of Pearse, Connolly and Brugha shall fly at the mast of a British gun-boat.

Does treachery know no bounds?

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A SONG FOR TO-DAY.

My countrymen, to arms once more,  
Our work begins anew,  
Our Taoiseach, he has pointed out,  
The task that we must do:

Ah! would Wolfe Tone were here today,

To help us guard our meat,  
Through the hostile lines of  
foreigners,

That Englishmen may eat!  
Sure, 'twas for this that Emmet died,  
That Mitchel sailed away,  
And three men dangled from a rope,  
A bleak November day;  
That Patrick Pearse, a morn in May,  
The firing squad did greet,  
And Mellows sleeps in a martyr's grave,

That Englishmen may eat!

Sure 'twas for this our poor  
grand-sires,

Did starve in 'Forty-five,  
Their food that was exported,  
Kept good Englishmen alive!  
They died at home to feed the foe,  
The Saxon grabbed their wheat,  
But we must die to take it where;  
The Englishmen may eat!

(In view of our new Trade Pact to feed the British, the above has a special significance just now)

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# ANTI-PARTITION COUNCIL MEETS IN NEWRY.

Effective answer to British claims that the war is being fought for the triumph of democracy.

"Britain must undo the wrongs of the past by ceasing to finance Partition and by withdrawing her army."

"We remind the British Government that the responsibility for the sufferings of Ireland, and for the resentment which exists between the two countries rests on the denial of the will of the Irish Nation to possess its own territory."

"We remind the British Government and People that any claim to stand for the cause of freedom in Europe is absurd while freedom is denied at its own very doors."

It is the policy of the I.R.A. to support any forward move, however feeble, if that move be taken in good faith. Therefore, we print the above paragraphs of fundamental importance which occur in the statement issued by the Anti-Partition Council.

Having reported what is good, it is likewise our duty to point out the less hopeful features of this statement, wherein this body seeks to apply itself with the present "Government" of Southern Ireland. It is strange to us that a parliament which several years ago refused to admit the Nationalist representatives of the Six County area, should now be hailed as the "national and democratic" authority which alone can effect future advances.

While we feel entitled to use strong words in our references to Mr. de Valera and his followers, who have had the power to advance and have not used it, we cannot find it in our hearts to do more than reason with the men and women of the North who have now borne the brunt of British Aggression without let-up for many years. We would, however, point out to them that there is no possibility of any settlement being made which has hope of permanence if that settlement does not enthrone the Irish Republic over an undivided country.

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## REANNACHT DE LE NA H-ANAL.

Republican Ireland learned with regret of the death of Mrs. Annie O'Farrelly, Drumcondra, Dublin, which took place on Sunday, 21st inst. Daughter of a Fenian, the late Mrs. O'Farrelly gave of her best to the Cause of Irish Freedom.

Her family, who have also, even years of loyal service to Ireland, have lost a noble mother, and the Irish Republican Movement has lost a true friend.

## FAMINE IN IRISH HOLES.

### STRONG PROTESTS BY BELFAST AND DUBLIN WORKERS.

At a Meeting of Belfast workers on Saturday night, Miss Betty Sinclair (Flax and textile Workers' Union) said:—"Food is being exported from the country and yet the people throughout the North are starving. IT IS ABSOLUTE MURDER. We are all Irish and have Irish stomachs".

She said that she was surprised that the men had accepted rations fit only for a child. IN HIS DAY JOHN MITCHEL WAS ALSO SURPRISED. His advice to the people was that they should seize the food and not allow it to be sent away. In 1917 during the last European War Sinn Foin gave the people the same advice.

### DUBLIN UNEMPLOYED CARRY THE FAMINE FLAG.

That the only unity known in this country is the unity based on common suffering was further proved last week when further Protests were made by Dublin unemployed. A black famine flag was carried through the streets. We have not heard that anyone gave the men concerned food or employment. In fact the only result that has come to our knowledge is that they were sent to prison.

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"Northern Ireland, which is included in the food rationing scheme, has made arrangements to send surplus quantities of food, particularly of meat and bacon, to Great Britain." (Dublin Evening Newspaper)

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### DEATH SENTENCE: APPEAL.

On Monday last the appeal against sentence of death passed on James Richards and Peter Barnes was opened in London.

All avenues leading to the Courts were closely guarded by police and special Scotland Yard men watched for "suspects" inside the Court building.

Mr. Albert Wood, K.C. led the appeal case, while Cork born Renegade O'Sullivan represented the Crown.

It is the duty of every Irish man and woman to support these two Irishmen in their appeal against the most blatant mis-carriage of justice since the Manchester Martyrs were hanged on Nov. 23rd, 1867.

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### HOTEL EXPLOSION.

A Bomb Explosion took place on Monday last in an Hotel at Heysham, Lancashire. The building was extensively damaged and many plate glass windows in the district were shattered.

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### JOIN THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY.



"Free State" Forces invade their own Country. Houses are searched. Republicans are arrested. De Valera's frantic efforts to suppress the march of the Nation to its Freedom.

We are sorry for the rank and file members of the "Free State" Army. We realise that there are very many men among that Army who little thought when they joined it that they would presently be sent as a hostile force through their own Country.

Boys who hoped to be soldiers that would take a part in the defence of Ireland, find themselves under the command of Officers and a "Government" who have turned their coats. We understand the resentment of soldiers who are used by an unscrupulous political party, who force them to guard Republican prisoners, to raid Republican homes, to search, molest and arrest those whose only crime is that they love and serve Ireland without pay or profit.

The I.R.A. knows well that there is many a true heart inside the "Free State" uniform and that these men will yet do their part for the Republic.

Let every Republican who finds himself in the "Free State" Army avail of every possible training facility. Let him prepare himself for every necessary sacrifice when the time comes for him to do his share, as a Republican, in putting the English out of Ireland.

Let him, above all, maintain his Republican contacts and get or keep in touch with the I.R.A. Intelligence Officer in his neighbourhood.

WE DO NOT PAY FOR INFORMATION  
BUT WE GET IT ALL THE SAME.

### RAIDS !!

Raids were carried out by police and military throughout the Twenty-Six Counties last week.

On Friday, 19th inst. military combed out the counties of Monaghan and Cavan. Particular attention was paid to areas along the border. In the same areas, on the other side of the border, armed R.U.C. men carried out a systematic search earlier in the week.

Cork city and county last week presented the appearance of an armed camp. In many districts throughout the city house to house searches were made by C.I.D. following which some arrests were made. In Araglen every house was searched - police and military held up and searched all passers-by.

The Military Tribunal set up by Cosgrave in 1931 and re-christened "Special Criminal Court" by de Valera, has spent a busy week sentencing Irish Republicans.

On Thursday, Jan. 18th, Joseph Dillon, Limerick, who was arrested on Dec. 18th at Sligo, was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment. He was charged with failing to give his name and address and an account of his movements to a "Free State" prisoner.

A Deportee from England, Patrick Collins was sentenced on the same day to 3 months imprisonment. Collins was arrested in Abbeyfeale, because he announced a dance in aid of the Dependants of the men in jail for the Freedom of Ireland.

Simon Leonard, Balbriggan, was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment for unlawful possession of fire-arms and ammunition.

Patrick Treacy, Mullingar was charged with membership of an unlawful Organisation. He was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment.

### COVENTRY EXPLOSION: IRISHMEN TO HANG.

On Tuesday last, the fate of the two Irishmen James Richards and Peter Barnes, was sealed when it was decided in the London Courts that British blood must be sated. Not a shred of evidence was given to prove that either James Richards or Peter Barnes was responsible for the Coventry Explosion, yet both are about to be murdered for the crime of being Irishmen.

Should the lives of these two men be taken, every individual Englishman and woman must accept his or her share of responsibility for a heinous crime comparable only with the crime perpetrated in Manchester over 72 years ago. We have already warned England, and we again repeat that warning - should the lives of innocent Irishmen be taken, the Army of the Irish Republic will avenge their deaths.

Ireland is proud of her two sons, James Richards and Peter Barnes, whose courageous bearing throughout the mockery called "trial" was in the best traditions of our Race. The day they die the whole Irish Nation will rally to the Cause for which they sacrificed their lives. Irishmen and Irishwomen throughout the world, inspired by their deaths, will unite in a final, successful blow at the Oppressor of our Nation, which will end British tyranny in Ireland, and replace it with a Free and Gaelic Irish Republic.