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WAR NEWS No. 4.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1922.

SEVENTH YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC.

PRICE ONE PENNY.

PEOPLE OF IRELAND

This is a fight of the Republic, your own Republic, the living Republic that you established by law and upheld in arms. England and her Free State Allies are attacking it; it is for you to defend it.

In every town and centre in Ireland the banner of the Republic has been raised. The Republic cannot be destroyed while loyal Irish hearts and strong Irish arms defend it.

Support our gallant Republican Troops against Macready and his Allies.

THE FIGHT GOES ON!

The Four Courts, gutted by Macready's order guns and mines. There was nothing left in a hell of fire. But the fight goes on strenuously as ever. The Dublin Brigade is intact, and the provinces are up. The fight goes on!

Official Statement will follow

WAR NEWS from the FOUR COURTS

AT NOON, FRIDAY, 30th JUNE.

Four Courts NOT taken. Holding out. Morning Press news supplied by Free State False.

CASUALTIES (Noon 30th)

6 Wounded. No Killed.

JOHN BRUNSWICK
THOMAS KEENAN
CAPT. MacDONALD.
JOSEPH PAGE.
MICHAEL MACATEER.
CONNOLLY.

Serious, but likely to recover.

Doing well

Slight

The following incident occurred on the 29th.—

A young Volunteer named Keenan was shot while crossing an open space. A lieutenant of Medical Services went to bring him in, wearing a white coat with three red crosses, and the Red Cross flag was flown from the hospital as a signal. The doctor was fired at from three points both on his way out and back carrying the wounded boy. At one point he had to throw himself on the ground. The boy, though not mortally wounded, suffered severely from shock in consequence.

Incendiary bombs have been dropping near to the hospital. Hospital burnt and hurriedly evacuated.

Firing on Hospital and Red Cross

Firing on hospital has been continuous since 28th. Red Cross flags riddled with bullets. Windows smashed. Hospital had to be removed to a basement, with so little room that there was no space between mattresses.

Capture of Transport

A gallant attack was made on the 29th upon the Free State cordon on the north side of the Four Courts. Captain Garry Houlihan, with a detachment of I.R.A., broke through and captured a quantity of Free State transport, with arms, ammunition, etc. He endeavoured to get them away intact, but found the return road blocked by the enemy. He burnt five cars, but retained 25 rifles, and broke back through the line under heavy fire.

Latest Intelligence.

All Tipperary up. Nenagh Free State Forces gone over to Republicans. Frank Barrett up in East Clare. Commands Ennis, and is in possession of his district.

All Dublin Battalions active every hour. Hardly any casualties.

ARMY EXECUTIVE—OFFICIAL.

10 a.m. June 30th.

Official Communiqué issued on behalf of the Irish Republican Army Executive June 30th:—

The magnificent defence of the Four Courts, held by a small Republican force, has succeeded in concentrating upon itself almost the entire forces of the Free State Army, equipped by the English and directed by General Macready. It has effectively served its purpose, and enabled our plan of campaign to be developed.

Shot and shell have crashed around the gallant defenders of the Four Courts since dawn on Tuesday. The fight for the Republic continues unflinchingly.

In the fighting in Dublin over 30 Free State prisoners have been taken. The provincial Republican forces are co-operating with the Dublin forces. The destruction of the railroad near Liffey Bridge last night prevented guns from being brought up.

British Co-operation

June 30th, 1922

Yesterday a British officer, evidently an expert, was seen loading and unloading the big gun shelling the Courts from Bridgefoot Street.

Three R.I.C. men were observed outside the Castle gates in Dame Street directing members of the Free State troops as to the whereabouts of an I.R.A. sniper on the roof of Craig-Gardner's.

Question's for T.D.'s

The following questions have been sent to each T.D.:—

1. As a member of Dail Eireann, the Parliament of the Irish Nation, do you approve of the action of your Ministers in making war on your fellow-countrymen at the dictation of a British Minister because they stand for the maintenance of the Republic, and refuse to become subjects of the British Crown?

2. Do you support the action of the troops who pretend to act in your name in accepting the co-operation of the English Army of Occupation in waging war on the Irish Republican Army?

3. Are you aware that General Macready is directing the campaign for your Ministers against the Irish Republican Army, your former comrades?

4. Where do you stand?

Free State "Truth"

The following extract from the Free State official report of the operations against the Four Courts on Thursday evening may be regarded as a characteristic example of Free State "truth":—

"In their desire to save the lives of those in the building, special precautions had been taken in attacking, and the fact that the casualties of the irregulars are not heavy is a credit to the skill with which the attacking party have conducted the operations."

No more obvious and ridiculous falsehood was ever issued even from Dublin Castle under the Hamar Greenwood regime.

The Dublin public well know how to treat the assertion that the ruthless, concentrated, and continued attack by heavy artillery, machine guns, aeroplane, and snipers on both the combatant and nursing forces within the Four Courts—a fire as murderously directed as that of the British in 1916—was for the purpose of preserving the lives of those attacked!

Could falsehood be carried further?

Citizens—read the report for yourselves, and, judging by this sample, form your own opinion as to the truth of the rest of it!