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Seventh Year of the Republic

PRICE TWOPENCE

THE MANDATE?

The "Provisional Government" is claiming to have your mandate for the war which it is making against the Republic.

When was your mandate given?

Without consulting Dail Eireann, whose meeting was deliberately postponed at the crack of Churchill's whip, without consulting you or your representatives, the "Provisional Government," by the orders of the British Government, opened fire on the soldiers of the Republic.

Have they your mandate for this?

Is it by your will that in servile fear of threats of war from the old and only enemy, England, Irishmen should make war on their brothers who are true to their oath to Ireland?

This is not, and cannot be, your will. The men who say it seek to dishonour and degrade you, as they have dishonoured and degraded themselves. You know in your hearts that the Republican resistance to this venal war, waged at England's behest and in England's interest, is the last link in the spiritual chain that links and binds you to those past generations which have never bowed the knee, but have each in its turn risen in arms to assert the independence of Ireland. Traitors seek to break that chain, destroy that mighty tradition, and imprint upon you the shameful stigma of having been the first generation of Irish men and women to accept defeat and swear allegiance to a foreign King.

And the men who do this use the very guns and rifles of the foreign King, act in his name as his Ministers, and seek as a crowning insult and infamy to act in your name too.

Show your scorn for your traducers and stand by those who are faithful to your tradition and fight to save your honour.

That is your mandate.

WAR NEWS—Official

Communicated by G.H.Q., I.R.A.

LATEST MILITARY REPORTS

POSTS CAPTURED.

July 2nd, 7 p.m.—We have just captured the Free State post in Bridgeman's, O'Connell Street, with its garrison of 12 men, without a casualty. The garrison surrendered with three machine guns and twenty rifles and revolvers.

At 9.50 p.m., July 2nd, the Free State garrison in the National Bank surrendered to Captain Garry Houlahan.

THE MILITARY POSITION.

The enemy are concentrating in North Strand area, but every movement is interrupted by snipers.

The Republican plan of campaign is developing exactly as intended. The defence of the Four Courts enabled all the manoeuvres to be carried out whilst the whole of the Free State Army was concentrated upon the attack.

O/C 1st NORTHERN DIVISION REPORTS—

"Raphoe now completely in our hands.

The loss of Finnet Camp does not hamper my operations. Town well supplied."

O/C SLIGO REPORTS—

(1) Barracks were blown up on evacuation by the Officer Commanding on Friday night as previously arranged by me.

(2) When attacking the Republican barracks in Bundoran the Free State troops carried into action with them a Republican hostage as cover for their attack."

O/C DROGHEDA REPORTS—

"The Free State forces are entirely isolated. Reinforcements have reached the Republican forces. The Great Northern railway is cut. The Republican forces have captured 12 prisoners, a number of rifles, and a store of ammunition."

CAPTURE OF A SPY.

Thomas R. Bailey, ex-R.I.C. man, was arrested at 10 p.m. on July 1st while spying on Republican positions. He had another man with him as cover, whom he was paying with drink. Besides his service in the R.I.C., Bailey served 2½ years in the English Army, and was a motor driver for the English garrison.

CASUALTIES.

Tom Markey, H Co. 1st Batt. Dublin Brigade, shot through thigh in Mary Street on Thursday, 29th, died in Jervis Street Hospital at 10 p.m. on Saturday.

Joseph Confindine, Ennis, Co. Clare, shot at the Custom House on Wednesday morning, 28th, died in Jervis Street Hospital.

James MacMullen, K Co. 1st Batt. Dublin Brigade, wounded in Bolton St., doing well.

Lieut. O'Neill, H Co. 1st Batt. "Barry's Own," suffering from shell shock, doing well.

FATHER ALBERT.

Father Albert, O.S.F.C., Church Street, with the medical and nursing staffs who did such heroic work under the most thrilling circumstances, arrived on Saturday afternoon, July 1st, at the General Headquarters of the I.R.A., prepared to carry on their gallant and humane work for the Army of the Republic.

A beautiful statue of Our Lady of Lourdes has been erected in G.H.Q. before which the Rosary was recited in Irish at 11.30 to-day (Sunday) by Father Albert.

DE VALERA'S STATEMENT

The so-called "Provisional Government" is not the Government. The legitimate Government of Ireland is Dail Eireann, which is the Government of the Republic. The Republic has not been disestablished.

Since January last the President and Ministry of Dail Eireann, relying on alien powers, have in their Executive acts ignored the regular legal and constitutional procedure, and acted in an arbitrary manner—assuming dictatorial powers for which they should be held amenable in the Supreme Courts of the Republic. These irregularities have led directly to the present situation.

The men who are fighting to uphold the Republic are soldiers who took an oath of allegiance to the Republic, and are acting literally in accordance with its explicit terms and the intention with which they took it.

(Signed)

July 2nd, 1922

EAMON DE VALERA

MOUNTJOY PRISON

PRISONERS' STRIKE AGAINST TREATMENT AS CRIMINALS.

As reported yesterday, the I.R.A. officers and men captured at the Four Courts, instead of being treated as prisoners of war, are being treated as common criminals by orders of Eamon O'Duffy, against their violent protests.

THE PRISONERS HAVE STRUCK, AND IN A DISTURBANCE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON ONE WAS SHOT IN THE LEG BY A FREE STATE SOLDIER.

The Warders have gone on strike, and have been replaced by the Civic Guard.

Relatives of prisoners are turned back from the Jail. No visits are allowed and no parcels are delivered.

Inquiries from Warders show that responsibility for the prisons is still partly with the Castle, where Mr. Cope, Assistant Under Secretary, co-operates with the Provisional Government. What an admirable partnership!

The Castle has all its old experience in insulting prisoners. The Free Staters have their old prison experience in the British regime, and can shape their tactics accordingly. Extremes meet in this infamous scandal.

The following has been received from Tom Barry, dated July 1st—

"D Wing, Mountjoy, Saturday.

About 80 of us are here, including McKelvey, Rory and Mellows. We are having a tough time enough. O'Duffy's instructions are that we be treated as common criminals and have no preferential or political treatment. The boys had to be shifted in, and some fainted at the treatment they received. They were dragged along the corridors and flung into cells. We have also wounded boys here. It is hell to see our fellows treated like that for the sake of satisfying Collins' and O'Duffy's spite. They have refused to even let us move out to the lavatory, and we are to receive criminal diet, etc.

4.55 p.m.—No exercise yet. One of our men, Hussey, has just been shot by Free Staters. They fired a volley through prisoners' corridors. We are getting desperate. T.B."

[Volunteer Hussey has been wounded in the thigh.]

WAR INCIDENTS

Michael Collins declares that he has the will of the people behind him. Nevertheless he has to use an armoured car whenever he leaves his offices, like Lord French.

English soldiers in caged lorries flying the Union Jack are careering unchallenged through the Dublin streets. English soldiers in war equipment are on duty at street corners.

Twenty armoured cars arrived to-day at Islandbridge Barracks from the North, lent by the British, and transferred from the duty of shooting Catholics to shooting Republicans, at the request of Messrs. Griffith, Collins and Mulcahy.

The names and numbers of the cars are erased with green paint. We wonder if the bullets are also painted green.

THE RALLY TO THE FLAG

DUBLIN RECRUITS POUR IN—POPULAR SYMPATHY & SUPPORT.

Since the war broke out young men have been presenting themselves for active service at the various Battalion Headquarters in the city. Hundreds of Volunteers who had resigned from the Army in disgust after the signing of the Treaty have returned to their units, and are now fighting with the Republican troops. Many others, officers and men, who had not re-joined since their release from prison after participating in the Rising, have reported for duty, in some cases with the arms they used at Easter Week.

At one of the Republican posts on Thursday two old men who said they were over 60 offered their services.

Republican Deputies in Dail Eireann are on active service. In one Battalion Headquarters five T.D.'s are on duty.

The people in the streets in which Republican forces are stationed are bringing gifts of food and cigarettes to the troops.

Many hostile demonstrations against Free State troops have been made by the civil population, which seems to be overwhelmingly on the side of the Republic.

Many residents in the suburbs have offered their houses for hospitals for Republican wounded.

The Fianna Eireann and the Cumann na mBan are assisting the Republican troops.