

THE FIGHT GOES LATEST INTELLIGENCE—Official

The Republican forces operating in Dublin have been reinforced with both men and material.

For military reasons no further information can be given on this subject at the present time.

I.R.A. Prisoners Treated as Criminals DESPATCH FROM COMDT.-GEN. LIAM MELLOWES.

Mountjoy Criminal Prison,
11 p.m., 30/6/22.

At 9 p.m. to-night 50 prisoners of the Irish Republican Army were brought under heavy escort to Mountjoy Criminal Prison. On arrival there they demanded, through the Chief of Staff, Comdt.-Gen. Joseph McKelvey, that they be treated as prisoners of war. To this demand the officer in charge of the prison garrison troops of the so-called Provisional Government replied that the orders issued him by his superior, Gen. O'Duffy, were that no concessions were to be granted—that is, that they would be treated as criminals. Comdt.-Gen. McKelvey, speaking on behalf of the Republican prisoners, then stated that they would refuse to enter the cells, and that they would have to be carried there by force.

After further parley, the O/C. in charge of the prison garrison, decided not to use force to put into effect his orders. The latest development of the situation is that at the moment of writing, 11 p.m., the orders issued to the O/C. of the prison are:—“That the Republican prisoners are to enter the cells without any conditions being agreed to beforehand. Failing acquiescence to these terms the prisoners are to lie on the grass all night with machine guns trained on them. If the prisoners move about or attempt to escape they are to be shot. The prisoners have accepted the alternative, and many of them are asleep on the grass. The soldiers of the Army of the Irish Republic now incarcerated in Mountjoy Prison recognise only the authority of the Government of the Republic they fought to establish, and during the last few days they sacrificed all and suffered to maintain. Here in this spot, sacred to the memory of Kevin Barry and other martyrs of the Republic, they deny the authority of any usurping Government that recognises the right of the British King in Ireland. With this principle clearly defined they are prepared to carry on the fight for the Republic inside the jail.

(Signed) LIAM MELLOWES
Comdt.-Gen., I.R.A., Camp. Adjutant.
LATER.

At midnight, June 30th-July 1st, the prisoners were forcibly removed by the Civic Guard in uniform, 4 men to each prisoner, and dragged into cells.

“CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTY”

FALSE PROPAGANDA OF THE FREE STATE.

In a Proclamation issued on the 30th the Provisional Government said:

“We ask no man or woman to yield up any ideal or principle. Liberty will be secured to all under constitutional guarantees, but it will be constitutional liberty.

This is barefaced deception, meant to deceive the Irish people and the world.

We Republicans are told that we need not to give up our Republican ideal, but we are to achieve it constitutionally, under a system of constitutional guarantees.

The first answer to that is that the Republic is not an ideal. It is a living fact, whose existence up to the moment even Free Staters have admitted by acknowledging the authority of Dail Eireann, the Parliament of the Republic. They are destroying the Republic. We are upholding it.

The second answer is to point to the Free State Constitution, dictated at the point of the bayonet by Lloyd George and Churchill. Every loophole for the achievement of national independence is closed by this shameful document.

Republicans are made outlaws under this so-called “Constitution.”

Republicans cannot swear an oath of allegiance to the King of England.

They cannot elect members to a Parliament of which the English King is a part, and whose members will swear that servile oath.

They cannot recognise the authority of such a Parliament or the validity of its laws, which have to receive the assent of the English King.

Prisoner Shot in

At 5.10 p.m. at Mountjoy Prison to-day three afterwards some of the Republican prisoners shot their comrades was shot at and wounded by a wa information was given to the people.

Several persons witnessed above, and he outside. Prisoners withdrawn from windows.

Prisoner was shot by a Free State soldier.

THE WEST'S

Galway Free State troops have sent a despatch appealing for reinforcements, as they are being str cannot hold out much longer. The West's Awa

ESCAPED PR

Of the prisoners who escaped from James O'Maille, and Comdt.-Gen. Joseph Griffen, both Army Executive.

FOUR COURTS

BY AN ESCAPED PR

The Free State Press contains reports of the Red Cross officials. This is untrue.

On the other hand, a continuous fire was kept up in the Four Courts.

Comdt. Daly, on this being pointed out to him and the firing at the hospital continued. It was for all the hospital staff under fire.

The firing upon a Red Cross medical officer and a publican soldier has already been reported.

Men fighting for the Republic were attacked those who fought with them for the Republic in defenders of the Four Courts were fighting for took the place of the British.

The position of the men in the Four Courts hopeless one. They had retired to the last a building having been blown in.

Shells then played on these quarters, while covered by armoured cars and machine gun em

Free State officers expressed the belief that escape.

The men marched out with their heads stated in the daily Press.

During the fighting Comdt.-General O'Connell given the best possible treatment. As each prisoner dangerous he was transferred to the next safest the siege General O'Connell expressed his amaz had not already surrendered and that the place

After the last position became untenable a were removed to the premises of Messrs. James Ernie O'Malley, Comdt. Joseph Griffen, and others succeeded in effecting their escape.

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... paid a heavy price for the Four Courts, so heavy,
indeed, that they could not possibly go on
paying for it. It was unendurable. And yet
Rory O'Connor has had the effrontery to state
in his "communique" from the Four Courts
that in him and his comrades only lives the
"unbought indomitable soul of Ireland".

Calling itself the "Republic," this evil that the
Irish people have had to endure for so long
has been firmly attacked at its fountain-head
in the Four Courts, and nothing more is needed
to end it but the firm co-operation of all
citizens. Citizens defend your freedom.



Prisoners in Mountjoy.

Military Captives in the Fighting Zone.

The following was issued from the Army
Headquarters on Monday evening:—

The captured Irregulars in Mountjoy are
acting in accordance with the irrational attitude
which they have all along adopted towards the
Government. Their point of view seems to be
that it is right for them to wreck, burn, shoot,
commandeer and use force in every form, but
that the use of force against them is wicked
and tyrannical. The prisoners in Mountjoy shot
National Troops. They wantonly exploded a
mine which brought about the complete destruc-
tion of a beautiful and valuable building at a
time when their position was clearly untenable.
and when they could have hoped for no result
but unnecessary destruction of life.

Then they asked leave to surrender uncon-
ditionally, and their own lives were, of course,
spared. They became at once military captives
within the fighting zone, entitled to nothing but
their lives, and to such accommodation as their
captors could provide without interference with
military operations. True, however, to their
irresponsible outlook, they demanded that they
should have every comfort, and that the prison
should be arranged to suit their convenience.

When this was refused, these people, who a
few hours previously had hung out the white
flag before they had lost a man, became ex-
ceedingly aggressive and unruly.

Having surrendered unconditionally they tried,
when safely away from the Four Courts, and
within the walls of the prison, to make conditions
by refusing to obey orders and damaging the
building.

A Military Governor has been appointed in
charge of Mountjoy. The prisoners will be treated
with all humanity, but they will have to realise
their position.

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The following is the leaflet
note:—

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appealing English opinion. These tyrants put the arrogant will of a few men against the repeated decision of the majority. Deluded by misunderstood phrases, and driven by an ever-rising conviction of their own ~~unlawful~~ ~~virtue~~, they ~~went on from~~ lawlessness to lawlessness, flouted all authority, and outraged every canon of civic order. Finally, their oft-repeated challenge was vigorously taken up, and they lacked spirit to stand by their words. They spoke loudly of dying, but they lived. Not their relatives, but those of their dupes, of many inoffensive citizens, and of the devoted soldiers who struck at their arrogance, have had to mourn.

One may speak without restraint or feeling of reverence of these men, because, in spite of their posturings, they have sacrificed nothing except the lives of others, and charity for such as they would be an acquiescence in their guilt. They may be neglected, left to the mercy of a nation in the name of whose most sacred memories they have hindered its prosperity and delayed its

WAR NOTES

The mutineers in the Dublin Four Courts surrendered before they lost a single man. Before surrendering they wantonly exploded a mine, which caused numerous casualties to the National troops. Nevertheless they were treated as military captives, and escorted to Mountjoy Prison.

Once safely inside, they attempted to defy the authority to which they had surrendered, and when measures were taken to repress the rowdism they indulged in, they set up a cry about the "threat to fire on unarmed prisoners." They are "unarmed prisoners" solely because they chose to be so. They voluntarily laid down their arms and gave themselves into custody. This was a quite proper thing for them to do although after the heroics their leaders indulged in it was somewhat ludicrous. But having secured safety by so doing their attempt to play the safety on the strength of being unarmed is utterly contemptible. They "Wrap the White Flag Round Them," and stick out their tongues.

The heroes who were about to die for the Republic have shown great reluctance to do

again. They must see that no citizen is allowed to possess unauthorised the means of exercising force upon his neighbours. They must stand by the Government in putting an end to the many crimes and disorders that have stained their reputation during the past six months. The rule of a few scheming old men and bullying young ones must be once for all abolished, and for it must be substituted liberty of opinion for all, exerciseable in a peaceful way, through election and representation. The Four Courts has shown how hollow was the pretence at sincerity and honesty that lay behind the violence of the mutineers. The fugitive propaganda of their associates with its unending stream of falsehoods has proved it. The people must turn from such sterile and base emotionalism to a course of reason and duty. They have now the choice of beginning in a humble, Christian way the rebuilding of their country, or of following the blind lead of ignorance, passion and deceit. The latter course will surely lead to a disastrous and immoral war with England, from which, not fear, but conscience and common sense must make us shrink. On the other hand lies peace, forgiveness and patient labour to restore Ireland to her fullest heritage.

anything of the kind. Having caused the destruction of valuable records and property belonging to the Irish people, they quietly surrendered into the safe custody of the Regular I.R.A.

It seems to be the settled policy of the mutineers to avoid fighting to the end, but to cause the utmost destruction of life among the Regular I.R.A. When Hughes' Hotel, Gardiner Street, was surrendered, a land mine, primed with a time fuse, exploded. Fortunately none of the National Troops were in the hotel.

Men who surrender in safety having previously laid a death-trap for their opponents are surely little short of murderers. The tactics being pursued by the mutineers simply leads to loss of property to no purpose. It must not be forgotten that the Irish people, and the Irish people alone, will have to pay the bill for the destruction caused by the mad actions of Mr. De Valera's dupes.

On Thursday last J. J. Walsh's shop in Blessington Street was cleared out by armed mutineers. These successors to the Black and Tans

- ✠ Primate of Ireland.
- ✠ JOHN, Archbishop of Cashel.
- ✠ THOMAS, Archbishop of Tuam.
- ✠ PATRICK, Archbishop of Attalia.
- ✠ ABRAMAM, Bishop of Ossory.
- ✠ ROBERT, Bishop of Cloyne.
- ✠ JOSEPH, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise.
- ✠ PATRICK, Bishop of Kildare.
- ✠ DENIS, Bishop of Ross.
- ✠ THOMAS, Bishop of Galway.
- ✠ MICHAEL, Bishop of Waterford.
- ✠ LAWRENCE, Bishop of Meath.
- ✠ CHARLES, Bishop of Derry.
- ✠ PATRICK, Bishop of Clogher.
- ✠ PATRICK, Bishop of Kilmore.
- ✠ PATRICK, Bishop of Achonry.
- ✠ JAMES, Bishop of Killala.
- ✠ BERNARD, Bishop of Elphin.
- ✠ DANIEL, Bishop of Cork.
- ✠ JOSEPH, Bishop of Down and Connor.
- ✠ BERNARD, Bishop of Waterford.
- ✠ EDWARD, Bishop of Dromore.
- ✠ CHARLES, Bishop of Kerry.
- ✠ WILLIAM, Bishop of Ferns.
- ✠ DENIS, Bishop of Limerick.
- ✠ THOMAS, Bishop of Clonfert.

are the sixteenth party of looters to invade these premises.

Mr. Walsh was sentenced to death after the Rising of 1916, and was frequently imprisoned subsequently after his activities. He was serving a sentence of penal servitude when the Truce was declared in July last.

A drapery shop in Dorset Street, belonging to the widow of the late Joe McGuinness, T.D., was looted by armed mutineers on Friday last. Blankets and various drapery goods were removed. The shop was looted frequently by British Black and Tans and Auxiliaries.

Joe McGuinness was one of the Officers in the Four Courts in 1916. It is a strange turn of events when so-called Republicans loot his widow's property.

The Irregulars' propagandists allege that General Maccready is assisting the National Army in directing the operations. This is just another of their lies. The men who beat General Maccready in the war are not likely to turn for guidance to him in an affair of this kind.