16/3 each.

DAIL SESSION.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT CRITICISED.

LABOUR OBJECTIONS TO SECRET

EXECUTIONS.

The Dail assembled on Tuesday when an interesting debate took place:-

CASE OF MR. CHILDERS.

fore they went on with the Orders of the that would have been major in any other Day, he desired to get a ruling on a matter case. of privilege. A question was raised in the But the fundamental thing that was of privilege. A question was raised in the wrong was that this man was executed on House with regard to the shooting of 4 men. He was not in the House at the time, but was virtually his own home. he had read the reports, and be noticed that He (Mr. Duffy) was not present at the there were used some words that appeared debate on the executions of the four men Erskine Childers.

dignity of the House and its debates.

it later on.

President Cosgrave.

to ask the Minister for Defence to give the house. House his explanation of the execution of If they had other things against Erskine treated. Erskine Childers. Erskine Childers was a Childers he was entitled to be faced with "It was a serious responsibility when ASSASSINATION CONDEMNED.

ernment, and had refrained from criticis- certainly felt very much that any repre- Dail who hold up the Treaty, for which ing it except upon vital matters. They had sentative in that House should give ex- two of the greatest Irishmen that ever thing that when a man was about to be ex- carried out this morning at 7 o'clock." passed in silence things which would have pression to such a speech as that of the lived gave up their lives. party in the House recognised, and he felt were charged with a very serious duty on ticular intellectual friend of Deputy Gavan executed for hours after. party in the House recognised, and he let these occasions and very serious respondenced for hours after.

Duffy got the same law and treatment as deeply that the task of Ministers was a difficult was not going to Justify the actions of at dawn, and therefore, it was empty posturing as to what history was only on vital matters—when they went going to say.

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BASS'S wrong on vital matters-that they ought to! What they were concerned about was to be attacked. "Silence is not possible," said save this country from weak-kneed people Mr. Duffy, "when the Irish Government exe-like the Deputy who had just sat down.

by the Deputy of the man being a political of the dagger or the bullets of the irre-want the arms that are not under the conopposent of the Provisional Government. The gulars' guns. Provisional Government is either the head of They knew what they had to meet, and throw us out to-morrow, if they so desire. correct statement of the fact, and the They knew from the commencement of and they are coming in. Denuty knows it.

IN LAW AND FACT.

ferent description.

ment is in fact the political opponent of that others. I take no responsibility for these guilty of robbing at the point of the gun man. Surely that make a difference. things." He had never heard in his life will be executed without discrimination. President Cosgrave—The twist doesn't the name of Erskine Childers brought in IN THE NATION'S INTERESTS. make you much good.

in law but also in fat. He was born of an wrong, but he never heard it. Trish mother brought up in this country, con- Mr. G. Duffy-It is on records.

an excuse? If he were an Englishman the shall not prevent a nation which is in the our that even though it is one of the comease would be even worse. Erskine Childers birth pangs at present from coming to life, plaints they have about the Treaty.

was generally known how his services were NO DEFENCE NECESSARY. of their struggle in America. He was make in this case, because there is no to rule no matter at what cost:" actually named by the Cabinet to be the Am-necessity for defence. We could publish bassador at Washington. He did not think every single scintilla of evidence given at the public had been told the monumental these courts to satisfy the morbid currosity

before the military courts there was no before the deputy was in it, and perhaps freeing her from foreign influence. case in which it was more vitally neces- if God spares us we will be in public life sary that the most scrupulous precautions when he has gone out of it. should be taken against doing injustice, because there was no man in Ireland against when he wishes to challenge
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Infore the Court.

THE TRIAL. Erskine Childers was executed merely be-

and unnecessary secreey. Not only that but Mr. Erskine Childers was a prisoner in the hends of the Government, and it was international law that you do not take the life of a prisoner in your hands unless you prove him guilty before a war tribunal of a war crime.
THE FUNDAMENTAL WRONG.

The Master of the Rolls decided that he could not go into the merits of the habeas corpus application specifically on the grounds that there was war. It was a humiliating thing for the Government is be brought to that when their case al along was that this was not war. If it was war they must treat their prisoners as prisoners of war. Was not that ordinary After questions, Mr. Darrel Figgis said be- logic? These were minor circumstances

to him to reflect upon a case that was to be but he read with amazement the official retried the following day, the case of Mr. ports of that debate. These men were tried simply and solely with unlawful pos-He would like to think that anything that session of revolvers. The Minister for Dereflected upon a case to be heard in a court fence realised that something more than of justice and still subjudice would be called before that House, and he said that the to order and not be permitted to be pro-men who were executed were found in ceeded with. It was a matter touching the dignity of the House and its debates. those revolvers, and waiting to take the The Speaker said he had not had notice of lives of other men, and that was the simple this important question of privilege which case they (the Government) had to put he was asked to rule. He would prefer to before the country for taking action in look into the matter and make reference to accordance with the recommendation that was made in that House.

Mr. Gavan Duffy said that in ease the session of revolvers; they were executed country came to its senses with regard to or that they would be exercised in many because of the intent to kill other men. Taking Responsibility.

pisiol in a dwellinghouse without the au-bad almost submerged the country by property is being restored. Already people therity of the Provisional Government, which they (the Government) were going which is his political opponent."

IN LAW AND FACT.

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The LAW AND FACT.

Deputy Gavan Duffy had raised a point of Not one deputy there in that House feared ing effect has taken place throughout the President Cosgrave-I feel, sir, that I must the result of stern action they had to country. What do we want? We want the utmost importance: Were these men pus, shared the belief that the Government's had made. intervene to object to the description given take. Not a man there feared the danger simply order restored in this country. We executed for the possession of revolvers, or lecision would be delayed pending further large the Darwitz of the man being a relition by Children's lead of the danger simply order restored in this country.

to a man who is fighting the Government — their Press recked with incentive to their them if we did not show this strong hand.

President Cosgrave—That is a very dif- infortunate dopes to commit assassinations. The Deputy had mentioned the cases of some ferent description. Mr. Duffy—It is not. That is what I said. National troops had not been duped by them and had stood proof against them. These people which have gone before the Recorder. These people were not brought before him them and had stood proof against them. These people were not brought before him unless by mistake, and people who rob unless b fighting the Government, and the Govern-them in terms "I am not guilty like the the military courts and tried, and if found

at any meeting he was present at at a "The law will be administered in the best Mr. Duffy—Erskine Childers was a great meeting or at a Dail Eireann interests of the country, and for the preserlrishman. He was an Irishman, not merely Eireann at Washington. He might be foreign to the Treaty be said: "We realised

secrating his life in later years to the in- President Cosgrave-I have never heard try and its importance. It is not complete, in law under the very Constitution this Dail nations, but there is a higher law than are lurking at present and sending out mesdomicifed in this country.

Let them have no more of this—of Erskine than the law of nations and that is that Childers being an Englishman. Was that these regulations that are endeavour. This country who do not agree with them. They made or gave expression to certain this stage the debate was adjusted them. They made or gave expression to certain the stage the debate was adjusted to the country who do not agree with them. They made or gave expression to certain the stage the debate was adjusted to the country who do not agree with them. They made or gave expression to certain the stage that the stage the debate was adjusted to the country who do not agree with them. Childers being an Englishman. Was that these regulations that are made by nations low-countrymen, and we are going to hon-

these past months. Many of their citizens here when four poor citizens of this city way for the execution of Mr. Childers.

and many of their soldiers sincerely be were executed. He had to wait for an lieved, as a result of that propaganda intellectual to come along to make a case ers that one would like to ask how much him to death made no difference, and it was class their work was never in vain, and him to death made no difference, and it was class their work was never in vain, and him to death made no difference, and it was class their work was never in vain, and him to death made no difference, and it was class their work was never in vain, and him to death made no difference, and it was class their work was never in vain, and that Erskine Childers was a monster of of this sort. This is a democratic country was said against him at the time of the Erskine Childers—that strange, inexplicionly when a direct order from a higher autevent definite set-backs, their

obligations, because so great had been the that over he returned immediately to Beg- loss, then he said plainly what he had only gar's Bush. Remarkably Cheap Blankets.

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be and that no man here would be safe though not a lawyer, he did not believe that

Every part of the House had shown con his shadow of making a speech such as napped. At present a gang is at work to should be done in secrecy. siderable forbearance with the present Gov-they had listened to. He (the President) arrest members of the Cabinet and the

what he is doing when he took up a gun.

THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE.

this struggle that a scheme of assassination "The bed of the River Liffey is at present Mr. Cavan Duffy-I spoke of possession was in the minds of the people who were accommodating quite a number of them (apof a pistol without authority. Apply that opposed to them, and that day after day plause), and it would not accommodate

> ferring to the Treaty he said: "We realised the benefit that would accrue to the coun-

was a distinguished soldier and a distin- "This speech we have just heard is, in "Within the last couple of days docu guished citizen; a man who knew no fear; a my view, simply an effort to tear away ments have been captured in which this new man of perfect sincerity, brilliant intellect, and to expose to the public everything that organisation calling itself the Cabinet of the

TWO LABOUR VIEWS.

They executed him for having a pistol in was killed by the Black and Tans, three not the action that had been taken should not pay, the British Government would a private dwelling house without the were killed in the National Army, and one have been taken. He hoped there would be authority of the Provision! Government. Ad I ask you, she no further executions, and that if there was leaders of the destructive bands in Ireland. They executed him for having a pistol in was killed by the Black and Tans, three not the action that had been taken should resort, if the Provisional Government did

Mr. Cathal O'Shannon said the services of ment will pay for it ultimately." "Are we to allow a few intellectuals and Mr. Erskine Childers went back to 1911 and BRITAIN AS A GUARANTOR. cause he had that revolver without the people with money at their backs to get 1912. But such things apart, the execution Now that he was in a position of greater finement was Beggar's Bush Barracks. There, be nearer to the realisation of their

Mr. Gavan Duffy said that in case the They were charged with the mere pos-

to convict him of intent was enormous. The lives of our soldiers, and what is really tions was the necessity of the preservation in the world and against might take, the lives of our soldiers, and what is really tions was the necessity of the preservation in the world and against might take, the lives of our soldiers, and before the sound of the shots CORCORAN & CO resident Cosgrave,

Mr. Gavan Duffy, who was heard at times of Mr. Erskine Childers was lack of courage of men like Deputy Gavan should keep back from the general body of caused intense excitement in Dublin and in-Mr. Gavan Duffy, who was heard at times with considerable difficulty, said he wished night in a city, armed, but in a private bully and terrorise, use threats, because of resolution had been tried and, it might be, The following official announced by the Minister for Defence to give the night in a city, armed, but in a private bully and terrorise, use threats, because of resolution had been tried and, it might be, not treating them as they should be executed or be about to be executed?

cented neither his relatives nor the general

ground of reason could justify them. He clergyman. did not justify; he condemned as much as he

were they not? If they were would be ex- action by Childers's legal advisors. want the arms that are not under the conliving the people who elected us, and can plain to them whether there had been other with her three children at Barkely Bark trials in these courts on this particular with her three children at Berkely Park this State or it is not, and as head of the they know well what had been the work of State only it acts in this and in every case, aced the liberties of this country. They and I must ask that in this case the Deputy were dealing with a situation there in must withdraw that statement. It is not a which call the collapsed on must withdraw that statement. It is not a which only men could take part (applause), have to search every house in the country, eximination

THE WHOLE POINT.

not executed under this regulation, or could dependence of Ireland. He was an Irishman it. We have been told about the law of but its incompleteness is not our fault. Men a prima facing case have been made out

IRISH COMPENSATION CLAIMS. The Ultimate Liability:

and payment of damage for malicious injury of how Ersking Childers was executed.

appreciated until the documents were publis not in the public interest to do so, and who held views more conscientiously than downe was filled with gloomy apprehensions, we are just as good judges of the public did Mr. Childers, or who was more imbued but it was not very helpful at such a more imbued by the public of the public did Mr. Childers, or who was more imbued by the public of the pu Of all the cases that could have come interest as he is. We were in public life with love of country and the intention of whether Mr. Cosgrave would be able to lie was afraid that too many matters

He (Lord Birkenhead) discerned many the proceedings before the Master of the Nation were the unselfish, and brave men

was too bad for him.

That was sincerely believed up and down the country. Surely, when men in authority, who even themselves fully appreciated him, knew well how he was affected by the paper for the following day about th rity, who even themselves fully appreciated on the paper for the following day about these four boys who were executed.

A LADY'S LETTER.

President Cosgrave—The fact is that four count duty to take quite exceptional precautions to see that in no way could they be influenced against him, that they should be influenced against him and took up the threads of their until the trouble and was taken by an Irish Government. With that they should be and not by an lengthsh Government. With the fact that at taken against the wishes of members of the question on the paper to the fact that at taken against the wishes of members of the proceedings, but devoted himber of the question on the paper to the fact that at taken against the wishes of members of the question on the paper to the fact that at taken against the wishes of members of the question on the paper to the question on the paper to the fact that at taken and not by an lengthsh Government. With the decision had to be and was taken by an Irish Government. With the mand took up the threads of their until the completed work. Despite the fact that at taken against the wishes of members of the question on the paper to the question on the paper to the question on the paper to the the took no further intended and not by an lengthsh Government. With the mand took up the threads of their until the mand took up the threads of their until the mand took up the threads of their until the mand took up the threads of their until the mand took up the threads of their until the mand took up the threads of their until the mand took up the threads of their until the mand took up the threads of their until the mand took up the threads of their until the mand took up the threads of their until the mand took up the threads of their until the mand took up the threads of be influenced against him, that they should published the Deputy did not know-f did place it was the intention of the Republican most unwise for any member of the Gov-Waller, Dean of Kildare, a life-long friend shine again. He was sure that the greater to the Gov-Waller, Dean of Kildare, a life-long friend shine again. He was sure that the greater to the Gov-Waller, Dean of Kildare, a life-long friend shine again. not be influenced against him in the not know—them or where they were from, Party to come into the Dail. ernment to say in plain language, which and spiritual adviser, was permitted to atwould have been at once telegraphed to tend him, and was with him daily for practicular, sacrifice and noble tradition would trically the last week of his life. "A few days ago I got a letter from a The Dail should have met and every mem- Ireland, that whatever happened, what- tically the last week of his life.

He supposed there was something else against him. He did not suppose that the Minister of Defence would tell them that Minister of Defence would tell them that Mr. Cathal O'Shannon said the services of Mr. Cathal O'Shannon said the services of the destructive bands in Ireland the authorities adopted the expedient of the authorities adopted the expedient of the authorities adopted the expedient of the authorities adopted the moving the condemned man from barracks and gool to gool every few and his pleasant visit there that day bad the services of the destructive bands in Ireland the authorities adopted the expedient of the authorities adopted the expedient of the authorities adopted the moving the condemned man from barracks pleased to be identified with such a function to barracks and gool to gool every few and he hoped that the barracks and gool to be identified with such a function to barracks and gool to be identified with such a function to barracks and gool to be identified with such a function to barracks and gool to be identified with such a function to barracks and gool to be identified with such a function to be barracks and gool to be identified with such a function to be a specific to give the and his pleasant visit there that day bad the authorities adopted the expedient of the authorities adopted the authorities adopted the authorities adopted the expedient of the authorities adopted the expedie

that of a guarantor.

justice was rendered to those who had suffered in consequence of the terrible condition of Ireland. The suggestion that had been made by Lord Landsdowne would be considered, and he trusted that in conjunction with the Provisional Government o'clock before Erskine Childers was called the considered to those who had to be delayed. It was well after seven o'clock before Erskine Childers was called

vide a solution, and that they had made done on any other morning. considerable progress with the necessary steps. From the first they had recognised that the liability that compensation to every class of sufferer rested on the Irish people alone.

MR. ERSKINE CHILDERS EXECUTED.

HIS LIFE.

cases by the military with the full sense of minent leaders of the Republicans, was exe- of cloth, which, had he wished, he could day he would give notice that on the angle of the Republicans, was execution of Erskine Childers.

Jean the execution of Erskine Childers.

EXPLANATION SOUGHT.

When the Army Estimate of Army Estimate of Explanation of the evidence necessary was reached, on the vote being moved was reached, on the vote being moved by the convict him of intent was enormous.

Yes, but they were never charged with Taking Responsibility.

It was submitted that there was no such the firing party at 7 o'clock, after shaking for the execution of the soldiers. Previously he had no desire to be so. An officer of the stated he had no grudge against anybody he had no desire to be so. An officer of the world and hoped nobody had against high rank, I think, I do not know, gave the to convict him of intent was enormous.

The following official announcement was issued by the Provisional Government:

man whom he (Mr. Duffy) deeply revered, these things and to be given an opportunity the Four Courts was a tracked after a pact. The whole manner and circumstances, or lary court at Portobello Barracks, Dublin, words, 'He was a brave man.' Therefore, he had considerable difficulty in of answering them.

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PRESIDENT'S REPLY.

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The whole manner and circumstances of the could observe the matter. "He was one of the noblest manner and circumstances of the proper authority of peace had been made, and we attacked these executions, so far as he could observe them for the preservation of order and to an automatic pixel when apprehended by them for the preservation of order and to an automatic pixel when apprehended by the matter. "He was one of the noblest when they were discussing the Estimates men I have ever known," continued Mr. Duffy.

Duffy.

The whole manner and circumstances of the Four Courts was attacked after a pact of peace had been made, and we attacked these executions, so far as he could observe them for the present a man possessed he could not be an automatic pixel when apprehended by an automatic pixel when apprehended by an automatic pixel when automatic pixel when apprehended by an automatic pixel when apprehended by an automatic pixel when the work and allowing her to hange strike—that this barries of the streets of the city and so the street of the streets of the city and so the streets of the city and so the form of the streets of the city and so the form of the streets of the city and so the form of the present at the form of the p tenced to death. The finding and sentence

He thought it a monstrously inhuman were duly confirmed, and the execution was

It is certain that no prior statement con- "Whether I am to live or to die it must "What is the effect of the executions that deplored ambushing, assassination, or anyeutes Erskine Childers, for possession of a suffering from lack of moral courage which have taken place? Already valuable stolen thing like that. But that was no reason by the military court was received am serene. fence should go out of their way to outrage published report that an appeal had been military court which tried him Childers told LIGHT the whole moral feelings of the popular lodged against the children appeal had been military court which tried him Childers told Deputy Cavan Duffy had raised a point of of the Rolls refusing the writ of habeas cor- wrote down from memory the statement he

only two well known. HOW HE DIED.

the struggle with England, and placed his "It is to relieve the public mind of the "What is to prevent a thousand decent to the persons and property of British sub. How he was captured at Annamoe House, and that it was the duty of every frishman services at the disposal of the National Govshock which results from having these
ernment to be used in the field or in council, as the Government might think best.

PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY.

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What is to prevent a thousand uccount to the persons and property of the hind the attitude of every man who has a "They have just as much right as Mr de House not to be too sanguine as to Mr. pistol is common knowledge. The sentence should stand together in brotherly union The story of his work for that Govern-spark of nationality in him and who rement had been told, but he did not think it at this moment.

"They have just as much right as Mr de House not to be too sanguine as to Mr. pistol is common knowledge. The sentence should stand together in brotherly union representations of death which was passed upon him and the for the achievement of Ireland's independent of the stated that the people of Ireland's independent of the stated that the people of Ireland's independent of the stated that the people of Ireland's independent of Cosgrave's ability to "deliver the goods." of death which was passed upon him and the for the achievement of freiand's independent of the achievement of freiand's independent of the achievement of freiand's independent of the achievement of the achievement of freiand's independent of the achievement of freiand's independent of the achievement of freiand's independent of the achievement of the achievement of freiand's independent of freiand's indep "This is a democratic country and we are Covernment. He had been driven from a the civil law to override the military is also that which Tone, Mitchell, Rossa-and so well appreciated at a most difficult period "The Government has no defence to going to see that the real democracy is going home while was very precious to him, but known. But what has never been told is what eventually Pearse himself—endeavoured to he had another home to go to. The unfor- Mr. Childers himself thought of it all and attain. tunate people for whom he pleaded had been how he faced the firing squad at Beggar's Mr. M. Dundon, M.A., also spoke at

Mr. Davin (Lab.) associated himself with driven from their homes, and had no other Bush in the chill and misty dawn last great length in Irish, retold the story of Friday. I have the story from a friend of upon the conditions prevailing in Ireland work the man did during the Peace Conference in London. That could not be spoken, but we are not going to do it. It there was no man in Ireland or in the Dail downe was filled with gloomy apprehensions, the end.

The Earl of Birkenhead said Lord Lansthe Republican leader who was with him to before, during, and following the Fenian downe was filled with gloomy apprehensions, the end.

WHY HE APPEALED.

wickedness, that he was agent provocateur and the people who are responsible for Howth gun-running or when he was at the able, and tragic career—but it was a strong thority which he did recognise was brought time, or received definite set-backs, their

"I HAVE NO COMPLAINTS,"

It has been said that for fear of rescue cause he had that revolver without the permission of the Provisional Government.

They should remember, too, that he had not the unfortunate poor first of all a trial in camera, so secret that all the public were allowed to know on the first day of the trial was the brief on the first day of the trial was the brief of the word of the unfortunate poor larger to the cane to find a spiration of their recomment. He had never been under that all the public were allowed to know on the first day of the trial was the brief country, but he thought in an ordinary guardroom, he passed the National aspirations and living under for the unfortunate poor larger to the realisation of their days of his life. He was of course last day

that the country which was responsible for Tuesday morning, but there was a respite the Treaty, and for all its consequences, pending the proceedings before the Master should turn round and repudiate any of the Rells, and when he refused to inter-responsibility towards those who had fere Childers was warned on Thursday even-While he hoped that the resources of the ing that the sentence of the court-martial Irish State would suffice to meet the burden was to be carried out at seven o'clock the MANUFACTURERS the ultimate position of Britain must be next morning. He received the news without a tremor, wrote his last messages to his The Duko of Devonshire said the Gov family, sent a devotional book which he had ernment considered it their bounden duty been studying to his wife, and then surronin every way to see that full and adequate dered himself entirely to the ministrations

they would be able to bring this difficult upon to face the firing squad. In the meanproblem to a final and satisfactory con- while he had arisen and was dressed and ready to receive the dean when he arrived The Government were convinced that the at the barracks just after six. He took his Provisional Government did intend to pro-breakfast quietly, just as he would have

THE LAST SCENE.

And then came the last phase. He was Prize summoned to the place of execution. Unfalteringly he walked side by the side of the dean, sending last messages to his dear ones. Across the barrack square they went, passed under an arch, out behind the main buildings, and they were there. The simple words of the Dean of Kildare best describe the last scene.

"He stood," he said, "with his hands Mr. Erskine Childers, one of the most pro- crossed behind him, tied loosely with a piece

"Everyone was moved by his high courage, and a highly placed officer of the Free "Mr Erskine Childers was tried by a mili-State paid him tribute with the simple "Every respect was shown him after

CHILDER'S DEFENCE.

Beyond this announcement little authentic shook hands with the firing squad and bade been criticised in other times, because every Deputy who had just sat down. They "Are we to lose that because some par-body of the people were to know that he was information was available. It is believed them good-bye. Before being taken out he that Mr Childers was informed on Friday said to the Dean of Kildare, "I am at peace On the day of his trial Childers said,

CELEBRATION AT KILLESHIN.

On Sunday last the Manchester Martyrs' Anniversary was celebrated at Killeshin, The late Mr. Childers was a son of the when under the auspices of the local He also wanted him to give a straight and late Robert Childers and a connection of the branch of the Gaelic League an interesting truthful answer to this question :- Whether liste Mr Hugh Childers, who was Cliancellor function took place. It was the first celeof the Exchequer under the late Mr. Wm. bration of the kind held there and it is it was really the record of these men, the record in arms against the Provisional Government that was the cause of the confirmation of the passing of the sentences. On the whole question of the executions the bound from the South African War found him a law. The South African War found him a clerk in the Committee Office of the House was a suitable detour prayers were said in made a suitable detour prayers were said in the whole question of the executions the clerk in the Committee Office of the House was a suitable detour prayers were said in Mr. Duffy—Apply that to a man who is But that gentleman stood there and told der arms are going to be brought before excepted in order to determine the Commons, but he Covernment and the Covernment and t executed in order to deter others from having the City Imperial Volunteers, and for ten dence. Padraig O'Cathain who spoke for other people from attacking National forces, months served as a trooper on the veldt, a considerable length in Irish then briefly or was it punishment for laying revolvers. Since 1916 he had been intimately connected continued in English and at the outset or was it punishment for having revolvers, with the Sinn Fein movement, and even said that his presence there was due to the and had they singled out this particular re-gulation and these particular people; whether they were high or low, dupes or duped, was immaterial?

The thing was were there or were they not executed under this regulation or were they not executed under this regulation. Department, where he did good service. He He was glad that the function was carried acted as Secretary to the Irish Plenipoten-out under the auspices of the Gaelic League tiaries during the negotiations prior to the and incidentally pointed out the work which against them of much more serious charges signing of the Treaty, and even since had had been done for Ireland within its ranks had passed, because one of his parents was field and that is the law of nations. That is the law of nations. That is the law of nations, and because he was field and that is the law we are endeavour. This horn in Ireland, and because he was increased while asleep in the continuation of that good work. Referring this country who do not agree with them. At this stage the debate was adjourned house of his relative, Mr. R. C. Barton, T.D. to the National strife he recalled that a Glendalough, and the charge under which he year ago a state of unity and strength was executed was for being in possession of that both parties in the conflict claimed an automatic revolver. The rest is now something of, and owed much to, the inspiration which the deeds of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien, and many other outstanding

characters in history had taught them. He and yet a man of extraordinary modesty. The public knew how, when the greatest pain to these people that these Courts are sacrifices imposed on those whom he joined secret, it is for the purpose of preventing that the Cabinet who were not elected to the purpose of preventing that the Cabinet who were not elected to the purpose of preventing that the Cabinet who were not elected to the purpose of preventing that the Cabinet who were not elected to the purpose of preventing that the Cabinet who were not elected to the purpose of preventing that the Cabinet who were not elected to the purpose of preventing that the Cabinet who were not elected to the purpose of preventing that the Cabinet who were not elected to the purpose of preventing that the Cabinet who were not elected to the purpose of preventing that the Cabinet who were not elected to the purpose of preventing that the Cabinet who were not elected to the purpose of preventing that the Cabinet of the Cabinet of Mail" of Monday from its special Dubling that if some of the lessons which such a correspondent:—

I am able to give an authentic account the how disserted the purpose of preventing and payment of damage for malicious injury of how Ersking Chiklers was excented. referred to the disastrous results of Nas The following appeared in the "Daily tional disunity in the past and thought Lord Lansdowne, in the Lords, on behalf Mail" of Monday from its special Dublin that if some of the lessons which such a condition of affairs produced were properly He hoped that it would soon be composed,

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