

LETTER PRIVATE WIRE MILITARY RAIDS IN DUBLIN.

DAIL AND SINN FEIN OFFICES SHUT. DOORS NAILED UP ASSURANCE PREMISES VAINLY SEARCHED. WHAT MR. M. STAINES, M.P., THINKS.

Military and police started operations somewhat early yesterday by three raids on the following premises. Sinn Fein headquarters at Harcourt St., Dail Eireann headquarters, 76 Harcourt St., and the New Ireland Assurance Co., Bachelor's Walk.

Second Raid on Assurance Co. The raid on the New Ireland Assurance Co. was the second within a week, and though police and military, with crowbars, searched the premises, cellar and coalhouse, they, as on Friday last, could find nothing worth taking with them.

HARCOURT ST. RAIDS OFFICES NAILED UP AND SEALED. At about 10.15 a.m. yesterday a large party of D.M.P. and soldiers in two motor lorries arrived at Harcourt St.

ASSURANCE CO. RAIDED SECOND VISITATION WITHIN A WEEK. Shortly before 10 a.m. yesterday two motor lorries containing a couple of officers and about 50 soldiers, fully armed, raided the offices of the New Ireland Assurance Co., over Messrs. Kipp and Peterson's shop at the corner of O'Connell St. and Bachelor's Walk.

THE POLICY OF FORCE STATEMENT FROM PARIS ON IRISH RAIDS. 'Ireland has suffered more than 15,000 British coercive measures, including 12,800 raids on private houses, during the year 1919, according to statistics just completed by the British Government.

IRON MOULDERS' STRIKE. With the dawn of the new year the campaign of suppression is being renewed with added vigour in the British Empire.

WORMWOOD SCRUBS. DESTINATION OF ASHTOWN MAN. According to the special correspondent of the 'Evening News' in Dublin, Mr. Bartle Kelly, arrested at Ashtown on Tuesday morning, has been taken to Wormwood Scrubs.

WHY LORD GREY FAILED. The Washington correspondent of the 'Ballinacorney' says the delay in the ratification of the Peace Treaty is largely due to the wide-spread opposition in Ireland and Great Britain to the ratification of the Peace Treaty.

PEACE PROPHESIED FOR NEXT WEEK. RAILWAY MENACE IN BRITAIN! BUT NO DECISION SO FAR. DRASTIC ACTION APPEARS TO BE UNLIKELY.

The Railwaymen's Conference adjourned yesterday without arriving at any decision on the wages proposals of the Government, and will resume its deliberations to-day.

THE BRITISH-ITALIAN CONVERSATIONS. It is believed that the protocol will be signed and the ratifications of the Versailles Treaty will be exchanged next week, and that the first meeting of the League of Nations will take place within a few days afterwards.

PEACE NEXT WEEK? TO BE FOLLOWED BY TEA. The signature of the Protocol and the exchange of ratifications of the Versailles Treaty which was to take place at the Foreign Ministry next Saturday has been put off once more for a few days.

MR. DE VALERA'S TOUR QUELLING DISSENSION. At a meeting in New York of the National Council of the Friends of Irish Freedom, Mr. De Valera, explaining a misunderstanding which had arisen as to a circular issued during his absence and that of Mr. H. Holland from New York, said Mr. De Valera had not issued a circular withdrawing his support from the League of Nations.

ITALY AND ENGLAND. PREMIER LEAVING FOR PARIS. The Anglo-Italian conversations were concluded in London yesterday, and today Mr. Lloyd George will leave for Paris, accompanied by the Italian Ministers, Earl Curzon, Mr. Bonar Law, and Mr. Montagu.

SIR G. PAISH AND LOANS. Speaking to the American Bankers' Association in Philadelphia, Sir G. Paish announced that the British Government had decided to prevent the breakdown of the foreign exchange, and to extend a permanent credit to Europe, asserting that if a breakdown and anarchy came a large part of Europe would be ruined.

BRITISH TRADE IN 1919. ENORMOUS ADVERSE BALANCE. The Board of Trade returns for 1919 show that the value of imports totalled £1,631,901,864, and of exports £278,372,971, leaving the trade balance at £1,353,528,893.

IRISH GENERAL'S REMINISCENCES. General Sir Charles Townshend, who by the way is a south of Ireland man, writes in the 'Illustrated London News' that he had been in the ranks of the British Army during the Boer War.

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MOTOR STRIKE STILL ACUTE. MILITARY GUARD PETROL HOSTILITY OF THE IRISH IN AMERICA. DETERMINED RAID AT DRUMBLISH. BUT NO BLOODSHED. MORE ABOUT ROUNDSTONE AND BALLYVAUGHAN.

The position regarding the Motor Permit strike remains very serious. The correspondent of the 'Daily Herald' points out that while the Order has been issued, the use of cars by raiders is its ostensible purpose.

IRISH UNIONISTS' BRAND PARTITION HATEFUL. Exchanges give some emphatic hostile opinions of prominent Irish-Americans on the Lloyd George Home Rule scheme.

AMERICA'S INTEREST. This latest English attempt to bring the issue to keep America from realising how vital is her interest in the liberty of Ireland, Americans will insist, for the moment, on the fact that the Irish question should be once for all settled to the satisfaction of the people of Ireland and that they shall be left to their own devices.

STEAMER HELD UP. Officers of the men's union also state that the clerical staff of the Anglo-American Co. refused to do scrivenery work relating to the consignment. R.I.C. officers, however, are reported to have conveyed the steamer to the Phoenix Park Depot.

IRISH UNIONIST VIEWS. Lord Midleton, President, Irish Unionist Anti-Partition League, who arrived in Dublin, said he took up the same position as Sir E. Carson in the Commons with regard to the Home Rule scheme, and could make no statement until he had consulted the Executive Committee.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE. GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS. The Graduates' election of six members of the Governing Body of University College, Dublin, for the period, Feb. 1, 1920, to Jan. 31, 1923, took place yesterday.

CARED FOR A WOMAN NOT HIS WIFE. 'He told me he cared for some years for a woman who was not his wife. He said he loved her, but he was married to another woman. He said he was a very good man, but he was not a very good husband.'

AGREEMENT WANTED. The Committee attributes the state of the country to years of misadministration, especially by those responsible for the arrangement of Ireland during the 'Asquith' period of office.

WHERE EGYPT STANDS. COERCION FATUOUS. Writing to the 'Edinburgh Evening News' in reply to Mr. Macpherson's Inverness speech, Capt. W. Benn, M.P., says: 'The fact is, Castele Coercion in Ireland is infamous...'

ATTACKS ON POLICE BARRACKS. DETERMINED RAID AT DRUMBLISH. BUT NO BLOODSHED. MORE ABOUT ROUNDSTONE AND BALLYVAUGHAN.

The attack on Drumlish police barracks in the early hours of Tuesday morning appears to have been vigorous while it lasted, but, fortunately, no blood was shed, and the chief damage seems to have been the smashing of windows.

ROUNDSTONE 'BATTLE' MORE AMAZING THAN EVER. The 'two hours' battle' at the Roundstone Police barracks, the latest and apparently authentic account of the incident, makes the original report look more ridiculous than the second incident on Tuesday indicated.

CO. CLARE OCCURRENCE. DR. KEANE'S EXPERIENCES. Dr. Keane, of Ennistymon, who is suffering from wounds, including that to his right arm which was shattered by a service bullet fired by police at Ballyvaughan, interviewed by an 'Evening Telegraph' representative in a Dublin hospital, where the doctor is being treated by Surgeon Blayney, said that after he had attended a patient he was returning to his motor car on the main road when he heard a shot.

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