

TUESDAY, JUNE 29th.

Raids:-

In an attempt to discover the whereabouts of Brigadier General Lucas, Commanding Officer of the British Army of Occupation in the Fermoy area of Co. Cork, who was captured with his staff, British military and police, assisted by aeroplanes and armoured cars, searched large areas in Munster, including the counties of South Tipperary, Kerry, Cork, and parts of the counties of Limerick and Waterford. The number of houses raided is estimated at over 1,000.

Arrests:-

Five persons were arrested on the streets of Dublin on a charge of being "abroad" between the hours of 12 midnight and 5 a.m. without the permission of the British military authorities.

Armed Assaults:-

Incendiarism. At midnight parties of British military, numbering over 500, issued from their barracks at Fermoy, Co. Cork, and sacked the town. Over 70 business premises and private houses were forcibly entered by the troops, who looted, wrecked, and subsequently set fire to the houses entered. Licensed premises were broken into and the whiskey store consumed. The drunken soldiers then roamed the town firing volleys from their rifles into dwelling-houses, and throwing bombs and hand grenades. Citizens were dragged from their beds, attacked and threatened with death. Many were seriously injured. Women and children were terrorstricken.

The damage done by the troops is estimated at £40,000.

On the same night the town of Lismore, Co. Waterford, was subjected to a similar outbreak of militarism. Parties of British police and military invested the streets at midnight and threw bombs and hand grenades into residences and business premises. Private houses were entered and searched and valuable property looted. In the licensed premises the troops spilled all the liquor they were unable to consume or carry away. Two citizens were seriously injured.

British military and police at Newcastle West, Co. Limerick, wrecked the offices of the Weekly "Observer", the local Republican Newspaper. The military and police first called at the private residence of Mr. D. Brouder, Editor, and demanded that he be handed over to them to be shot. When it was found that he was not at home the troops set fire to his residence and then went to the offices of the Weekly "Observer", which they wrecked and set fire to with incendiary bombs. Damage to the extent of £3,000 was done.

In the same town the following premises were also wrecked by the troops:- The Co-Operative Stores, Messrs. Dawson's Stores, Mr. Tyrrell's licensed Bar, and the Greyhound Hotel. The proprietor of the latter house was shot at.

At Limerick City British Police threw bombs into the Railway Hotel, partially wrecking the interior.

At Carrigaraffin, Co. Limerick, two labourers named Patrick Collins and Denis O'Connell, going to their work, were passed by British motor lorries. The troops in the lorries opened fire, without warning, on the two men, and wounded O'Connell dangerously.

Militarism:-

British armed police entered the premises of Messrs. Flannery & Co., and Messrs. Duff's, Ballyhadreen, Co. Mayo, and notified the managers that unless such goods as they required were immediately supplied they would take over the premises and turn out the staff.