

A REPUBLICAN LEGAL DIARY.THIRTEEN DAYS OF PRESERVATION OF ORDER IN IRELAND.BUSY REPUBLICAN COURTS AND EMPTY BRITISH COURTS.

The following is a summary of the activities of Republican police and the sessions of Republican Courts reported since the issue of the IRISH BULLETIN of June 3rd in which details of such incidents between 15th April and 2nd June were given.

It will be seen from this summary that the operation of these Republican Courts is universal throughout Ireland. It will further be seen that the Republican authorities are as scrupulous in protecting the property of ex-soldiers, ex-police, British Exise Officers, British noblemen and British Army captains as they are in protecting the property of Republicans. This summary also proves that when ex-soldiers are brought before these tribunals they are given absolute justice. This list contains reports of 41 Republican Courts, of 84 arrests of criminals by Republican police and of the preservation of public law and order and the suppression of crime by Republican authorities in 24 of the 32 Irish counties. The list, long as it is, covers a period of only 13 days. No more striking illustration could be given of the fact that the Irish Republic is functioning successfully in spite of the enormous effort now being made to suppress it by British troops and police. During the same period in which the following cases were brought before the Republican Courts the British Courts in Ireland were completely ignored by the Irish people and had frequently to disperse without contracting any business.

Co. Tipperary. June 2nd. At Tipperary Races Republican Police arrested a pick-pocket. Stolen money and jewellery were found in his possession. Brought before a Republican Court he was remanded in custody.

Co. Cork. June 2nd. At Bandon, Co. Cork, Republican police arrested two men on a charge of robbery of £200 from a small farmer. They were brought before a Republican Court and remanded in custody.

June 2nd. At Cork City a Republican Arbitration Court presided over by the Lord Mayor declared judgement on a dispute between van drivers and local bakers. Both parties to the dispute accepted the finding of the Court as final.

Co. Wexford. June 3rd. At Enniscorthy the Urban Council have requested the local Commandant of the Republican Army to put Republican patrols upon the streets to prevent breaches of the Council's bye-laws.

June 3rd. A quantity of goods stolen from the drapery store of Mr. P. Whelan, Wexford, were recovered and returned by Republican Police who

intimated their regret that the case had not been put into their hands earlier.

Co. Leitrim. June 3rd. At Cloone, Republican police maintain public order and protect life and property. They receive implicit obedience from the people. They regulate the closing of all licensed premises in the district.

Co. Sligo. June 3rd. Republican police at Ballymote arrested two men for the recent robbery of mails. A third man, an ex-soldier, was arrested on a charge of stealing a bicycle. The men were brought before a Republican Court and remanded in custody.

Co. Westmeath. June 3rd. At a Republican Land Court at Moate, Co. Westmeath, many land disputes were heard and decisions given. The Court made arrangements for the protection of property recently attacked by landless men.

Co. Louth. June 4th. Two ex-soldiers were tried before a Republican Court in Co. Louth on a charge of the misappropriation of £570. The case for the prosecution was that when arrested by Republican Police in Dublin the money which should have been handed to a third party was still in their possession. A Republican Counsel who was appointed by the Court, explained that the third party had not kept an appointment he had made and there was no intention on the part of the ex-soldiers to keep the money. The President of the Court declared the charge not proven, and stating that as the Irish people demanded justice for themselves they would give justice to others even though they had given their allegiance to an enemy nation, ordered the liberation of the two ex-soldiers.

Co. Donegal. June 5th. At Burtonport, Co. Donegal, Republican police arrested two men on a charge of larceny. On being brought before a Republican Court the men admitted their guilt and having signed an undertaking to pay full compensation they were released.