

THE KHAKI TERROR IN IRELAND.BRITISH TROOPS "MAINTAIN CIVILISED SOCIETY"BY SABOTAGE, LOOT, MURDER AND OUTRAGE.

The Prime Minister of England on June 18th 1920 justified in these words the new invasion of Ireland by British Troops which is now in progress:-

"We would not keep them (British Troops) in Ireland a single day unless they were absolutely essential to the maintenance of the elementary rights of civilised society."

The methods by which these troops and their auxiliaries, the police, "maintain the elementary rights of civilised society" are sabotage, loot, murder and outrage.

There is a khaki terror in Ireland.

So considerable has been the growth of this terror during the last few days that women and children are now being sent out of the threatened towns to places of refuge in the surrounding country.

This khaki terror Mr. Lloyd George calls "the maintenance of the elementary rights of civilised society." What it really is is disclosed in the following acts by the armed forces of the British Government, all of which acts have occurred in Ireland within the last six days:- (The dates given are those upon which the incident was reported in the Press.)

June 24th.

Co. Limerick:- British military and police held up and assaulted a doctor at Newcastlewest.

Co. Leitrim:- Six young men fishing at Carrick-on-Shannon were fired upon without provocation by British troops and police.

June 26th.

Co. Cork:- British police wrecked the town of Bantry. Houses of prominent Republicans were forcibly entered and the inmates were savagely assaulted. A bedridden boy named Cornelius Crowley was cold-bloodedly murdered by British police who fired a volley into his body as he lay in his bed. British police threw bombs and petrol into the business premises of well known Sinn Feiners and burned them to the ground.

Co. Limerick:- British police forcibly entered the residence of Mr. M. Barry, Limerick, and demanded that Mr. Barry be handed over to them to be shot. Mr. Barry was not on the premises. The British police then wrecked every room in the house, even the bedroom of Miss Scanlan, a niece of Mr. Barry's. When the girl screamed at the entrance of the police, a shot was fired at her and she fainted. Her father was beaten with rifle butts by the police.

Co. Kerry:- At Tralee, Co. Kerry, British police wrecked the business premises of prominent Republicans and fired into the residence of Mr. M. Sullivan, a local Sinn Fein leader.

June 28th.

Co. Cork:- British police attacked pedestrians on the streets of Bantry, bludgeoning them with their rifle butts.

June 29th.

Co. Cork:- British military in Fermoy, sacked the town. After midnight over seventy business premises were forcibly entered by the troops who looted, wrecked and then set fire to the premises entered. Volleys of rifle fire were poured into the residences of prominent Republicans. Three citizens were wounded. The damage done by the troops is estimated at £40,000. The sacking of Fermoy was a "reprisal" for the arrest of Brigadier General Lucas.

Co. Limerick:- British military and police at Newcastle West, wrecked the offices of the Weekly "Observer," the local Republican newspaper. The military and police first called at the private residence of Mr. J.D. Brouder, editor, and demanded that he be handed over to them