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COURAGE AND COWARDICE.

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They are in sharp contrast in the Green Isle of Erin to-day.

Courage does its duty and all the world can see it.

Courage wears a uniform.

Cowardice obeys the behests of terrorism—a terrorism without a name.

Cowardice wears no badge, it is unrecognized, anonymous.

Courage sticks to its job—twenty-four hours out of every twenty-four.

Cowardice walks disguised for weeks: reveals itself for a moment and is disguised again.

Courage is the quality of a man doing a man's job.

Cowardice is the quality of a skulker; a secret assassin; a marauder by night.

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CONSISTENCY.

When miscreants murder an unarmed policeman and throw his body on a dung-hill—

When a police officer is shot dead by assassins within a few hundred yards of his own door—

When a police official is dragged from a tram-car in the Capital City of the Country and done to death in the street—

These are "excusable acts."

Is not the "REPUBLIC" at WAR?

When men who plot against public peace are arrested and imprisoned—

When armed raiders of barracks are counter-attacked in self-defence by the Police or Military—

When the houses of known associates of murderers and incendiaries are searched—

There are "illegal acts."

How dare the Government "interfere" with "IRISH LIBERTY."

The supporters of the "REPUBLIC" can not have it both ways. It takes two to make a quarrel and exactly the same number to make a war.

The only thing for the supporters of the "REPUBLIC" to consider is whether they really want to make war against the British Government. The British Government does not want it. It wants to preserve the peace.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

RAIDERS PURSUED BY AEROPLANE.

Armed men raided Harcourt-street railway station, Dublin, yesterday morning, and held up the staff. They carried off several boxes of ammunition and escaped. Aeroplanes were used in pursuit of the raiders.—*The Observer*.

"ENEMIES OF HUMANITY."

LIGHTHOUSE RAIDS.

SINN FEIN IMPERILLING U.S. LIVES AND SHIPS

By their war on shipping Sinn Feiners are endangering the lives of thousands of American as well as British passengers on the Atlantic.

In the raid on Mizen Head Lighthouse, County Cork, as stated in yesterday's *Daily Mail*, 1,200 rounds of fog-signal ammunition were stolen. Mizen Head is at the extreme south-west point of County Cork. Its light is the first to be seen by incoming Atlantic ships, and the absence of lights and signals at this very exposed and dangerous point involves a serious menace to shipping.

Fuller details of the raid show that there were 10 men in the raiding party. The man in charge was taken by surprise, and was threatened with revolvers. The key was demanded, and seeing that refusal might cost him his life he handed it over.

Some of the party then entered the magazine and the other strong places in the building and took away to a motor-car waiting at some distance ammunition, rifles, and a large amount of signalling material. Communications were cut. A large quantity of explosives was taken away. There was also life-saving apparatus, but some of this was not interfered with.

The Fastnet Lighthouse, some 20 miles from Mizen Head, on the direct line of incoming and outgoing Atlantic steamers, is being greatly strengthened in case of a raid.

Last Friday, as reported in *The Daily Mail*, Rosslare coastguard station was raided and signalling apparatus stolen.—*Daily Mail*.

RAIDERS' BRUTALITY.

WOUNDED MEN FORSAKEN.

On Saturday a very determined and carefully planned attack was made on a police patrol in this county. From the meagre information available, it appears that shortly after four o'clock on Saturday evening a patrol consisting of seven policemen was returning to barracks, and when about half a mile from the village it was ambushed by a large party. The police, completely taken by surprise, had little time to reply to the deadly fire of their assailants. Nevertheless, they offered a gallant fight, although finally they had to submit to immensely superior numbers.

Early in the conflict all the members of the patrol were with one exception seriously wounded. That the attack was carefully planned there cannot be the least doubt, as the raiders were accompanied by nurses, while they had also an ambulance in waiting. The fight lasted for some time, and the police, who had suffered severely, had no alternative but to surrender. They were deprived of their equipment, and were then left bleeding from their wounds on the roadside, while the attacking party made good their escape.

It was not until some time had elapsed that assistance was forthcoming. It was found that a constable was dying, and that the condition of five others was very serious. Only one of the patrol party escaped uninjured. The wounded men were removed to a Military Hospital for treatment. From the start the condition of the constable was hopeless, and he died some hours later.

When the news of the attack became known on the countryside there was great excitement, as hitherto the district has been practically immune from outrages of the kind. The constable was an English recruit with three months' service, and he had only been in this station a week.—*Morning Post*.

NEWS OF THE HUNGER-STRIKERS.

Michael Condon, 25, labourer, was arrested on 16/2/20, and was later sentenced to five years' penal servitude by courtmartial, for participation in an attack on Ahearn R.I.C. barrack, Fermoy. He hunger-struck at Maryboro' Prison, but was informed that he would not be released, but allowed to commit suicide if he persisted in refusing food. He is now taking his food, and his general health is excellent.

At the Cork Assizes, on 15/12/19, the following sentences were inflicted, the accused having been found guilty by the jury of wounding a sergeant and a constable of the R.I.C.:—

Timothy Cullane, 8 years' penal servitude.

Michael Cullane, 18 months' hard labour.

Michael Flynn, 18 " "

Michael Maunsell, 15 " "

Michael Griffin, 9 " "

The first-named began a hunger-strike in Maryboro' Prison, but went off the strike on being informed that he would not be released, but allowed to die, if he continued to refuse food. The others did not attempt the hunger-strike.

DYING IN PRISON.

Manchester, Friday.—I understand that the last rites of the Catholic Church have been administered to two prisoners who are hunger-striking and being forcibly fed in Strangeways Gaol, where they are incarcerated with three others.

They abstain from food as a protest against being treated as criminals instead of political prisoners.—*Daily Herald*.

The claim of the murder gang to be treated as political prisoners is a shameless imposture that deceives no one. Those who plot—and participate in—the murder of policemen, who are only doing their lawful duty, must not expect much sympathy when they are caught and get the punishment they richly deserve.

IRISH HUNGER-STRIKERS.—A DEFINITE DECLARATION OF POLICY.

Mr. Bonar Law informed Colonel Ashley yesterday that the policy of the Government in regard to Irish hunger-strikers was to inform them that they must face the consequences of their action.—*Daily Mail*.

FOOD SUPPLIES COMMANDEERED BY POLICE.

Castlepollard (Co. Westmeath) traders having received notices not to supply goods to members of the Royal Irish Constabulary, the latter have entered the shops and commandeered supplies, going behind the counters and taking whatever they required. A similar condition of affairs exists in Rochford Bridge and Kinnegad.—*Irish Times*.

ARCHBISHOP MANNIX ABROAD.—INSULTS BOTH FLAGS.

When the steamship Ventura, carrying Archbishop Mannix, was leaving Honolulu the Hawaiian band played "God save the King" and "America." All the passengers stood to attention with bared heads except Archbishop Mannix and Bishop Foley, who remained seated with their caps on. The band then played the "Star-spangled Banner"; Archbishop Mannix and Bishop Foley still remained seated.

Mr. Marcellis C. Parsons, one of the passengers, asked the Archbishop if he realised that the band was playing the United States National Anthem. The Archbishop replied in the affirmative.

"Why don't you get up?" he was asked.

The Archbishop replied evasively to the effect that he did not care to, and he was told he should be ashamed of himself.

The passengers at first seemed inclined to make Archbishop Mannix respect the United States flag, but decided to lay the matter before the Secretary of State in the form of a protest against the landing of the Archbishop.