

LEST WE FORGET (6)

**THE WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING 9th AUGUST 1919 IS NOT AVAILABLE.
THE FOLLOWING ARE ACTS OF AGGRESSION COMMITTED IN IRELAND BY THE POLICE AND MILITARY
OF THE USURPING ENGLISH GOVERNMENT—AS REPORTED IN THE CENSORED DAILY PRESS— FOR
WEEK ENDING:- 16th AUGUST, 1919.**

DATE:- August	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	Total.
Arrests:-	7	2	2	4			15
Sentences:-	5	1	1	3			10
Armed Assaults:-	3	1				1	5
Militarism:-				1			1
Suppressions & Proclamations:-	2		3		6	1	12
Courtmartials:-			3	8		1	12
Raids:-	20	2	1	1		13	37
Daily Total	37	6	10	17	6	16	92

Sentences for the week, as reported in Press, amounted to 52 months imprisonment.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11th, 1919.

Raids:- Large forces of police and military, fully armed, forcibly entered and searched many houses situated upon the left bank of the river Shannon. Upwards of 20 houses were thus raided and searched.

Arrests:- Two men, whose names have not transpired were arrested near Portmore, Co. Armagh, because they participated in a Republican meeting which was proclaimed by the English military.

Sentences:- Michael and Timothy Spillane of Carrigaha, Castlegregory, Michael Flynn and Michael Griffin of Cappanane, and Michael Maunsell of Duagh all of the Co. Kerry, were sent to prison until December to await trial for the "attempted murder" of two policemen who were not even wounded. The five men indignantly protested their innocence but upon the evidence of policemen the paid magistrate committed them to prison.

Proclamations:- A Republican meeting at Portmore, Co. Armagh (Ulster) was proclaimed by the English military. A meeting which was held some miles away was attacked by military and police, the latter of whom dispersed the crowd at the point of the bayonet. Aeroplanes were used by the military to discover the whereabouts of this meeting. An Irish Language festival arranged for Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh (Ulster) was proclaimed by the English military authorities. Large bodies of English troops in full war-equipment were drafted into the district to enforce the proclamation.

Armed Assault:- In addition to the assault above mentioned, the police at Lisnaskea attacked a crowd which gathered near the place where the proclaimed festival was to have been held. Many of the young men and women of whom the crowd was composed were injured, six seriously.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12th, 1919.

Raids:- For the 42nd time in 12 months the house of Mr. John Meagher, Golden Grove, Roscrea was raided by military and

police. Mr. John Meagher himself has just been released from Cork Gaol where he underwent the torture of seven and a half months solitary confinement.

Arrests:- Mr. James Sugrue, Mounahone, Waterville, Co. Kerry, was arrested by military and police at his father's house which the armed forces forcibly entered and searched.

Mr. William O'Shaughnessy, Limerick, who is Organist at the Ennis Catholic Church, was seized by English military and carried to Limerick where he was lodged in prison. No charge has been brought against him.

Sentence:- Mr. James Sugrue, above mentioned, was sentenced at Listowel, Co. Kerry, to six months' imprisonment for "illegal drilling".

Armed Assault:- At Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath, when Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington (widow of Mr. Francis Sheehy-Skeffington brutally murdered by the English military) endeavoured to address people gathered to celebrate a Language festival, the crowd was attacked by armed police and many were injured among whom was Mrs. Sheehy-Skeffington herself. English military were also present.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13th, 1919.

Raids:- A strong force of English military and police raided the offices of the "Kilkenny People" a newspaper published in the town of Kilkenny. They carried away much of the machinery. This is the third occasion on which these offices have been raided.

Arrests:- A young lad named Cunningham, of Upr. Digges Street, Dublin, was arrested on a charge of being in possession of ammunition. Patrick Clancy, Co. Sligo, a student at Galway University, was arrested for having interrupted a recruiting Lecture delivered by an English Officer.

Sentence:- The lad Cunningham above referred to was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for having in his possession six rounds of ammunition.

Court martial:- Mr. Francis Whitney of Drumlish, Co. Longford,

was tried by English courtmartial for having six shot-gun cartridges in his possession. Michael Collins, Dublin was similarly tried for having fourteen cartridges in his possession. The sentences have not been promulgated.

Suppression:- By order of the English military the "Kilkenny People" a largely circulating weekly journal has been suppressed.

Proclamation:- By a proclamation issued by General Hackett-Pain, an Irish Language Festival at Ballysheal, Co. Down (Ulster) was suppressed. Military in great strength accompanied by armed police, and attended by aeroplanes mounted with machine guns were drafted into the district and occupied the field where the festival was to have been held, as well as the roads leading to it. Meanwhile the aeroplanes scouted the adjoining country in order to prevent the festival being held elsewhere. It was nevertheless held secretly at Ballynanny, Co. Down. General Hackett-Pain who proclaimed this festival was, in 1912, the Chief of the Staff of Sir Edward Carson's revolutionary Forces. He was in 1914 attached to the English Staff and can now employ English forces to suppress Republican meetings. An Irish language festival to be held at St. Cronan's Well, Carron, Co. Clare, had to be abandoned owing to the threats of the English Military.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14th, 1919.

Militarism:- A Cork prison doctor recommended the discharge of Patrick Griffin, Listowel, a prisoner in Cork Jail, because of his weak and grave condition, resulting from his treatment in jail. The recommendation was ignored by the Prison Board, and the doctor resigned as a protest showing clearly that he would no longer be responsible for the life of the prisoner, as long as he complained of treatment continued. Mr. Griffin has been in solitary confinement for over 13 weeks.

Raid:- Large forces of British military and police raided and searched the Carbery Irish College, Shorecliffe House, Glendore, Co. Cork. The grounds surrounding the College were also searched, including the tents of many of the student visitors. A Republican flag was removed from the house and a Union Jack substituted by the raiders.

Arrests:- During the above search, Messrs. Gerald O'Sullivan, M.A., Professor, Carlow College; J. B. O'Driscoll, R.D.C., Castletownsend; James Murphy, and

Denis O'Brien, were arrested, and remained in custody to the Skibbereen Petty Sessions on a charge of unlawful assembly. None of the accused, recognised the Court and were afterwards removed in a military motor lorry to Cork jail.

Courtmartials:- Mr. Paul P. Galligan, M.P., Ballinagh, Co. Cavan, was tried by court-martial on July 25th, 1919 on charges of illegal drilling and inciting persons to endanger the safety of a sergeant and constable of the R.I.C., and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment with hard labour. James Cullen, Ballymaghery, Hilltown, Co. Down, tried by court-martial at Belfast on July 31st, 1919 was sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment. The accused was charged with the possession of one copy of the official organ of the Irish Volunteers. John O'Sullivan, Listowel, Co. Kerry, charged with illegal drilling at Ballyduff, was offered by the P.M. the option of giving bail for future behaviour or doing 2 months; O'Sullivan refused to recognise the Court's jurisdiction, and was sentenced to 2 months' hard labour in Limerick jail. Samuel Heron, Clerk, was remanded at Belfast Police Court on a charge of using "seditious language calculated to provoke a breach of the peace". Accused refused to recognise the Court.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15th, 1919.

Proclamations:- A Proclamation was published yesterday, prohibiting and suppressing in County Clare, the Sinn Fein Organisation, and the Gaelic League. A procession to celebrate Lady Day, including Nationalists, Sinn Feiners, Hibernians, Foresters and Catholic Discharged Soldiers, was to have taken place yesterday at Derry. Last evening

a Proclamation signed by Brigadier General Hackett-Pain, prohibiting the holding of any meeting or procession on or in the neighbourhood of the City walls was issued. Resentment is strong because Orange processions were always allowed on the Walls, without any interference from the military authorities. But Brigadier General Hackett-Pain is the competent military authority, and, at the same time, a member of Carson's rebel army!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1919.

Proclamation:- A Sinn Fein Meeting announced for Stewartstown yesterday, was proclaimed by the "authorities" but one was held instead in the evening never Coalisland. About 40 British military and some police under a District Inspector advanced on the crowd at Coalisland, who stood and jeered derisively. The District Inspector informed Mr. Milroy, one of the speakers, that the meeting was proclaimed. On being asked on what authority, the D.I. replied that it was on his own. A section of the crowd were then dispersed on the point of the bayonet, the soldiers capturing several American and Irish Republican flags.

Court martial:- Joseph O'Reilly, Carlingford Terrace, Dublin, was courtmartialled at Ship Street Barracks, on a charge of possessing a revolver without a permit. The decision of the Court will be promulgated.

Raid:- The Irish Republican Bar, Findlater Place, Dublin, was raided on Wednesday morning, by British military and police. An old-fashioned pistol was found. The police at Oylegate, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford raided the houses of several farmers, and commandeered all shot guns in the district.

THE WEEKLY SUMMARIES FOR THE WEEKS ENDING 2 AND 30 AUG. 1919 ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

THE FOLLOWING ARE ACTS OF AGGRESSION COMMITTED IN IRELAND BY THE MILITARY AND POLICE OF THE USURPING ENGLISH GOVERNMENT – AS REPORTED IN THE DAILY PRESS – FOR WEEK ENDING:- 6th SEPTEMBER, 1919.

DATE:- Sept.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Total.
Raids:-	11		3	30	12	22	78
Arrests:-	11			5	4	1	21
Sentences:-				1	7	1	9
Armed Assaults:-	2	3			4		9
Courtmartials:-	1	1			9	2	13
Proclamations & Suppressions:-	2	3					5
Militarism:-		2		1			3
Daily Total	27	9	3	37	36	26	138

Sentences for the week, as reported in Press, amounted to 41 months imprisonment.

MONDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER 1919.

Raids:- At 4 a.m. armed police raided the houses of Messrs. Meagher, Hackett and Wheahan, Toomevara, Co. Tipperary. In the early morning armed police raided and ransacked the house of Mr. James Porsunan, Dundalk. In Tipperary town fully armed military and police forcibly entered seven houses and searched them. These raids also took place in the middle of the night.

Arrests:- At Toomevara, Co. Tipperary, Widger Meagher, W. Hackett and P. Wheahan were arrested on a charge of taking possession of a shot-gun. At Tipperary town seven men named John Black, Martin Breen, Robert Condon, Patrick Dalton, Thomas Fennelly, Patrick Ryan, and Thomas Twomey, were arrested on a charge of being members of the Sinn Fein Organisation and the Irish Volunteers. A further charge against them is one of "unlawful assembly" at Brookville, Co. Tipperary. Mr. A. Brennan, District Councillor, Co. Clare, was arrested by armed military and police.

Proclamation:- Two meetings arranged to be held by Republicans at Ringsend and Rathfarnham, Dublin, and which were to have been addressed by the Representative of the Constituency elected at the General Election last December, were proclaimed by order of the English Military Authorities.

Armed Assaults:- An attempt to hold the above mentioned meeting at Ringsend was suppressed by armed police who attacked and dispersed the crowd. At Rathfarnham the meeting was held secretly.

Court martial:- Mr. Patrick Kiernan, Moneyduff, Co. Longford, was tried by court martial at Ship Street Barracks, Dublin, on a charge of being in possession of "documents", which if published might cause disaffection. The finding of the Court has not been promulgated yet.

TUESDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1919.

Court martial:- Mr. Nicholas Keohane, farmer, Croagh, Skibbereen, Co. Cork, was tried by court martial at Cork Barracks on a charge of being in possession of documents "which if published might cause disaffection". The decision of the Court has not yet been published.

Proclamation:- A Republican meeting to be held at Bundoran, Co. Donegal (Ulster) and which was to have been addressed by the representative of the Constituency elected at the General

Election last December, was proclaimed by General Hackett-Pain (late Chief of Staff of Sir Edward Carson's Volunteers). Meetings at Ardara and at Brackey in the same County were similarly proclaimed.

Armed Assault:- Efforts to hold each of these three meetings were suppressed by large bodies of armed military and police which in each place attacked the unarmed crowds. Several persons were injured at Ardara, where an aeroplane operated against the people in conjunction with the military and police. At Brackey where the military and police made many charges the numbers injured is said to be great.

Treatment of Prisoners:- Mr. Paul Galligan, member of the Irish Parliament for West Cavan, and Mr. Hugh McKennon, Crossgar, Co. Down, have been removed from Belfast Prison to a nursing home. Their condition, resulting from their treatment, is critical.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER, '19.

Raids:- The houses of Jas. Coffey, Top Street, Cahirciveen, Jas. Griffin, Fair Field, and Daniel Donohue, Quay St., were raided and searched by British forces. Nothing incriminating was found.

THURSDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER, 1919.

Arrests:- Early on yesterday morning John Jos. Madden, said to be from Co. Galway, was arrested near Lorrha, (where a police sergeant was killed on Tuesday) and conveyed to Borrisokane, where he was remanded by Major Dease, R.M., and conveyed to Limerick Jail. John Dillon and Denis Brett were also arrested at Fortahaha, Co. Galway, but were afterwards released.

Raids:- Military and police scoured Lorrha district, searching about thirty houses. Aeroplanes hovered around during the raids.

Militarism:- Ennistymon magistrates consider the infliction of Military rule in Co. Clare an unwarrantable encroachment on trade, and a gross infringement on the liberty of a law-abiding people. The prohibition of fairs and markets they regarded as most unjustifiable and a flagrant abuse of military power, and called for its withdrawal. They further condemned the murder of Francis Murphy, Glen; and tendered sympathy to the relatives. At the inquest on Francis Murphy the Jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against the British military. It is interesting to note

that these magistrates are the paid servants of the British Government.

Sentence:- Joseph Wilson, Loughisland, Clough, Co. Down, tried by court martial at Victoria Barracks, Belfast on August 22nd for possessing a revolver, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

Arrest:- While visiting her sister at Carron, Co. Clare, Miss Catherine McCormack, of the Irish Hotel Ennistymon, who had been "on the run" was arrested by police. She was not allowed dress fully, but removed on a military motor lorry. Her relations are not aware of her whereabouts. Andrew Healy was arrested on Friday last on the Naas Road, Inchicore, Dublin, by armed police and military. Numbers of citizens have been held up and searched by police and military in the same district during the week.

FRIDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER, 1919.

Raid:- The residence of Mr. McGuinness, who is "on the run" was surrounded and searched by police and military, who also visited the hotel of Mr. T. English, Tullamore, the distillery and a number of private houses. Messrs. G. O'Reilly, D.C., and James Clavin, Kilbegan, were tried and remanded at a Mullingar special court on a charge of unlawful assembly. Both were released on their own bail.

Arrest:- Mr. Johnson, S.F. Organiser for Offaly, was arrested under the D.O.R.A. and removed, with his papers, etc., to the Barracks. Three more young women were arrested at Moneygall, charged with flag-selling without permits, and removed to Limerick Jail under armed military escort

Trials:- Messrs. John Stark, M. Breen, R. Condon, P. Dalton, T. Fennelly, P. Ryan and T. Twomey, were tried at Tipperary under the Crimes Act, with unlawful assembly on August 1st, as members of Sinn Fein and Irish Volunteer Organisations. Breen was sentenced to three months with hard labour. The other six were sentenced to two months hard labour each, and ordered to find bail or serve another three months' imprisonment.

Armed Assaults:- During the above trials, military and police made several assaults on groups of citizens who had collected outside the Courthouse. Women and children were knocked down and injured.

SATURDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER, 1919.

Arrest:- A man whose name has not transpired, was arrested yesterday in Co. Tipp., in connection, it is stated with the killing of a policeman in Lorrha. He was removed to Dublin under military

and police escort. Raids:-

There was great military and police activity yesterday between Nenagh and Lorrha, 17 miles distant, when many houses were raided and searched. People crossing the Co. Galway – Co. Tipperary border were stopped and questioned by military. Court martial:-

James Browne, Lislawn, Co. Tipperary, was acquitted at a Cork court martial on a charge of possessing a seditious pamphlet – a copy of the official organ of the Irish Volunteers. Nicholas Keohane, Clouncugger, tried by court martial at Cork on August 30th, on a charge of possessing a seditious document, including one copy of the Irish Volunteers' Official organ, was sentenced to three months imprisonment with hard labour. Raids:-

Military and police searched the house of Ml. Edmonds, O'Connell Road, Tipperary. The house of Mr. Delahunty, Kilcoleman, Birr, was searched by police, who removed papers etc. Mr. Delahunty is Secretary, South Offaly Sinn Fein Executive.

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