

THE KILKENNY PEOPLE

Jas. O'Hanlon,
Wishes to announce that his
**Grocery
Establishment**
In Parliament Street,
Kilkenny,
(Formerly in the occupation of the
late Mr. Patrick Hoynes),
Is now Open
He trusts that his many friends and
the public will give him a share of
their support, and pay an early visit
to his establishment.

Deaths.
CANTLEY—May 29th, 1916, at his residence, Blanchfield, Dublin: William Cantley. Aged 65 years. Interred in Gownan on Wednesday.
DOOLEY—May 24th, 1916, at Kingsland: Michael Dooley. Aged 42 years. Deeply regretted by his wife and family. Funeral to Tulla on Friday, 26th May.

IN MEMORIAM.
COMERFORD—First Anniversary.—In loving memory of Michael Comerford, who died at his residence, Coolraheen, June 1st, 1916.—R.I.P. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on his soul.
One year to-day we parted,
Twas a heavy trial to bear;
To-day its nothing lighter,
God gives us a shining sphere.
Your gentle face is still before me,
Are present with us still;
But Heaven for you is far better,
Blest be God's holy will.
Gone but not forgotten.
Inserted by his loving mother, brother and sisters.

* **KILKENNY PEOPLE** *
* CIRCULATES IN THE COUNTIES OF *
* KILKENNY, CARLOW, TIPPERARY, *
* QUEEN'S, WATERFORD & WEXFORD. *

The Voice of the People.
(PASSED BY CENSOR).
THE KILKENNY PEOPLE is unable to publish to-day the usual weekly article in which it addresses its readers.
If the "Voice of the People" cannot speak free and untrammelled, it will not speak in the accents of slavery. The Military Dictator who rules Ireland has addressed to us the letter given below. We have replied to that letter, but militarism, acting through its representative in Kilkenny, Mr. P. C. Power, County Inspector R.I.C., not only refuses to us the right of stating our defence, but also refuses us an opportunity of making it plain why our reply does not appear.

Headquarters, Irish Command,
Parkgate, Dublin,
29th May, 1916.

Sir,
My attention has been called to an article appearing in the issue of the KILKENNY PEOPLE, dated 29th May, 1916, entitled "The Voice of the People." Portions of that article seem to have been written with the intention of inciting the people against the military authorities.
I have no wish or intention to interfere unduly with the liberty of the Press, but inflammatory articles or reports of inflammatory speeches cannot be permitted, and offenders render themselves liable to prosecution under the Defence of the Realm Act, and possibly to the seizure and destruction of their Press.
You will, therefore, until further orders,

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
E. T. KEANE,
Managing Director,
KILKENNY PEOPLE LTD.

General Sir John Maxwell was appointed Commander in Chief in Ireland and arrived to take up his post on 28th April 1916 as the Easter Week rising was drawing to a close. He was responsible for the setting up of courts martial which condemned many of the leaders of the rising to death. Though many of the condemned had their sentences commuted, fifteen were shot by firing squad. Under the Defence of the Realm Act, Maxwell also had power to censor the press.

You can see by the correspondence quoted here how *The Kilkenny People* newspaper was affected, and the way its editor E.T. Keane endeavoured to let his readers know what was going on.

On 1st June 1916, a press censor's office was established in Ireland and from then on, the censor, Lord Decies was in charge of dealing with Newspapers which were considered an incitement to rebellion. In mid June the following report appeared:

"KILKENNY PEOPLE" AND CENSORSHIP

Last week we felt bound to enter a protest against the manner in which the censorship of the "Kilkenny People" was exercised.

On Sunday Mr. Keane received a communication from Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Decies, Chief Press Censor, Headquarters, Irish Command, Dublin, requesting him to come to Dublin on Tuesday, 13th inst., and call and see him at Headquarters, Irish Command, Parkgate.

Mr. Keane called at 11.30 on the day named. He was accompanied by Mr. Pat O' Brien M.P. An interview with Lieutenant-colonel Lord Decies took place.

The local censorship of the "Kilkenny People" no longer operates, nor is the Editor obliged to submit proofs before publication. "The Kilkenny People" is, in fact in exactly the very same position as every other Irish newspaper. There is no censorship before publication, but of course it is subject to the provisions of the Defence of the Realm Act, which very stringent regarding newspapers.