

Kilkenny People 6th May 1916

Big Military Force in Kilkenny.

POST OFFICE TAKEN OVER.

CITY ENCIRCLED BY MILITARY CORDON.

DRAFTS TO BE SENT TO COUNTY DISTRICTS.

Four troop trains, two from Dublin and two from the Curragh arrived in Kilkenny on Thursday, bringing a large force of military, estimated at about 1,000 men, made up of infantry, cavalry and artillery. They are at present quartered in the military barracks.

Early in the afternoon the military took charge of the Post Office, putting an armed guard within the building, and a sentry outside with rifle and fixed bayonet.

The city is now completely under martial law, and civilians, if challenged, should be careful to answer the challenge promptly.

An armed cordon encircles the city.

Drafts from Kilkenny will, it is said, be sent to, the various centres in the county where the Irish Volunteers were numerically strong.

General Sir John Maxwell has issued a Proclamation ordering that all members of "the Irish Volunteer Sinn Fein organisation or of the Citizen Army shall forthwith surrender all arms, ammunition and explosives to the nearest military authority or the nearest Police barracks" on or before May 6, and that those who fail to obey the Proclamation will be severely dealt with.