

# INSURRECTION IN DUBLIN.

## Terrible Scenes in the Capital.

### Irish Volunteers in Revolt.

#### ATTEMPTED GERMAN LANDING OF ARMS.

##### SIR ROGER CASEMENT CAPTURED.

Rumour reached Kilkenny early on Monday that the Irish Volunteers in Dublin had broken out in rebellion and had practically occupied the city.

The stoppage of train communication with Dublin lent credence to the rumours which spread like wildfire and created a tremendous sensation.

Numbers of excursionists who intended leaving by the mail for Dublin learned with amazement that no train was going. Some are still in Kilkenny; others subsequently got as far as Kildare, where they were stopped.

It is also rumoured that Mr. John McNeill, head of the Irish Volunteers, opposed the insurrection and that his authority was overridden.

The Post Office, Four Courts, the Castle, City Hall, and some of the hotels were said to be in the hands of the insurrectionists.

Many Kilkenny people who went to Dublin for the holiday were, of course, held up there, but some have since arrived there by various routes, only one train being run through. Two members of the "Kilkenny People" staff are included amongst those who have not returned, and no news has been heard of them.

Appalling accounts are given of the fighting and of deaths and casualties, but authoritative information on these points except such as is contained in the official communiques is wholly lacking.

Kilkenny has been practically isolated from the outer world since Monday, so far as letters, wires and telephone messages are concerned.

A party of Kilkenny gentlemen who motored to Fairyhouse Races and afterwards proceeded to Dublin gave a most dramatic account of their experiences. When returning late at night they were challenged while driving through the city by a Volunteer guard who commandeered the car.

The Volunteers, they say, seemed to be perfectly disciplined. After an interval they permitted the Kilkenny gentlemen to pass through, and they got home after an adventurous drive early on Tuesday morning.

As appears from Mr. Asquith's statement in the House of Commons, Stephen's Green was occupied by Volunteers, who are said to have dug themselves in there. The military occupy the Shelbourne Hotel and there has been desperate fighting there.

A Kilkenny merchant, his wife and little boy had most dramatic experiences.

The tension in Kilkenny is very severe, and all manner of rumours are in the air.

A Kilkenny professional gentleman who motored to Dublin with his wife and sister has had his car commandeered by the Volunteers.

Dean Winder, who was to have gone up on Tuesday to perform the marriage ceremony of Mr. George Statham was unable to travel.

The capture of Sir Roger Casement has been definitely announced. A Kilkenny gentleman who was holidaying "somewhere in the South" saw a German crew landed by a British patrol. With the crew was Sir Roger Casement.

No Irish papers arrived in Kilkenny since Monday. On Thursday the "Daily Sketch" and "Daily Mirror" came to hand. They were eagerly bought up.

The *Kilkenny People* reported the rising on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1916. There had been a mention and an editorial in the issue of 29<sup>th</sup> April, but now the paper contained a very full account, occupying several pages.

Some Kilkenny people gave accounts which were carried in the local paper.

#### INCIDENTS OF THE REVOLT.

The rebels caught a young military officer and made him a prisoner at the Four Courts. They gave him bread and water, with an occasional bottle of champagne.

The dead bodies of 26 of the rebels were found in the office of the "Daily Express." The condition of the premises shows that it was subjected to a terrible fusillade from the military, who operated a machine gun against the building from the Castle.

Mr. Justin Sherin, L.D.S., whose motor car was commandeered by the rebels on Easter Monday near the Shelbourne Hotel, recovered his car on Tuesday of this week. It was uninjured. Mr. Sherin had been staying in the Imperial Hotel, which was subsequently occupied by the Sinn Feiners, but he had previously removed his quarters to Mount Street. Mr. Sherin witnessed the capture of the Post Office by the Republican forces.

Two members of the staff of the Provincial Bank, Kilkenny, Messrs. Newsome and Knox, unable to return on Easter Monday evening, only succeeded in reaching Kilkenny on Sunday last. Getting a permit to leave Dublin they "framped" to Sallins in orthodox style and spent Saturday in a farmer's house near Sallins, where they were regaled with suppers of bacon, eggs and two pints of "creamy"—the most delightful they ever tasted, they aver. They had spent from Wednesday to Saturday morning in a hotel near Kingsbridge, slept in their clothes, and one day rations were restricted to a cup of tea each and a small portion of bread.

Another Kilkenny banking official, Mr. Russell, of the National, "escaped" from Dublin on Tuesday morning on a motor which carried him to Maryboro'.

Two members of the "Kilkenny People" composing staff, Messrs. P. Ennis and T. Geary, who went to Dublin on Easter Monday, returned to Kilkenny, the former on the evening of Tuesday, 3rd, and the latter on Wednesday evening, May 4.

Mr. P. W. O'Hanrahan, Irishtown, also arrived on Tuesday evening, bringing with him a copy of the "Irish Times" carrying the dates, "Friday, April 28, Saturday, April 29, Monday, May 1"—three issues in one. It was the first Dublin paper seen in Kilkenny since Easter Monday morning.

Mr. Blake, Sub-Agent Bank of Ireland, and Mr. Walsh, Provincial Bank, were lucky in being able to get from Dublin on the Wednesday morning after the "Rising" by the only through train that left Kingsbridge until Tuesday last. The latter train left Dublin at 12 noon and arrived in Kilkenny about 7 p.m.

Mr. Newsome, making his way up the quays to the hotel near Kingsbridge, was challenged eight times by Sinn Fein sentries. In every instance, having answered the challenge, they treated him with perfect courtesy and indicated the safest way in which he could get to his destination. If you only look at him now he says "Friend!"