

New facts which clear the honour of Pearse and his colleagues

'Planted' in Castle Document is Authentic

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SOON after I had taken over the editorship of "New Ireland" from Denis Gwynn (about February 20, 1916), I said to Rory O'Connor that if he wanted to use "New Ireland" for any purpose connected with the Irish Volunteers, I would be quite willing. A little while after this, he told me that a friend of his had discovered some very important information, and he thought it would be a good thing for me to publish it.

He said me that a certain official in Dublin Castle had occasioned access to certain secret messages and files there. He had discovered one document in code which outlined a scheme for the military occupation of Dublin. To get the text accurately and undistorted, he would only copy it in plaintext during a few minutes on certain days.

I agreed to publish it, and suggested a committee to organize the widest publicity possible. Rory agreed. The committee consisted of F. Sheehy-Skeffington, Dr. Douglas O'Connell and Andrew E. Mahon (L. F. Byrne). We thought the publication would be the best way to prevent disaster.

Order in cypher

WHAT was this startling document?

It was an order in cypher on a narrow file in Dublin Castle only to be promulgated and set to be put into force with the issue of a *Perilous order* from the Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin, which was by the Order Secretary's *Life Machine*, Walker, and the General Officer Commanding, The Forces in Ireland (General Pender).

The order directed various classes of persons to be put under arrest, the police to be ordered to surround, detain and mounted patrols to be put on guard in the city, a list of premises to be occupied and letters to be retained. The names of the Ministers of the Crown and the Members of

A DISCLOSURE by P. J. LITTLE



ROGER CASMENT, 1869-1916, shot - May 3.
THOMAS KENT, shot - May 3.

part of the Government to cause bloodshed in Ireland by an attack on the Irish Volunteers—a body formed openly in plain view—in a manner certain to provoke armed resistance, I appeal to you to use your influence, public and private in whatever manner you may consider would best benefit this country. The cipher from which this document is copied shows not only individual participation or signiture, but the date.

F. J. LITTLE.

The document was in Dublin.

Parliament Hall, 500 Park View, New York, was in charge of all National Volunteer premises in the city, Trades Council, Freeman's, Capel Street, Survey House, Leinster Road, Rath-

The following premises will be isolated, and all communications to or from prohibited. Premises known as Archbishop's House, Devonport, Marston House, Dawson Street, No. 49 Herbert Park, Leinster, Kinross Road, Woodhouse Park, Rathboden, Sackville's, O'Connell, Harrington, Rathfarnham, and in addition premises in Sub D, see Maps 2 and 4.

Checked

WHAT checked people at the Gate was the intention expressed in the plan to include the Archbishop and the Lord Mayor. Did knowing that the Archbishop was a Roman Catholic Nationalist and that the Lord Mayor would be used to persuade military action, a British military leader might have been a mistake for a New Protestant.

On the day list of persons to be taken the information, certain



Franklin, Rory O'Connor and the other well-known leaders, as the definite date for the rising.

John MacNeill had been informed of my intention to publish the document and had approved, but on April 13, Tuesday evening of 1907,

the document, I made a remark that things might get pretty hot for me, but Standish and a certain thing. "The British will reproduce the document, and so they will have you alone."

"The possibility of the document being printed, you, and I would be the most of my

with a friend of his, who rang up the Castle.

The Castle, on getting the message, sent down some "house boys" who, while I was temporarily out of the office, met me out of the paper and went off. The Notes of the Week got the same treatment. I sent word to Standish that he had done his part by sending my introductory letter and text to Alderman Tom Kelly.

Dublin Press

D. O'CONNELL had undertaken to carry copies of the document to the Dublin Press to make sure of publication as we were not sure of how events would go at the meeting of the Corporation.

After first refusing to publish the document, Mr. Dolan, editor of the "Evening Mail" finally decided to do so, and the morning papers followed suit.

The editor of the "Evening Telegraph" had refused Dr. O'Connell's request for publication.

In the morning papers on Monday night appeared a Royal Proclamation prohibiting the publication of any document made at a secret session of the British Parliament. At the time of its issue we were shocked. They were very serious. They were the first sign that, in any newspaper, official, etc., to publish the contents of a confidential document any belonging to, or any confidential information received from any Government Department or any person in the service of His Majesty.

It looked as if some disclosure of the document was going and some shuffling of the stars down after the armed men.

Charged

I WAS arrested after the Rising and released after a few days. I thought after several days were passed in my cell, I would be accompanied

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- ★ David Hogan 11
- Films, Theatres 11
- ★ Father Fitz's Story 26
- Things in front of us 20
- ★ Who's News goes South 21
- The woman's angle 23
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Chimes Arter that they would shortly be disbanded. This undoubtedly because one of the prominent names of the outbreak.

Genuine

It is very important to note that at the time the Commission was formed, the official