

1918. I have asserted this in America time after time. I now repeat it here. From July, 1917, I was intimately in touch with all the major activities both of the Sinn Fein political organisation and of the Irish Volunteers, and so I speak with knowledge and authority. Lord Wimborne, not Lloyd George, told the truth on this matter.

The character of this "report," its total untrustworthiness, and its obvious purpose to bring to play on the side of the authors of the present military frightfulness in Ireland all the prejudices and hatreds of the past war, can be inferred from the portions that have reference to me personally.

For example, the document on "Army Organisation" attributed to me and, according to the summary in the press, said to be in my handwriting, is not in my handwriting, as they could easily have seen. Further, it was neither composed by me nor composed at my suggestion; nor was it on my person. I suggest that representative American or Continental pressmen ask Lloyd George to let them see the original document or the photographic copy of it. It will not need an expert to decide that the writing is not mine.

When that is done I will give a full history of the document and supported by proofs that will be conclusive. The way the British Cabinet has impressed this document into its service might be taken as a standard illustration of how such plots are manufactured to meet the British Government's needs.

The press has already commented on the fact that, although names are given without reserve throughout the report, a letter found in my possession is referred to as from "a known member of the Irish Republican Army." It will be interested to know the reason for this. This letter was handed to me when presiding at a meeting a few hours before my arrest. (It might have come from Lloyd George himself or from the original discoverer of the German plot, Sir Edward Carson.)

I glanced through its contents and later though the document seemed of no particular consequence, being, if genuine, nothing more than the writer's own views on the situation as regards conscription and the steps that were being taken to meet it—as a safeguard to the writer from the attentions of the British, should they get the letter, I pinched off the signature. This can be seen if the original be examined.

As for the document on communications, it was given me as a basis from which I might start to work up a system of communications which was needed by the Mansion House Conference in connection with their work in view of the threatened enforcement of conscription. In all probability I would have altered it so much that the system when actually set up would have but slight relation to the scheme outlined in this proposal.

In so far as this whole report has reference to incidents subsequent to the 17th July I know that it is simply of a piece with the same sheer audacity in lying which the present British Ministers have given evidence of in respect to Ireland in their public statements day by day—statements which are designed to deceive their own people no less than the peoples of foreign nations.

We who know the truth and see how deliberately these gentlemen distort it do not forget this fact when estimating the probable honesty of so-called offers and proposals emanating from them. The case of Cotter Brothers is another instance of how eagerly, in the absence of evidence of any real plot, the British Government press into their service every chance occurrence and document that comes their way if it can at all be made suitable for their purpose.

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Few men succeed because they are naturally brilliant. Success is due usually to persistence, determination, and ambition.

The Defence Department of New Zealand has decided to adopt the "Dennis" Motor Lorry. Transport Officers say that in France the "Dennis" proved first for reliability.—The New Zealand Express Co., Ltd.

REV. FATHER GOLDEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION

A WORTHY PRIEST HONORED.

The golden jubilee of the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Father Golden, was celebrated on Saturday, he having been ordained in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland, by Right Rev. Dr. W. J. Croke, then Bishop of the diocese, on February 26, 1871 (writes our Auckland correspondent, under date March 5). Father Golden celebrated Mass at the Home of the Little Sis-



ters of the Poor on Saturday, February 26, and it was served by Mr. M. J. Sheahan, who had the honor of serving at Father Golden's first Mass.

Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated by his Lordship Bishop Liston, at nine o'clock, in the chapel of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Fathers Buckley and Colgan being deacon and subdeacon respectively, and Father Forde, Adm., master of ceremonies. Right Rev. Dr. Cleary and Father Golden were seated in the sanctuary, and there were present Right Rev. Mgr. Mahoney, Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, and Very Revs. Dean Cahill and Chancellor Holbrook, and many of the priests of the diocese, as all have been looking forward to this day for quite a long period, to have the opportunity to testify to Father Golden the profound esteem and respect in which he is universally held throughout this and the other dioceses in which he has labored so zealously for half a century. A choir of the Sisters and men of the Home sang the music of the Mass.

After Mass the old folk of the Home and many guests of the Little Sisters of the Poor adjourned to the dining-room of the institution, which was beautifully decorated with festoons of crimson and gold, beautiful ferns and artistically lettered greetings, such as "We joyfully hail our father's Golden Jubilee," "Long live our prelate." Bishop Liston presided, and there were present Monsignors Mahoney and Gillan, Dean Cahill, Chancellor Holbrook, Fathers Forde, Furlong, Doyle, O'Malley, Colgan, O'Doherty, Duffy, and O'Bryne. Father Golden was the recipient of many congratulatory cables, telegrams, and letters, some of which were read by Dr. Liston. "On the auspicious occasion of the 50th anniversary of Father Golden's ordination the Holy Father most cordially imparts his Apostolic Benediction.—Cardinal Gasparri"—was the cable received from his Holiness the Pope, and in referring to it Bishop Liston said—"Rarely has the Holy Father ever sent a better blessing to a better priest."