

County Galway W. R.

Confidential Report for October 1914

I The Riding continues to be peaceful.
This is attributable to the War - Even
Columbro has become peaceful, this
due to the same cause & the fact that a
police barracks was placed there at the
end of September occupied by 12 police.
The number of persons protected personally
has been decreased by one - Martin Conroy
asked to have the protection writ drawn on
this was done - He is now protected by
police & so the number under that
heading is decreased by one.

II Indictable offences have decreased - only
one was serious: - On night of 4 Oct
three men wearing masks entered the home
of Martin Conroy of Glenties S. Dist - One of the
men fired two shots into the fireplace.
The men left without speaking - Fifteen
minutes later two shots were fired,
probably by the same party at the house
of Patrick Ford, adjacent. No damage
was done. The party took a gun with
them from Conroy's house - Mr. O'Brien
employs Ford who lives with Conroy.
The witnesses are Mr. O'Brien and

No arrests were made & the police have
no clue.

III There were no evictions during October,
& no evicted farmers were retaken or
surrendered. There are no general demands
for reductions of rent, or combinations
against the payment of rent - There
have been no fresh cases of Land Purchase
reported.

IV The United Irish League exists only in
name, & is not active anywhere.
The Volunteers are melting away and
drills are hardly held & the number of
those who attend drills is approaching
vanishing point - The drills are an
absolute farce. There are nominally 56
branches of Volunteers with a nominal
membership of 4892 - but everything to
do with the movement is "Nominal".
There are very few arms amongst them
just a few rock rifles & shot guns -
All the existing branches of Volunteers
have declared for Mr. Redmonds, but they
do not go so far as to enlist - There
are 605 known Irish Females in the
Ranking opposed to Mr. Redmonds Policy
A Secret Society is known to exist

over a considerable portion of the Riding -
On 1st October a meeting was held in
Galaxy Town Hall addressed by Messrs
Bryenne, Daffy & O'Malley M.P. The
Linn Famine switched out the electric
light & the meeting was held out of doors.
The meeting was to re-organise the Galaxy
Volunteers & to advocate recruiting for
the Army - There has been no result. About
1500 people were present.

On 11 October Mr O'Malley M.P. held a
meeting at Oughterton - he advocated
enlistment & the result was nil -
about 3000 people were present.

On 18 October Mr O'Malley held a
Unionist meeting at Coleraine & again
advocated enlisting to about 5000 people
& again the result was Nil.

[Owing to rumours of conscription 45
young men from the Riding emigrated
hurryingly to America & 12 others are
making preparations to emigrate from
the same cause.]

V Boycotting still exists to a small extent
& there can be no doubt but that
intimidation is rife. There were no
cattle driven in October.

VI All crops have proved to be good &
the harvest is abundant & well saved

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Number of persons resisted	Permanal	By petrie
On 30 Sept 1914	4	63
" 31 Oct "	3	64

Indictable Offences	Total	Aggravated
Committed in Sept 1914	8	2
" Oct: "	6	2

Twisted Farms on 31 Oct Nov 1914

Twisted farms during month	Total No of twisted farms	Number of such farms declined	Twisted farms retained	
			By old tenant	By new tenant
-	22	13	-	-

Important Purchases

Names of owners of Estates	Approximate No. of Tenants	Reductions secured on		
		non-paid	1 st term	2 ^d term
— Nil —				

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Galway 1 November 1914