

Private Notes

July 23rd. Friday.

Captain Kelly telephoned from Jury's Hotel, Dublin that he would like to see Mr. Burgess.

Mr. Burgess met Captain Kelly that day and discussed the prospect of the manufacture of Munitions in Ireland. Captain Kelly asked if Mr. Burgess could tell him of a good Mechanical Engineer who would :-

1. Tabulate a census of Shell Making machinery in Ireland.
2. Give him some technical advice about machinery.
3. and, if necessary go with him to the South &c.

Mr. Burgess arranged for Mr. Cronin, the Loco. Supt of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company, to do this.

July 24th. Saturday.

Mr. Burgess called on Captain Kelly at Jury's Hotel, and afterwards introduced him to Mr. C. E. Sutton, the Managing Director of Arthur Guinness Son & Co. Mr. Sutton said his firm had very little, if any, machinery suitable for the manufacture of munitions and that if Captain Kelly would put in a letter, and send it to him, what description of Munitions he wished A. Guinness Son & Co to manufacture he would consider about sending an Engineer to inspect samples and see what could be done. Mr. Sutton, in reply to Captain Kelly said he was afraid his firm could not spare him (Mr. Sutton) to act on the Dublin Munitions Committee, but that he would also consider the point and see Captain Kelly again on Monday, July 26th.

July 25th. Sunday.

Mr. Sutton spoke to Mr. Burgess on 'phone and asked him to inform Captain Kelly that he would prefer that Captain Kelly did not call on him again until Thursday, July 29th when he would be in a better position to say something definite.

Mr. Burgess afterwards saw Captain Kelly and conveyed this message to him - at the same time Captain Kelly and Mr. Burgess further discussed points and Captain Kelly said before returning to London he would again visit Belfast and ascertain if the



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Belfast Committee would co-operate with the Dublin and South of Ireland Committees - Captain Kelly expressed the opinion that if this could not be brought about he considered it would not be advisable to open "control" Offices in Dublin, but rather work the Irish business direct from Armament Buildings, London.

July 26th. Monday.

Mr. Burgess in company with Mr. Pat O'Brien M.P. had an interview with Mr. Lloyd George and other gentlemen at Munitions Buildings, London. Mr. Burgess explained to Mr. Lloyd George ÷

1. His personal position in the whole matter, viz:- that he merely wished to give Mr. Lloyd George any assistance he could for which he required no pay or remuneration.
2. Mr. Burgess explained, as far as he could, how far Machinery at present in Ireland would be suitable for the manufacture of Munitions.
3. That Captain Kelly was in Ireland getting information and preparing a report on the whole subject.

During the discussion Mr. Lloyd George's Assistants stated that:-

- (a) no new machinery could be given to Ireland as it was all required in England.
- (b) that Mechanics, who have already left Ireland and gone to work in England could not be brought back to Ireland.

Mr. Lloyd George said he thought Cycle, Motor and other works in Ireland could manufacture "fuses" and things like that and that no definite step would be taken until Captain Kelly's report had been considered.

Mr. Pat O'Brien M.P. made it clear that Mr. Redmond and the Irish Party would not be satisfied unless Ireland was worked to the utmost and that :-

- (a) An Irish Control Office were opened in Dublin.
- (b) that the mechanics who have already left Ireland were brought back.
- (c) that a full proportion of new machinery be supplied to Ireland.



Mr. Burgess again reminded Mr. Lloyd George that he was not a politician and was in close touch with the business side of all Ireland and as he had the confidence of Mr. John Redmond M.P. and Sir Edward Carson M.P. in this matter he was always prepared to give Mr. Lloyd George any assistance he could without pay or remuneration of any sort.

July 27th. Tuesday.

Mr. Burgess called at Jury's Hotel to see Captain Kelly and was informed that he had left for Limerick by first train and would not be back for sometime.