

Monthly Confidential Report for
 December 1913 Crime—Special.

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COUNTY OF Cork 1 Jan'y 1914

I beg to report that:—

I. The state of this Riding and City was peaceable and orderly during the past month. There is no change in personal protection afforded. There is an increase of two in protection by patrols viz:—

(1) To the mail car driver between Banteer and Kingwilliamstown who fears an attack owing to his having obtained the contract for the mails in preference to the old contractor who held it for 20 years. (2) John Twomey of Shanakee, Middleton Dist who is somewhat obnoxious locally owing to his having a dispute with a neighbour about a dwelling house.

II. There were seven indictable offences reported during the month. None of them are agrarian and only one of them is of a serious nature. The facts are as follows:—
 At about 8 p.m. on 26th ult. to the dwelling house of Patrick McCarthy, farmer of Bokerhue, Kanturk Dist, was attacked by three men, all of whom were fully identified by the inmates of the house; they have since been arrested and are now on remand. These men threw stones at the house breaking the glass and sashes in each of two windows. One of the men fired off three revolver shots, but no person was injured. The motive

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is that McCarthy's son jilted the daughter of one of the accused.

III. There was no eviction. No evicted farm re-taken or surrendered. The 17 tenants on Lord Lisle's and the 4 tenants on Major Aldworth's estates both in Newmarket Dist., have not yet settled with their landlords. Otherwise rents are being well paid. There were no sales under L. Purchase Acts.

IV. The political organisations are the H. J. L., A. O. H. (B. & E.), A. F. J. L. and Land and Labour Association. They were inactive during the month. On 14th ulto the A. F. J. L. held a public meeting at Newtownshandrum in Charleville Dist. for the purpose of opening a new hall. As there is a cottage in the village which is in dispute between two labourers, one an O'Brienite and the other a Redmondite, a force of 20 police was present to preserve order. No disturbance however took place. On 14th ulto about 2000 persons attended a public meeting in City Hall for the purpose of forming a National Volunteer Corps for Cork. Professor McNeill of Dublin was the principal speaker. The meeting however

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broke up in disorder and uproar, and the Chairman J. J. Walsh, ^{President} ~~and Secretary~~ G. A. A., was seriously assaulted. On the following Sunday the local promoters of this movement held another meeting in the Gaelic League Hall when about 100 handed in their names as joining the Corps for the City. Since then 300 more members have been enrolled. On 29th ulto drill exercises were commenced when 150 members were put through the first movements in drill by an ex Military Sergeant engaged for the purpose. This movement does not appear to have any public opinion behind it and will in my opinion die out again so far as Cork is concerned.

The Redmondite party in the City had a torchlight procession with bands last night to usher in what they call the Home Rule year. A large number of prominent citizens including the Lord Mayor took part in it.

V. There is no boycotting or intimidation

VI. On 21st ulto a meeting of the Transport Workers Union was held in Parnell Place. Only 400 attended and they were addressed by Messrs Partridge, Pete Larkin and a few other speakers. It was stated a Citizen Army

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was to be established for Cork and an appeal to join it was made, but so far this appeal has not materialised. A meeting of the Irish Postals Servants presided over by the Lord Mayor was held in the City Hall on 7th ult. to consider the "Holt Committee recommendations". The tone of the speeches was moderate.

The Christmas Season passed over very quietly and with very little drunkenness.

The forthcoming Municipal elections on 15th inst in the City will probably cause some excitement as a tough contest is expected between the Redmondites and O'Brienites. The Labour party in the City are also running candidates for Municipal honours.

There are no labour troubles. The local press is moderate in tone.

C. J. Walsh
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 on leave.

The Inspector General