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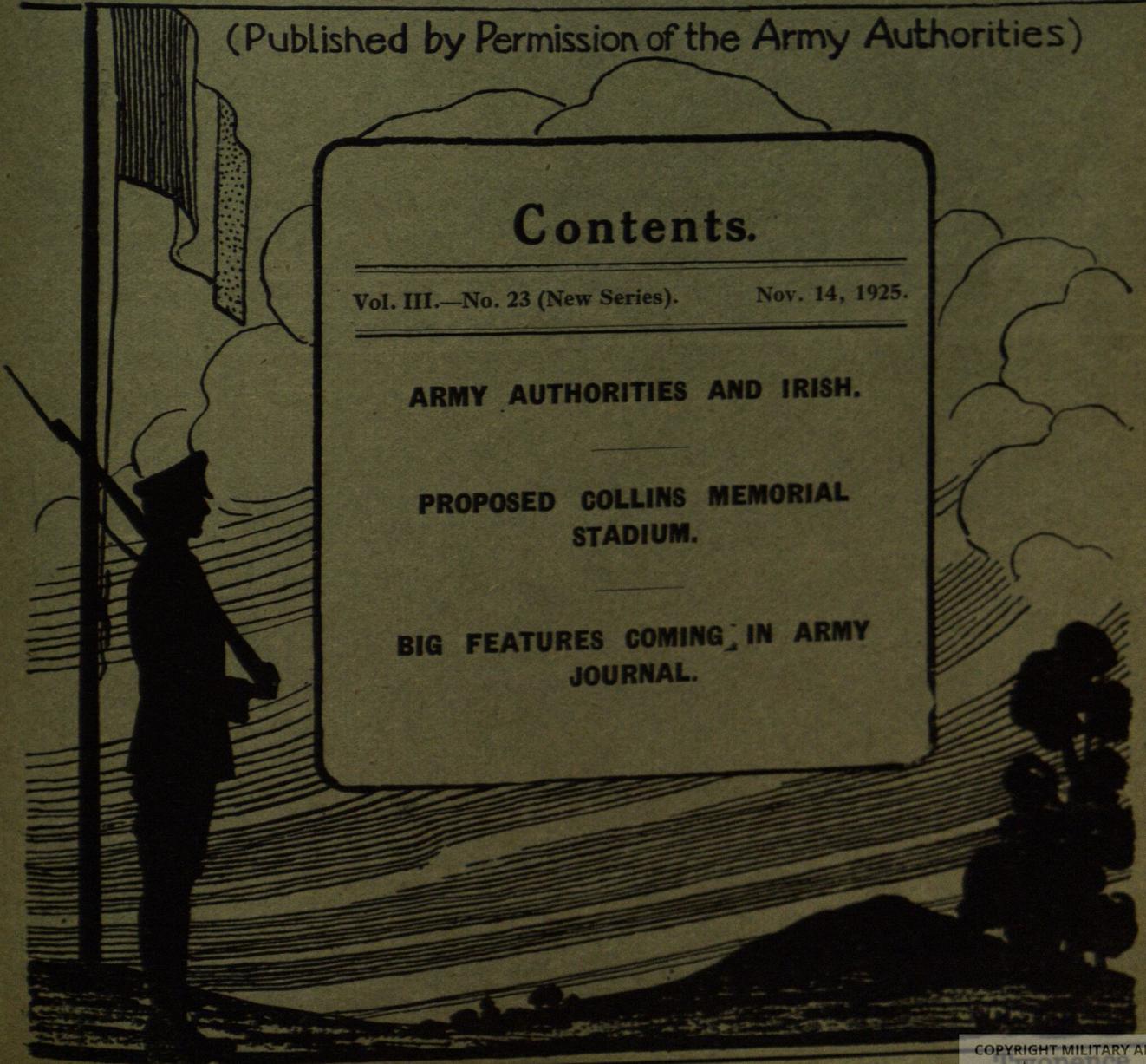
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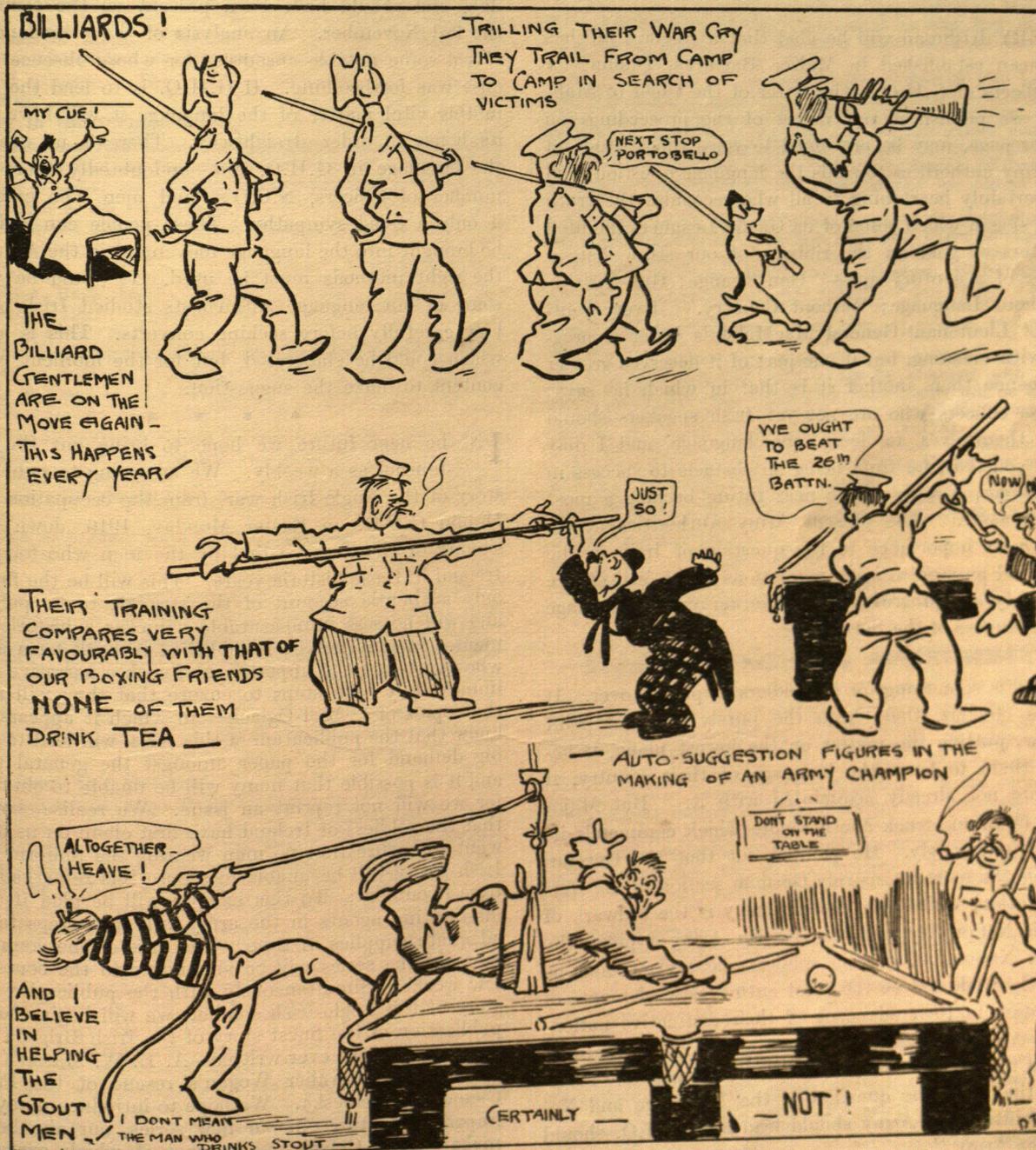
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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

EVERY Irishman will be glad that a Gaelic Club has been established in McKee Barracks, Dublin, for the Officers of G.H.Q. The letter of the Chief of Staff, which we publish in our report of the proceedings on another page, may be presumed to voice the attitude of the Army authorities towards the language question, and it is certainly heartening to all who recognise the truth of the slogan which some of us Gaelic Leaguers flaunted in letters of gold on the ribbons of our straw hats a quarter of a century ago—"Gan Teanga; Gan Tir"—"Without Language; Without Country." Every sentence of Lieutenant-General MacMahon's letter is pregnant with meaning, but if one part of it deserves greater prominence than another it is that in which he says; "Those Officers who are not yet Irish speakers should apply themselves to learn the language, and I may assure you that, far from being an obstacle to success in their career, it will, in the near future become a most decided asset. The present Army Authorities attach the utmost importance to the question of Irish in the Army and propose to issue regulations which will ensure the steady and progressive introduction of the Language in all branches of the Service."

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THAT is something for *all* soldiers to ponder over. It is obvious, that, from the purely personal point of view, putting the matter on the lowest plane, it behoves them to learn the language of their country, if they are not already acquainted with it. But Major Barra O Brian struck another note which commends itself to us strongly. He pointed out that the German Army is the most intensively German section of the German Nation, whilst the French Army is the bulwark of French Nationality and the British Army typifies the British Nation. The Irish soldiers, he said, should be intensely Irish and be the most enthusiastic elements of the nation in their advocacy of their distinctive nationality. And the Chairman, Major-General Aodh MacNeill, crossed the "t's" and dotted the "i's" with the statement that "in the question of the Language and National culture the Army should lead and G.H.Q. should lead the Army."

THE truth of these statements cannot be disputed. The Army *should* lead and G.H.Q. should lead the Army. But the disconcerting fact remains that only 23 officers responded to the invitation which was addressed to every member of the Mess personally, to attend the inaugural meeting of the Gaelic Club. The membership of G.H.Q. Mess approximates to a hundred, and, allowing for the circumstance that a number are at present absent at the Curragh School of Instruction, the fact remains that between sixty and seventy sit down to lunch every day, and should have been present on the evening of the 3rd November. An analysis of the attendance will reveal some notable absentees for whose absence no excuse was forthcoming. If G.H.Q. is to lead the nation in this vital matter of the language it will have to set its house in order straightway. There is no enemy of the language in G.H.Q. but, undoubtedly there are a number of Officers, N.C.O's. and men who extend to it only a tepid sympathy. These people can and must be brought into the language movement in the Army, but the right methods must be used. It would be well if some of our language enthusiasts studied Irish psychology carefully before seeking converts. This is a point which could be elaborated, but for the moment, we are content to make the suggestion.

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IN the near future we hope to bring out the Army Journal as a weekly. We are going to publish the story of the Anglo-Irish war, from the occupation of the Dublin G.P.O. on Easter Monday, 1916, down to the signing of the Treaty—told by the men who fought for Ireland in those historic years. This will be the first and only authentic account of the struggle to be published and will possess immeasurable value as a historic document. It may not be republished in book form and all who appreciate the importance of such a narrative should immediately take steps to ensure that they will receive the copies of "An t-Oglach" in which it appears. We know that the publication of this serial will lead to a very big demand for the paper amongst the general public, and it is possible that many will be unable to obtain it—for we will not reprint an issue. We realise, however, that the soldiers of Ireland have first claim on us and we want to ensure that no man wearing the uniform of the Irish Army will be unable to secure this remarkable historic document. To this end we will be glad if all our distributing agents in the army will take steps to order adequate supplies in time. The date of the commencement of the series will be announced in the course of a few weeks. Simultaneously with the publication of the story of the Anglo-Irish conflict, we will begin the serial publication of the finest story of the Irish Brigade in the service of France ever written—A. E. W. Mason's narrative of the Chevalier Wogan's rescue of the Princess Clementina Sobieska. We hope to introduce many other important features in our new series, our aim being to make "An t-Oglach" a journal of which every Irish soldier will be proud.

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DANCES IN BARRACKS.

Arrangements by Portobello Institute Committee.

CONTROL OF DRY CANTEEN.

At the last meeting of the No. 7 Brigade Area Institute Committee, Commandant Wedick presided, and there were also present:—Commandant Noone, 22nd Battalion; Commandant Gantley, 7th Battalion; Commandant Hegarty and Captain Mc-Nichol, 27th Battalion; Sergeant Collins (Signals), Sergeants Dack and Kennedy, Private Shevlin (Records) and the Secretary.

Commandant Hegarty reported that he had overcome the coal difficulty and had already made arrangements for the provision of suppers. The position, otherwise, was considered satisfactory.

Dancing in the "Gym."

The Secretary read some correspondence from Colonel Mc-Guinness regarding the holding of dances in the Gymnasium, approving of same, and desiring that the proposal in full should be submitted to the Committee.

The Secretary submitted the following proposals passed at a special meeting:—

(1) That the following dance Committee be elected:—President, Sergt.-Major Lawlor; Treasurer, Sergt. Grogan; Secretary, Sergt. Dack; Members, Sergt.-Major Jones; B.Q.M.S. Munster and Pte. Mathers.

(2) That a subscription of 1s. be charged for entrance to dance. Dance to be held on Wednesday evenings of each week, commencing at 7.30 p.m. and terminating at 10.30 p.m. Lady visitors with members to be admitted free.

(3) That a Cinderella Dance be held once each month, and a subscription of 2s. be charged for entrance, such charge to include light refreshment.

(4) That Irish dancing be largely catered for on the programme.

(5) That as a dance band could be procured in the Barracks, arrangements should be made to bring the instrumentalists together.

(6) That Non-Commissioned Officers and men desiring to bring partners to the dances will submit the names of the latter to the Officer Commanding their Unit for his approval.

(7) That a Police Patrol be provided by the 22nd and 23rd Battalions on the nights of the dances to prevent visitors from straying around the Barracks.

Commandant Noone proposed and Commandant Gantley seconded the adoption of the report, which was passed unanimously.

Rebate from Dry Canteen.

Command Noone proposed the following resolution:—
"That in view of the fact that the Battalions in this Area are called upon to defray the expenses of the various Brigade functions which take place throughout the year, and considering the present low state of Battalion funds, this Committee are of the opinion that the management of the Dry Canteen in Portobello Barracks should be placed in the hands of contractors who would pay rebate similar to that paid at Balconnel and other stations, such rebate to be controlled by the Brigade Quartermaster for the purpose of defraying expenses of Brigade functions which are organised for the benefit of the men through the Institute and A.A.A. Committees, and further, this Committee requests that the Brigade O.C. take this matter up with the General Officer Commanding, asking him to give effect to the resolution in the interest of comforts for the men during the coming Winter.

The proposal, which evoked considerable discussion, was seconded by Commandant Hegarty and passed.

Sports.

The Secretary was directed to arrange for a cross-country run

on Wednesday afternoons, under Sergeant Phelan, for the Units stationed in Portobello.

Commandant Wedick promised to arrange for the holding of a weekly Gymnasium Class under Sergeant-Major Jones, and said he would inform the Committee of the nights selected.

The Committee were of the opinion that a wireless installation would be a decided acquisition to the Barracks, and suggested that Cumann Sugraidh an Airm be approached on the subject.

THE G.H.Q. CHESS CLUB.

When the G.H.Q. Chess Club was formed two years ago by a small group of enthusiasts, only an extreme optimist would have expected it to survive its first season. Nonetheless, this modest beginning bore good fruit. But it was the victory of Major Cotter in the Tailteann Minor Competition in 1924 that definitely focussed the attention of the Irish chess world on the future possibilities of chess in the Army.

The participation of the club in the Armstrong Cup Competition last season marked a further big advance. Although the Army team did not win any laurels in the Competition, it certainly gave a very good account of itself, and gained much useful experience from contact with the veteran clubs which have done so much for Irish chess. In fact, the anxiety of these clubs to welcome and facilitate the young recruit was almost embarrassing.

Prospects for the present season are decidedly promising. The membership list of old and new members, which is close on a hundred, includes the Chief of Staff, Assistant Chief of Staff, Adjutant-General and Quartermaster General. Club nights are Mondays and Thursdays at the Officers' Mess, McKee Barracks. Beginners' classes will be held on each of these nights, and every facility will be afforded to those who are anxious to learn the game.

In addition to the Armstrong Cup Competition, for which a team is being entered, matches will be arranged with various outside clubs, and the annual club tournaments will be held for the Club Shield and the Ennis Shield, very kindly presented by Commdt. P. Ennis, Camp Commandant, G.H.Q.

For the benefit of other Army units, it may be mentioned that G.H.Q. Club is decidedly averse to monopolising the game in the Army, and will cheerfully submit to a good trouncing by any other Army team which can arrange a match. All communications should be addressed to the Hon. Sec., G.H.Q. Chess Club, G.H.Q., Parkgate St.

ARMSTRONG CUP.

G.H.Q. v. Trinity at McKee Barracks, 23/11/'25.

G.H.Q. v. Sackville at McKee Barracks, 7/12/'25.

IT PAYS TO STUDY OUR ADVERTISEMENTS.

Soldiers in the metropolis will be interested in the offer of reduced terms to men in uniform, which is being made by the management of the Fountain Picture House, James's St., Dublin, in the advertising columns of this issue. The "Fountain" is one of the best outlying cinemas, and is very convenient to G.H.Q., Collins Barracks and Islandbridge. It has earned high praise in the cinema trade journals for the first-class manner in which it has staged big pictures. Writing of a recent screening, the *Bioscope*, one of the foremost journals in the film world said: "This film has been a wonderful winner for Phoenix Films, Ltd., but was never better shown and exploited than at the Fountain, where Mr. Cecil Marston showed it with full mechanical effects."

A special discount to soldiers in uniform is offered in this issue by the Parkgate Pharmacy.

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All "An t-Oglach" advertisements are subject to careful supervision by the management, and can be relied upon. A newcomer to our columns is Norton, of Henry Street, whose advertisement on another page should have an especial interest for those in charge of Army messes.

Our readers should support "An t-Oglach" advertisers. By doing so they will do a good turn, not only to the paper, but to themselves.

THE THEFT OF AUSTRIA'S "PLAN 3."

Whole Military Position Given Away.

EFFECT IN GREAT WAR.

Biggest Espionage Case of Redl, Master Spy.

PLOT AND COUNTERPLOT.

In our issue of 31st October, we told the story of the sensational exposure and death of Colonel Redl—for many years head of the Austrian Intelligence Department—who utilised his exceptional opportunities to accumulate a fortune by spying for Russia, France, Italy, and other countries, betraying his own country and his own countrymen without scruple, for his own aggrandisement.

After his suicide in the Hotel Klomser, Vienna, about 12 months before the outbreak of the European War, the task confronting the Austrian authorities was to discover what Redl had betrayed—and the discoveries were to be truly sensational.

One thing he had done was to cost Austria-Hungary hundreds of thousands of men on the hills of Northern Serbia before many months were over.

Within a quarter of an hour of the discovery of Redl's body, General Conrad von Hoetzendorff had been informed, and before an hour was over a special train was carrying a commission, consisting of a colonel and a major, to Prague, to conduct an investigation in the dead officer's house. That search was carried out in the presence of General Baron von Giesl, commander of the 8th Corps, the headquarters of which are at Prague. Redl's house was furnished with extreme luxury, and among the first things to be established was that, three years previously, he had bought a large estate. Receipts showed too, that he had, in five years, bought no fewer than four of the most expensive motor-cars. In Vienna he owned a large house. It was known that he had "private means," but receipts showed that he had lived like an extravagant millionaire. In his wine cellar were 160 dozen of the finest French champagnes! Then, from various documents, it was learned that, in less than a year, he had received from Russia about 60,000 kronen (about £2,400) for his services as spy in the pay of Russia. That amount was ten times the pay of a colonel, but it was evident that the documents discovered did not give nearly the full amount. It must have been five or six times that figure, for the Russian Secret Service was always particularly liberal.

Odds and ends of things he had betrayed to Italy; some material had gone to France; but his relations with these countries were indirect. It was clear that:

He had acted for ten years as Russia's chief foreign spy.

He had made a speciality of denouncing to the Russian authorities persons acting as spies in Russia.

He began to spy in 1902.

What had he betrayed?

From the great mass of letters, copied documents, codes, photographs, plans, secret army orders, mobilisation schemes, reports on the state of railways and roads, precise statements regarding the equipment of the army, etc., etc., it was quickly evident that there was very little he had *not* betrayed. And to Russia, the great potential enemy!

It was established, too, that the blood of many Austrian and Hungarian Secret Service agents abroad was on his hands. Some had been Redl's friends and his colleagues at the "K.S." Cold-bloodedly, he had sacrificed them to make his position as a spy in Russian service more secure. Surely a more dastardly

form of crime it would be difficult to imagine! His position as chief of the espionage and counter-espionage department of the Secret Service, which he held from 1900 to 1905, made it quite easy for him to furnish that information. Thus the preliminary and hurried investigation had revealed a tale of unparalleled treachery. It showed that *the whole military position of Austria-Hungary had been "given away."*

Theft of "Plan 3."

"Plan 3"—the thought of it, as already mentioned, flashed to the mind of the Commander-in-Chief of the army—General Conrad von Hoetzendorff—as soon as he heard of Redl's treachery. "Plan 3" was the complete scheme for military action against Serbia should Austria-Hungary go to war with that country! Every detail, down to the last man and gun, was fixed; how the necessary forces would be moved, where some were stationed, and where others would be mobilised, the points at which Serbia would be attacked, etc., were fully outlined in descriptions, plans, statistics, maps. "Plan 3" was the masterpiece of the Austro-Hungarian General Staff.

It is said that Moltke had to be roused from sleep to hear the news of the declaration of war in 1870. "Take down File No. — from shelf No. —, and act on the instructions you find in it," he said. And the battle thinker turned round and went to sleep again. It was Conrad von Hoetzendorff's ambition to be another Moltke. When the war with Serbia, which he regarded as inevitable, came, he had merely to say "Plan 3," and a staff-lieutenant could set the whole plan of campaign in motion. And Redl had sold "Plan 3" to the Russians! That was to say, the Serbians knew all about it!

Von Hoetzendorff knew he would have to remodel the whole vast scheme. That was a matter of astounding difficulty, because into "Plan 3" almost every ounce of the military wisdom of the Dual Monarchy had been put. The plan might be altered, but still its main features would have to remain very much the same.

The Serbian General Staff, with that brilliant soldier, Marshal Putnik, at its head, had had an insight into the mind of the Austro-Hungarian General Staff. For months Putnik had been pondering over "Plan 3." He had, indeed, known it by heart long ago. He could easily see where the changes would occur. What good use the Serbian commander made of his knowledge was to be seen in the early stages of the Great War. To the surprise of the whole world, Putnik and his wonderful army drove back, not only one Austro-Hungarian invasion—but three! Thrice the Austro-Hungarian army tried variants of "Plan 3," and thrice Putnik checked it, and inflicted tremendous losses on the invading forces.

Double-dyed Traitor.

One of the most remarkable of the discoveries made in the examination of Redl's papers was the case of his betrayal of a Russian colonel.

The Archduke Francis Ferdinand had been on a visit to St. Petersburg, and had been so well received at the Russian Court and by the Russian statesmen that he requested the Austro-Hungarian military attache who accompanied His Royal Highness to Warsaw on the return journey, to reduce espionage in Russia to the greatest possible extent so as not to annoy the Russians. The attache left the train at Warsaw and stayed in that city for two days. While he was there he received the visit of a Russian colonel, who offered him the whole plan for a Russian military attack on Germany and Austria-Hungary. In spite of the Heir Apparent's instructions, the attache could scarcely refuse such a "good thing," and he came to terms with the Russian.

When Redl heard of the deal he immediately took action. The plans, of course, came first to him, as he was the head of the espionage and counter-espionage department of the Secret Service; he substituted for them a set of "spoof" plans, so as to make it obvious, in the first place, that the attache in St. Petersburg had been badly "sold." He was recalled.

returned the real plans (which no one, except himself and the military attache at St. Petersburg, had seen, and no one at all had studied) to the Russian authorities, and provided them with the name of the treacherous colonel who had sold them. The Russian colonel, of course, committed suicide on hearing of his betrayal. For this Redl received £4,000!

In this case Redl rendered good service to the Russians. Not only did he keep the Russian plans a secret from the Germans and the Austrians, but he prevented both from knowing anything about a considerable number of Russian Army Corps. Years afterwards a well-known Austro-Hungarian statesman declared: "If the General Staff of the Dual Monarchy had known of the existence of these army corps, our general would have seen the extreme danger of a quarrel with Russia, and would have been able to prevent our couriers from driving us into war in 1914. Hence our war fever and our defeat. That villain, Redl, denounced every Austro-Hungarian spy in Russia and delivered our secrets to the Russians."

Redl's Biggest Case.

The biggest espionage case in which Colonel Redl, as chief of the espionage and counter-espionage department, was involved, was the sensational one known as the Hekailo-Wienckowski-Acht affair, the full and tragic story of which is now told for the first time. Documents found in Redl's house showed how, at the very beginning of his career as a spy and traitor, he was nearly betrayed. Only his coolness and the great skill with which he played his double role of spy and spy-prosecutor pulled him out of an exceedingly difficult and perilous position. Even the advocate engaged for the prosecution came within an ace of suspecting him.

The whole story of the case is a tale of inhuman callousness. In 1903, when Redl had just begun his activities on behalf of Russia, a young man named Hekailo, who held the position of a clerk in the army administration at Lemberg, was arrested on a charge of misappropriating funds. An inquiry resulted in his being released, and he immediately fled the country. Two months later Colonel (then Major) Redl called on Dr. Haberditz, an eminent Vienna advocate generally engaged for military cases. Dr. Haberditz had conducted the inquiry into the Hekailo case, and was interested and astonished to hear that Redl alleged that the man was guilty of espionage on behalf of Russia, and that he had, most likely, betrayed the plans for the co-operation of Germany and Austria-Hungary in marching against Russia *via* the Thorn region. Redl declared that he had discovered Hekailo's whereabouts from an intercepted letter which Hekailo had sent to a friend in Lemberg, saying that he had settled down in Curitiba, in Southern Brazil, under the name of Karl Weber. As a result, Hekailo's extradition was demanded on the ground that he had committed extensive thefts; it was agreed to. (He could not be extradited, of course, as a spy).

Hekailo was put on trial at Vienna. Redl produced most damaging proofs against him—photographs, letters, drawings, and various documents sent to the address of a governess in the family of one of the officers of the Russian General Staff in Warsaw. Among the documents was proof that the above-mentioned plan had been betrayed. Redl declared that it had cost about 30,000 kronen (or £1,200) to obtain possession of these proofs.

Both Haberditz and Redl tried countless ways to make Hekailo confess, but in vain. At last, in reply to a question put to him by Redl, he said:

"Major, how could I obtain these plans? Only someone at

General Staff Headquarters in Vienna could obtain them and sell them to the Russians."

Little did Hekailo know how near he had come to the proper solution of the case!

Plot and Counterplot.

Under severe pressure Hekailo gave the name of one of his accomplices—Major Ritter von Wienckowski, stationed at Stanislaw. Next day Redl and Haberditz went to Stanislaw and had Major von Wienckowski arrested. Half a ton of documents was seized and the identity of the third person in the case established—Captain Acht, personal adjutant of the commander at Lemberg! When all three men were in the dock and the case had become a highly sensational one—a special verbatim report was prepared for the Emperor—Redl's attitude suddenly changed, and, as far as Wienckowski and Acht were concerned, he was almost their defender instead of the expert witness against them. As a result, Redl and Haberditz became less friendly, and eventually their relations were so strained that the advocate went to Redl's superior, expressed his suspicions, and demanded that someone else be employed in the case instead of Redl. But the advocate's suspicions were ridiculed. Then, two weeks after, Redl changed his attitude, and again became the merciless person he was before. The three defendants, in the end, were sentenced, one to eight years and two to twelve years in prison.

Now, why did Redl change his attitude twice in the course of the case? The papers found in his house tell the reason why, and a grim story it is. It was Redl who sold the plans in question to the Russians. In addition to his "fee," he demanded that the Russians should make it possible for him to have a big espionage case in Vienna. The reasons for such a wish are obvious. Now, as Hekailo had fled to the wilds of Brazil, he was no longer of any use to the Russian Secret Service, so the Russians put Redl on the man's track and provided the necessary material to convict him of treason. (The 30,000 kronen which, Redl said, the proofs cost him, really went into his own pocket). From the Russian point of view, however, the case became serious and important as soon as it involved Wienckowski and Acht, two of the best spies in the Russian service in all the frontier region. The Russian military attache in Vienna, therefore, paid Redl a visit and told him that he must secure the acquittal of the two officers.

Otherwise . . .

Redl knew that he could look for no mercy from his Russian "employers," so, as already mentioned, he tried hard to influence the court in favour of Wienckowski and Acht. He saw that it was impossible to do anything, however, and so he had to come to terms with the Russians. He managed to do so, and the Russians agreed to sacrifice the two officers. On what terms? In court, when the case was nearing its end, Redl had occasion to refer to a certain incriminating document which had been secured, he said, at great cost. A Russian major (on the General Staff at Warsaw) had secured it and sent it to him. The major was a man who, Redl added, had done a great deal of good work for Austria. The theft, however, had been traced to the major; he had been tried by courtmartial, found guilty and hanged. What really happened was that Redl, to persuade the Russians to agree to the condemnation of Wienckowski and Acht, had undertaken to betray a spy to the Warsaw military authorities and to provide the evidence of his guilt. The major was the person whom Redl betrayed and sent to his death in accordance with this villainous agreement!

Such is the story of Albert Redl, master spy.

LOOK OUT!
FOR OUR NEW WEEKLY ISSUE.
MANY NEW FEATURES.

NOTES FROM PORTOBELLO.

"Dancing 10 p.m. to 3 p.m."—So the inscription on an invitation card to the Curragh informs us. After all, 17 hours on any one subject is nothing in a place like the Curragh.

About to resume his civil occupation, "Jim" Morgan now takes leave of his numerous friends in the Army, and particularly in Portobello. At all times a good pal and a thorough sportsman, "Jim" endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact, and it is not without feelings of regret at losing him that we tender our best wishes for his future good luck.

Congratulations to the Committee responsible for the organisation and running of the smoking concert held in the 22nd Sergeants' Mess on Hallow E'en. They made very light, indeed, of the so much discussed problem of finding talent, and succeeded in acquiring at very short notice such a collection of "turns" that the place appeared to be bubbling over with song, so much so that at times the patient Chairman had considerable difficulty in getting them to sing their different songs one at a time.

Unquestionably the star of the evening was Hawkins, of Signal Corps. His impersonation of George Lashwood, in "Burlington Bertie," but with a marked deviation in make-up, and other items from what would appear to be an inexhaustive repertoire, were enjoyed to the utmost by a highly-appreciative, though well-primed audience.

Hawkins is certainly a lucky capture for Mr. Comerford's Minstrel Troupe, which, by the way, has now become a big attraction to the "Carusoes" and "McCormacks" of Portobello.

Don't blame me for this:—

The night was stormy and cold outside,
When the vaults of Bacchus were opened wide,
And good cheer and humour prevailed inside,
At the 22nd Smoker.

"Tom" Keane arrived by special mail,
He found and *lost* the "Yukon Trail."
No wonder he failed to finish his tale,
At the 22nd Smoker.

"Brittain" rendered in a tenor strong,
"That Old-fashioned Mother"—his favourite song,
More waiters rushed in and more drinks came along,
At the 22nd Smoker.

The Piper-man who "pipes" so sweet,
With his paraphernalia all complete,
Damn nearly blew us off our feet,
At the 22nd Smoker.

"Hawkins" from Signals with "Bertie from Bow,"
With an eye-glass and cane, and plenty of go,
Made Lashwood look like a bilious crow,
At the 22nd Smoker.

"Munster" from Ulster attired in his *new*
Gazed on the wine when 'twas red 'tis true,
Aye, *more than gazed*, and so would you,
At the 22nd Smoker.

Touring the Barracks round and round,
At 5 a.m. at last was found,
The hard man "Barney" homeward bound,
From the 22nd Smoker.

The manufacture and installation of what is called a Ledger rack, in Records' Office, caused much work for the Engineers, and much amusement for the Records' Staff.

The man who measured and designed it should certainly have been told that it was ultimately meant for the inside of a house.

Of course it was originally built inside a house, but the fact that it was not meant to complete the establishment as a tool box Class I. in that particular house necessitated its being taken down and re-erected outside for transmission to Portobello.

When it arrived at Records it was like "two into three" won't go; but some slight detractions to facilitate its entry into the office was only a matter of a few hours.

However, now it's there and will stop there, because nobody can get it out.

Anesthetics have now been dispensed with in our hospital—a huge chain with a pet (?) fox at one end, has the desired effect in all cases.

The morning sick parade has diminished considerably within the last few days, and special sick reports nowadays are only stretcher cases.



"SCRAPS" FROM GORMANSTON.

The Billiard Tournament which took place here on the 4th inst., between the 13th Infantry Battalion and the M.T. Depot provided a very interesting and enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The Battalion were unlucky in not winning at least one of the games, three of which were very closely contested, but, considering that they have not anything like the facilities which the Depot men have, for practise, etc., I think they did remarkably well and will prove their worth next time. The games resulted as follows:—

13th BATTALION V. M.T. DEPOT.

13th BATTALION		Score	M.T. DEPOT		Score
Pte. Boyle	49	v.	Cpl. P. Kelly	100	100
B. S. M. Fitzgerald	87	v.	Sgt. Comerton	100	100
Pte. Carroll	68	v.	Pte. Gibney	100	100
Sgt. Madden	81	v.	Pte. Maxon	100	100
C/Sgt. Merryweather	51	v.	Cpl. Hanna	100	100
Sgt. Fitzmartin	80	v.	Pte. D. Murphy	100	100

Aggregate score 416

Aggregate score 600

It is hoped, that this tournament is but the forerunner of many others of a similar kind.

The Christmas Billiard Handicap which drew such a record number of entries is proving a great success and has the Camp all agog. The first match between Capt. Tuke and Pte. Carson was very interesting and many are of the opinion, that Carson should have won, but, Capt. Tuke has a Store of Ball Bearings and won through. Later on Sgt. King lost his crown.

The "Universal" opinion about the Fox picture recently shown here, is, that it was an "Ideal" picture, although it was somewhat "Pathe"—tic.

The "Flitting" led the N.C.O.'s a pretty dance, though there was no sitting out. Sgt. C. had a Black look-out or is it lock-out?



15th BATTALION, CURRAGH CAMP.

A Committee has been formed, consisting of one Officer, one N.C.O., and one man per Company for the purpose of looking after the Recreation and Indoor Amusements of N.C.O.'s and men of this Battalion during the Winter months. All the boys are looking forward to having an enjoyable time, as soon as this Committee gets working properly. They have already staged an Inter-Company Boxing Tournament, which proved a wonderful success, also a Whist Drive, which was much appreciated by all ranks. We are looking forward for "some more."

Private Buckley, the Army Flyweight Champion, has recently been transferred from the Reception and Training Depot, and much credit is due to him and his assistants for the way our Battalion Boxing Team was turned out to compete in the Command Boxing Tournament held in the Gymnasium on the 29th and 30th ult. The training they received was evident, as they won the Inter-Unit Cup by 38 points.

And what about the Battalion Hurling Team, who won the Command Championship on the 24th ult., beating the Reception and Training Depot by 4 goals and 2 points to 2 goals and 1 point. This Cup and Medals will be presented to the boys on Saturday, the 14th instant.

The football final is on it's way for completion by the 14th.

inst., and we are in the semi-final. We know that the footballers will not let down the hurlers. "The real old spirit that counts."

Since the Army Tug-of-War Final, which was pulled off some short time ago, we had not yet the opportunity of congratulating the Artillery Corps for the fine pull they gave, though we were the losers.

When will the Sergeants hold their next Whist Drive?

Private Somers was awarded the Cup presented by Messrs. Elvery & Co., as being the best all round athlete in the 5th and 15th Battalion Sports. We thank Messrs. Elvery & Co. very much for their beautiful trophy.

The Battalion Band has been in oblivion for some time.

Which Company will win the Shooting Competition? After their course of Musketry the recruits are doing well. Pte. Kelly, of "C" Company got a 2-inch group dead on at six o'clock on the bull, and the Premier Company have to shoot yet.

How do the boys like their new Company Captain?

We were all sorry to see Lieut. Murphy had been transferred to another Unit. We wish him the best of luck, and hope he does not forget the 15th.

That was a very thoughtful Brigade Officer who had the clothing of "D" Company dried in one hour when they were soaking wet, after coming in from the Ranges. "That's our good fortune of being in the 8th Brigade."



PRESENTATION TO THE REV. FATHER O'CALLAGHAN.

One of the most popular chaplains in the Army was Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan, and his departure will be keenly regretted by all who had the privilege of knowing him as C.F. We are informed that on Monday evening, the 9th inst., at the Staff Mess, Collins Barracks, Dublin, a dinner was held and a presentation made to Father O'Callaghan, as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the Council and members of the Army Athletic Association, of which Association he acted as Chairman for over 12 months. Father O'Callaghan has been recalled by His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, for duty at St. James's Parish.

Major Doyle, Vice-Chairman of the Army Athletic Association, in presenting a beautiful chalice to Father O'Callaghan, said (according to a report which has been supplied to us) in the course of a neat speech:—"I know I speak on behalf of the A.A.A., and I think also on behalf of every Officer and man in the Army, when I wish Father O'Callaghan the same success in his present Mission that he had while an Army Chaplain, and I express the hope that before long he will have as many true friends amongst his flock as he now leaves in Army circles. I now ask Father O'Callaghan to accept from the Army Athletic Association this small token of our appreciation and esteem."

General O'Duffy said:—"I am greatly pleased for being given the opportunity of being present to-night to associate myself and the Gardai Force with the presentation to Father O'Callaghan. The Army and the Gardai have much in common. We look on the Army as the elder sister of our family, our Force being mainly composed of pre-truce and ex-National Army men. We have also the same ideals, the creating of a true Irish-Ireland spirit. I have had many opportunities of meeting Father O'Callaghan at athletic meetings. Only quite recently at a conference of the State Services Sports' Clubs, I had an opportunity of placing a true value on Father O'Callaghan's worth as a leader in the Athletic sphere, and I am convinced that it is due to the spirit of athletics which has been sown amongst our troops, that to-day Ireland's Army is a credit to the State. We, of the Gardai, recognise that the Army, as far as the State Forces at all events are concerned, is and has been the pioneer and guide to us in matters athletic, and to Father O'Callaghan is due the credit for much of the successes which have been attained by both Forces. In the conclusion, I desire, on behalf of the Gardai Force, to wish Father O'Callaghan many years of success and prosperity."

Father O'Callaghan, in the course of his reply, said:—"I

have to thank you very heartily for your references to me and my work for the Army. I hope I deserve the measure of praise which you have given me. Even if you had never put your thoughts in words, the generous gesture which you all have made in attending here to-night to pay tribute to me is more than I can find words to thank you adequately for. Surely this is a moment when, if it were possible for a man to feel proud and gratified, I should feel proud and gratified, but let me say at once that the feeling which dominates me at the moment, and the feeling which has dominated me since I got my instructions from the Archbishop to report elsewhere, is not one of pride and gratification, but a feeling of sadness made more keen at the moment when I feel that this is, perhaps, the last time that I shall have the pleasure of meeting such a body of ideal Irishmen and sterling friends. It is a big wrench for me, for my heart was in the Army, and my heart was set on seeing the Army develop with that cheerful single-mindedness which made the Army possible in this country.

"I shall ever treasure as a memento of the proudest though saddest moment of my life, this beautiful Chalice which you have presented to me. I shall use it daily while God spares me, and my daily memento shall be that the country may ever have the services of the true men it now has in its first Army, and that the A.A.A. may be appreciated, as it deserves, as being the elixir of monotonous Army life and the foundation on which is to be laid the foundation of an Army tradition of everything that is brave, honourable, cheerful and God-fearing."

An enjoyable musical evening followed the presentation.

We are informed that amongst those present were:—General O'Duffy; Lt.-General P. McMahon, Majors-General Hogan, Cronin, MacNeill, Colonels T. O'Higgins, S. O'Higgins, McGauran, McCorley, O'Carroll, Majors Doyle, McNally, King, Rev. S. Pigott, C.F.; Commandants Ennis and Colgan. Letters, expressing inability to attend, were received from Major-Generals Brennan and McKeon, Rev. Fathers Mahon, Feehily and McCarthy, and Colonel Woods.



"IF I WERE EDITOR."

Results of Our Suggestions Competition Proves Disappointing.

Only a dozen entries were received for our competition "If I were Editor." Destructive criticism is easy and generally plentiful, but constructive criticism is at a discount, apparently.

The outstanding feature of the competitors' entries was the unanimity with which they stressed the desire for a weekly "An t-Oglach." Well, as stated elsewhere in this issue, we hope to become a weekly very shortly, and other suggestions made which seem feasible will be tested in due course.

1st Prize (£1 11s. 6d.): B.Q.M.S. Nolan, No. 5 Brigade Headquarters, Kilkenny.

2nd Prize (£1 1s.): A/Sergt. Kiely, Officers' Pay and Accounts Section, Portobello Barracks, Dublin.

3rd Prize (10s. 6d.): Sergt.-Major Chandler, 4th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, New Barracks, Limerick.

The essays sent in by the following are highly commended, and it has been decided to award a special consolation prize of 5s. each to the writers:—

Gunner John Phelan, No. 2 Battery, Artillery Corps, Kildare.
Corporal H. Maguire, Army Transport Corps, Gormanston Camp, Co. Meath.

Pte. Francis Timoney, Adjutant General's Department, Portobello Barracks, Dublin.

Corporal Sean Morrison, 12 Infantry Battalion, Templemore.

JOKE COMPETITION STILL OPEN.

The competition for a joke to fit the picture published in page two of our last issue has brought forth a very poor quality of entry, so we are extending the closing date to Saturday, 21st November.

Our Information Bureau.

Back Pay.

"No. 20" (Carlow).—The facts of your case, as stated in your letter, should be submitted to the Brigade Pay-Officer, who is in a position to verify the particulars of the payments issued. Should his investigation prove that you have been underpaid, he is empowered to effect any adjustment necessary.

"Fair Play" (Islandbridge Barracks).—You should apply to the Officer i/c of Pay and Accounts (Arrears of Pay Section), Portobello Barracks, Dublin, setting out the facts as stated in your letter.

Proficiency Pay.

Pte. Ryder (Finner Camp).—You are entitled to reckon your service on your first engagement as qualifying service for payment as a Class II. Private, from date of re-enlistment. You should refer the facts of your case to your Commanding Officer with a view of having your rate of pay adjusted.

"Also Fed-up" (Finner Camp).—The adjustment of the pay of tradesmen of the Army Corps of Engineers, not hitherto in receipt of additional pay, is expected at an early date.

"Interested" (Curragh Camp).—Your appointment does not warrant the payment of additional pay.

Grade Pay.

"Wanted" (Collins Barracks, Dublin).—The question of appointments to Class I. Private is a matter for the discretion of the Adjutant-General, who is alone empowered under the regulations to same. The governing date for payment in such cases is invariably the date from which the appointment is ratified as appearing in orders.

Discharge Papers.

"Anxious" (Finner Camp).—Write letting us know: (1) To whom the Discharge Paper was handed; (2) What was the nature of the document—that is, was it an official discharge certificate or merely a reference.

"Trouble" (Cork).—Make application to your Commanding Officer for discharge on compassionate grounds.

Pension.

"Ex-soldier" (Tralee).—Under existing regulations no pension can be commuted, but your case may be specially treated.

ARTILLERY CORPS SPORTS.

First-Class Programme Brought off in Fine Weather.

Under most favourable weather conditions the first Annual Sports of the Artillery Corps were held at Kildare on Saturday, the 31st October. The sports were honoured by the attendance of Major-General Sean MacEoin, G.O.C., Curragh Command, who was accompanied by Colonel M. Hogan and Major MacCabe.

The programme being very large, it was found necessary to run off the preliminary heats during the week previous to the sports. Along with individual honours, a cup was awarded for the sub-section obtaining the highest number of points, and this led to the keenest competition on the final day.

The mounted events, especially, aroused the greatest interest, and excitement reached a high pitch during the "Alarm Race." Details:—

One Mile Flat.—1st, Gunner T. McCormack, No. 2 Battery; 2nd, Gunner J. Redmond, do.

880 Yards Flat.—1st, Gunner T. McCormack, No. 2 Battery; 2nd, Sergt. T. Shanahan, No. 1 Battery.

440 Yards Flat.—1st, Gunner T. McCormack, No. 2 Battery; 2nd, Driver J. Kelly, do.

220 Yards Flat.—1st, Driver J. Kelly, No. 2 Btty; 2nd, Gunner P. Murphy, do.

100 Yards Flat.—1st, Driver J. Kelly, No. 2 Btty; 2nd, Gunner P. Murphy, do.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1st, Gunner Cody, No. 2 Battery; 2nd, Lieut. Lambert, H.Q. Company.

Relay Race.—Won by "B" Sub-section team, No. 2 Battery.

Obstacle Race.—1st, Driver J. Ward, No. 2 Battery; 2nd, Driver P. Hogan, do.

Sack Race.—1st, Gunner McNamara, No. 2 Battery; 2nd, Gunner T. Rice, do.

Veterans' Race.—Won by Gunner F. Collins, No. 1 Battery, with Gunner P. Kirwan, No. 1 Battery, a close second.

"Tilting the Bucket."—This competition provided much amusement for the onlookers, and was won by Gunners Sloan and Dunne, No. 1 Battery.

High Jump.—1st Lieut. Lambert, H.Q. Company; 2nd, Gunner McNamara, No. 2 Battery.

Long Jump.—1st, Gunner Cody, No. 2 Battery; 2nd, Corpl. Canny, No. 1 Battery.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1st, Gunner Cody, No. 2 Battery; 2nd, Corpl. Canny, No. 1 Battery.

Putting 16 lbs. Shot.—1st, Gunner Harris, No. 1 Bty; 2nd, Cpl. McGrath, do.

Flinging 56 lb. Weight.—1st, Cpl. Sheeran, No. 2 Battery; 2nd, Gunner O'Gorman, No. 1 Battery.

Hurling Puck.—1st, Gunner Kelly, No. 1 Battery; 2nd, Sgt.-Maj. Cummins, H.Q. Company.

Tug-of-War.—Some exciting pulls were witnessed during this contest, which was won by "B" Sub-section, No. 2 Battery.

The "Best Clown" Competition was won by Gunner J. Cahill, No. 2 Battery.

The Mounted Events were closely contested, and the results were:—

Sergeants' Jumping.—1st, Sgt. Boles, No. 1 Battery; 2nd, Sgt. Shanahan, do.

Corporals' Jumping.—1st, Cpl. White, No. 2 Battery; 2nd, Cpl. Canny, No. 1 Battery.

Sub-section Jumping.—1st, "A" Sub-section, No. 1 Battery; 2nd, "A" Sub-section, No. 2 Battery.

Pog-Driving.—1st, "A" Sub-section, No. 1 Bty.; 2nd, "D" Sub-section, do.

"Alarm Race."—This proved to be the most exciting event of the day. The race was started by three blasts on a whistle, which represented the alarm. Immediately the whistle sounded the teams galloped to their guns, hooked in, and proceeded at the gallop to a position allotted to them, where they came into action. Although "D" Sub-section, No. 1 Battery, were the quickest to get away, "C" Sub-section, No. 1 Battery, were the first into action, and fired their round by a short lead from "D" Sub. "C" Sub. were accordingly declared the winners, with "D" Sub. second.

The Competition for the best turned-out G.S. Wagon and Team was won by H.Q. Company (Driver J. Coleman); No. 2 Battery were second (Driver W. Mitchell).

Immediately on the conclusion of the Sports, the Prizes, which were very much admired, were, in the unavoidable absence of the Commanding Officer, presented by Commandant P. Maher, Corps Adjutant.

The Cup for the best Sub-section was won by "B" Sub-section, No. 2 Battery.

"A" Sub-section, No. 1 Battery, was second.

The admirable manner in which the Sports were carried out reflect great credit on the Committee responsible. This, the first Corps Sports, being so successful, promises well for such future events.

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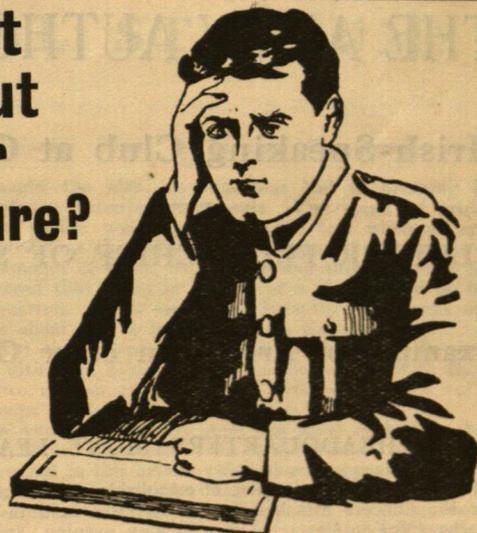
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THE ARMY AUTHORITIES AND THE LANGUAGE.

Irish-Speaking Club at G.H.Q.

LETTER FROM CHIEF OF STAFF.

Example of Armies in other Countries.

HEADQUARTERS MUST LEAD.

A meeting for the purpose of establishing an Irish-speaking Club for the Officers attached to G.H.Q. was held in Bearaí Mhíe Aodha (McKee Barracks), on Monday evening, 3rd inst., in the new rooms set apart by special instructions of the Chief of Staff for the use of the Club.

In the absence of the Chief of Staff, who, owing to a prior engagement, was unable to attend, the Assistant Chief of Staff, Major-General Aodh MacNeill, presided, and the following Officers attended:—

Colonel O Coisdealbha, Colonel Mac Gabhrain and Colonel O Conchubhair.

Major O Cillin, Major Mac Cionaitha, Major O Briain, and Major O Leathlobhair.

Commandant Mac Ailís, Commandant O Fithcheallaigh, Commandant Mac Aonghusa, Commandant Mag Fhlannchadha.

Captains O Deorain, O Loinisigh, Mac Aonghusa, O Riain, De Buitleir, Mac Eanna, O Leanain, O Laomhanaigh.

Lieutenants De Faointe, Ua Dubhghaill, O Cuain, and Sean O Conchubhair.

In opening the proceedings the Chairman read the following letter from the Chief of Staff to the Secretary, Cumann Gaedhealach, Bearaí Mhíe Aodha:—

Dear Sir,—I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 30th ult., and to thank you for your invitation to be present at the inaugural meeting of your society this evening. I regret, however, that a previous engagement in Kildare prevents my being in town to-night, and consequently I shall be unable to be present at your meeting.

I take, therefore, this opportunity of expressing publicly my desire that the language should be fostered and in every way encouraged in the Army. I trust especially that those Officers who are able to speak it will do so on every possible occasion and in preference to any other language, thereby setting the headline and an example to others. We have all, I fear, to a certain extent tended to overlook the importance of this matter in the stress of the last few years, and it is now our duty to make up for our past neglect. Those Officers who are not yet Irish speakers should apply themselves to learn the language, and I may assure you that, far from being an obstacle to success in their career, it will in the near future become a most decided asset. The present Army Authorities attach the utmost importance to the question of Irish in the Army and propose to issue regulations which will insure steady and progressive introduction of the language in all branches of the Service.

I trust that those Officers, whether Irish speakers or learners, who to-night set themselves to this work, will show no less grit and determination in this matter than they did in the stress of war some time back.—I am, Yours sincerely,

PEADAR MACMATHGHAMHNA,

Lt.-General Chief of Staff.

Continuing, the Chairman expressed regret that he was obliged to address them in English. When first approached on the question of the meeting he contended that an Irish-speaking Officer should preside, but the Officers responsible for organising the meeting were persistent and would accept no excuse. If all the members of the Club were imbued with the same spirit and displayed anything like the energy displayed by the promoters he felt the success of the Club was already assured. He was going to limit himself to as little English as possible. *The letter read from the Chief of Staff expressed fully and concisely the outlook of the Army Authorities on this question of the National Language.* He would now ask Major O'Briain to address the meeting and to explain to them the language position.

Do labhair an Maor O Briain as Gaedhilg i dtosach agus dubhairt:—Go rabhadar Gaedilthe le ceile anocht chun iarracht do thabhairt ar Chumann Gaedilge do chur ar bun san airm d'fhonn caoi do thabhairt do gach Oifigeach a chion fein do dheanamh san obair uasail abhi curtha roimis ag an Naisiun teanga na tíre do chur na Reim cheart arís. Bhi bothar fada cruaidh rompa, ach ní stadfaí de'n obair go mbeadh an Gaedhealg a labhairt i gcathair Baile Atha Cliath chomh coitcheantia agus ta an Fhraincis i bParais, an Ghearmáinis i mBerlin, na an Béarla i gcathair Lounduin. Beatha teangan a labhairt agus bhiodar ceaptha ar labhairt na teangan do bheith mar bhun chloch de'n Chumann nua. Muna gclaidhfi leis an riaghail sin do theipfeadh an iarracht ortha. Bhi suil aige go gcuideochadh na cainteoirí abhi ann leis an iarracht agus go gcaibrochaidis leis na tosnuitheoirí san obair.

Continuing in English he briefly outlined the decay of the National Language and the causes that contributed to it. He reviewed the work of the bardic schools and the high degree of National culture attained under their aegis, despite the efforts of centuries to destroy the distinctive civilisation. He then traced the steady decline of the National language from the disaster of Kinsale to the historic meeting of Dail Eireann in 1919, and the various efforts made to restore it to its former place.

In conclusion he expressed the hope that the Officers of the Irish Army would fully realise their duties and obligations in the matter of the National Language.

The German Army was the most intensively German section of the German nation. The French Army was the bulwark of French nationality. They were all aware how the British Army typified the British nation. The Irish Army also should be intensely Irish and be the most enthusiastic elements of the Nation in their advocacy of their distinctive nationality.

Colonel Padraig O Conchubhair outlined the aims of the Club. They would, he said, only place two rules for adoption to the meeting. First, that Irish only be used in the Club Room, and, second, that an annual subscription of 5s. be paid by members. The first rule was most essential if they were to carry out the purpose for which the Club was formed.

A discussion followed in the course of which the Chairman expressed himself as being fully in accord with the rule referring to the speaking of the language. Without some such rule the Club would, in fact, have no *raison d'être*.

Both rules were agreed to.

In replying to a vote of thanks, the Chairman complimented Major O'Briain on his very interesting lecture. He fully concurred with him that in the question of the language and national culture the Army should lead, and G.H.Q. should lead the Army. He hoped the example set there to-night would be followed by other centres. He regretted there was not a larger gathering, but as Major O Briain reminded them, meetings of smaller dimensions had made history, and the first meeting at which the Gaelic League was launched was but one-fifth the size of the present meeting. A small band of determined workers who were bent on carrying their objects to a successful issue was a better asset than hosts of sympathisers who did little to give practical expression to their sympathy.

It was decided to organise two classes: one for advanced students and another for beginners. The first meeting of classes to be held on Thursday, November 5th.

It was agreed to hold a further meeting on Monday, 9th inst.

A COLLINS MEMORIAL STADIUM?

Suggestion by A.A.A. Secretary.

UNITED STATES' EXAMPLE.

What the American Infantry Accomplished.

In the October issue of the *American Infantry Journal* there appears an article from the pen of 1st Lieut. B. W. Leman, an instructor at the Benning Infantry School, U.S.A., which should have an especial interest for all ranks of our Army.

This article deals with the work of the Infantry Regiments in the erection of a Sports Stadium, and proves that earnestness and thoroughness can overcome formidable obstacles.

The Summer of 1919 saw the adoption of an athletic training programme by the Infantry Arm of the American Army. Prior to the World War period, athletics for American Infantry as a means of training received little notice or encouragement. It was not until the European War proved that the "good athlete" was also a "good soldier," that athletics were recognised at their true value in the American Army.

The Commandant of the Infantry School at Benning, Major-Gen. Farnsworth, himself an athlete of some merit, was one of the sponsors of the American Army's athletic programme, and set himself the task of organising football, baseball, boxing, tennis, swimming, and various other

Sports' Clubs. Much enthusiasm was displayed towards the athletic training programme, and despite many obstacles, progress was made. A drawback, which was having disastrous effects, was the lack of decent playing grounds and gymnasias. Grounds of a very poor quality—old cotton fields—were available. The Infantrymen felt that there was no hope of help for sports' purposes from the American Treasury, and at one time, despite enthusiasm, and the knowledge that athletics were an absolute necessity for the well-being of the troops, the feeling was abroad that the Athletic Training Scheme would go by the board.

Eventually, the Commandant, together with his Training Staff, decided that good sports' fields were absolutely necessary, and the visualising the amount of national pride amongst the ranks of the Infantrymen in their arm of the Service, put forward a brilliant suggestion, viz., that the Infantry should themselves, at their own expense and with their own labour, erect a Stadium, and that, as many of the Infantrymen who went overseas with the Expeditionary Force had given their lives in the World War, this Stadium should be dedicated to the memory of such men, and further, that a baseball pitch should also be prepared and dedicated to one "Hank Gowdy," the oldest living member of the Ame-

rican Expeditionary Force, and at one time famous baseball player.

Having caught the idea, no time was lost in bringing it to the notice of the Infantry Regiments. The spirit of pride of the American soldier was soon put to the test when an appeal was broadcasted that the help of each Regiment was required in cash to the amount of £250. By subscribing this sum each Regiment guaranteed that a bay or section of a stand could be built. Each Headquarters section and each Infantry Corps was asked to contribute about £30 to build a box on the stands.

Scarcely had the appeal been made known when Regiments were vying with each other to help on the work. With the exception of two civilian engineers, the work was carried out entirely by troops at the School.

To-day the American Infantry Arm can boast of having one of the most magnificent Stadiums in the vast Continent of America.

There is a moral in this article which should appeal in particular to our Army. To commemorate the dead, the Americans have also given facilities to the living. Would not a similar boon be

an advantage to our Army, and is there not a magnetic influence to help us to follow our American friends' example in erecting to the memory of General Michael Collins, our heroic Chief, an Army Stadium, which will, in years to come, stand out as a memento to a great Soldier of the Gael.

The programme in detail in reference to finance, as put forward by the Americans, could easily be applied to ourselves. The Army has 27 Battalions and 9 Corps. If each Battalion and Corps undertook to finance a section of a stadium to the amount of £250, and each Brigade, Battalion and

Corps Headquarters financed the erection of boxes for their own use at a cost of about £30, together with the other resources at our command, the financial obligations would be extremely light.

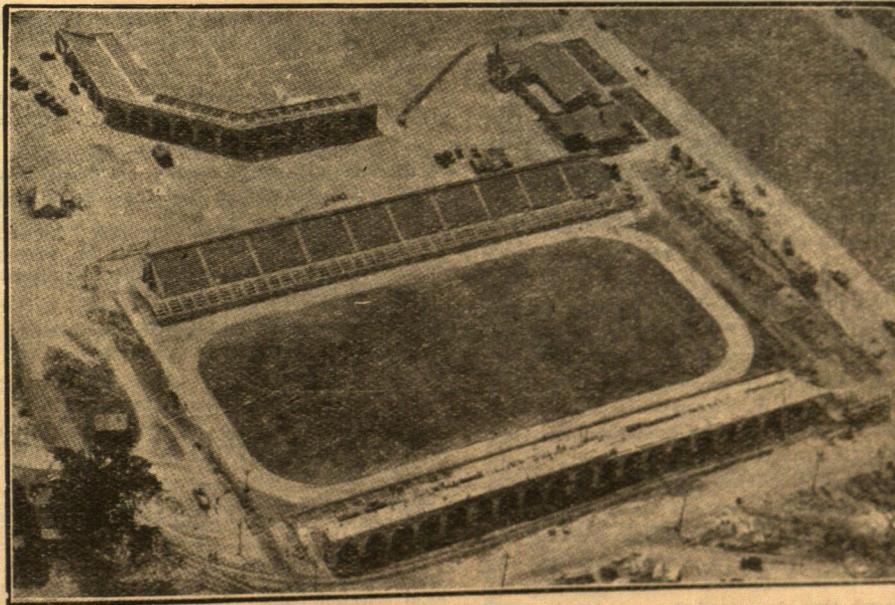
Going further on the financial question, by spreading the period of payment over five years, the cost per man would not amount to one penny per week.

Here then is a means whereby the Army can do a useful piece of work for athletics, and at the same time perpetuate the memory of our dead Leader, who accomplished so much for Ireland's freedom in his brief life. I will be glad to have the views and suggestions of "An t-Oglach" readers on this matter.

PABRAIC O COLGAIN,
Commandant.

[We will welcome comments on Comdt. Colgan's letter.—Ed. "An t-Oglach."]

The illustration of the Benning Stadium is from an American Air Force photograph, reproduced in the *American Infantry Journal*, to which we are indebted for its appearance in our pages.

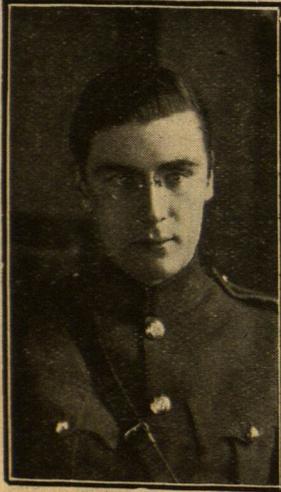


THE AMERICAN ARMY STADIUM AT BENNING.

NEW ADJUTANT-GENERAL TAKES OFFICE.

A brief but impressive little ceremony was held in the Adjutant-General's private office on 30th ult., when the new Adjutant-General—Major-Gen. Miceal Brennan—formally took over the reins of office.

In addition to the new Adjutant-General, Major General Hugh



Major-Gen. Aodh Mac Neill.



Major-Gen. Brennan.

[Photos. Lafayette.]

MacNeill—the out-going Adjutant-General—the following chiefs of sections of senior offices were present: Colonel Seamus McGauran, Assistant Adjutant-General; Colonel Frederick MacEnri, Deputy-Assistant-Adjutant-General; Colonel Manus O'Higgins, Director of Medical Services; Major George P. Hodnett, Deputy Judge-Advocate-General; Major Thomas Glennon, Administration Section; Major James Lister, Personnel Section; Commdt. R. J. Feely, Personal Staff, and Rev. Dominick Ryan, Head Chaplain.

Major-General MacNeill in handing over to his successor, expressed his appreciation of the loyal service and co-operation he has invariably received from the members of the Staff, and remarked that, from what he knew of the Officers of "A" Branch, there was no necessity to ask them to extend the same loyalty and co-operation to the new Adjutant-General.

Major-General Brennan then took his place at the Adjutant-General's desk, and in the course of a few appropriate remarks, stated that he felt that as his predecessor said, he could rest assured of the co-operation and loyal assistance of the Staff.

ARMY CHAPLAINS' APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments of Army chaplains are notified:—

The Rev. John McLoughlin, M.A., is taking charge of the Army School of Music, Beggar's Bush, Barracks.

The Rev. Martin Kennedy, C.F., will now be responsible for St. Bricin's and General Headquarters details.

The Rev. Dr. William O'Riordan, C.F., M.Sc., Ph.D., formerly attached to the Irish-speaking Battalion, is transferred in charge of the Army Air Corps, Baldonnel.

GOSSIP OF THE BARRACKS

COLLINS BARRACKS, DUBLIN.

Our football friends from the 24th are again amongst us, and by the time these notes appear in print will have assisted Command against G.H.Q. in the football replay. Can they go one better than the last match?

The Recreation Corporal has his hands full these times with billiard handicaps, whist drives, etc. The most interesting billiard match up to the present took place between the "One and Only Paddy Mack" and a certain N.C.O. The former had a big following to witness his display, and in order to put forth all available energy had to relieve himself of the weight of his tunic, which proved to be a winning factor.

The par. in our last issue concerning three half-crowns, caused a second "Bill" to wonder where the scribe had got to learn of his experience of the same amount.

Things are expected to be "A1 at Lloyds" on the night of the 14th. A few tickets are still left. Will the new craze be introduced that night?

Our B.P. Harry thinks he has a good chance in the billiard proposition handicap. His "ponent" thinks otherwise.

An argument on the spelling of nephew recently somewhere resulted in a Scottish verdict of "Not Proven." One of the "argufiers" maintained that the correct spelling was "nevyou."

A popular barber recently promoted himself to Company-Sergt. by the simple process of taking the wrong tunic. Fortunately he discovered the mistake in time to prevent his colleagues from witnessing the unexpected promotion.

The brand new "quid" that was dropped accidentally has yet to come back to the loser. Some say it will. It would be useful to the loser when on leave.

One of our leading concert "lights" is practising hard with "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," and intending patrons of next concert should book their seats early. This item alone will be a "topper."

Who was the junior N.C.O. who explained to a senior N.C.O.: "I have to see my 'fiasco' to-night."

The football match for Drogheda on 15th inst., has been definitely arranged, 21st Battalion supplying the opposition against a local selected team.

A young soldier, with budding ideas, has recently been labelled the "Match Maker."

"Paul" was recently well collared by his namesake regarding two of his departed flock.

The command team (under strength) came out second best in their match at Carlow. However, assistance was for a good cause, and our best thanks are due to the Carlow team for their kindness before and after the match.

Sergt.-Major Campbell was one of the successful trio in the first "Whist" game of the season.

The 21st are now open for practice football matches, distance limited.

"Mack" is amusing in his story regarding a certain "uncommissioned" Officer.

"Rock" is still at his daily hobby—"Are you all right." Our tall Josie of "A" Company has caught this infectious call.

"Micky" has had to stand some chaff from his associates through that change, but still keeps smiling.

Have you heard Paddy Andrews say: IS THAT

MUSIC FOR THE TROOPS.

New Gramophone Records Worth Buying.

In our last issue I promised to report further on the new H.M.V. gramophone. I have since had an opportunity of hearing one of the cabinet instruments and a larger size "Table Grand." There is no doubt whatever that these instruments mark a notable advance in the reproduction of instrumental music, but I have not been able to make up my mind as to their treatment of vocal records. Mr. Compton Mackenzie, whose monthly journal, *The Gramophone*, should be in the hands of all true gramophonists, says:—"Unquestionably it is least successful with the human voice. This is not to say that an immense majority of the gramophone public will not enjoy its reproduction of singing. But I venture to suggest that every connoisseur of singing will criticise its tendency to falsify the voice. It helps a moderate singer, but it hurts the best singers by depriving them of some of their individuality."

As I said in my last article, a Freida Hempel record pleased me better on the new instrument than on my old H.M.V., but I don't think all vocal records receive equal justice from the newcomer. I am particularly interested in the gramophone as a medium for teaching languages—Gaelic as well as French, German, Italian, Spanish and Esperanto—and I want to test the new instrument severely in this respect before making a final report upon it. At the moment I am rather inclined to agree with Mr. Mackenzie that the older H.M.V. sound-boxes will give better results on the new instrument than the No. 4 sound-box with which it is equipped. However, of this more anon.

The "electric" recording device which is now being tested by the H.M.V. people seems to unduly stress the sibilants, but there is no doubt that it marks a great improvement in the recording of instrumental music. The sibilants are very noticeable in a 10-inch record just issued—A Negro Spiritual sung by Paul Robeson and Lawrence Brown. Robeson is the negro actor who recently appeared in the title part of Eugene O'Neill's "Emperor Jones" in London, and has a wonderfully rich bass. This record should be added to the library of all gramophonists as one of the finest examples of the "Negro Spiritual."

The new recording is at its best in a 12-inch H.M.V. by the band of the Coldstream Guards—"Martial Moments"—which is one of the best band records yet produced. To see how the new method deals with a first-class orchestra one cannot do better than purchase the H.M.V. 12-inch disc of the Royal Albert Hall

Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald, playing "A Midsummer Night's Dream," nocturne (Mendelssohn): it is a very perfect reproduction of really good music.

For those who like that sort of thing, H.M.V. provide just the thing they will like in a 10-inch record by Jim Miller and Charlie Farrell, of the latest American vocal brick: "Hay, hay, Farmer Gray"; whilst Melville Gideon supplies typical "Co-Optimist" melody in a 10-inch record by the same firm, of "Texas Love" and "Love Them all a Little Bit." And, while we are dealing with the lighter forms of gramophone music, special mention must be made of Johnny Hamp's Kentucky Serenaders, who provide one of the most wildly humorous fox-trots which I have yet heard—"The Promenade Walk"—on a 10-inch Plum Label H.M.V. with a more commonplace fox-trot—"Cecelia"—on the other side. For real artistry in vocal records, however, commend me to the same Company's 10-inch Plum Label record of George Baker singing "Spanish Gold" and "Sigh no More Ladies," though I am not enamoured of Aiken's setting of the second piece.

Florence Austral supplies two fine examples of oratorio music on a 12-inch H.M.V.—"Hear ye Israel" (Elijah) and "From Mighty Kings he took the Spoil."

The Vocalion people have conferred many benefits on music-lovers during the past few months—there was the Beethoven Fourth Concerto, which all music-lovers should possess, and there is now Mozart's Concerto No. 3 in G, delightfully played by Miss Jelly d'Aranyi and the Aeolian Orchestra, conducted by Stanley Chapple. This is one of the best violin records I have heard, and the orchestral support leaves nothing to be desired.

Another excellent violin record issued by the Vocalion people this month is that of Miss Adila Fachiri playing "Reverie" (Debussy-Bachmann) and "Capitan Fracassa" (Castal Nuovotedesco). The "Reverie" is a very fine performance. But of the current Vocalion records the one that makes the most appeal to me is the 12-inch disc containing two specimens of the work of Granados. I am particularly attracted by the New York Metropolitan Opera House Orchestra's playing of the "Goyescas Intermezzo."

Space does not permit mention of further records in this issue, but in our next number I will deal with other November recordings. I have taken particular care to recommend nothing that is not worthy of purchase, and I think—though tastes may differ—no one who purchases any of the records mentioned, can complain of having been misled.

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HALLOW'EEN AT FINNER CAMP.

Three Sketches and a Concert.—“Finding Talent.”

On October 31st at Finner Camp, a very successful variety entertainment was given in the Drill Hall. Lieut. P. J. McGoldrick worked hard in the Camp to get together a “troupe” of artists, and everyone was surprised at the talent he found. Great credit is due to those N.C.O.'s and men who worked up the different sketches and made them so successful.

The 300 Officers, N.C.O.'s and men who were present showed those who took part in the entertainment that their efforts were greatly appreciated. Practically every item on the programme being enthusiastically applauded.

Songs, humorous and patriotic, were contributed by Lt. M. Dunleavy, Coy.-Sergt. Daly, Sgt. O'Donnell, Private Donlan, Private Harney and Mr. Howard Whitsell (Finner Canteen), and the following acted in a sketch entitled “Matchmaking” :—Corpl. O'Connell, Corpl. McCluskey, Pte. Fred Gleeson and Pte. McSherry. This sketch was got up by the N.C.O.'s and men who took the parts, and at times one found it difficult to catch all they had to say, because the audience could not control their laughter. One has seen far worse “shows” given by “pro.'s” in the capital. Another excellent sketch—“The Croppy Boy”—featuring Sergt. O'Donnell, C.S. Daly, and Pte. Harney.

A most enjoyable entertainment concluded with an original sketch entitled “Finding Talent,” in which the different parts were ably played by Sergt. O'Donnell, C.Q.M.S. Anderson (Busty), Corpl. O'Connell, Pte. McSherry, Corpl. McCluskey and Pte. Gleeson. A Senior Officer having declared: “Get going and you'll find ‘talent’ in the Camp,” the sketch was got up to illustrate how difficult it is to decide what “talent” really is. (“Kay” and Co. please note.—ED.)

A better half dozen could not have been found to take the different parts. Pte. Gleeson excelled himself as “Orderly.”

After the Battalion Chorus an evening full of good fun and enjoyment finished up with the singing by all present of “The Soldier's Song.”

5th BRIGADE, KILKENNY.

Successful Concert—Sing a Song of Six Suits.

Columbus discovered America. But he had nothing on our new Barrack Amusements' Committee, for they have, at a bound, discovered a store of artistic “talent,” hitherto undreamt of, in Kilkenny Barracks. It was decreed by them that a concert would be held last Friday night, and lo! a concert appeared as if by magic. And, my word! It was a concert.

We had a well-chosen variety of songs from Capt. Downey, Lt. Lane, Lt. Crosbie, C.Q.M.S. Cody, Sergt. Cole, and Pte. Joynt. “Sam Browne” recited “Seumas O'Brien” with “feelin'.” Jimmy Meagher (of hurling fame) has the grace and nonchalance of a “top-liner” at the “Royal,” Dublin. What Pte. Smith doesn't know about the mandoline and step dancing isn't worth recording; Pte. Gorman acted his part with naturalness; while Pte. Phelan, as “P.C. 49,” was more at home in that role than most P.A.'s are, but one could see that he had been in the “prompter's box” before.

The surprise of the evening was the dancing of the Misses Doyle, O'Brien and Grinsell, while their impromptu little sketch earned a shower of applause. Capt. Swan was at the piano. The “Office Boy” had his usual role of M.C.

A Whist Drive was announced for this evening (Friday, 6th inst.), while more of a Musical Competition Concert will be heard next week.

Let us now seize the Brigade harp and burst into song :—

A propos of the fact that our little B.S.M.'s and B.Q.M.S.'s have received brand new uniforms :—

Six little tunics,
Six pairs of slacks.
Six little caps, too,
Nothing one lacks!

Six little breeches,
All a trifle tight,
Now grace the figures
Of six of our “elite.”

The Handball Handicap is apparently going to resolve itself into a match between the Brigade Clerks and the Pay Office Clerks, although the 19th Battalion expect to have something to say also.

We will have something to say next week with regard to a “challenge” boxing tournament in Carlow, and perhaps it is likely that the star turn will be one Thomas Kennedy. But what does Sergt. Kenny think?

Sergt. Dowd informs us that the correct spelling of “fure” is “fuore.”

Sergt. Cunningham explained in the Mess the other night that skill counted for everything in Whist. He forgot a good “deal.”

They are already looking forward to Christmas Turkey in the Corporals' Mess. “What a lot of Gobblers,” says Cpl. Browne.

It is rumoured that the “flying” handicap in the Sergt.'s Mess will soon be finished, as Sergt. “X.” requires the table for his own use.

The secret of perpetual motion may never be discovered, but Cpl. B. can claim to discovering the secret of perpetual motion since he learnt how to play the flute.

Why did C.Q.M.S. “Z.” think 2d. a bit “stiff” for starching a collar?

Was the dance in Limerick as good as anticipations?

Answer to Correspondent.—DARMOBY: An average break of twenty is a rather good “score,” but what does Hennessey say?

“ARGUS.”



WITH THE ARTILLERY.

A “Big Push” at Kildare.—Our Correspondent assumes another Disguise.

The pencil has had to rush to keep up with the “material” supplied at the recent Sports.

“The Iodine King” made an excellent coach for the tug-o-war team. He kept them on one continuous “heave” except when he requested them to “woah now.” It was “most unsensical.”

It is more than likely that the “Camel” did give “John” the “hump.”

“Ding Dong's Abdullas” were of very doubtful origin; as a certain Officer can testify.

Did 311 think that his No. 1 was a competitor for the high jump, or did he imagine that he (No. 1) did not mind how he got over the jumps so long as he got over?

It was remarked at the Sports that “the clowns were born for the job.” It may be a compliment, but it sounded very like something else.

A certain N.C.O. was described as a “sack of meal” during the jumping competition. Let's hope “meal” won't go as high as he went.

Who is the senior N.C.O. who would not be allowed to jump the “one and only horse”? Would he have won?

The “Butty's” were parted in the veteran's race. The “horse doctor” came between them.

“Stitching Only” was favourite, while “Iodine Boy” was heavily backed. “Leather Merchant” also ran.

Lost in Sports Field, one spur. Finder please return to Sergt.-Major X., per “Blessington Steam Tram.”

Who is the N.C.O. who, because of his interest in Savings Certificates, threatened to “clink” a certain gunner for doubting their safety?

Can any reader supply a definition of an “unconscious patriot”? What does Corporal “Z” think of the “smoke” as a desirable place to spend a leave?

Our boxers made an excellent show at their first public appearance. The stuff is there.

“King Coal” is once more in the limelight. He told an N.C.O.: “I was longer at a wake in Kerry than you were in the Army.”

A piece of coal is no match for a wagon load of instruments. Did the “King's Driver” ever lose the pole on a royal procession?

People will persist in getting in the way of the “scribe.” Other Units require room in “An t-Oglach,” so we will have to hold over a number of “brain waves” for next issue.

“Mc Larkie” is anxious as to the identity of “Dial Sight.” Well, he is “Range Taker,” “Dial Sight,” & Co., Unlimited. Known to many as—



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The reason there are so many failures among marriages is that there are so many marriages among failures.

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The probable reason why Rome wasn't built in a day was that Benito Mussolini wasn't there at the time.

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It is uncertain whether the world has settled for a long peace, but it's a sure thing it hasn't settled for the last war.

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Science has advanced to the point where they can find a chip of an ancient animal's toe-joint and tell how old its mother-in-law was.



The Soldier on the Seat—"Yes, Private Murphy was the ugliest man in the Battalion—but that was before you came."

CATERING MADE EASY.

Methuselah ate what he found on his plate,
And never, as people do now,
Did he note the amount of the caloric count—
He ate it because it was chow.
He wasn't disturbed, as at dinner he sat,
Destroying a roast or a pie,
To think it was lacking in granular fat,
Or a couple of vitamins shy.
He cheerfully chewed every species of food,
Untroubled by worries or fears
Lest his health might be hurt by some fancy dessert—
And he lived over nine hundred years!

THOSE TROUBLESOME PARENTS.

Mother: "And what did you learn in school to-day, dear?"

Elsie: "Oh, mother, I don't have to educate you all over again, do I?"

* * * *

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Jobber: "Well, how many orders did you get yesterday?"

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Jobber: "What were they?"

Salesman: "One was to get out and the other was to stay out."

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We read in an exchange that "if worms attack chairs they should be rubbed with paraffin," but for our part we'd want somebody else to hold the worms.

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SUCCESS OF SOLDIER'S CLUB, DUBLIN.

The Soldiers' Club opened recently at 5a College Street, Dublin (at the side of Trinity College) has filled a long-felt want in the city, and has been very well patronised by the N.C.O.'s and men stationed in the metropolis and passing through. As previously mentioned, the premises are spacious, and consist of a dry canteen, reading and recreation rooms, writing and billiard rooms. Meals are provided at very reasonable prices and a limited number of beds are provided for those who have sleeping-out passes, and soldiers on leave or passing through the city.

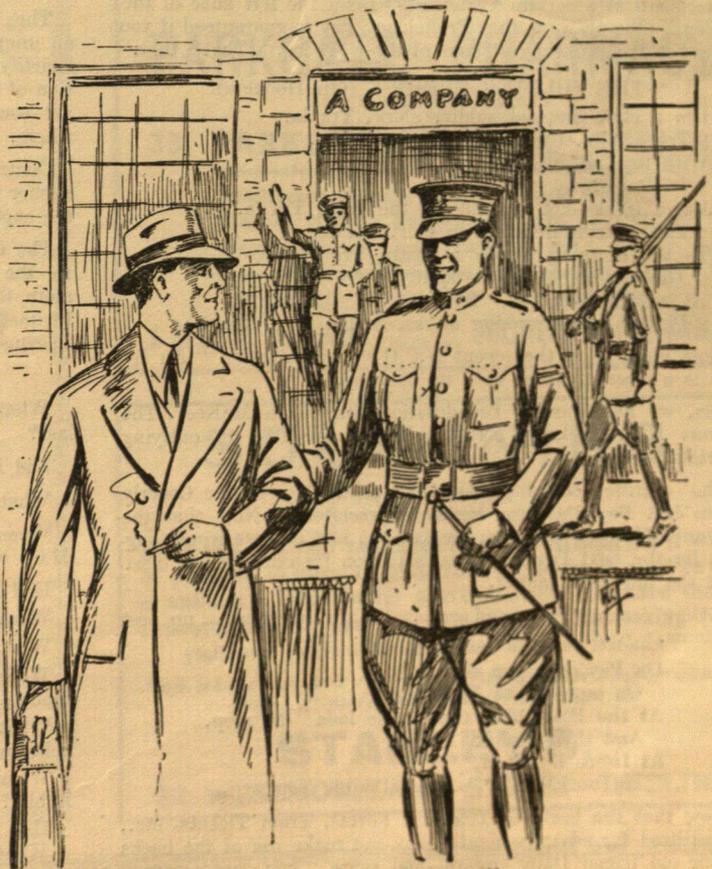
It must be very encouraging to the members of Cumann Sgraíth an Airm to find that the efforts to open a suitable club have met with such a splendid response from the N.C.O.'s and men.

Heretofore, only N.C.O.'s and men in uniform have been accorded the facilities, but the Committee have now decided to extend the advantages of the club to all N.C.O.'s and men in uniform, or with permission to wear civilian attire.

During the Winter months it is hoped to inaugurate weekly whist drives and occasional lectures for the troops using the premises. A Billiard Tournament is also being organised, and all N.C.O.'s and men in uniform or otherwise, who are stationed in Dublin or passing through the city, will be invited to a cead míle fáilte at the Soldiers' Club.

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I'm a close cropped soldier clerk, Tra la,
Tonsorially, I'm nearly a lark, Tra la,
With my half-inch on top,
In lieu of my mop,
I'm a freak—not a sheik—in the Park, Tra la.
Tho' a trifle deficient in hair, Tra la,
To the morning parade I repair, Tra la.
Tho' my comb may be split,
At cock fighting I'm "It,"
Physical jerks, soldier clerks, S.M.'s bark, Tra la.

More gems from the recent N.C.O.'s' Examination "An Island is a piece of water with its back up."

Yes, we have now a Broadcasting Station in McKee. The famous H.Q. Kickstep can now be broadcasted to outlying districts.

Tho' a trifle belated the sale of Gaelic Flags in the Orderly Room last Pay Day was highly appreciated. Now that the "tanner Mess subscription has become non est, we would suggest for the next Pay Day a subscription for ourselves to dissipate the buckshee tanner.

Hallow'een has come and gone. So has our Mess ... no post mortems.

On Pay days you see,
On our way to McKee,
At the Post Office the "wise lads" all stop,
And their pockets unload,
At Infirmary Road,
All buckshee £ s. d.—Double Tap!

Now that the backs of Telegram Forms, Tram Tickets, etc., are utilised for advertisements, why not make use of the backs of our old friend Daily Orders—and spare "one, one sevens." Proceeds to deserving disabled defaulters. As your man Jimmy Keyes says "Its painfully obvious."

Hallow E'en passed over very quietly in the men's Mess. The Knuts were plentiful, but.....!

Since the Park entrance has been put out of bounds the clerks' new slogan is "Another little walk wouldn't do us any harm."

Promotions are rapid, its true,
In the departments up here in H.Q.,
And after a while,
To be one of "the file"
We'll tee-hee to line up in the queue.

Rumour hath it that a Debating Society is about to be started in McKee. Since the abolition of our Mess some of the ginks suggest the starting of an "Ateing Society."

N.C.O. to Orderly:—"Hi! what did you do with the brush belonging to the Stores. The one without the head and no handle."

Since the introduction of yet another bugle into McKee Barracks, the sounding of Reveille is vividly reminiscent of the Tally Ho-ing of the combined Ward Hunt, Killing Kildares, Galway Blazers, and Hillside Harriers. As an alternative, why not try our new Broadcaster.

Congratulations are due this week to Messrs. Boylan, Daly, McMullen, McGinley, Watters, Dowling, and Jimmy Sullivan.

The No. 5 Group have outlined a very lengthy and elaborate programme for the entertainment of the boys for the coming winter months. Concert parties, Whist Drives, Debating Society, Billiards, etc., are but a few of the entertainments promised.

We observe, however, that Bee Keeping and Stamp collecting have been overlooked.

The Dance held in the Sergeants' Mess on Hallow'een was an unqualified success. The Committee responsible are to be heartily congratulated on the result of their efforts. As a function of its kind, it carefully gives the lead to anything that has yet been attempted in Barrack life, either in McKee or elsewhere.

Contracts and Disposals have arrived, berthed safely, and cast anchor in "B" Block. The voyage from Portobello, under the captaincy of Fitz., was accomplished in record time.

The Gramophone and records, which were so kindly supplied for the recreational Room in G.H.Q., by the Commandant, are more than appreciated by the boys, and I may add the Fire Picquet are not what one would actually term "Shy," in sharing the enjoyment, and they also add their appreciation.

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

What Tommy Touhy told your man O'Malley on Thursday last?

Did Paddy Carr get that brown dog from Hoggie yet?

What happened to Tom Leary's spot prize?

When Mick Calnan intends completing the chorus of "Bonnie Mary of Argyle"?

Had Paddy Hodgins found that Steed yet?

What the junior N.C.O. said when he got a photo back?

What Jimmy Dillon and the boys think of their transfer?

Where the Sergeant got that Umbrella, and what the Mess thought?

What Paddy Doherty now thinks of the "Nugget-Blanco" belts in Finner?

When the Sergeants' Mess Jazz Band is going to appear in Public?

Has "white mice" lost his Uniform?

What Tommy Hendrick thought of Kildare?

What your man Creggan thought of the Dance?

What "Argus" (5th Brigade) Telephone Number is?

Did "Dial Sight" and "Range Taker" (Artillery) keep their promise?

Where did the Portobello Scribe get the brain wave, *re* winter entertainments?

When records are coming?

What's biting "Observer" (Gormanston)?

What Ned O'Mara thought of the recent scrap?

Who was the gink that said Physical Jerks were only intended for civilians?

What Joe Moynes thinks of Cock-fighting?

How does the B.S.M. refrain from laughing on the 9 o'Clock Parade (Physical Jerks)?

What did Sergeant Connolly tell Crimmins *re* the Manx outfit?

Did Jimmy Nolan get that tale yet?

This Week's Slogan—"Move, Boy, Move."

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"TALENT AND HOW TO FIND IT."

(To the Editor of "An t-Oglach.")

A Chara,—Thanks to your very favourable comments on my first letter, the attention of many has been directed to the point in question, and considerable interest in the production of "theatricals" during the Winter months has been created.

The remarks of your 5th Brigade correspondent on the subject are much appreciated.

It was not, however, to return thanks to those who agree with my views that I again encroach on your valuable space.

The second paragraph of Lieut. Quain's letter calls for comment. With all due respect to that Officer, I would point out that it was not proposed to confine activities to embrace only N.C.O.'s and men. My actual words were: "It (the scheme) should have the wholehearted co-operation of all troops in Barracks," and, surely, the word "troops" is meant to include Officers as well as N.C.O.'s and men.

Those who, in time gone by, attended Gaelic League and dramatic classes, are more readily found amongst our Officers than in "other ranks," and it is, therefore, from amongst the commissioned ranks that a good deal of the "talent" which should be used, would be found.

I may be old-fashioned, but I think I am not alone in my opinion when I say that I would far rather hear "The First Cork Brigade" than that inane absurdity "Burlington Bertie from Bow," and "She lived beside the Anner" than "Bonnie Mary of Argyle."

Your correspondent from this Barracks in commending my scheme, says my presence on the Brigade Committee would be a great asset. Such a very fine appreciation of my alleged abilities has set me going round looking for a larger size in hats, and perhaps I shall be at the next Committee meeting.

The main thing is that a commencement has been made, and, though I do not agree that the installing of a civilian at the head of the newly-established "Minstrel Troupe" is the best method of placing entertainments for Oglagh na hEireann on a sound footing, still, as I say, we have made a start. Mr. Comerford indeed deserves thanks for his disinterested and well-intentioned action in the giving of his time to the arranging of the "Troupe" in question.

We shall look forward, eagerly, to the first public appearance of "The Signal Songsters" (why this name I wonder? O.C. Signal Corps reported that he could locate no talent!) and we sincerely trust they will attain the success and obtain the support they undoubtedly deserve, providing, of course, that their programme does not savour of the cheap music hall type, and that songs in Irish and songs of Ireland are given, at least, a fair chance.—Mise,

Portobello Barracks, Dublin, 7th Nov., 1925.

"KAY."

ARMY EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.

One of the Rank and File Heartily Endorses
Our Suggestion.

To the Editor of "An t-Oglach."

Sir,—I read with much pleasure your timely comments dealing with the provision of educational classes in the Army, and I venture to suggest that, should a practical effort be made in this direction, it will have the whole-hearted support of the troops.

The educational qualities of the rank and file are by no means incapable of improvement—instead there is ample room for improvement, and to allow your comment to pass without voicing even a small suggestion would hardly be worthy of the Army.

I have now spent three years amongst the rank and file, and there I found men capable of great achievements, but lacking the necessary education to master small technical points. Beyond this again, there are others who have not got further

than the third or fourth standard at the National School, and since they left have made no endeavour to acquire any further knowledge. It is surely very regrettable that such a state of affairs should exist, and if an opportunity arises whereby a different complexion can be given to the position, does it not behove our senior officers to assist officially?

Let us have our barrack educational classes, and without delay. Do not commence on formulas or theories, get right away with the job. Twenty minutes will do the whole planning, and the men will do the rest.

There is not an officer, junior or senior, but will give his assistance.

"WIRELESS."

McKEE BARRACKS WHIST DRIVES.

At a meeting of No. 5 Group, A.A.A., on 16th ult., Commdt. P. Ennis, presiding, the question of initiating Whist Drives to be brought off weekly each Friday night during the present season came up, and received a very adequate meed of discussion. The President, always to the forefront where sport and amusement amongst those under his Command are concerned, showed his deep concern once again in promoting the amenities between N.C.O.'s and men. The incentive thus given was heartily applauded by the Committee as a whole; and it was decided to make a start with the first of a series of these Drives on Friday night at 7 p.m. the 23rd inst. The prizes suggested and agreed to as a beginning were:—First, 30/-; Second, 20/-; Third, 10/-; and a hidden prize of 5/-. The entrance agreed to was 6d. per Scoring Card.

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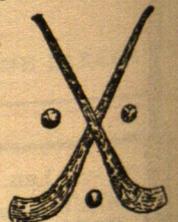
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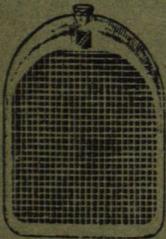
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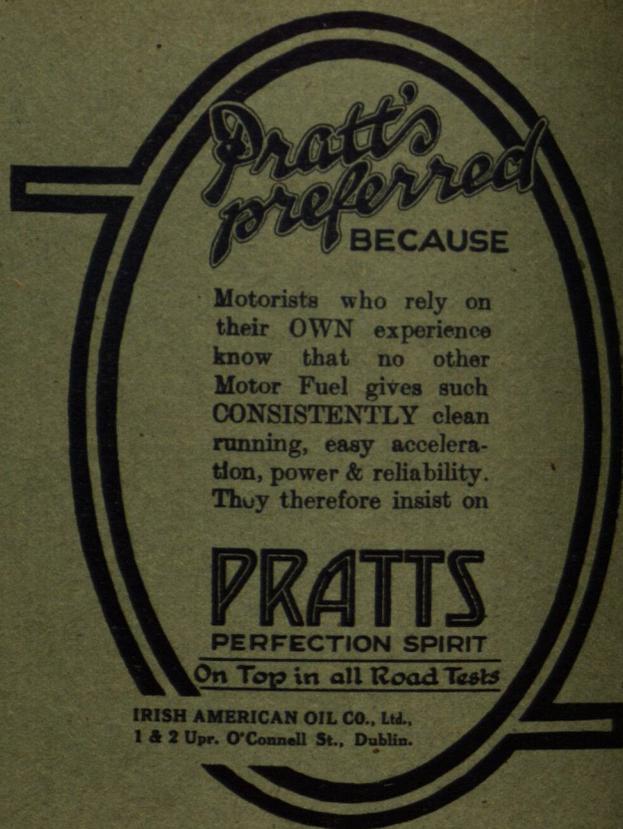
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