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ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY OFFICE, DUBLIN GASTLE.

Crime Department-Special Branch.

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SUBJECT Letter from Colonel maurice moore to the "Frish Independent"

Date 5" hovember 1918.

Submitted for wishes in view of y predecessors decision 9 1578717 herein. It does not assect the that fol. moore's activities any a natural such

Under Secretary.

Lubmitted to see l'he extreme ideas expressed by Col: moone in his letter to uponce es to alle for mis soil is the Frish Independent dated 1ch inch. reseguent want, to wortige himself Previous papers negarding his Sinn Fein activities are attached. At one time he contemplated eekking eupport as sein Gein candidale for Louth mayo, leut William Sears, formerly of the Crinis corthy Echo, has been approved by the Standing Committee of Juin Dein as their official candidate for this division. Col moore to is in prosessin of the Clot or Treline pay & Thought. of Supply. Muder Leveland Interested. I then the auflewlarge decesion of 15/8/17 may be regarded as 8 fell freezy novo & the fresher need bet

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IRELAND AND ELECTIONS

PRISONER MEMBERS SUGGESTED

(As Passed by Censor.)

To the Editor "Irish Independent."

Sir-Strange and unexpected voices are being raised from day to day, even among the Parliamentarians, for a change of policy, and there seems to be a tendency among them to seek some new centre of congregation. All cry out for unity among Irishmen in the coming crisis, yet all know in their hearts there can be no unity under the old Party leaders, because Sinn Fein holds the field. It is contrary to common sense, to the oft-proclaimed principles of these old Party men, that the minority should lead the majority. Why, then, should Ireland be plunged into a turmoil of contested elections, and the loss of tens of thousands of pounds, merely to prove, what we all know, that Parliamentarianism is for the time, at least, discredited and, apart from old Party and personal affection, has no real following in the country. Such action is clearly unpatriotic and can serve no purpose except to end the political careers of men who have long been in the forefront of the battle and may yet do useful, work. Better, surely, for them to stand aside or, in some way or other, join forces with their fellow-countrymen.

MR. DILLON AS SINN FEINER.

Why should they not? Pride only stands in the way, because Mr. Dillon's Sinn Feinism antecedes that of Griffith by 20 years, and of most others by 40 years; yet he amuses himself by abusing Sinn Feiners, forgetting that he spent the best days of his life in advocating the same policy. He began life by denouncing the constitutionalism of Butt, and wants to end it by taking up the same position. "Mutatis mutandis," the ways of the Land League were exaggerated forms of Sinn Fein, utterly opposed to the constitutional theory of which we hear so much.

Boycotting, public and private terrorism, applied to both landowners and tenants, and labourers and shopkeepers, were openly advocated by Mr. Dillon, and served as the very basis of the agitation; even attendance in Parliament was used, not in a constitutional way, but by systematic obstruction to render Parliamentary government impossible for either Ireland or England. Gladstone, Harvourt, Foster, and other Liberals, said that the Parliamentary Party was "steeped to the lips in treason," and it was stated, not without a basis of truth, that "crime dogged the footsteps of the Land League."

Mr. Dillon himself was so extreme a Sinn Feiner that, when Gladstone passed his Land Act of 1881, and Parnell advised that it should be given a trial, he would have nothing to do with the Act of Parliament, and tried to persuade the people not to go into the courts, but to trust to their own organisation for reductions of rent. When he could not carry his way, he threw the responsibility on Parnell and went to Colorado.

BACK TO HIS PRINCIPLES.

Again, when Wyndham's Purchase Act was passed, although its provisions were in accordance with the proposals of a Conference of which Mr. Redmond, Mr. Harrington, and Mr. O'Brien were members, he denounced it and to'd the people to hold back and force a reduction of price by agitation. I cannot pretend to say that Mr. Dillon was right in all or any of these ventures, but they were certainly not Constitutionalism, Parliamentarianism, or anything but Sinn Feinism. Trust yourselves, not the Euglish Parliament was his motto. Why, when the chances of national life are much better, and he has admittedly been betrayed by every English party, should he call himself a Constitutionalist?

Mr. Blake-Dillon in a letter to G. H. Moore in 1861 described O'Neill Daunt as a fossil Repealer, and stated that no intelligent man would any longer trust Constitutional methods. Let Mr. John Dillon ask himself if his father's words apply in any sense to himself; is he degenerating into a fossil Home Ruler? If he is wise; if he is an Irish patriot and not a party politician he will return, not exactly to the ways of his youth, because times are changed, but to the better application of principles which he then supported.

SELF-DETERMINATION.

My advice is not for Mr. Dillon alone, out for all Natio als s. Let them all join hand-in-hand with Sinn Feners and renounce any reliance on English parties. Let there be a united appeal to the Pelce Conference, and a demand that our case be heard pari passu with Czecho-Slovacs and Poles, and that, like them, we must have self-determination.

Speaking for the moment to those who call

themseives Constitutionalists, they seem to ima gine that National independence is unconstitutional, whatever that word may mean in a Const tution ever changing its principles and its basis. It is nothing of the sort; Ireland was an independent nation even according to the Constitution of 1783, of which the King of Ireland, not the King of England, was the head; and only the King, Lords and Commons of Ireland had authority to make laws for her. She had a national army, and was even able to make war on her own account, and did actually threaten war : gainst Portugal till her demands were conceded. Every Nationalist, even Mr. Dillon, has denounced the Union as unconstitutional. It cannot, therefore, be unconstitutional to return to that condition of independence or to adopt another form of it.

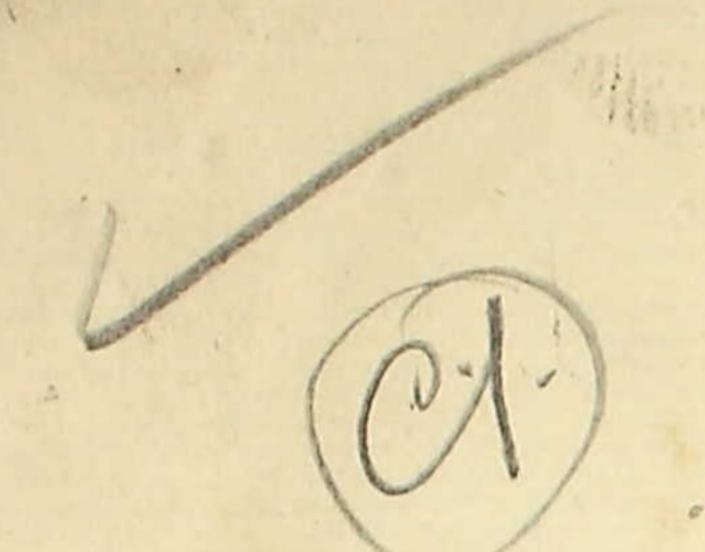
BEST METHODS.

I believe the best methods to employ at the coming election is for every constituency to return a political prisoner; there ought to be 80 political prisoners returned at the next election, and I will canvass for any prisoner in any constituency

I had intended to offer myself in my own county, and I have every reason to believe I would have received very general support, but I will not do so because prisoners only ought to be returned, and then we can go to the Peace Conference and say—"See how a small nation is govern d; 80 out of 103 members of Parliament are in jail, without even a form of trial, merely because they demand equal justice with Poland and Bohemia."

If that appeal is refused, it may be necessary to take measures to impress the Congress not only with the justice but the urgency of our cause.

MAURICE MOORE, Nov. 1, 1918.



Ein Feiner

7-0GT. 1917) Cloremorns 5: 10: 14. BRAD leg to report that the above named cerrined here on the 2.54 lim train from Bullinvoles on Tuesday last 2 nd Inst and but up in the Imperial Holel. That evening at 6. 30 frm. he left on Martin Gilligans Cot 6 Brookhill House and there dined with Mr Hinkson R. M. returning to his Hotel about 11 Jun. De Wednesdey 3 2 Inst. he had ordered a cas from Mr Gilligan to drive to Moore Hall, leut Cuncelled the order owing to the bad weather and remained in doors all day. On Thursday 4 Inst he left to Moore Hall on Fallons Motor car at 2 hm and returned again to his Hotel at 6. 30 him. and did not leave there until he left here on this chate on the 3.28 km. Fram taking a 3rd class ticket to athlone. During his stay here he did not visit any of the Linn Fein Crowd, cend neither did any of them visit him in his Hotel.

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County of Mayo.
Ballinrobe 1:10:17.

bolonel M. C. Moore. Sinn Feiner

I beg to report that bolonel M. C. Moore "Sim Feiner" arrived here on 24:9:17 from Westport and put up at Valkenburg's Hotel, he went to see banon D! Alton that night at 9½ pm, and remained with him till 10.20 pm. On 25:9:17 he attended the funeral of the late Thomas F Ruttledge at Hollymount, that night he attended a Committee meeting of D: O'Dwyer Sim Fein Club in the Town Hall and remained there from 9 pm: to 102 pm On 26:9:17 he visited some of the leading Sim Finers in town and remained with Martin Costello for 2 an hour, he had a conversation with Pat! McGornack in his office from 122 pm to 1 pm they disquised the Sim Fein prolicy all the time. On 27:9:17 he visited John J. Hession Sec & Flelet at 12 pm, and remained with him till 12 frm. on 28:9:17 he visited Thomas Walsh abbey Street who is & Treasurer of S.F. blub at 112, am and remained with him till 1134 am. On 29:9:17 he went into Mrs. Murphys Main Street got a paper and returned to his Hotel, he remained there till 5 fm when he went down to Springvale for a walk and returned at 634 fm. On 30:9:17, spirate the left town on Valkenburgs trap at 2 pm and I went to a Sim Fin meeting in Clonbus Sub. Dist he returned at 7 pm to his Hotel and remained there for the night. On 1:10:17 he went to the

The Dist Inspector.

Railway Station got the daily paper and returned to the Hotel and remained there almost all the evening, he went to post letters at 73 pm.

returned to the Hotel and remained there for the night. He left here to day by the 2.25 pm.

Krain having taken a first class single ticket to blave morris. He will not return for some time.

John Ellis Const 57,658,

Ballwirde 3:10:14.

Submitted This man has appropriately now joined the Limited The movement.

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as a committee meeting of the local

shirin Ferri Club.

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meeting at west port on 23 2 well.

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Dr. ODwyer Sim Fin Club Ballinrobe Branch.

I beg to report that a bommittee meeting of above named blub was held in the Town Hall last night it being specially called owing to bol Mb. Moone being in town, bol M.C. Moore attended the meeting and went through their arrangements for envolving members, collecting funds and commanding the voters of the District so as to be properly in touch with them when the necessity avises. He did not make any speech but went into details minutely as to how they should work in order to be effective which he said requires a good deal of attention. He told the Committee their arrangements were very good. He subscribed Im Shillings to their fund. There were no other subscriptions handed in or members envolled to nor no date fixed for next meeting. John Ellis Const 57658,

The Dist Inspector Gallinobe 28.9:19.
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Submitted. This gentleman toused fourth layo in Febr. 1917. Leekeing suffort as an mesh Party man, Please see report submitted 23. 2 17 He has recently adaressed a lenn teen mæleng at wesefort and attended a lenn teen Conferent at V A al fe an mario Co Fropa

County of Mayo Ballinvobe 17, 9;17

CONSTABULARY

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2 - OCT. 1917

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Constable

Constab 10 I beg to report that a bommittee meeting of Dr.

O'Dwyer Sinn Frin blub Ballinrobe Branch was held in the Town Hall last night said meeting being called by the President and Secretary, the object was to consider the best means of Organising the District and getting a hold of the voters of the Division both for Parliamentary and Rural Electrons, It was agreed on that before they go so far into business they should have the district well organised and have every man and boy in the place envolled as members and get their subscriptions; then they would have a fair idea of how they stood before Two ceeding to work on the Voters Register.

The Committee expect that the roll of membership will include almost every man and by boy and that no names will be absent from the list when the names are called out at next meeting and that every person whose name appears as a member will have had paid his subscription.

Patrick Murphy abbey Street was co-ofted on the Committee. There has not been any date fixed for next meeting. There was not any money handed to the Treasurer nor no new names of membership gwen in, John Ellis Const. 57,658.

The Dist Inspector
Gallinobe 18:9:19.
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J. a. M. Wooney 200 Const Ellis

Dr. Dwyer Sinn Fein blub. Ballenrobe Branch,

County of Mayo.
Ballinrobe 12:9:17.

Crime Special,

I beg to report that a meeting of the Committee of

Dr. 0'D wyer Sim Jein Club (Ballinrobe Branch) was held

in the Jown Hall last night, all the Committee were

present except James Shaughnessy. Martin Costello

was in the chair. The Secretary reported the member
ship to be 326. The total amount in the hando

of the Treasurer is now £35. The blub is to be

Affiliated at once and endeavours are to be made

to increase the membership as much as possible

before next meeting as a good many of the country

people have not sent in their names yet.

It was directed that prominent men in country villages be communicated with with a view to getting them to collect as much money as possible in order that the blub will be in a sound financial position and to have the membership as large as possible. There was no date fixed for next meeting.

John Ellis 6 on 57,658,

The Dist Inspector.

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Ballirobe 15:9:17.

Steg to report that 22 members of the Gaelic Club have become members of this Club. No ladies have become members. The membership is nominal so far as that some of the parties have given in their names as members but have not subscribed so far, John Ellis Const. 57,658,

The Dist Inspector, Ballenrobe 16.9.17

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and that as gar as the priests are conceined Heat they will in juture endeavour to se cure. a representative en 46 House of Commons of some ability and education who will not Oh a langthing stock in the stacke house. and if possible well relect a man who Las had the benefit of a University training Colonel Moore was stalking to My Devlin II. Pyrior to coming down and 46 latter told him that the North Roscommon election had gived the eyes of Irish Parlie montary Porty and duat at reset election they would just get med of a lot of the juractically elliterate Imor of the jearty. No deposite justice as to suggest was made to todonel Moore, but of 10 contests the constituency alone against

I to gillow the clergy here will probably Colonel Moore did not visit any prominent members or officials of Gaelie League.

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