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A RUNNING FIGHT.

P. J. McGoldrick, who was in one of the Ford cars, said going into Newtowncunningham they were completely cut off from the tenders. He believed the first Ford car was hit several times, and it stopped on the road in such a position that the other could not get past. "We left our car and took cover. At first we did not realise what was happening, and we called three times to a party of irregulars. Suddenly they turned and opened fire on us, and we replied.

"That was the beginning of a running fight, which was kept up for over a mile across the countryside.

"We tried to take up a position to repel the attackers, but we found that we were being surrounded and had to retreat. We lost our bearings in the fields, but ultimately got into the railway line and reached Letterkenny." Asked how they got home witness said: "We walked about 18 miles.

CAPTURE OF CARS.

"We had a party of irregulars at our mercy after we abandoned our cars, but we did not fire, as we did not exactly know then what they were up to."

Witness added that he heard their cars were taken by the irregulars.

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2nd failure to agree.

"A LEAD WHICH SHOULD BE FOLLOWED."

Mr. McGoldrick (Donegal), in seconding the motion, said that the Army officers had given a lead which should be seriously followed. The politicians on both sides had subscribed their quota—but the Army officers had endeavoured to bridge the chasm that lay before the nation. If that chasm were not bridged they would lose a great deal of their national prestige, and a good many of the prospects that seemed some time ago to be so rosy for the nation. Let no man misunderstand the position, or hesitate to give his own conscientious view before they brought the people with them in this matter. The existence of the people was at stake—the very people whom they depended on for their national future. The lives of the people were hanging in the balance from the economic and every other standpoint. The economic side was a serious thing. They must see, as far as they could, that the future should realise what they had endeavoured to do—to arrive at a solution of the difficulties which confronted them, and which at the moment threatened to annihilate the nation altogether.

McGOLDRICK. Patrick. J. Buncrana, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Age,

Occupation,

ELECTED SINN FEIN M.P. FOR DONEGAL, MAY 1921.

His son, William McGOLDRICK, one of the most active rebels in Galway, is interned at Ballykinlar.

Vice President of the local Sinn Fein Club, and Organiser of North Donegal.

Seditious documents were found in his house in December 1920.

Arrested and sentenced to three months imprisonment by F.G.C.M.

Proceedings were lost. (File 2/35835).

Interned. (Batch 91). Not considered dangerous.

Released on the 8th August 1921 as a T.D. to attend the Peace Conference at the Mansion House, Dublin.

Voted in favour of ratification of the Treaty on 7th January 1922.

Nominated Treaty Candidate for Donegal. (Ext. "Irish Times" 2-6-22).

Returned unopposed for above Constituency.

Unanimously co-opted member of the Donegal Co: Council. (Ext. "Freemans Journal" 10-7-22).

