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70 YEARS AGO

M Costelloe, Brigade Police Officer, and MF Fitzpatrick, Battalion Police Officer.

FORTIFICATIONS

The headquarters of the Dail (Free State) troops at William Street Barrack, Limerick, were strongly fortified with sandbags and barbed wire. The officers in charge had commandeered that portion of Messrs Todds opposite the barracks, as well as the top portions of Messrs Cannocks and Messrs McBirney's. Houses in Denmark Street, at the rear of the barracks, were also taken over by the Dail forces. Barricades were erected at the entrances to O'Connell Street, William Street and Denmark Street.

Local Executive forces were augmented by arrivals from North Cork and other districts. They took up their quarters in the New Barracks, the headquarters of the Executive forces, and the other stations held by these units.

All business in the city,

A statement, issued from the General Headquarters, Four Courts, said: "The shooting of Sir Henry Wilson was not done at the instance of the Irish Republican Army. It it were, the Irish Republican Army would acknowledge the fact.

"The death of Sir Henry Wilson is to be deplored, not because it occurred apparently at the hands of Irishmen, but because he is the victim of Imperial policy pursued by the British Government in Ireland.

"There is no use trying to saddle the responsibility on Ireland, or on any group of the Irish people."

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