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When the Volunteers were stoned in Limerick

IN the excitement of the Easter Rising Commemorative Ceremonies, it may be easy to forget an incident which occurred in Limerick in May, 1916, and in which such prominent Sinn Fein Volunteers as Padraic Pearse, Ned Daly, and Eamonn de Valera were involved. These men, later to become National heroes, were stoned while leading the great Irish Volunteer parade of Whit Sunday, 1916, through Mungret Street and Broad Street. The incident, for fairly obvious reasons, has been but rarely referred to in the years that have passed, but it is worth remembering that it reflects the highest credit on the discipline of the Volunteers, and shows that these men were not afraid to express their national convictions in a time when it was not fashionable to be patriotic.

Over a thousand Volunteers and their sympathizers from Dublin, Cork and Charleville travelled to Limerick by special excursion trains for the parade and they joined, by about 100 of the local body in the city. The Volunteers were uniformed and fully equipped, and included in their number such prominent members of the organisation as P. Pearse, Tom Clarke, Willie O'Sullivan, Sean McDermott, Ned Daly, Terence MacSwiney, Seoiri and Clancy, and Seoiri and Clancy, and Seoiri and Clancy.

The parade assembled at Ferry Square and, headed by two of the traditional unit s of the parade, marched through the Irish town of the district, men being drawn from the Munster Fusiliers and other Irish regiments. In the streets, the parade caught up with the Volun teers, who had relatives and friends in those units fighting at the front. In other parts of the city, some of the Volunteer units were quite quiet, having regard to what happened in the Shops Street area. However, there were isolated attacks on the Volunteers, who in one instance were drawn by their revolvers but did not use them. Several had to obtain police protection from the crowd, which became more demonstrative as the day advanced. In Great Western Street, ladies wearing the Sinn Fein flag were attacked and received a licence from the mob. An offer of the Dublin Brigade, Captains Eamon de Valera, went to their assistance and he and the ladies were later rescued by a party of Limerick Volunteers.

TURMOIL

Long before the departure of the Cork and Dublin trains a large mass of people congregated in front of the railway station, the approaches to which were barred and held by a number of officials, who refused admission to all except those holding tickets. Some time before seven o'clock the Cork Volunteers marched up and were received with jeers and jeers. The mob became almost unmanageable; shots were fired and the butts of rifles were used by some of the crowd. The parade was continued along Broad St., where the attack continued.

were wrested from the Volunteers under Comdt. M. P. Colivet, remained under arms at the 1916 Rising during the time the Dublin, Cork and Tipperary brigades were being mustered in the station, and they were actually on their way to assist their comrades. Their intervention, however, was not necessary. A number of local clergy particularly Rev. J. O'Connor, Adm. Rev. Fr. Bernard, O.P.M., and Rev. Fr. Mangan, O.S.S., the Spiritual Director of the Archdiocese of Holy Family, did valuable work in pacifying the crowd, and when the last train had left at 11 p.m. order had been restored.

TRIBUTE

Later that week a meeting of the Limerick Corporation took place in the Limerick Corporation Buildings to consider the plea of the Limerick Volunteers. The Committee deprecated the conduct of the Limerick Volunteers in the matter of the parade. The Committee then paid a tribute to the Irish Volunteers who showed great restraint in not retaliating under the provocation they received.

Jewellers Presentation

Next Monday members of Limerick Retail Jewellers' Association will present a silver salver bearing the 1916 commemorative plate to the Mayor and Corporation of Limerick, in commemoration of the Easter Rising. The presentation will take place in the Mayor's Palace, on Monday, May 6th, at 2 p.m. The Chairman of the Association is Mr. J. C. Irwin, Patrick St. Limerick, and the Hon. Sec., Mr. John Flannery, O'Connell St., Limerick.

Well-known artist to go to U.S.

The well-known artist, Mr. Frank Graham, will go to the U.S. this week. His work has been greatly admired here, and he is expected to have a brilliant career in the U.S.