

# SINN FEINERS KIDNAP A BRITISH GENERAL

## Seize Brig. Gen. Lucas and Two Colonels, Holding the For- mer a Prisoner.

### ONE COLONEL IS WOUNDED

#### The Other Obtains Release to Attend His Companion— Raid on Sligo Jail.

### CALM NOW IN LONDONDERRY

#### The Citizens Fear, However, That It Is Only an Armed Truce, Due to Troops.

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CORK, June 27.—News has reached here that Brigadier General C. H. T. Lucas has been taken prisoner by Sinn Feiners at a hunting lodge some miles from Fermoy.

General Lucas, in company with two officers, had been on a holiday trip. The lodge was in charge of a housekeeper and an attendant.

Two motor cars, containing armed Sinn Feiners, suddenly drove up and made prisoners of the two servants. Upon the return of General Lucas and his companions they too were held up. The other officers succeeded in escaping, but not before one of them was shot in the arm.

It has been intimated that General Lucas is to be treated as a prisoner of war and his wife has been informed to this effect.

General Lucas is the officer commanding the Fermoy military area.

Another version of the affair says that General Lucas, Colonel Danford and Colonel Tyrell were returning from a fishing expedition when they were ambushed at Castletons, five miles from Fermoy, by a large party of armed and masked men, who held up their motor car. Colonel Danford resisted the capture, and in the struggle received a bullet wound under the eye. He was left on the roadside, with Colonel Tyrell as his companion, and General Lucas was taken prisoner and driven away to an unknown destination.

When word of the daring coup reached military headquarters at Fermoy an ambulance was dispatched for Colonel Danford and he was removed to a hospital. He was found to be dangerously wounded.

Barracks and camp were immediately alarmed and all soldiers turned out of bed. Soldiers of an artillery battery mounted their horses, and numerous parties of fully equipped troops in motor lorries and motor cars, accompanied by police, scoured the country for miles around all night and all day today, but their search proved unavailing. The General had vanished completely. The affair has created a great sensation in official circles and the utmost reticence is being displayed.

#### Calls It Amazing Circumstance.

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LONDON, Monday, June 28.—The Daily Chronicle, commenting on the kidnaping of General Lucas, says that "like recent episodes in which the posts of soldiers have been disarmed without effective resistance, it shows that the army in Ireland is very far from having been brought to realize the duty required of it," and it asks for an explanation of the "amazing circumstance that in County Cork, one of the chief centres, perhaps the very chief of Sinn Fein's murderous activity, an officer at the head of an important command should have thought fit, accompanied by his staff, and unaccompanied by any escort, to go off fishing in a lonely region and spend the night away in a fishing hut.

"It is perfectly plain," proceeds The Chronicle, "that unless the army in Ireland has a very different example set it from above, and takes a very different view of the seriousness of its duties in the crisis there, those duties cannot possibly be discharged. To the omission to discharge them in part—whether caused by the working of such a mentality as General Lucas's action illustrates, or by the direct orders of Dublin Castle—the portentous growth of the Sinn Fein murder campaign has been more due than to anything else."

#### Little Disturbance in Derry.

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LONDONDERRY, June 27—Only three shots disturbed the Sabbath calm of Derry today. These were discharged by military patrols applying the curfew order. In the hours of darkness armored cars rumbled over the stone-paved streets to assist the infantry, while cyclists also scoured the outlying areas. Two men were arrested.

Yesterday the feeling of security, after a week of terror, was such that tiny children clambered unchecked over the soldiers' sandbag barricades and peeped down the barrels of Lewis guns, while gun teams smoked, sprawling at full length, in an atmosphere of relaxation.

In the Carlisle Bridge area several Union Jacks are floating undisputed, but there is an uneasy impression that only a display of armed force produced the cessation of hostilities and that they will be renewed if and when the soldiers are withdrawn. But each day that peace continues should assist in the formation of that spirit of amity which the Citizens' Conciliation Committee is urging upon all sections to foster. Appeals are being published broadcast by the Citizens' Committee for work to be resumed.

Unfortunately some local labor disputes are complicating the question. All public houses are to be closed between 4 P. M. and 10 A. M. until and including July 8.

In all churches this morning the outbreak was roundly condemned and prayers were asked for the victims. The delivery of letters is promised tomorrow. The only method of obtaining mail correspondence so far has been the primitive one of waiting in a crowd on the post office steps while the postman calls out the names of addressees.

#### Sligo Raiders Release Prisoner.

SLIGO, Ireland, June 27 (Associated Press).—The raid carried out yesterday on the Sligo jail was a daring one and had as its object the liberation of Frank Carty, member of the newly-elected Sinn Fein Town Council, who had been held, according to the Sinn Feiners, on the charge of having given false evidence regarding a raid for arms.

The party numbered about one hundred. The gate of the jail was forced, as well as the inner doors, and the single night watchman was compelled to hand over his keys. The raiders went straight to Carty's cell and took him away with them in a motor car.

#### Railway Boycott Spreads.

DUBLIN, June 27.—The Great Northern Railway, hitherto not affected, is now involved in the general boycott, several of the employes of the road have been suspended for refusing to handle artillery.

The Mullaghmore Coastguard Station, near Sligo, was burned to the ground Saturday night.

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