

IRISH IRREGULARS ROUTED WITH LOSS

Free State Troops Push On and Capture Newcastle West After Long Battle.

DAIL MEETING IS PUT OFF

Provisional Government Pays Trib- ute to Soldier Dead—Renewed Effort for Ulster Agreement.

DUBLIN, Aug. 8 (Associated Press).—Nationalist forces entered Newcastle West on Monday, after a twelve-hour battle, in which twelve irregulars were killed. The casualties of the Nationalists were less than those of the irregulars.

Taking little respite after Sunday's labors, the Nationals advanced from Rathkele on Monday morning, and by midday were in sight of their fresh objective. Armored cars entered the town and machine gun fire was directed against a party of irregulars, causing many casualties.

When the artillery went into action against the headquarters of the Irregulars, the Irregulars fled precipitately along Cord road.

Owing to the slow progress in the operations in Southern Ireland, the meeting of the Dail Eireann, scheduled to open Saturday, will be postponed again, it was announced tonight.

The official army bulletin announced tonight that the Nationals captured Castle Island on Saturday. It says that the Counties of Cork and Kerry with a part of South Tipperary and a small area in County Waterford are the only districts held by the irregulars with any degree of security.

The streets of Dublin were lined with great crowds of people today for the military funeral of nine National Army soldiers who had been killed in fighting the Republican irregulars in County Kerry. Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, and all the leading officers of the army in Dublin marched beside the hearses. Each coffin was covered with the Republican tri-colors.

There were many clergymen and other civilians in the funeral procession.

Prominent Catholics of Dublin and Belfast are trying to effect a better understanding between the Ulster and Free State Governments, according to The Daily Mail. This newspaper further states that all efforts to this end, which have all been taken with the advice and approval of leading English Catholics, are without official character.

The Free State Government is unaware of any negotiations for a settlement between the Ulster Government and the Free State authorities, such as was reported yesterday, it was learned today. It was further stated that such negotiations were unlikely to take place.

LONDON, Aug. 8 (Associated Press).—A message from Strabane received by the Exchange Telegraph Company this afternoon stated that a settlement between the Ulster Government and the Free State authorities was imminent, the terms of agreement having been practically arranged in negotiations proceeding in London.

In Downing Street, however, all knowledge of any such Irish negotiations was disclaimed and a telegram from Belfast quoted Ulster Government officials as denying that a settlement with the Free State was imminent.

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