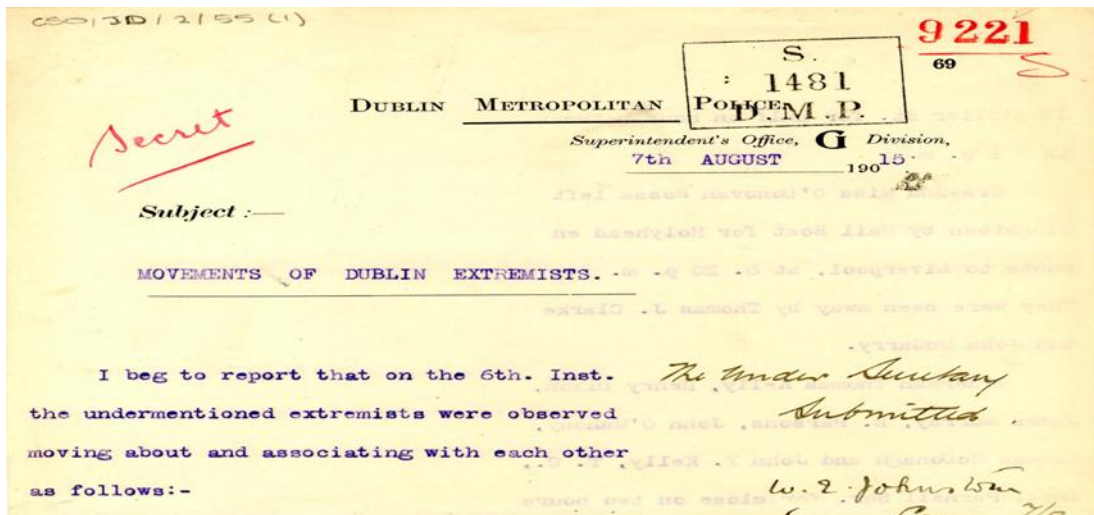




**Dublin Metropolitan Police - Movements of Dublin Extremists**  
**Reports on Diarmuid Lynch**  
**June – December 1915**



The Chief Secretary's Office, Crime Branch: Movement of Extremists collection was a series of daily reports by the Dublin Metropolitan Police (DMP) Detective Department on the movements and associations of pro-independence suspects.

These reports were compiled by Superintendent Owen Brien and submitted to the Under Secretary for Ireland, Sir Matthew Nathan, at Dublin Castle, annotated and then read by the Chief Secretary of Ireland, Sir Augustine Birrell.

These reports describe Republican activity in Dublin during the 11 months preceding the Easter Rising and detail intelligence gathered at a number of key city centre locations, most notably the shop of Thomas J Clarke at 75 Parnell Street, the Irish Volunteers Office at 2 Dawson Street, the Irish National Foresters Hall at 41 Parnell Street and the Gaelic League Offices in 25 Parnell Street. Major events which took place in 1915 and 1916 are recorded in the reports, including the funeral of Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa and the Annual Convention of Irish Volunteers.

The reports also include details of anti-recruitment and conscription rallies, meetings of the Irish Women's Franchise League, and protests against the imprisonment of revolutionaries under the Defence of the Realm Act and the movement of suspects to locations and major events outside of Dublin.

There are over 230 individuals referred to in the reports, principally members of the Irish Volunteers, the Irish Republican Brotherhood and Sinn Féin. The primary person of interest is Thomas J Clarke, who is mentioned in almost every report, while the other most frequently mentioned individuals include Pierce Beasley, Thomas Byrne, Con Colbert, Bulmer Hobson, Seán T Ó Ceallaigh, Seán Mac Diarmada, John McGarry, Diarmuid Lynch, Joseph McGuinness, Herbert Mellows, Michael O'Harahan, William O'Leary Curtis, Michael Joseph O'Rahilly and James Joseph Walsh.

In total there were approximately 260 files comprising 700 documents which were conserved, listed and scanned.

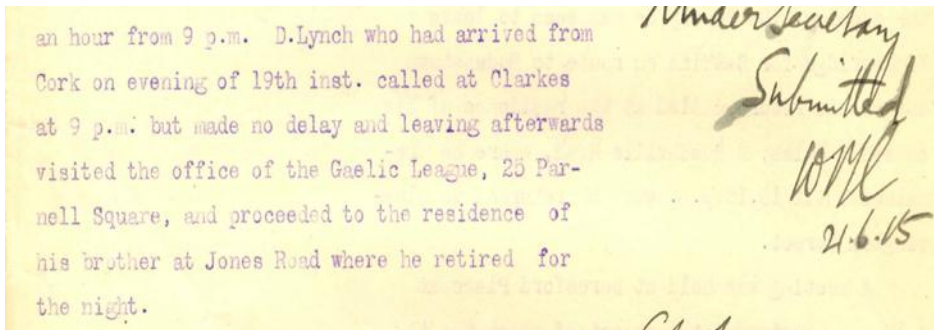
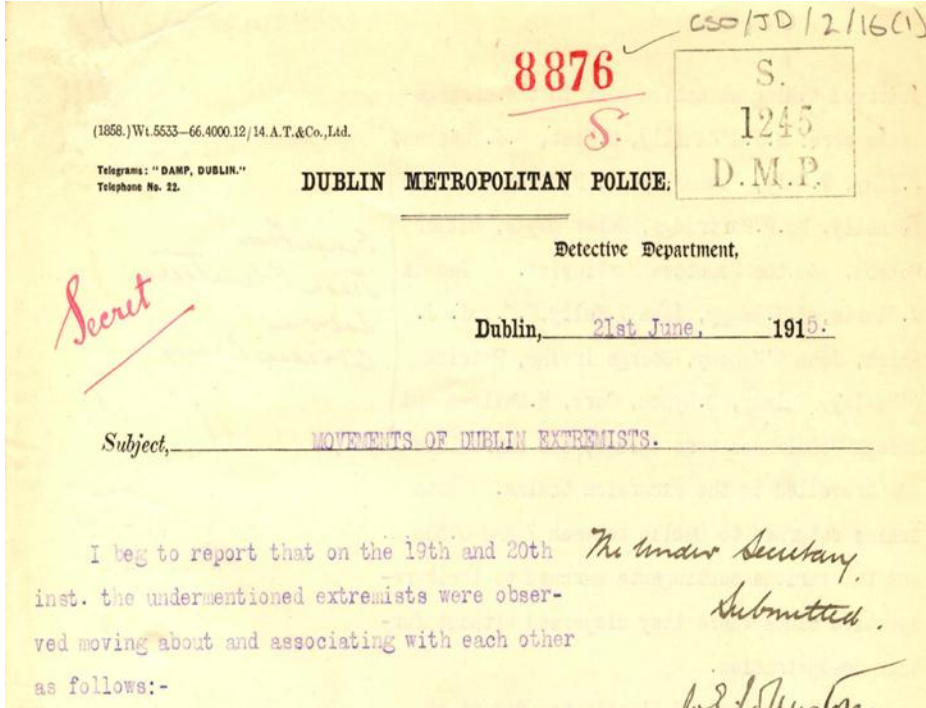
To view these and other reports in full, visit the [National Archives of Ireland](http://www.nationalarchives.ie) website.

The reports included with the Newsletter relate to Diarmuid Lynch and also include details of historic and unusual events. Side notes provide contextual historical information on events and personalities (Click on items [hyperlinked](#) for further info)



Saturday, 19 June, 1915

Diarmuid Lynch makes his first of many appearances in the DMP 'Movements of Dublin Extremists' dated 21 June, 1915 for June 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>, 1915.



“....D. Lynch who had arrived from Cork on evening of 19<sup>th</sup> inst. called at Clarke's\* at 9pm but made no delay and leaving afterwards visited the office of the Gaelic League, 25 Parnell Square, and proceeded to the residence of his brother at Jones Road where he retired for the night”

\*Tom Clarke's Tobacconist shop at 75 Parnell Street, Dublin.

The 'Movements of Dublin Extremists' reports were prepared daily from the previous day's detective notes by the Dublin Metropolitan Police Detective Department (G-Division) Superintendent Owen Brien. These secret reports were submitted to Sir Matthew Nathan, The Under-Secretary for Ireland based in Dublin Castle. Nathan in turn noted, wrote margin comments, signed and submitted these reports to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Augustine Birrell.



[Sir Matthew Nathan](#) (1862-1939) & [Augustine Birrell](#) (1850-1933)

Diarmuid travelled from Cork to Dublin to attend the annual [Wolfe Tone](#) Commemoration in Bodenstown, Co. Kildare the following day. His brother, Denis, was the manager of the Dublin Whiskey Distillery in Jones Road, Drumcondra.

[Tom Clarke's](#) Tobacconist shop was located at 75 Parnell Street



Tom Clarke (1856-1916) Born on the Isle of Wight to Irish parents, Clarke's father was a sergeant in the British army who was stationed there. The family moved to South Africa and later to Dungannon, Co Tyrone, where Clarke grew up from about the age of seven, attending Saint Patrick's national school. In 1882, he emigrated to America. During his time there he joined the republican organisation Clan na Gael and, as a proponent of violent revolution, he would serve 15 years in British jails for his role in a bombing campaign in London. Clarke was released in 1898, and spent nine more years in America. He returned to Dublin in 1907 setting up a tobacconist's shop on Great Britain Street (now Parnell Square), before being co-opted onto the IRB Military Council which was responsible for planning the Easter Rising. Because of his criminal convictions, Clarke maintained a low profile in Ireland, but was influential behind the scenes in the years of preparation for the Rising. With Denis McCullough, Bulmer Hobson and Seán Mac Diarmada, Clarke revitalized the IRB and had a major role in setting up the Irish Freedom newspaper. Devoted to the formation of an Irish republic, Clarke was also Chairman and a Trustee of the Wolfe Tone Memorial Committee, which organised the first pilgrimage to his grave at Bodenstown, Co Kildare in 1911. The first signatory of the Proclamation of Independence because of his seniority and commitment to the cause of Irish independence, Clarke was with the group that occupied the GPO. He opposed the surrender, but was outvoted. He was married to Kathleen Daly, niece of the veteran Fenian John Daly, and had three children. He faced the firing squad at Kilmainham Gaol on May 3, 1916, age 59.

Sunday, 20 June, 1915

The annual pilgrimage to Bodenstown took place yesterday. Two special trains conveying those taking part left Kingsbridge for Sallins at 11.15 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. About 1,500 persons travelled by these trains which included contingents of the Sinn Fein Volunteers, Citizen Army, and National Boy Scouts. About 70 of the Volunteers and Citizen Army carried rifles. Those observed taking an active part in the arrangements were: M.J.O'Rahilly, E.Kent, T.J.Sheehan, F.Fahy, E.Daly, Thomas Byrne, P.H.Pearse, James Connolly, Wm.P.Partridge, Peter Doyle, Bulmer Hobson, and the Countess Markievicz. Thomas J. Clarke, J.J.Buggy, John T.Kelly, T.C., J. J. Walsh, John O'Mahony, George Irvine, Patrick O'Malley, Galway, D.Lynch, Cork, H.Mellows and Joseph McGuinness were amongst the extremists who travelled in the excursion trains. Both trains returned to Dublin between 7 and 8.30p.m. and the various contingents marched to their respective clubs where they dispersed without further demonstration.

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A.P.M.  
23/6  
J. Chief Constable  
EOR  
24.6.15

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Irish Volunteers  
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Handwritten notation lists the various organizations that individuals were members of: “Sinn Fein, Irish Volunteers, Labour, Citizen Army”

Opposite: Tom Clarke and Diarmuid Lynch pictured at the Wolfe Tone Commemoration. Photo courtesy of Eileen McGough.



Monday, 21 June, 1915

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D.M.P.

(1858.) Wt. 5633—66.4000.12/14. A.T.&Co., Ltd.  
Telegrams: "DAMP, DUBLIN."  
Telephone No. 22.

**DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.**  
Detective Department,  
Dublin, 22nd June, 1915.

*Secret*

Subject, MOVEMENTS OF DUBLIN EXTREMISTS.

I beg to report that on the 21st inst. the undermentioned extremists were observed moving about and associating with each other as follows:  
With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell Street, J. McGuinness for a quarter of an hour between 11 and 12 a.m.; C. Colbert for twenty minutes between 1 and 2 p.m.; Edmund Kent for a few minutes at 2 p.m.; D. Lynch and Thomas Byrne for half an hour from 2 p.m.; George Irvine

*The Under Secretary  
Submitted.  
Jergus Quinn  
Asst Comm. 22/6.  
Under Secretary*

"With [Thomas J. Clarke](#), 75 Parnell Street...D. Lynch & Thomas Byrne for half an hour from 2pm..."

Thursday, 24 June, 1915

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D.M.P.

(1858.) Wt. 5633—66.4000.12/14. A.T.&Co., Ltd.  
Telegrams: "DAMP, DUBLIN."  
Telephone No. 22.

**DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.**  
Detective Department,  
Dublin, 25th June, 1915.

*Secret*

Subject, MOVEMENTS OF DUBLIN EXTREMISTS.

I beg to report that on the 24th inst. the undermentioned extremists were observed moving about and associating with each other as follows:  
With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell Street, J.J. Farrelly for a quarter of an hour between 11 and 12 a.m.; D. Lynch, Cork, Wm. Shortall, and E. Daly together for ten minutes between 1 and 2 p.m.; William O'Beary Curtis for half an hour between 5

*The Under Secretary  
Submitted.  
Jergus Quinn  
Asst Comm. 25/6.*

"...With [Thomas J. Clarke](#), 75 Parnell Street... D. Lynch, Cork, Wm Shortall and [E. Daly](#) together for 10 minutes between 1 and 2pm"



Saturday, 26 June, 1915

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(1858.) Wt. 5533-66.4000.12/14. A.T. & Co., Ltd.  
 Telegrams: "DAMP, DUBLIN."  
 Telephone No. 22.

**DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.**  
 Detective Department,  
 Dublin, 28th June, 1915.

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D.M.P.

*Secret*

Subject, MOVEMENTS OF DUBLIN EXTREMISTS.

I beg to report that on the 26th and 27th inst. the undermentioned extremists were observed moving about and associating with each other as follows:-

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell Street, on Saturday Joseph McGuinness and James Murray together for a quarter of an hour between 10 & 11 a.m.; D. Lynch for half an hour between 3 & 4p.m.;

*The Under Secretary  
Submitted  
Dergus Quinn  
Asst. Comm 28/6*

"With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell Street, on Saturday...D.Lynch for half an hour between 3 & 4pm"

Sunday, 27 June, 1915

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell Street, Sunday, D. Lynch, W. Parsons, J.J. Buggy, and J. McGuinness together for half an hour between 1 and 2 p.m.

Clarke has removed most of his furniture from 75 Parnell Street to 10 Richmond Avenue, Fairview, where he intends to reside ~~XXXX~~ in the course of a few days.

About 2,000 persons including J.J.O'Connell, E. Daly, John T. Kelly, T.C., C.W. Power, B.L., and James

The Chief Commissioner.

*Where is Fairview?  
T.C.  
3/6  
Under Secretary  
Fairview is a district lying on the Nth. bank of the Tolka, (Nth. City) between Clontarf (Drumcondra) and Clontarf.  
Dergus Quinn  
Asst. Comm 27/6*

James  
Ch. Sec

"With Thomas J. Clarke at 75 Parnell Street, Sunday, D. Lynch, W. Parsons, J.J. Buggy and J. McGuinness together for half an hour between 1& 2pm..."



Tuesday, 29 June, 1915

D.Lynch in the Office of the Gaelic League  
25 Parnell Square for an hour from 7.30 p.m.

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A.P.M.  
12/11*

"D.Lynch in the Office of the Gaelic League 25 Parnell Square for an hour from 7.30pm

Monday, 5 July, 1915

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.

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Superintendent's Office,

G.D.M.P. Division.

6th July, 1915.

*Secret*

Subject:—

MOVEMENTS OF DUBLIN EXTREMISTS.

I beg to report that the undermentioned  
extremists were observed moving about and  
associating with each other as follows:—*(on 5<sup>th</sup> inst)*

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell Street,  
Joseph McGuinness for ten minutes between 12  
and 1 p.m.; J.J. Walsh for a quarter of an  
hour from 1 p.m.; Thomas Kenny, (Craughwell),  
for close on an hour between 2 and 3 p.m.,  
T.S. Cuffe being there at the time; John T.  
Kelly, T.C., and Thomas Byrne for a quarter of  
an hour between 7 and 8 p.m.; Diarmuid Lynch,  
Wm. O'Leary Curtis, and Arthur Griffith together  
for an hour from 10 p.m.

*The Under Secretary  
Submitted.*

*W.E. Johnston*

*C. Comm 6/7*

*Under Secretary  
Submitted  
1915*

"With Thomas J. Clarke at 75 Parnell Street...Diarmuid Lynch, William O'Leary Curtis\* and [Arthur Griffith](#) together for an hour from 10pm"

\* William O'Leary-Curtis, a newspaperman and colleague of James Joyce, appears in both Ulysses and Dubliners as O'Madden-Burke. His Grand-daughter is film and television actress, Nuala FitzGerald.



Tuesday, 6 July, 1915

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D.M.P.  
Superintendent's Office, G Division,  
7th July, 1915.

*Secret*

*Subject :—*

MOVEMENTS OF DUBLIN EXTREMISTS.

I beg to report that on the 6th inst. the undermentioned extremists were observed moving about and associating with each other as follows:

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell Street, James Murray for a quarter of an hour between 11 and 12 a.m.; John T. Kelly, T.C., for a quarter of an hour between 12 and 1 p.m.; Edmund Kent for twenty minutes between 4 and 5 p.m.; D. Lynch, Thomas Byrne, and Joseph McGuinness together for close on two hours from 7.30 p.m.; William O'

*The Under Secretary  
Submitted.*

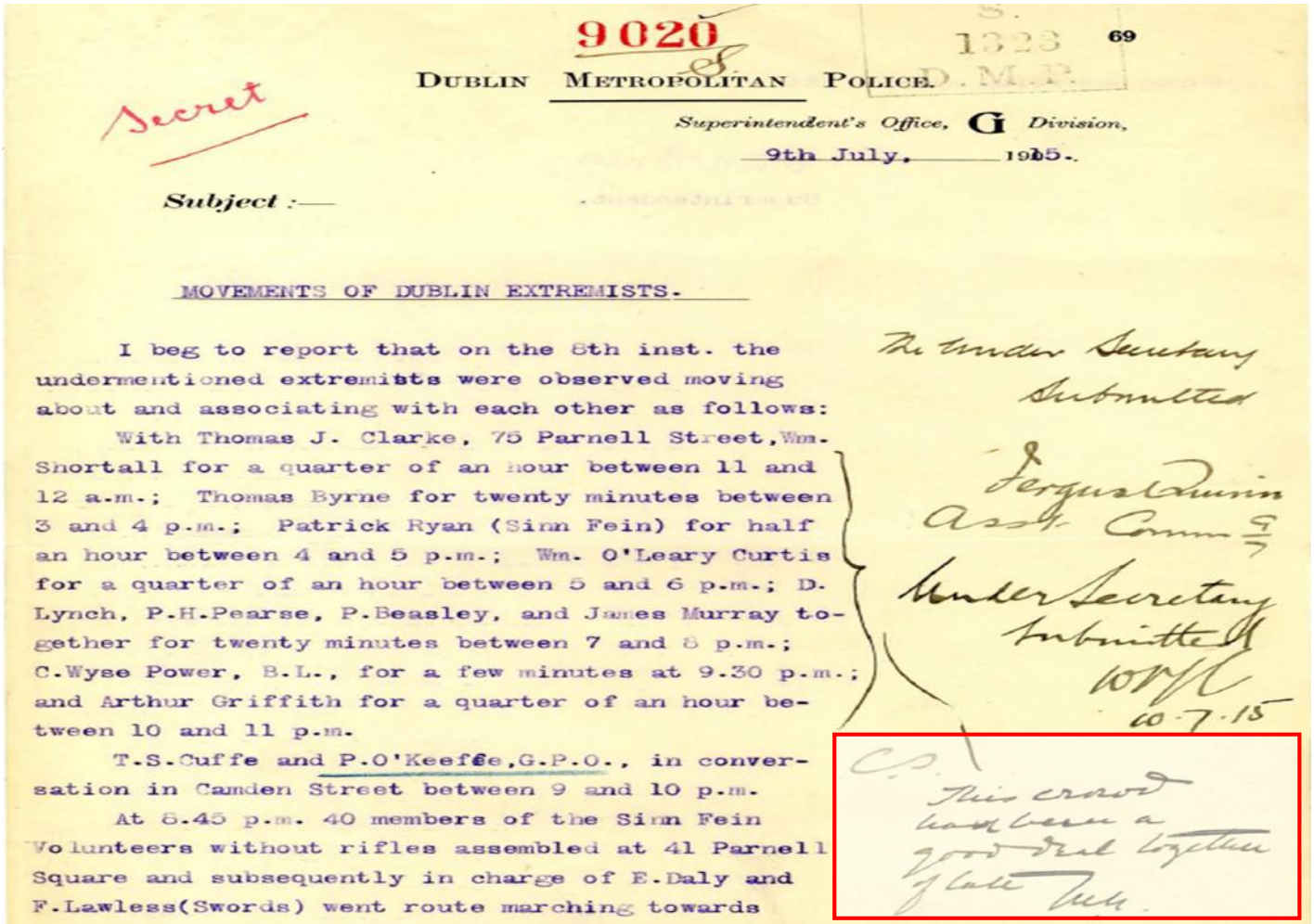
*J. J. Quinn  
Asst. Comm. 2/4.*

*Under Secretary  
Submitted*

"With [Thomas J. Clarke](#), 75 Parnell Street.... D. Lynch, Thomas Byrne and Joseph McGuinness together for close on two hours from 7.30pm"



Thursday, 8 July, 1915



"With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell Street, Wm Shortall for a quarter of an hour between 11 and 12pm, Thomas Byrne for twenty minutes between 3 and 4pm; Patrick Ryan (Sinn Fein) for half an hour between 4 and 5pm, Wm O'Leary Curtis for a quarter of an hour between 5 and 6pm, D. Lynch, P.H. Pearse, P. Beasley and James Murray together for 20 minutes between 7 and 8pm, C. Wyse Power B.L. for a few minutes at 9.30pm and Arthur Griffith for a quarter of an hour between 10 and 11pm.."

Note: A handwritten comment by the Chief Secretary to Ireland, Augustine Birrell reads "This crowd have been a good deal together of late"





Friday, 9 July, 1915

D. Lynch left Kingsbridge for Limerick by 9.15 a.m. train yesterday.

*Ch. Sec.*

From the report dated July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1915: "D. Lynch left Kingsbridge for Limerick by 9.15am train yesterday."

Wednesday, 21 July, 1915

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**DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE M.P.**  
Superintendent's Office, **G** Division,  
22nd July, 1915.

*Secret*

**Subject :—**

MOVEMENTS OF DUBLIN EXTREMISTS.

I beg to report that on the 21st inst. the undermentioned extremists were observed moving about and associating with each other as follows:-

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell Street; Thomas Byrne and C. Colbert together for a quarter of an hour between 12 and 1 p.m.; D. Lynch for an hour from 9 p.m., the latter returned from Limerick at 12.30 p.m.; Arthur Griffith, William O'Leary Curtis, James Stritch,

*The Under Secretary*  
*Submitted.*  
W. E. Johnston  
C. Cunniff <sup>22</sup>/<sub>7</sub>  
*Under Secretary*  
C. I. #1

"With [Thomas J. Clarke](#), 75 Parnell Street...D. Lynch for an hour from 9pm, the latter returned from Limerick at 12.30pm..."



Friday, 30 July, 1915

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.

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Superintendent's Office, G Division,  
30th July 1915

Subject:—

O'DONOVAN ROSSA FUNERAL PROCESSION.

With reference to attached I beg to report that the O'Donovan Rossa funeral Procession will start from the City Hall at 2 p. m. on Sunday next. The route will be via Dame St, Aungier St. York St. Stephen's Green, Dawson St., Nassau St., Grafton St., College Green, Westmoreland St., Sackville St., Cavendish Row, Parnell Sqr; North, Frederick St., Berkeley Road, Phibsboro' to Glasnevin. Cemetery.

Those taking part will include Sinn Fein Volunteers, Old Fenians, Representatives of Public bodies, Citizen Army, Gaelic Athletic Association, Irish National Foresters, National Society, Hibernian Rifles, Trade and Labour Unions, Provincial Delegates, Wolfe Tone Memorial Association, and National Volunteers.

The Dublin contingents with bands will assemble at 12 noon as follows:-  
Trades Council and Labour bodies at Stephens Green to march by Francis St., thence through Cornmarket

The Under Secretary  
Submitted: The Police  
arrangements when  
completed will be  
Submitted  
30.7.15 W.L. Dunster  
Cc.

Under Secretary  
Submitted  
W.L.D.  
30.7.15.

Ch. Sec.  
There will, of course  
be no interference by  
the police unless a  
breach of the peace is  
committed which is  
unlikely.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

*W.L.D.*  
Seen by Chief Secretary 30/7  
10.1.15. 30.7.15

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## 1916-2016 Commemoration Newsletter

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### Comment to DMP Extremists Report for July 30, 1915.

The Dublin Metropolitan Police (DMP) kept a close eye on what they deemed as “extremists” in the days preceding the O’Donovan Rossa funeral on August 1st, 1915. The police closely monitored Tom Clarke’s tobacco shop at 75 Parnell Street and the Irish Volunteers office at 2 Dawson Street. Other buildings put under close surveillance included the Irish National Forrester’s Hall at 41 Parnell Square where the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB) and the Irish Volunteers met and drilled and 25 Parnell Square which was the headquarters of The Gaelic League

Two nights before the funeral there was a major gathering in the Forrester’s Hall which included Pearse, Con Colbert, Eamon Ceannt, Major John McBride and Thomas McDonagh, who was chief steward of the funeral. All were executed for their parts in the Easter Rising.

In the police reports, the Chief Secretary to Ireland Augustine Birrell has scribbled in the margins *“there will of course be no interference by the police unless a breach of the peace is committed which is unlikely”*. A detailed report on the O’Donovan Rossa funeral procession was provided two days beforehand by Superintendent Owen Brien of the DMP.

In his report to the chief commissioner of the DMP, Superintendent Brien listed all the organisations that were involved in the organisation of the funeral. *“Delegates from America will be in attendance and nothing is being left undone to make the affair as impressive as possible,”* he wrote. *“Those concerned are anxious that the greatest harmony will prevail and, as far as can be gathered, nothing of an unseemly nature is anticipated. At the same time, in an assembly of this nature, no one can foretell what may occur, particularly when persons of different views are brought so closely together.”*

Superintendent Brien also wondered about the possibility of a demonstration after the funeral at Bachelor’s Walk. It had been the site a year previously of the shooting dead of three civilians by soldiers from the King’s Own Scottish Borderers who had been sent to intercept arms shipments which were landed at Howth.

### Dublin Metropolitan Police

The Capital’s own Police Force had been established under an Act of the British Parliament in 1836 and the force had become operational in January 1838. It was closely modelled on the London Metropolitan Police founded by Sir John Peel. While never a greatly popular force with Dubliners the DMP had nevertheless proved to be a magnet to men (mostly countrymen) in search of secure employment in the city with a guaranteed pension at the end of their service. Its members were unarmed unless on specific duties and the individual members relied on their formidable physical strength to settle affairs on the street when necessary. Among the generally undersized citizenry of Dublin they certainly stood out as men not to be trifled with.

Things started to turn sour for the DMP in 1913 when there was serious labour unrest in Dublin. In a fight for Trade Union recognition the employers resorted to locking out the workers till they dropped their demand for the right to belong to one. The DMP as a result found itself involved in upholding the interests of the employers at the expense of the workers’ rights. Vicious street battles developed with the police involved in sometimes fatal baton charges, which lost them a lot of credibility and respect with the public. Then the events of 1914, when the DMP and the British Army tried unsuccessfully to block the distribution of the weapons landed at Howth, further weakened their morale and general standing.

The outbreak of the Great War saw a considerable number of the men volunteer for war service from which a high proportion never returned. The Easter Rising of 1916 was yet another shock to its morale. By the time the War of Independence started in 1919 the force was at a low ebb, which the events of the next two and a half years did nothing to alleviate. By and large they escaped the deadly fate of so many of their counterparts in the RIC simply because of their unarmed status. So long as they turned a blind eye to the activities of the IRA then they were allowed to proceed with the enforcement of the civil law. Not so the men of the ‘G’ Division. They were armed and were tasked by the British with hunting down Republicans in the city. Michael Collins had his own answer to them: the men of ‘the Squad’ a select group of gunmen who were given the job of eliminating especially dangerous opponents of the Republic in Dublin. In this they succeeded brilliantly, and effectively put a stop to the flow of intelligence to the British administration in Dublin Castle.

By the summer of 1921 Irish recruitment to the DMP was at a standstill and the ranks had to be filled by taking on men from across the water, many of them British ex-servicemen. With the Truce of July 1921 the DMP was left hanging in the air, not knowing whether they would be kept on or swept aside in the impending change of government. When the new Government took over they decided to retain the DMP at least temporarily as the only fully trained Police Force in the State. In Irish the Force was known as *Políní Átha Cliath* and cap badges were issued to reflect this.

In 1923 Major General W.R.E. Murphy DSO, MC was appointed to command as Chief Commissioner and he was to instil a sense of purpose back into the Force. However Kevin O’Higgins had decided that two police forces in one State was one too many and in 1925 the DMP was amalgamated into the Garda Síochána. Murphy became a Deputy Commissioner of the Garda under General O’Duffy with whom he had served in the Irish Civil war. Thus after a run of 87 years Dublin’s own Police Force and its formidable Constables came to be seen no more on the streets of the capital.



Friday, 30 July, 1915

William Mellows was, at the Southern Police Court yesterday sentenced to three months' imprisonment under the Defence of the Realm Act.

Bulmer Hobson, M. J. Pender, M. O'Hanrahan, and Herbert Mellows in Volunteer Office, 2 Dawson St. for half an hour between 7 & 8 p. m.

Major John McBride, James Whelan, Thomas J. Clarke, P. H. Pearse, E. Kent, C. Colbert, James Murray, B. Parsons, M. McGinn; D. Lynch, T. J. Sheehan, John T. Kelly, C. Wyse-Power, J. J. Buggy, James Stritch, John O'Mahony and

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

*Under Secretary  
Submitted  
W.P.B.*

*31-Vii-15*

*Chief Sec.*

*W.P.B.*

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*Seen by Chief Sec.  
W.P.B.*

*3-VIII-15*



and Thomas McDonagh at 41 Parnell Sqr. together from 8. 15 p. m. to 11. 15 p. m.

There is nothing further to add to that already reported regarding the O'Donovan Rossa funeral Procession.

*Owen Bowen*  
Superintendent.

"...Major John McBride, James Whelan, [Thomas J. Clarke](#), P.H.Pearse, E. Kent, C. Colbert, James Murray, B. Parsons, M. McGinn, D. Lynch, T.J.Sheehan, John T. Kelly, C. Wyse-Power, J.J.Buggy, James Stritch, John O'Mahony and Thomas McDonagh at 41 Parnell Square together from 8.15pm to 11.15pm."

Note: This was the final meeting regarding arrangements for the O'Donovan Rossa funeral to be held on Sunday, August 1, 1915.



Saturday, 31 July, 1915

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE D. M. P.

Superintendent's Office, **G** Division,  
3rd August 1915

*Secret*

Subject:—

MOVEMENTS OF DUBLIN EXTREMISTS.

I beg to report that during the past three days the undermentioned extremists were observed moving about and associating with each other as follows:—

With T. J. Clarke on Saturday, Thomas Byrne for twenty minutes between 1 & 2 p. m. D. Lynch, John T. Kelly, T. C., and C. J. Kickham together for a quarter of an hour between 8 & 9 p. m. P. O'Malley, Galway,

*The Under Secretary  
Submitted.  
W. E. Johnston  
C. Comm 3/8*

"With [Thomas J. Clarke](#) on Saturday....D. Lynch, [John T. Kelly](#), T.C. and C.J. Kickham together for a quarter of an hour between 8 & 9 pm....."

Sunday, 1 August, 1915

A large number of Provincial suspects arrived in Dublin by excursion trains on Sunday, and subsequently were seen to take part in the O'Donovan Rossa funeral procession to Glasnevin Cemetery. These included

*W. E. Johnston  
3/8  
4.8.15*

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

included Thomas Kenny, Craughwell, James Leddan, Limerick; P. Hughes, Dundalk; Darrel Figgis, Achill; Alderman Nowlan, Kilkenny; T. J. McSweeney, Cork; Patk. McGrath, Tipperary, and Austin Stack, Tralee.

A Special report on the funeral procession is being furnished.

T. J. Clarke left Kingsbridge by 8. 35 p. m. train, 1st Inst., en route to Limerick.

Attached is a copy of last week's issue of Na Bac Leis, with translation of the leading paragraphs 1 to 6 inclusive.

*Over'Brien*

A general report on those attending the O'Donovan Rossa funeral... "A special report on the funeral procession is being furnished"

Note: The National Archives commented in 2015: "Although it is stated that a special report on the funeral will be furnished, this is not included in this series of reports. A search in the registered papers of the Chief Secretary has also proved unsuccessful."



### Friday, 13 August, 1915

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell St.,  
William O'Leary Curtis for a few minutes  
between 4 & 5 p. m. James J. Buggy for  
half an hour between 8 & 9 p. m. D. Lynch  
for twenty minutes between 9 & 10 p. m.  
James Connolly left Amiens St. by 3  
p. m. train, en route to Belfast. R. I. C.  
informed.

*C. Connolly 14/8*

*Under Secretary  
submitted  
W. J. H.  
16/8/15.*

*True 16/10*

"With [Thomas J. Clarke](#), 75 Parnell St...D. Lynch for twenty minutes between 9 & 10pm..."

### Sunday, 15 August, 1915

It has been reported to the Police  
that between 12 & 1 a. m. 15th Inst. several  
men forcibly removed 4 wooden cases, each  
containing 25 Martini Metford rifles from the  
L. & N. W. Rwy. Stores, Nth. Wall, addressed  
to Mr John E. Redmond, M. P., 44 Parnell Sqr.  
and carried them away for some distance, from  
which they were removed by motor car, destination  
unknown. Inquiry proceeding.

*Owen'Brien*

For further information on this, see: <http://eastwallforall.ie/?p=2975> The Great North Wall Railway Robbery 1915



Wednesday, 18 August, 1915

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell St.,  
E. Daly and Thomas Byrne for a quarter of an  
hour. between 1 & 2 p. m. D. Lynch and  
John O'Mahony for half an hour between 5 & 6  
p. m. John T. Kelly, T. C., for twenty  
minutes between 8 & 9 p. m. William O'Leaey  
Curtis for ten minutes between 10 & 11 p. m.,  
after which Clarke closed his premises for the  
night.

*Under Secretary.  
Submitted.  
W. J. H.  
19/8/15.  
Ch. Sec.  
W. J. H.  
19/8*

"With [Thomas J. Clarke](#), 75 Parnell St...D. Lynch and John O'Mahony for half an hour between 5 & 6pm..."



Monday, 23 August, 1915

T. J. Sheehan with James Whelan in the shop of the latter, 17 Upper Ormond Quay at 10. 30 a. m.

M. J. O'Rahilly at Dame St. at 4. 30 p.m.  
Henry Dixon and T. J. Clarke in conversation at  
The Chief Commr.

*C.S.  
Monteith was in the Ordnance Store Depot - went to was dismissed by the military authorities. At same time he was very active at Limerick*

The intelligence report opposite indicates how relatively straightforward it was for the G-Division detectives to source vital and accurate information:

"Mrs. Monteith in conversation with a friend who called to see her at her residence, 6 Palmerstown Place, yesterday (22 August) said that her husband (R. Monteith) was leaving the country believed for America, where arrangements are being made to form an Irish Brigade, to fight on the side of Germany in the present War. Mr Monteith has got permission from the Military Authorities to leave this country for American on 28<sup>th</sup> inst., but no corroboration so far, has been obtained regarding the object of his mission"

[Monteith had been given permission to leave Limerick, travel to his home in Dublin and then leave the country by 30 August]

at 5. 15 p. m.

J. J. Walsh in his shop, 26, Blessington St. between 9 & 10 p. m.

Mrs Monteith in conversation with a friend who called to see her at her residence, 6, Palmerston Place, yesterday, said that her husband, (R. Monteith) was leaving the country believed for America, where arrangements are being made to form an Irish Brigade, to fight on the side of Germany in the present War.

Mr Monteith has got permission from the Military Authorities to leave this country for America on 28th Inst., but no corroboration, so far, has been obtained regarding the object of his mission.

*drilling the Irish Volunteers & taking them for route marches & such sort of thing in public houses. Lately he has been inactive.*

*It is hard to say where a man of this sort does most harm - in Ireland or in America. Probably in the latter.*

*Ch. Connolly*

Owen'Brien  
Superintendent.

*27/8*



Captain Robert Monteith  
Irish Brigade of Berlin, 1915-1916

Robert Monteith was a working-class Protestant, a former soldier in India and South Africa, a trade union activist, atheist, writer, Irish Volunteer captain and probably an IRB member. In the absence of anyone more suitable, he was recruited by Tom Clarke to take command of Casement's brigade and traveled to Germany. Following the failure of the brigade, he accompanied Casement by submarine to Banna Strand at Easter 1916. Earlier in 1914, as a consequence of his political activities and loyalties, the account written by his daughter tells how "... he was dismissed from his post at the Ordnance Depot. He was not allowed to go back to his desk for his coat or pipe ... Later that night two men from the G Division came to his house and read him a deportation order which stated that "R. Monteith, of 6 Palmerston Place, Broadstone, Dublin, shall not, except with permission in writing from me or other competent naval or military authority, reside after twelve o'clock noon, on the 14th day of November, 1914, within the Metropolitan Police District of Dublin." Monteith even had a small printing press there, which he used to turn out leaflets and handbills for his political activities.

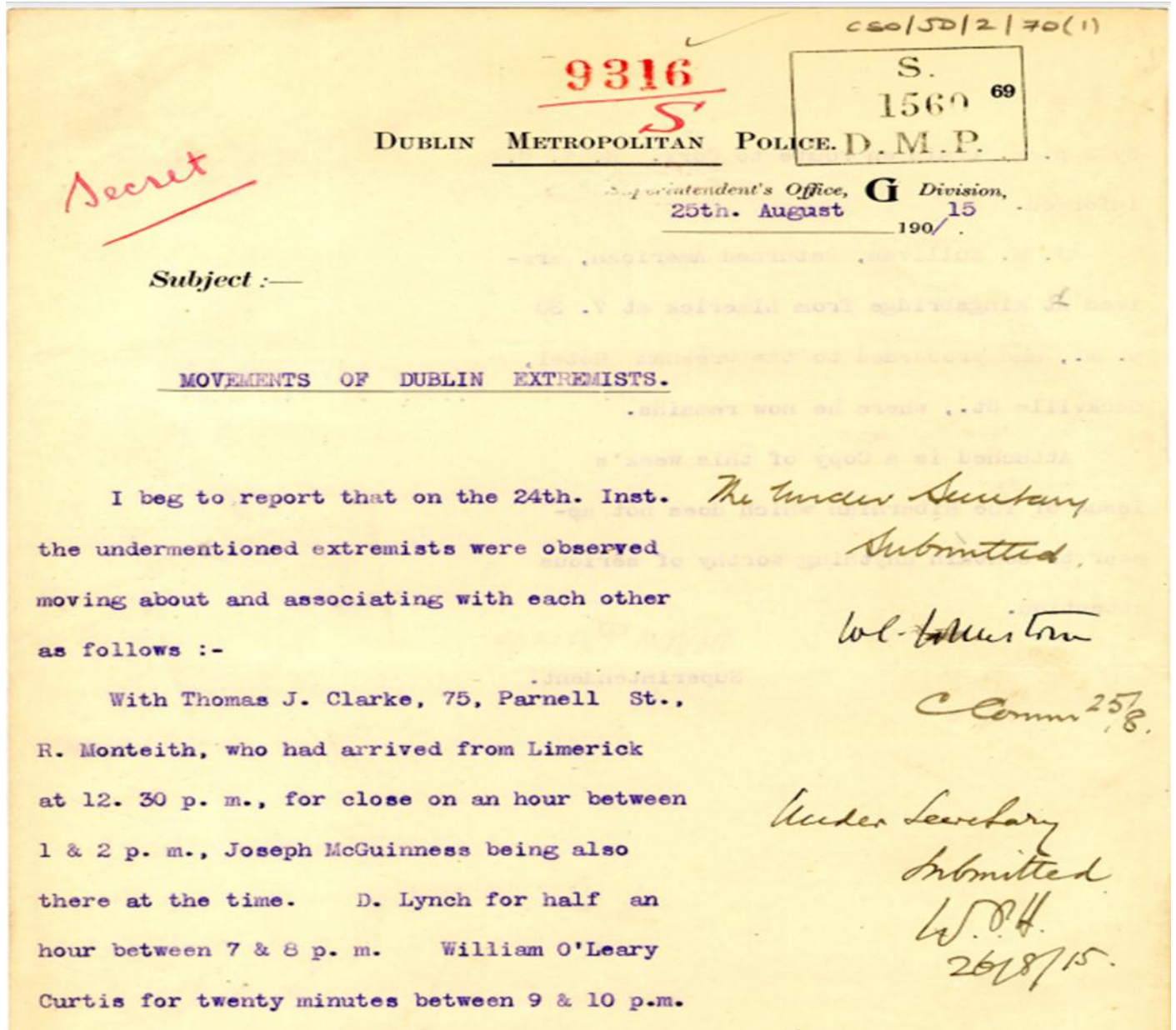
Under-Secretary Matthew Nathan's written comment in the margins of the Intelligence Report dated 24 August for the Chief Secretary, Augustine Birrell: "Monteith was in the Ordnance Store Depot where he was dismissed by the Military Authorities. For some time he was very active at Limerick, drilling the Irish Volunteers & taking them for route marches which ended often in public houses. Lately he has been inactive."

Birrell written reply on 27<sup>th</sup> August: "It is hard to say where a man of this sort does most harm - in Ireland or in America. Probably the latter"





Tuesday, 24 August, 1915



"...With [Thomas J. Clarke](#), 75 Parnell St, R. Monteith, who had arrived from Limerick at 12.30pm for close on an hour between 1 & 2p.m, Joseph McGuinness being also there at the time. D. Lynch for half an hour between 7 & 8pm..."

Diarmuid Lynch in his memoirs recalled "Towards the end of August Monteith was ready to proceed to Germany - via New York. Tom Clarke and I decided to give him £100 for his expenses; this sum was handed to him in Tom's shop."



Wednesday, 25 August, 1915

MOVEMENTS OF DUBLIN EXTREMISTS.

I beg to report that on the 25th. Inst. the undermentioned extremists were observed moving about and associating with each other as follows :-

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St., R. Monteith for half an hour between 2 & 3 p. m. Arthur Griffith and D. Lynch, for an hour from 9 p. m.

Bulmer Hobson arrived at Amiens St. from Belfast at 1 p. m.

*The Under Secretary  
Submitted*

*W. E. Johnston*

*C. Comm. 26/8.*

*Under Secretary  
Submitted  
15/11*

"...With [Thomas J. Clarke](#), 75 Parnell St, R. Monteith for half an hour between 2 & 3 p.m. Arthur Griffith and D Lynch, for an hour from 9pm..."

Thursday, 26 August, 1915

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St., Joseph McGuinness for twenty minutes between 1 & 2 p. m. R. Monteith for half an hour from 2 p. m., Major John McBride being there at the time. William O'Leary Curtis for ten minutes between 5 & 6 p. m. D. Lynch for a quarter of an hour between 10 & 11 p.m. after which Clarke closed his premises for the night.

*C. Comm. 26/8.*  
*Under Secretary  
Submitted  
W. E. Johnston  
27/8/15  
Ch. Sec.  
J. M.  
27/10*

"...With [Thomas J. Clarke](#), 75 Parnell St, ...D Lynch for a quarter of an hour between 10 & 11pm after which Clarke closed his premises for the night."



Friday, 27 August, 1915

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St.,  
John O'Mahony; D. Lynch; Thomas Byrne, and  
Major John McBride together for half an hour  
between 7 & 8 p. m.

G. Commr. 28/8/15

Under Secretary  
Submitted

Thomas J. Clarke; J. J. Buggy; Major  
John McBride; John O'Mahony; D. Lynch; C.  
Colbert; James Murray; James Stritch; and  
C. J. Kickham together in 41 Parnell Sqr.,  
for over an hour from 8. 30 p. m.

"....With [Thomas J. Clarke](#), 75 Parnell St.,....[John O'Mahony](#), [D. Lynch](#), [Thomas Byrne](#) and [Major John McBride](#) together for half an hour between 7 & 8 p.m.....[Thomas J. Clarke](#), [J.J.Buggy](#), [Major John McBride](#), [John O'Mahony](#), [D. Lynch](#), [C. Colbert](#), [James Murray](#), [James Stritch](#) and [C.J.Kickham](#) together in 41 Parnell Sqr for over an hour from 8.30 p.m."

James Stritch, an IRB member, had the [Irish National Foresters](#) build a hall at the back of 41 [Parnell Square](#) in Dublin, which was the headquarters of the [Wolfe Tone Clubs](#). Anticipating the formation of the Volunteers they began to learn foot-drill and military movements. The drilling was conducted by Stritch together with members of Fianna Éireann. They began by drilling a small number of IRB associated with the Dublin [Gaelic Athletic Association](#), led by [Harry Boland](#). He was part of the O'Donovan Rossa Organising Committee and went on to found the National Graves Association.

Saturday, 28 August, 1915

p. m. D. Lynch for a quarter of an hour  
between 1 & 2 p. m. Wm. O'Leary Curtis  
for twenty minutes between 9 & 10 p.m. after  
which Clarke closed his premises for the  
night.

Thomas McDonagh, P. H. Pearse, and D.  
Lynch together in College Green between  
12 & 1 p. m.

A meeting of the Co. Dublin labourers

"....With [Thomas J. Clarke](#), 75 Parnell St.,....[D Lynch](#) for a quarter of an hour between 1 & 2 p.m.....[Thomas McDonagh](#), [P.H.Pearse](#), and [D Lynch](#) together in College Green between 12 & 1 p.m....."



Monday, 30 August, 1915

R. Monteith left North Wall for Liver- || Seen by Chief Sec<sup>y</sup>  
pool at 8 p. m. R. I. C. Sergeant at W.Y.B.  
Liverpool 1.9.15  
C.C.

"...R. Monteith left North Wall for Liverpool at 8 p.m. R.I.C. Sergeant at Liverpool informed..."

Tuesday, 31 August, 1915

m. D. Lynch from 7. 30 p. m. to 7.45 p. m. C.S.  
John T. Kelly, T. C., for a few minutes at 8 July.  
p. m. Pierce Beasley for half an hour 1/9

"...With [Thomas J. Clarke](#), 75 Parnell St,...D.Lynch from 7.30 p.m. to 7.45 p.m...."



Wednesday, 1 September, 1915

Bulmer Hobson, P. H. Pearse, M. J. O'Rahilly, Edward De Valera, and some other members of the Sinn Fein Volunteers in 2, Dawson St., from 8. 30 p. m. to 10.30 p. m.

*Ch. See*  
*Tua*  
*2/4*

Valera mentioned above is of Spanish origin, and said to have been born in England. His mother was an Irish-woman. He came to Dublin about two years ago and was employed as Professor of Mathematics in Blackrock College. His services at the College have, however, been recently dispensed with, but he is at present engaged in a similar capacity in the Carysfort Training College, Carysfort Ave., Blackrock. He is a Staff Officer in the Sinn Fein Volunteers, and lately takes an active interest in the organising work of that Corps. He resides with his wife and family at 33, Morehampton Terrace, Donnybrook.

Attached are copies of this weeks issue of the Irish Volunteer and Nationality, neither of which appears to contain anything deserving serious attention.

*Owen'Brien*

First reference to Eamon de Valera in the DMP reports.



Thursday, 2 September, 1915

I beg to report that on the 2nd. Inst. *The Under Secretary,*  
the undermentioned extremists were observed *Submitted,*  
moving about and associating with each other  
as follows :-  
With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St.,  
John Milroy for a few minutes between 7 & 8  
p. m. John T. Kelly, T. C., for a quarter  
of an hour between 8 & 9 p. m. J. O'Connor  
D. Lynch; and Wm. O'Leary Curtis in convers-  
ation with Clarke for some considerable time  
*W. E. Johnston*  
*Comm. 3/9.*  
*Under Secretary*  
*Submitted.*  
*W. E.*  
*3/9/15.*

"...With [Thomas J. Clarke](#), 75 Parnell St., ...J. O'Connor, D.Lynch and Wm. O'Leary Curtis in conversation with Clarke for some considerable time..."



Tuesday, 7 September, 1915

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S.  
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D.M.P.

Telegram, "DAMP, DUBLIN."  
Telephone No. 851.

**Dublin Metropolitan Police.**

**G DIVISION,**  
(DETECTIVE OFFICE),  
EXCHANGE COURT,  
8th September, 1915.

*Secret*

MOVEMENTS OF DUBLIN EXTREMISTS

I beg to report that on the 7th inst the undermentioned extremists were observed moving about and associating with each other as follows:-

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell St., Thomas Byrne from 11.30 a.m. to 12 noon. John McGarry for half an hour between 12 and 1 p.m. C. Colbert for a few minutes at 1 p.m. George Nichols, Galway, for a quarter of an hour between 2 and 3 p.m. D. Lynch for close on an hour from 3.30 p.m. William O'Leary Curtis for half an hour between

*The Under Secretary  
Submitted.  
W. E. (Sturton  
C. Connors 8/9.  
Under Secretary  
Submitted.*

"...With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell St., ...D. Lynch for close on an hour from 3.30 p.m...."

Friday, 10 September, 1915

Lr. Sackville St., and has only recently been found mixing with the local extremists

John T. Kelly, T.C., Bulmer Hobson and D. Lynch in conversation in Sackville Street at 1.15 p.m.

P.H. Pearse arrived at Broadstone by 7.12 p.m. train from Ballinrobe.

*Under Secretary  
Submitted.  
W. E.  
13.9.15*

"...John T. Kelly, T.C., Bulmer Hobson and D. Lynch in conversation in Sackville Street at 1.15 p.m."

[T.C. was Thomas J. Clarke]



Tuesday, 14 September, 1915

M.O'Hanrahan in the Sinn Fein Volunteer Office, 2 Dawson St., at 11.30 a.m.

Gerald Griffin with J.J.Walsh in the shop of the latter for ten minutes between 2 & 3 p.m.

D.Lynch passing along Dame St. towards College Green between 4&5 p.m.

There was no Strike Meeting held at Crumlin on 14th inst, and nothing unusual occurred in the vicinity during the day

Owen'Brien  
Superintendent.

The Chief Commissioner.

Under Secretary  
Submitted.  
W.M.A.  
15.9.15.

True.  
15/9

"D. Lynch passing along Dame St. towards College Green between 4 & 5 p.m."

Wednesday, 15 September, 1915

(1858.) Wt. 5333—66.4000.12/14. A T. & Co., Ltd.  
(6559.) Wt. 3103—96.20,000.8/15.

Telegrams: "DAMP, DUBLIN."  
Telephone No. 22.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE:

1650  
D.M.P.

Detective Department,

Dublin, 16th September, 1915.

*Secret*

Subject, MOVEMENTS OF DUBLIN EXTREMISTS?

I beg to report that on the 15 th inst. the undermentioned extremists were observed moving about and associating with each other as follows. :-

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell Street, D. Lynch for half an hour between 12 and 1 p.m.; Thomas Byrne from

The Under Secretary,  
Submitted.

W.R. Whelan

C Comm 16/9

"...With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell St, D.Lynch for half an hour between 12 and 1pm..."





# 1916-2016 Commemoration Newsletter

**Thursday, 16 September, 1915**

D.Lynch left Kingsbridge by 3p.m. train en route to Limerick. R.I.C.informed.

Attached is a copy of this week's issue of The Workers' Republic which with the exception of a few paragraphs, does not appear to contain anything deserving serious attention.

Owen Bowen  
Superintendent.

*July.  
17/9*

"....D. Lynch left Kingsbridge by 3pm train en route to Limerick. R.I.C. informed..."

**Monday, 20 September, 1915**

John T.Kelly, F.C., with J.J.Walsh in the shop of the latter, 26 Blessington St., for a quarter of an hour between 9 & 10 p.m.

Inquiry is proceeding regarding the Seditious Pamphlets sent through the Post and bearing on the face of the envelope, in print

The Chief Commissioner

*Chief Commr  
O.M.  
20/9*

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print, the name of a well-known Dublin Seed Merchant.

Owen Bowen  
Superintendent.

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"Inquiry is proceeding regarding the Seditious Pamphlets sent through the Post and bearing on the face of the envelope, in print, the name of a well-known Dublin Seed Merchant."

See Newsletter Issue #5 September 2015 (p 5/6) for the background to this event.



**Saturday, 2 October, 1915**

D. Lynch arrived at Kingsbridge from  
Cork, at 7. 25 p. m.

*"D. Lynch arrived at Kingsbridge from Cork, at 7.25 p.m."*

**Monday, 4 October, 1915**

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St.,  
John T. Kelly, T. C., from 12 noon to 12.20  
p. m. Joseph McGuinness, from 12. 30 p. m.  
to 12. 40 p. m. Dr. P. McCartan, Thomas  
Byrne, John McDermott, D. Lynch, Charles S.  
Power, and Countess Markievicz together for  
close on two hours from 1 p. m. C. J. Kick-  
ham for half an hour between 8 & 9 p. m. M.

*Cumms. 10/15*  
*Under Secretary*  
*EOR*  
*5-10-15*  
*Wick.*  
*6/10*

*"With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St....Dr P. McCartan, Thomas Byrne, John McDermott, D/ Lynch, Charles S. Power and Countess Markievicz together for close on two hours from 1 p.m."*

**Wednesday, 6 October, 1915**

D. Lynch left Kingsbridge by 9. 15 a. m.  
train, en route to Cork.  
Geo. Nichols returned to Galway by 5 p.m.  
train. R. I. C. in both cases informed.

*2/10*  
*Chieflom*  
*EOR*  
*7/10*

*"D. Lynch left Kingsbridge by 9.15 a.m. train, en route to Cork...R.I.C....informed"*



**Thursday, 7 October, 1915**

D. Lynch arrived at Kingsbridge from  
Cork, at 7. 25 p. m.

*"D. Lynch arrived at Kingsbridge from Cork, at 7.25 p.m."*

**Friday, 8 October 1915**

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St.,  
Thomas Byrne from 3. 15 p. m. to 3. 30 p. m.  
C. Colbert for half an hour between 6 & 7  
p. m. John McDermott, Pierce Beasley and  
F. J. McCabe, together for close on two hours  
from 8 p. m. D. Lynch, from 10 p. m. to 10.  
45 p. m.

Alumni 9/10  
Under Secretary  
EOR  
9-10-15  
Tuh.  
11/10

*"With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St.... D. Lynch, from 10 p.m. to 10.45 p.m."*

**Monday, 11 October 1915**

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St.  
John McGarry for a few minutes at 1. 30 p.m.  
John O'Mahony, J. Murray and D. Lynch, to-  
gether from 7. 30 p. m. to 9 p. m. M. W.  
O'Reilly for half an hour between 9 & 10 p.m.  
F. J. McCabe and M. O'Hanrahan for ten min-  
utes, between 10 & 11 p. m., after which  
Clarke closed his premises for the night.

Under Secretary  
Submitted  
WML  
12/10  
Tuh.  
12/10

*"With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St.... John O'Mahony, J. Murray and D. Lynch, together from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m."*



Wednesday, 13 October 1915

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St.,  
John McDermott, for a quarter of an hour bet-  
ween 11 & 12 a. m. John McGarry and D.  
Lynch, from 1. 15 p. m. to 1. 30 p. m. T. J.  
McSweeney, Cork, for twenty minutes between  
4 & 5 p. m. Dr. P. McCartan, from 4, 50 p.

*C. Cummins 14/10*  
*Under Secretary*  
*Submitted*  
*J. J.*  
*14/10*

"With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St.... John McGarry and D. Lynch, from 1.15 p.m. to 1.30 p.m."

Ernest Blythe left Amiens St. by 3  
p. m. train, en route to Cootehill.  
D. Lynch left Kingsbridge by 3 p.m.  
train, en route to Cork. R. I. C. in-  
formed of the departure of these men res-  
pectively.

"D. Lynch left Kingsbridge by 3p.m. train, en-route to Cork. R.I.C. informed of the departure of these men respectively."

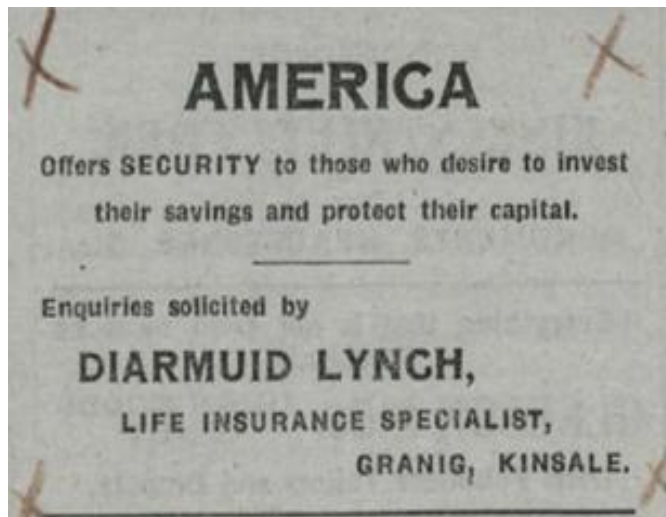
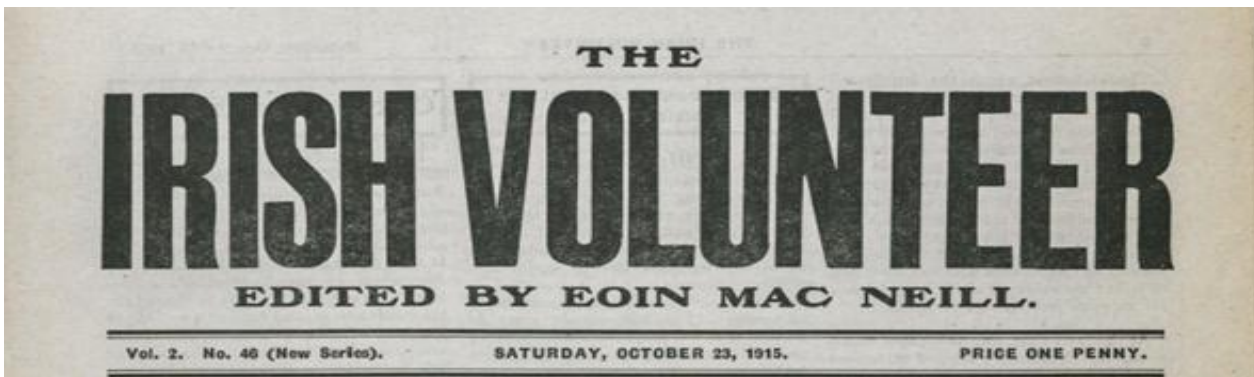
For the remainder of October, 1915, Diarmuid Lynch remained in Cork and is not commented on directly in any of the DMP reports – that is until Thursday 21 October, 1915 (see next page).



Thursday, 21 October 1915

Attached are Copies of this week's issue of The Irish Volunteer and Nationality, neither of which appears to contain anything of a serious anti-British character.

Owen Brien  
Superintendent.



A copy of Volume 2 Number 46 of the Irish Volunteer was included in the DMP report to the Under-Secretary of Ireland. On page 7 and marked by DMP Superintendent Owen Brien is an advert from Diarmuid Lynch.

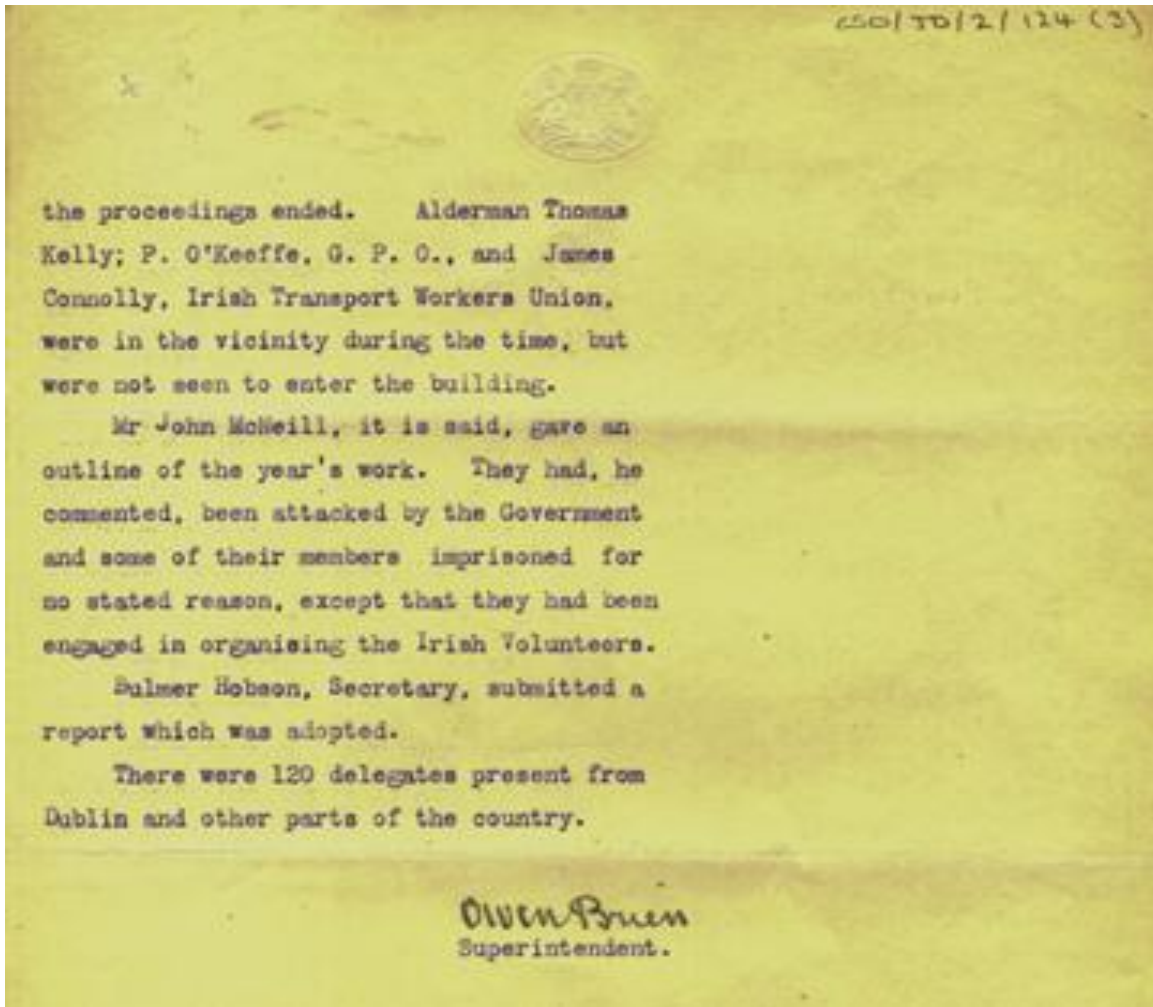


Sunday, 31 October 1915.

The Annual Convention of the Irish Volunteers was held in the Abbey Theatre yesterday. Those observed in attendance included - Professor John McNeill, L. Gin-nell, M. P.; M. J. O'Rahilly; P. H. Pearse; J. Plunkett; Thomas McDonagh; E. De Valera; Thomas J. Clarke; Bulmer Hobson; E. Kent; E. Daly; John T. Kelly, T. C.; P. Beasley; John Fitzgibbon; John Milroy; **D. Lynch**; Geo. Irvine; John McDermott; Wm. Mellows; H. Mellows; J. O'Connor; J. J. O'Connell; P. Ryan; Joseph McGuinness; B. Parsons; C. Colbert; J. McGarry; J. J. Walsh; T. McCarthy; Thos. Byrne; P. Hughes, Dundalk; J. R. Etchingham, Gorey; Herbert M. Pim, Belfast; John O'Hur-ley, Cork; T. Barry, Cork; T. J. McSwiney, Cork; Pierce McCann, Thurles; James Leddan, Limerick; F. Lawless, Swords; Thomas Ashe, Lusk; A. W. Cotton, Tralee; and E. O'Duffy, Secretary, Sinn Fein League.

About 1000 Volunteers, 700 of whom carried rifles, assembled at 41, Parnell Sqr. at 2 p. m., and afterwards marched via Sackville St. to Abbey St., passing the Theatre where they were reviewed by the leading members of the Convention. The Volunteers then proceeded to Beresford Place, where they disbanded.

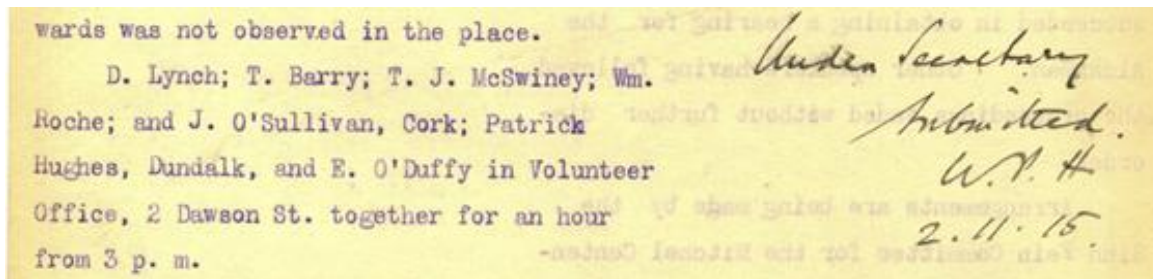
The business of the Convention, which had commenced at 10. 30 a. m., was then resumed and continued until 7. 30 p. m. when



Page 2 of the DMP Report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Irish Volunteers.

Also attending were many that had as yet, not come to the attention of the DMP. See page 7 of this Newsletter for details of the Irish Volunteers Second National Convention.

### Monday, 1 November 1915.



"D. Lynch, T. Barry, T.J.McSwiney, Wm Roche and J. O'Sullivan, Cork; Patrick Hughes, Dundalk, and E. O'Duffy in Volunteer Office, 2 Dawson St. together for an hour from 3pm"



Monday, 1 November 1915.

A meeting, in support of the Irish Language movement, took place last night in the Mansion House. Mr John McNeill presided, and others present included:- Thomas McDonagh, M. J. O'Rahilly; Bulmer Hobson; John T. Kelly, T. C.; E. Kent; M; O'Hanrahan; D. Lynch; John McDermott; T. S. Cuffe; John Fitzgibbon; E. O'Duffy; E. Blythe; T. J. McSwiney; Cork; Pierce Beasley; J. Murray; G. Crofts; E. De Valera; A. W. Cotton; Tralee; and P. H. Pearse.

There was considerable interruption when Alderman Byrne, M. P. rose to address the meeting. He was questioned by a large section of the audience as to his action in the Corporation respecting Kuno Meyer.

The Chairman, after some difficulty, succeeded in obtaining a hearing for the Alderman. Other speakers having followed the proceedings ended without further disorder.

**Kuno Meyer**

(20 December 1858 – 11 October 1919) was a German scholar, distinguished in the field of Celtic philology and literature. His pro-German stance at the start of World War I while traveling in the United States was a source of controversy.



In 1903 Meyer founded the School of Irish Learning in Dublin, and the next year created its journal Ériu, of which he was the editor. Also in 1904 he became Todd Professor in the Celtic Languages at the Royal Irish Academy. At the outbreak of the First World War, Meyer left Europe for the United States of America, where he lectured at Columbia, Urbana University, and elsewhere. A pro-German speech he gave in December 1914 to Cian na Gael on Long Island caused outrage in Britain and Ireland, and as a result he was removed from the roll of freemen in Dublin and Cork and from his Honorary Professorship of Celtic at Liverpool, and he resigned as Director of the School of Irish Learning and editor of Ériu.

Meyer remained in the United States and went on a lecture tour around the country. He was injured in a railway collision in 1915 and met 27-year-old Florence Lewis while recovering in a California hospital. They married shortly afterwards. Meyer died on 11 October 1919, in Leipzig. In 1920, he was re-granted the Freedom of the City of Cork, as follows: "Re-elected 14th May, 1920, and order of Council of the 8th January, 1915, expunging his name from the roll rescinded." The expunging of Meyer's name from the Roll of Honorary Freemen of Dublin on 15 March 1915 by the Irish Parliamentary Party-controlled Council was rescinded on 19 April 1920, three months after Sinn Féin won control of the City Council

James Connolly's The Worker's Republic of November 6, 1915, carried a comment on Kuno Meyer & a letter from Michael Mallin:

**KUNO MEYER AND ALFY BYRNE.**

A very successful meeting under the auspices of the Gaelic League was held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on Monday, November 1st, Professor Eoin M'Neill, in the chair. The vast hall was packed by a large and enthusiastic audience.

The proceedings were somewhat marred by the appearance as one of the invited speakers of Alderman Alfie Byrne. The shocked and scandalised audience rose in hot resentment and hooted the Alderman off the platform. The Chairman made the extraordinary statement that such conduct was "an insult to the Gaelic League," but the audience thought rightly that the act of the promoters of the meeting in bringing such a speaker was an insult to the nationalism and intelligence of the audience. We have received the following letter upon the matter:

TO THE EDITOR WORKERS' REPUBLIC.

DEAR SIR,—

At the public meeting held in Mansion House on Monday evening last the Chairman (Mr. Eoin M'Neill) made a statement to the effect "that none of the interrupters ever did a hand's turn for the Gaelic League."

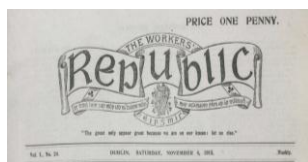
Allow me to state in reply that we went to the meeting not to interrupt but to protest against the bringing to an Irish Language platform of speakers who by their action in the Municipal Council on the 15th of March last had made Dublin City the laughing stock of Europe.

'Dr. Kuno Meyer,' to quote Councillor W. T. Cosgrave, "has done more for Irish Scholarship and Irish National glory than any other living man," and yet we find the Executive Committee of the Gaelic League inviting as speakers two men—one, Mr. W. J. O'Hara, T.C.—the only T.C. who could be found to second Quaid's motion *re* Kuno Meyer, and the other, Ald. Alfred Byrne, who walked out of the Council meeting five minutes before the motion was reached. (His name is returned on the official records of the Corporation as having voted in the division taken previously). The excuse that he was obliged to attend the Four Courts will be better understood when it is known that he returned to the members' room shortly after the Kuno Meyer business being disposed of.

Trusting you will publish this.

Misc,

MICHAEL O'MAOLAIN.







Wednesday, 3 November 1915.

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**DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.**

Detective Department,

Dublin, 4th November, 1915.

*Crime Special.*

*MOVEMENTS OF DUBLIN EXTREMISTS.*

*Subject, \_\_\_\_\_*

I beg to report that on the 3rd inst. the undermentioned extremists were observed moving about and associating with each other as follows:-

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell Street, Pierce Beasley and D. Lynch from 11.45 a.m. till 12 noon. Thomas Byrne and J. McGuinness for twenty minutes between 4 & 5 p.m. John McGarry for a few minutes between 7 & 8 p.m. E. Daly and C.J. Kickham for half an hour from 9 p.m.

Thomas J. Clarke and D. Lynch at 12, D'Olier Street for a quarter of an hour between 1 & 2 p.m.

*The Under Secretary,  
Submitted.  
W.L. Dunstone  
C. Commr. 4/11/15.  
Under Secretary  
Submitted  
W.M.B.  
4/11*

"With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell St....Pierce Beasley (Pierce Beasla) and D. Lynch from 11.45am until 12 noon..."

"Thomas J. Clarke and D. Lynch at 12, D'Olier Street for a quarter of an hour between 1 & 2 pm."



Friday, 5 November 1915.

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**DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.**

Detective Department,

Dublin, 6th. November, 1915

*Crime Special.*

Subject, MOVEMENTS OF DUBLIN EXTREMISTS.

I beg to report that on the 5th. Inst., *The under Secretary*  
the undermentioned extremists were observed  
moving about and associating with each other  
as follows :-

*Submitted*  
*Jerguel Quinn*  
*Accum. 7/11.*  
*Under Secretary*  
*Submitted*  
*WJC*  
*6/11*

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St.,  
C. Colbert from 12. 50 to 1 p. m. H. Mell-  
ows and E. Daly for ten minutes between 8 &  
9 p. m. M. W. O'Reilly and C. J. Kickham,  
from 8. 30 p. m. till 8. 35 p. m. Thomas  
Byrne and D. Lynch for a quarter of an hour  
from 8. 40 p. m. T. J. Sheehan from 10.

*WJC*  
*6/11*

"With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell St....Thomas Byrne and D. Lynch for a quarter of an hour from 8.40 pm"



Saturday, 6 November 1915.

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DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.

Detective Department,

Dublin, 8th. November, 1915

Crime Special

Subject, MOVEMENTS OF DUBLIN EXTREMISTS.

I beg to report that on the 6th. and 7th. Inst., the undermentioned extremists were observed moving about and associating with each other as follows :-

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St. Saturday, Thomas Byrne from 12 noon to 1 p. m. John T. Kelly and M. O'Hanrahan from 3. 15 p. m. to 4 p. m. J. J. Buggy for a quarter of an hour between 8 & 9 p.m. D. Lynch, C. Collins, G. P. O., and Patk. O'Keefe, G. P. O., together from 9. 40 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Denis McCullough arrived at Amiens St. by 1 p. m. train from Belfast.

Alderman Nowlan arrived at Kingsbridge from Kilkenny at 7 p. m.

Thomas Kenny, Craughwell, arrived at Broadstone at 7. 12 p. m.

A Gaelic League Carnival was held in the Round Room, Mansion House between 8 p. m. and 11 p. m. About 150 persons were present including P. H. Pearse, T. McDonagh, M. J. O'Rahilly; H. Mellows; C. Colbert; D. Lynch; F. J. McCabe; Ed. De Valera; and Wm. Sheehan.

The Under Secretary

Submitted

W. E. Johnstone

Comm 8/11

Under Secretary

Submitted

W.E.J.

8/11/15

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U. S.M.P.

W.E.J.

9.11.15

The Chief Commissioner.

"With Thomas J Clarke, 75 Parnell St. Saturday...D.Lynch, C. Collins G.P.O and Patk. O'Keefe G.P.O. together from 9.40 p.m. to 10 p.m..."

"A Gaelic League Carnival was held in the Round Room, Mansion House between 8pm and 11pm. About 150 persons were present including.. D. Lynch.."



**Monday, 8 November 1915.**

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St. *Comm 9/11/15*

C. Colbert for ten minutes between 12 & 1  
p. m. F. J. McCabe, and Thomas Byrne from  
8 p. m. to 8. 15 p. m. John McGarry for  
a quarter of an hour between 8 & 9 p. m.  
John T. Kelly, and D. Lynch from 9 p. m. to  
9. 15 p. m.

*Under Secretary  
Submitted,  
W.M.H.  
9.11.15.*

"With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell St....John T. Kelly [Sean T. O'Kelly] and D. Lynch from 9pm to 9.15pm"

**Tuesday, 9 November 1915.**

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St., *Comm 9/11*

Joseph McGuinness and Joseph Murray from  
12. 30 to 12. 45 p. m. Jas. O'Connor for  
twenty minutes between 8 & 9 p. m. John  
T. Kelly, T. C., and M. W. O'Reilly for a  
few minutes at 9 p. m. John McDermott  
and D. Lynch from 10. 30 p. m. to 10. 35  
p. m.

*Under Secretary  
Submitted  
W.M.H.  
10.11.15.*

*John*

"With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell St....John [Sean] McDermott and D. Lynch from 10.30 pm to 10.35 pm."



Friday, 12 November, 1915

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St.,  
 D. Lynch, 11. 15 a. m. to 11. 30 a. m. C.  
 Colbert and T. Byrne for a quarter of an hour

*Under Secretary*

D. Lynch left Amiens St. by 3 p. m. train  
 en route to Belfast. R. I. C. informed.

*W. J. H. 12/11*

"With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell St.... D. Lynch, 11.15am to 11.30am....D.Lynch left Amiens St. by 3 p.m. train en route to Belfast. R.I.C. informed..."

Monday, 15 November, 1915

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St.  
 James Whelan from 12. 45 p. m. to 1 p. m.  
 D. Lynch for half an hour between 1 & 2 p.m.  
 John T. Kelly, T. C., from 7. 30 p. m. to 8

*Under Secretary*  
*Submitted*

Pierce McCann, Cashel, Bulmer Hobson,  
 H.  
 The Chief Commissioner.

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H. Mellows, M. O'Hanrahan, P. Ryan, J. J.  
 O'Connell, E. O'Duffy and D. Lynch in Vol-  
 unteer Office, 2 Dawson St. at 12 noon.

"With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell St.... D. Lynch for half an hour between 1 & 2pm...Pierce McCann, Cashel, Bulmer Hobson, H. Mellows, M. O'Hanrahan, P. Ryan, J.J. O'Connell and D. Lynch in Volunteer Office, 2 Dawson St. at 12 noon "



**Tuesday, 16 November, 1915**

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St.  
D. Lynch and M. McGinn for half an hour between 12 & 1 p. m. Thomas Byrne from 3.30  
D. Lynch left Kingsbridge en route to Cork, by 3 p. m. train. R.I.C. informed.

*Comm. 11/15*  
*Under Secretary*

"With Thomas J. Clarke, 75 Parnell St.... D. Lynch and M.McGinn for half an hour between 12 & 1 p.m....D.Lynch left Kingsbridge en route to Cork, by 3 p.m. by train. R.I.C. informed..."



Michael 'Mick' McGinn, originally from Omagh, Co. Tyrone where he was a baker. He was forced to leave the area due to his revolutionary sympathies, moved to Dublin and was employed as the caretaker of the Clontarf Town Hall. He was part of the 1915 O'Donovan Rossa Organising Committee (where this image is sourced) and a senior IRB member. Imprisoned in Frongoch following the Rising.

**G (detective) Division** was a plainclothes divisional office of the Dublin Metropolitan Police concerned with detective police work. Divisions A to F of the DMP were uniformed sections responsible for particular districts of the city. The colloquial nickname amongst Dubliners for these detectives was "G" Men'. One of the 'Mosquito Press' newspapers, 'The Spark' comments on the DMP Detective Division men, 'The "G" Men in its Issue 21 November, 1915:

THE SPARK

THE "G" MEN.

Whenever you see a tall man trying to walk an umbrella comfortably, you see a "G" man. He seems to be constantly out of work, but he is not. He is like the "beauty chorus," more or less; he walks on and off. He smokes as he walks, and looks round with a childish air, and then goes home and writes a report as grammatical as may be. He keeps his own counsel, trusts no man, and has an eye to his brother "G" men, in whose derelictions may lie an easy revenue to the observant official. His pay is returned at about £2 per week, yet when he retires, he usually puts £1,000 into slum property, or into "the trade," an index of no ordinary thrift. He is sometimes a "practical" Catholic, and attends the sodality regularly, for an accurate record must be kept of all sermons, especially of those in Irish. He will drop into a Gaelic League class, and has been known to present himself to a hurling club as a prospective member.

You will see a "G" man at all railway stations round Dublin. See his feet and the circumambient spittle. Years of habit cannot break him off the habit of expectoration—a matter which the authorities might well consider in its regard both to hygiene and efficiency. The railway "G" man smokes with a simper. "A nice young fellow waiting for a friend from Dunmanway." Don't talk Irish near him; he knows it better than yourself. How happy he is, if he can report even one youth with a green, white, or orange badge. It is thus the watch-dog of Empire thrives.

The "G" man will loiter near a Volunteer drill-ground when a full parade is on. He is then a middle-aged, fatherly provincial; large boots, an umbrella, and, generally, an Abbey Theatre appearance. "Them is a fine, strapping, lot of young lads, Glory be to God! I dunno would I be too old to join? And is them real rifles? Well yiz are great chaps."

Some "G" men are hearty, talkative, individuals. They meet you in the tavern, talk horses, give out good tips, and stand drinks. Later, they admit a connection with the police force, and bring you into the snug. There, with a mysterious air, many winks, nods, and contractions of the eyebrows, they begin to talk. They then break off suddenly, and look round as if they expected to see Sir Matthew or John S. Kelly in the offing. At last, holding an index finger near their nose, they whisper: "All the D.M.P. men in Dublin is served out with revolvers at night." This type of "G" man incessantly laments his fate in being in the force. "If

I knew as much twenty years ago as I do now, I wouldn't be where I am now. Tell you the truth, I'm as much a rebel at heart as any iv ye." This particular "G" man is a *very* downy bird.

So far as can be gathered from outside, the "G" man is a machine for carrying out orders. Orders emanate from a nicely dressed staff of resident First Division officers, salaried at £1,000 a year and over. These have studied Greek verse, Old French, Calculus, and other things indispensable to all who wish to have a finger on the pulse of a country. Now and then, an odd "G" man is allowed to stray into a residential position in the Castle, and then he works his brains to think out orders for his less gifted, automaton, brothers.



Diarmuid Lynch remained in Cork for much of December 1915.

He was next noted in Dublin by the G-Division detectives on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and reported in the Movement of Dublin Extremists report of **Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**:

M. O'Hanrahan and D. Lynch in Volunteer Office, 2, Dawson St. between 11 & 12 a. m.

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St., Thomas Byrne, J. O'Connor, D. Lynch and J. Murray for close on an hour from 9. 20 p. m.

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*Under Secretary*

**Sunday, 19 December 1915**

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St., on Sunday, D. Lynch and Joseph McGuinness for half an hour between 12 & 1 p. m.

**NATIONALITY**  
Saturday, January 16, 1916.

There seems to be a general feeling of uneasiness in the minds of the people of this country, and it is not surprising that the Government should be called upon to explain its policy in regard to the question of nationality.

The Government has been accused of being untruthful in its statements regarding the question of nationality, and it is not surprising that the people should be called upon to explain its policy in regard to the question of nationality.

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**DIARMUID LYNCH,**  
GRANIG, KINSALE

**"Nationality" in the New Year.**

The Government has been accused of being untruthful in its statements regarding the question of nationality, and it is not surprising that the people should be called upon to explain its policy in regard to the question of nationality.

Advert in 'Nationality'



Monday, 20 December 1915

With Thomas J. Clarke, 75, Parnell St.,  
 Denis McCullough, Belfast, for a quarter of  
 an hour between 11 & 12 a. m. P. Hughes,  
 Dundalk, for ten minutes from 12. 15 p. m.  
 John O'Mahony for a quarter of an hour bet-  
 ween 5 & 6 p. m. John McDermott and D.  
 Lynch from 8. 30 to 9 p. m. M. W. O'Reilly  
 for an hour from 9. 30 p. m., Pierce Beasley  
 being there at the time.

*Under Reading*  
*Submitted*  
*WPH*  
*2/15*

*WPH*  
*2/12*  
*Chief boys*  
*WPH*

An Irish Play by Pierce Beasley was  
 produced last night in the Concert Hall,  
 Rotunda. Those present included Joseph  
 McGuinness, John McDermott, D. Lynch,  
 Collins, G. P. O., P. O'Keefe, G. P. O.,  
 F. Fahy, Charles S. Power, B.L., and Ger-  
 ald Griffin.

*Owen'Brien*  
 Superintendent.

Christmas Eve – Friday 24 December, 1915:

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**DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.**  
Detective Department,

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D.M.P.

Dublin, 27th December, 1915.

*Crime Special*

*Subject, MOVEMENTS OF DUBLIN EXTREMISTS.*

I beg to report that during the past three days the undermentioned Extremists were observed moving about and associating with each other as follows :-

*The Under Secretary.*  
*Submitted.*

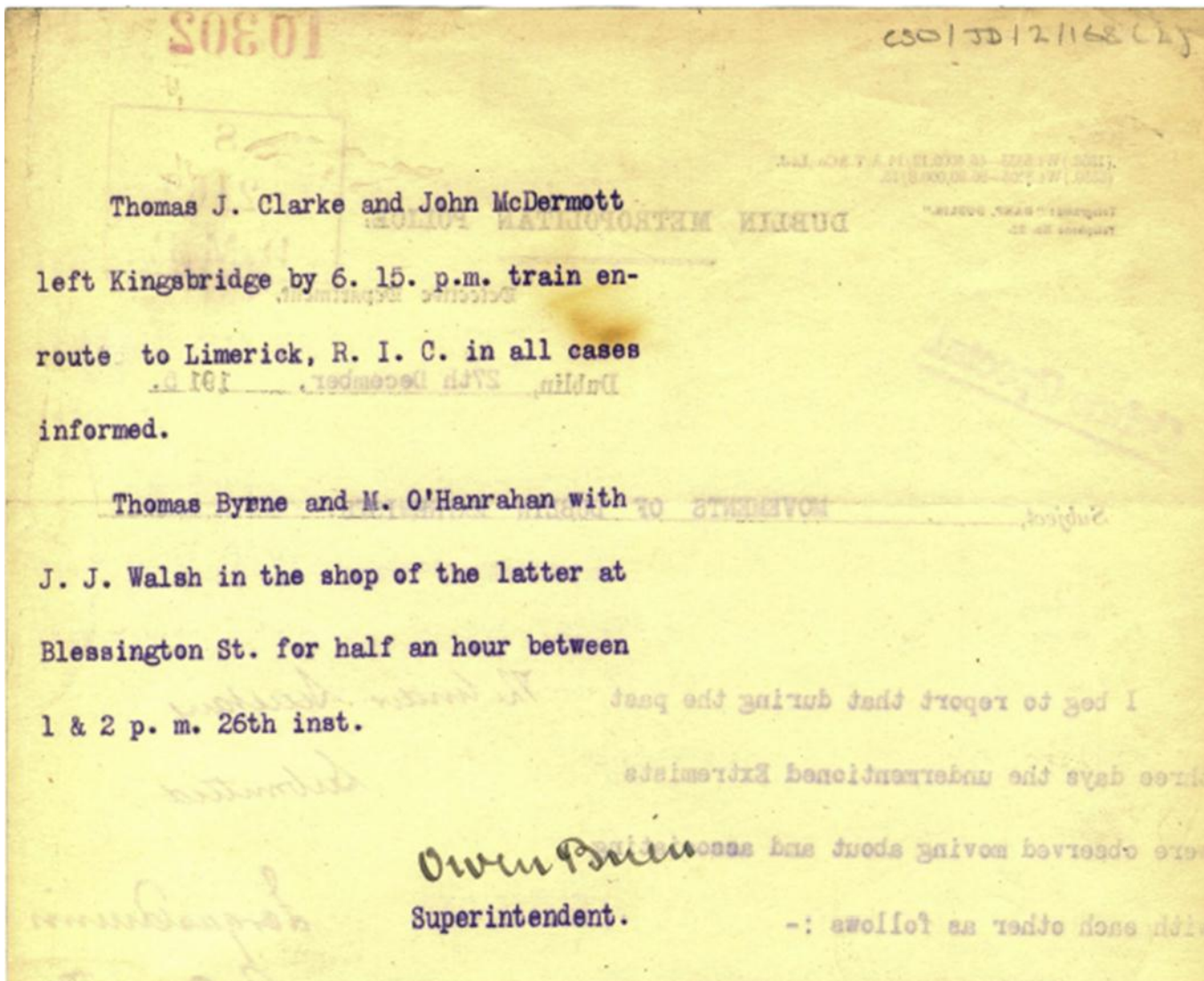
With Thomas J. Clarke on 24th inst. Joseph Murray for twenty minutes between 3 & 4 p. m. ;

T. J. McSweeney returned from Kingsbridge to Cork by 9 a.m. train on Friday, R. I. C. informed ; Hugh O'Hehir left Kingsbridge by 3 p.m. train 24th inst. en-route to Ennis.

John Fitzgibbon left Broadstone by 5 p.m. train for Edenderry.

Bulmer Hobson and Ernest Blythe left Amiens St. Station by 3. 50. p.m. train for Belfast ; James Connelly also left for Belfast by same train.

*Lorgus Quinn*  
*A. Connors*  
*Chief Commissioner*  
*Seen*  
*EOB*  
*28/12/15*



**Christmas Eve, Friday 24 December 1915** and the G-Division detectives were operating as usual, noting the movements of many of the Dublin based 'extremists' under observation. These two pages note movements from the two Dublin train stations: Terence McSweeney returned to Cork, Hugh O'Hehir to Ennis, John Fitzgibbon for Edenderry, Bulmer Hobson, Ernest Blyth and James Connolly to Belfast and Thomas Clarke with Sean McDiarmada to Limerick. Lynch's movements to Cork seemed to have escaped attention of the detectives on duty at Kingsbridge.

For many, this would be their last Christmas.