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The Irish Republic.

(Irish) War News is published today because a momentous thing has happened. The Irish Republic has been proclaimed in Dublin, and Provisional Government has been appointed to administer its affairs.

• The following has been named as the Provisional Government:

- Thomas J. Clarke,
- Sean MacDiarmada,
- P. H. Pearse,
- James Connolly,
- Thomas MacDonagh,
- Eamon Ceannt,
- Joseph Plunkett.

The Irish Republic was proclaimed by poster which was prominently displayed in Dublin.

At 9.30 a.m. this morning the following statement was made by Commandant-General P. H. Pearse:

The Irish Republic was proclaimed in Dublin on Easter Monday, April 24, at 12 noon. Simultaneously with the issue of the proclamation of the Provisional Government the Dublin Division of the Army of the Republic, including the Irish Volunteers, the Citizen Army, Hibernian Rifles, and other bodies occupied dominating positions in the city. The G.P.O. was seized at 12 noon, the Castle attacked at the same moment, and shortly afterwards the Four Courts were occupied. The Irish troops hold the City



Hall and dominate the Castle. Attacks were immediately commenced by the British forces, and everywhere were repulsed. At the moment of writing this report (9.30 a.m., Tuesday) the Republican forces hold their positions and the British forces have nowhere broken through. There has been heavy and continuous fighting for nearly 24 hours, the casualties of the enemy have been much more numerous than those on the Republican side. The Republican forces everywhere are fighting with splendid gallantry. The populace of Dublin are plainly with the Republic, and the officers and men are everywhere cheered as they march through the city. The whole centre of the city is in the hands of the Republic, whose flag flies from the G.P.O.

Commandant-General P. H. Pearse is Commandant in Chief of the Army of the Republic and is President of the Provisional Government. Commandant-General James Connolly is commanding Dublin districts.

Communication with the country is largely cut, but reports to hand show that the country is rising. Bodies of men from Kildare and Fingal have already reported in Dublin.