on each occasion were eye-witnesses of the operations, but did not interfere with the movement of the volunteers.

THE AFFRAY AT TULLAMORE.

While the proceedings in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day were still a matter of public comment, a new development occurred at Tullamore on Monday evening, 20th March. Ill-feeling which had been smouldering in the town for some time against the Sinn Fein Volunteers was manifested at a hurling match in aid of the Wole Tone memorial on Sunday, 19th March, when a spectator attempted to remove a flag from one of the Sinn Feiners, who, it was alleged, retaliated by drawing a revolver. The feeling was accentuated the following morning, Monday, 20th, at Tullamore Railway Station, where a number of women were taking leave of their husbands who are serving in the Leinster Regiment. A body of Sinn Fein Volunteers who appeared on the platform were then the object of a hostile demonstration. These incidents culminated in a shooting affray in the Sinn Fein Hall in William street the same evening. A number of children carrying a Union Jack sang songs in front of the hall; the crowd soon swelled, and amid booing and cheering stone-throwing began, and the windows of the hall were smashed. The volunteers inside retaliated by firing revolvers, and a large force of police proceeded to search the hall for arms. A general melee then took place, revolvers were fired at the police, and several of them injured. Ultimately four men were arrested and charged next morning with having fired at and attacked with intent to murder County Inspector Crane, District Inspector Fitzgerald, Head Constable Stuart and Sergeant Ahern. Subsequently another batch of volunteers were arrested, and remands have been granted several times, as Sergeant Ahern was unable to appear, he having been seriously injured and conveyed to Steevens' Hospital, Dublin. The prisoners concerned in this affair are still to be dealt with.

A BOGUS SECRET ORDER.

A meeting of the Dublin Corporation on Wednesday, 19th April, afforded the next Sinn Fein sensation. During a discussion of the police rate Alderman T. Kelly read the following document:—

"The following precautionary measures have been sanctioned by the Irish Office on the recommendation of the General Officer Commanding the Forces in Ireland. All preparations will be made to put these measures in force immediately on receipt of an Order issued from the Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, and signed by the Under Secretary and the General Officer Commanding the Forces in Ireland. First, the following persons to be placed under arrest:—All members of the Sinn Fein National Council, the Central Executive Irish Sinn Fein Volunteers, General Council Irish Sinn Fein Volunteers, County Board Irish Sinn Fein Volunteers, Executive Committee National Volunteers, Coisde Gnota Committee Gaelic League. See list A 3 and 4 and supplementary list A 2. . . . Metropolitan Police and Royal Irish Constabulary forces in Dublin City will be confined to barracks under the direction of the Competent Military Authority. An order will be issued to inhabitants of city to remain in their houses until such time as the Competent Military Authority may otherwise direct or permit. Pickets chosen from units of Territorial Forces will be placed at all points marked on Maps 3 and 4. Accompanying mounted patrols will continuously visit all points and report every hour. The following premises will be occupied by adequate forces, and all necessary measures used with [illegible] need of reference to Headquarters. First premises known as Liberty Hall. Beresford place; No. 6 Harcourt street, Sinn Fein building; No. 2 Dawson street, Headquarters Volunteers; No. 12 D'Olier street, "Nationality" office; No. 25 Rutland square, Gaelic League Office; No. 41 Rutland square, Foresters' Hall; Sinn Fein Volunteer premises in city; all National Volunteer premises in the city; Trades Council Premises, Capel street; Surrey House, Leinster road, Rathmines. THE FOLLOWING PREMISES WILL BE ISOLATED, AND ALL COMMUNICATION TO OR FROM PREVENTED:—PREMISES KNOWN AS ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE, DRUMCONDRA; MANSION HOUSE, DAWSON STREET; No. 40 Herbert Park; Larkfield, Kimmage road; Woodtown Park, Ballyboden; Saint Enda's College, Hermitage, Rathfarnham; and in addition premises in list 5 D, see Maps 3 and 4."

Alderman Kelly said he took the responsibility of reading the document in discharge of his public duty. If they wanted this class of thing, of course there was no help for it, but he and those associated with him would do everything they could to see that discretion and moderation would remain.

"AN ABSOLUTE FABRICATION."

The military authorities in Dublin the same night stated that the foregoing document read by Alderman Kelly at the Corporation meeting was "an absolute fabrication from beginning to end, and does not contain a word of truth."

GERMAN ATTEMPT TO LAND ARMS.

CAPTURE OF SIR ROGER CASEMENT.

On Saturday 22nd April, it was reported from Tralee that a collapsible boat with ammunition and three mysterious strangers had been captured in that district, and that the Sinn Fein Volunteers had been specially mobilised the previous evening. Two arrests, which caused a considerable sensation in the town, were made the same night. News was also received from Tralee of a mysterious motor car which had taken a wrong turning, and dashed over Ballykissane quay into the River Lane. The chauffeur escaped, but three passengers in the car were drowned. The bodies of two of the passengers were recovered on Saturday evening, 22nd April, and on them was found revolvers and ammunition and Sinn Fein badges. These events are believed to be associated with the following announcement made by the Press Bureau, it should be noted, on Monday evening, 24th April, at 10.25 p.m.:—

The Secretary of the Admiralty announces—

> During the period between p.m. April 20 and p.m. April 21 an attempt to land arms and ammunition in Ireland was made by a vessel under the guise of a neutral merchant ship, but in reality German auxiliary, in conjunction with German submarine. The auxiliary sank and a number of prisoners were made amongst whom was Sir Roger Casement.

SINN FEIN MANOEUVRES CANCELLED.

It was known that the Sinn Fein Volunteers were to hold Easter manœuvres, which were to be taken part in by all the branches of the organisation in Ireland. These were unexpectedly cancelled in the following announcement signed by Mr. Eoin MacNeill on Saturday night, 22nd April, and published in the Sunday papers the following morning:—

"Owing to the very critical position, all orders given to Irish Volunteers for to-morrow, Easter Sunday, are hereby rescinded, and no parades, marches, or other movements of Irish Volunteers will take place. Each individual Vounteer will obey this order strictly in every particular."

With this announcement Mr. MacNeill dis-