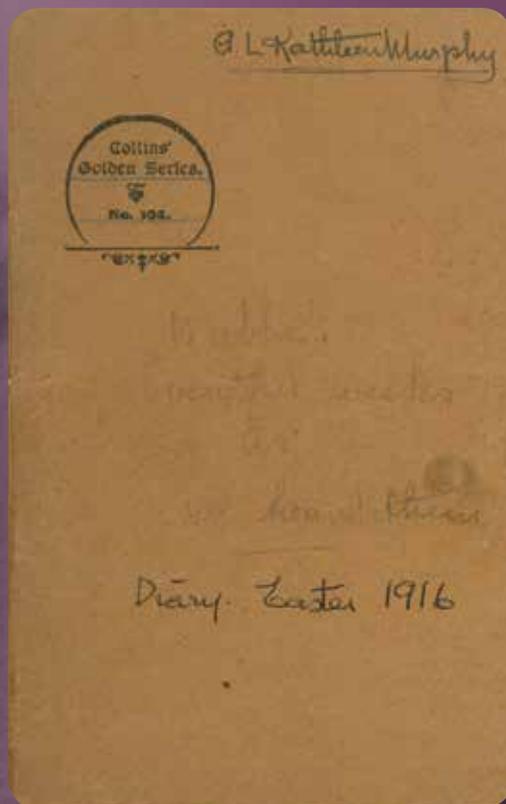
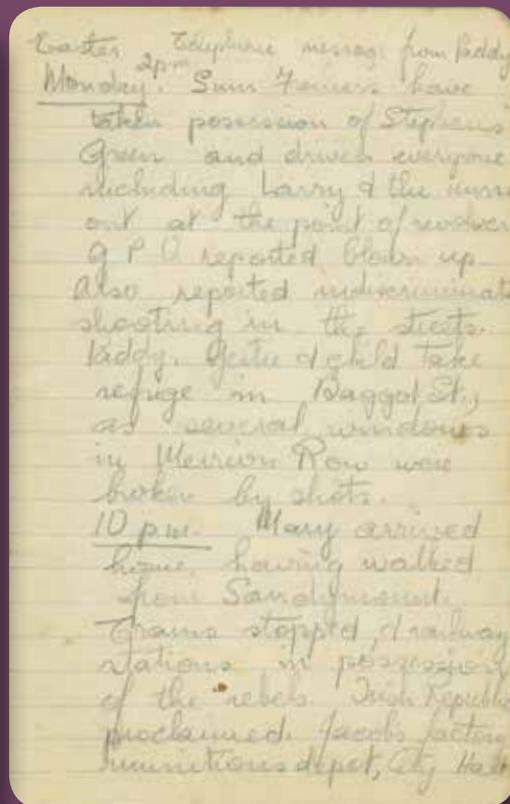


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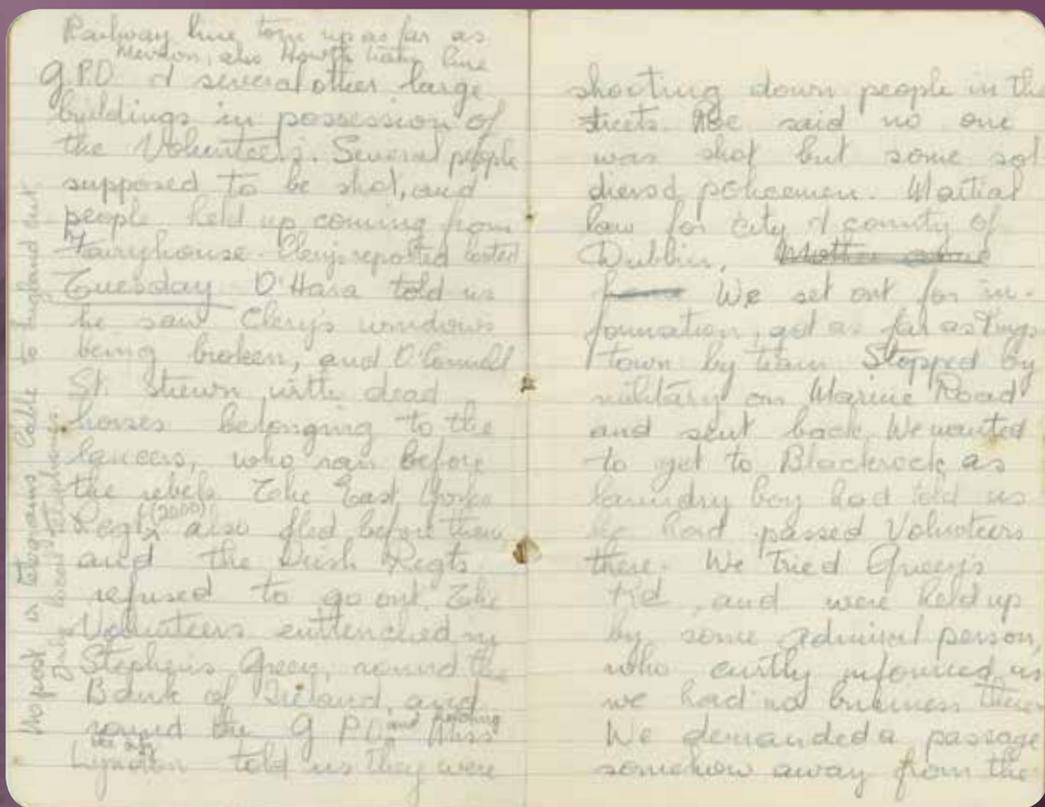
Sinn Féiners have taken possession of Stephen's Green and driven everyone including Larry and the nurse out at the point of revolver. GPO reported blown up. Also reported indiscriminate shooting in the streets. Paddy, Gertie and child take refuge in Baggot St., as several windows in Merrion Row were broken by shots.

10pm Mary arrived home, having walked from Sandymount. Trams stopped and railway stations in possession of the rebels. Irish Republic proclaimed. Jacobs factory, munitions depot, City Hall,

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Railway line torn up as far as Merrion, also Howth tram line

TUESDAY (25 APRIL)

O'Hara told us he saw Clerys windows being broken, and O'Connell St. strewn with dead horses belonging to the Lancers who ran before the rebels. The East Yorks Regt (2000) also fled before them and the Irish Regts. refused to go out. The Volunteers entrenched in Stephen's Green, round the Bank of Ireland, and round the GPO (and holding the city).

No post or telegrams. Cable to England cut. Only local telephones.

Miss Lyndon told us they were (PAGE 3) shooting down people in the streets. Roe said no-one was shot but some soldiers and policemen. Martial law for city and county of Dublin.

We set out for information, got as far as Kingstown by train. Stopped by military on Marine Road and sent back. We wanted to get to Blackrock as laundry boy had told us he had passed Volunteers there. We tried Queen's Rd., and were held up by some Admiral person who curtly informed us we had no business there. We demanded a passage somehow away from the

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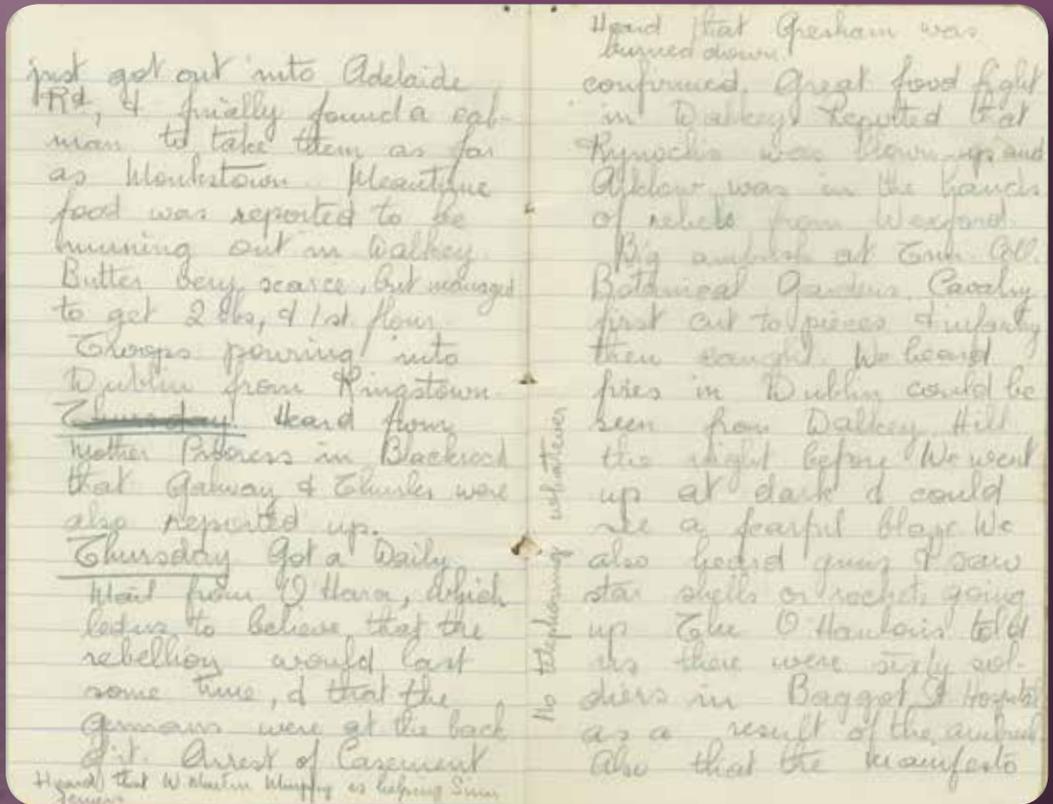
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THURSDAY (27 APRIL)

Got a Daily Mail from O'Hara, which led us to believe that the rebellion would last some time and that the Germans were at the back of it. Arrest of Casement

Heard that W. Martin Murphy is helping Sinn Feiners.

(PAGE 9) *Heard that Gresham was burned down*

confirmed. Great food fight in Dalkey. Reported that Kynock's was blown up and Arklow was in the hands of rebels from Wexford. Big ambush at Trin. Coll. Botanical Gardens. Cavalry first cut to pieces and infantry then caught. We heard fires in Dublin could be seen from Dalkey Hill the night before. We went up at dark and could see a fearful blaze. We also heard guns and saw star shells or rockets going up. The O'Hanlons told us there were sixty soldiers in Baggot St. Hospital as a result of the ambush. Also that the manifesto

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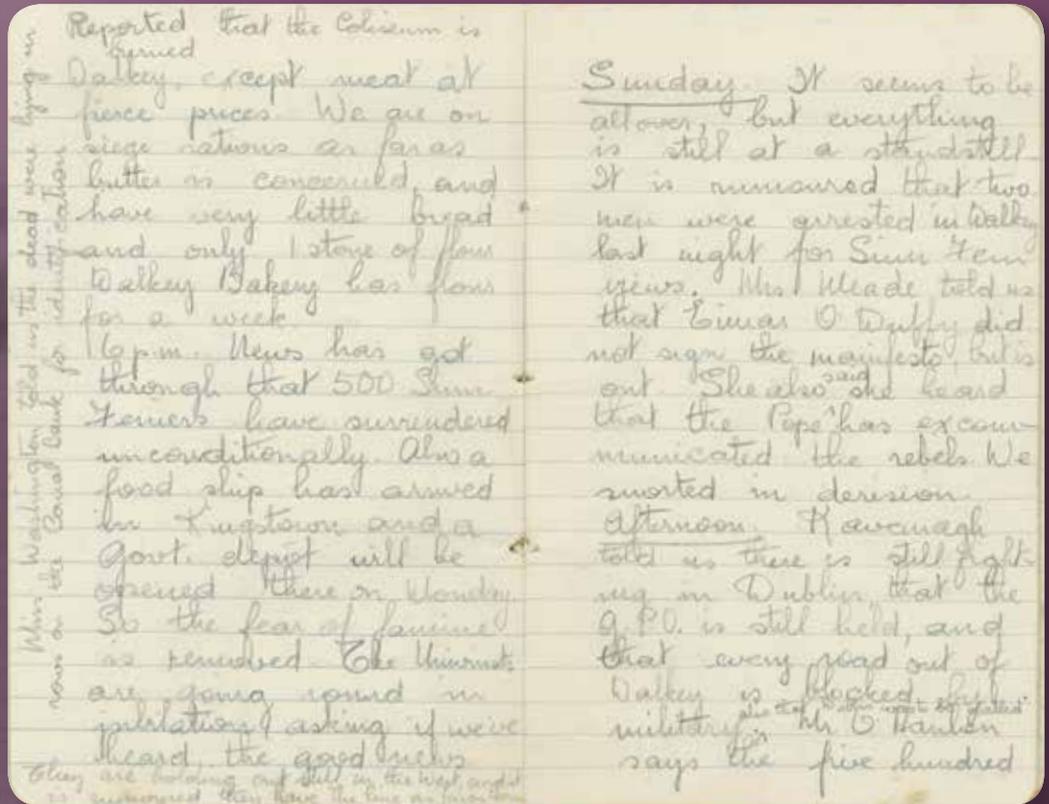
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Miss Washington told us the dead were lying in rows on the Canal Bank for identification.

Reported that the Coliseum is burned.

6pm. News has got through that 500 Sinn Feiners have surrendered unconditionally. Also a food ship has arrived in Kingstown and a Govt. depot will be opened there on Monday. So the fear of famine is removed. The Unionists are going round in jubilation asking if we've heard the good news.

They are holding out still in the West and it is rumoured they have the line as far as Ferns

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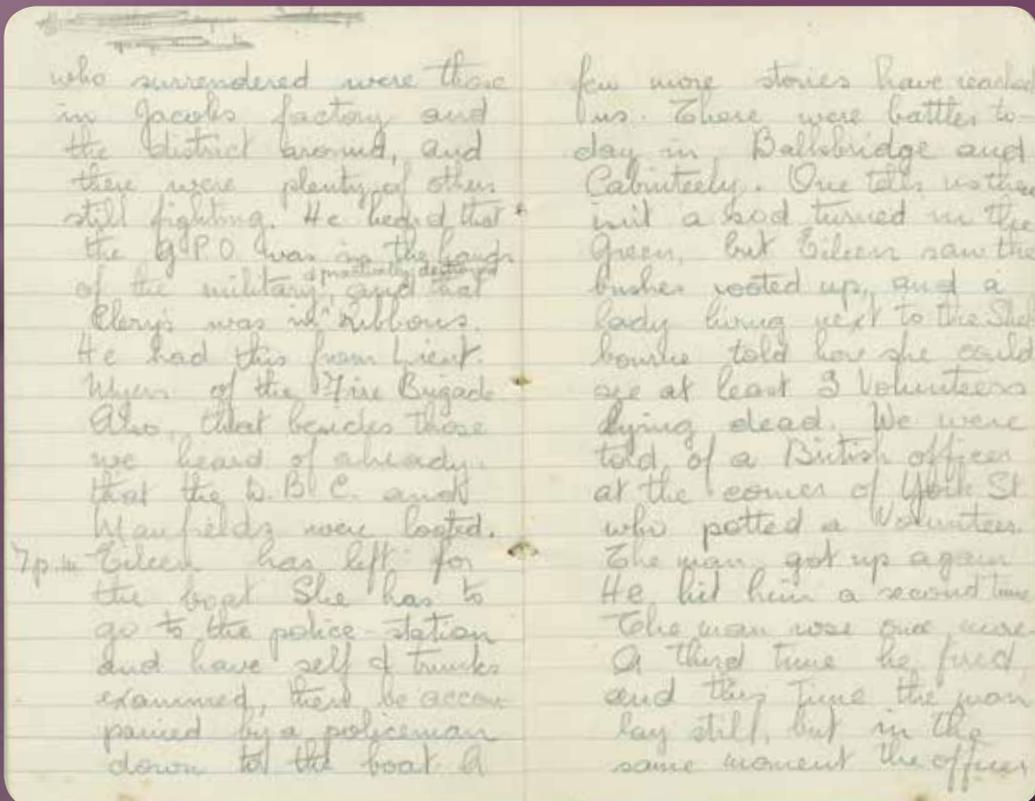
It seems to be all over, but everything is still at a standstill. It is rumoured that two men were arrested in Dalkey last night for Sinn Fein views. Mrs. Meade told us that Eimear O'Duffy did not sign the manifesto, but is out. She also said she heard that the Pope has excommunicated the rebels. We snorted in derision.

Afternoon. Kavanagh told us there is still fighting in Dublin, that the GPO is still held, and that every road out of Dalkey is blocked by military. Also that Dublin was to be shelled. Mr. O'Hanlon says the five hundred

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7pm Eileen has left for the boat. She has to go to the police station and have self and trunks examined, then be accompanied by a policeman down to the boat. A (PAGE 17) few more stories have reached us. There were battles today in Ballsbridge and Cabinteely. One tells us there isn't a sod turned in the Green, but Eileen saw the bushes rooted up, and a lady living next to The Shelbourne told her she could see at least 3 Volunteers lying dead. We were told of a British officer at the corner of York St. who potted a Volunteer. The man got up again. He hit him a second time. The man rose once more. A third time he fired, and this time the man lay still, but in the same moment the officer

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