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1922-23: *Poblacht na hÉireann War News* collection

Single sheet letterpress posters. Civil War era early editions. No. 3, No. 5, No. 6, and No. 7 (4 items)

20 x 15in. (50.80 x 38.10cm)

€150-€200 (£125-£167 approx)

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1922-23: Collection of Irish Civil War *Poblacht Na hÉireann War News*

Letterpress. Collection of 36 single sheet newspapers. Editions Nos.9-12, 14-15, 18/26/58/73/80/82/ 84-89 ,92-95, 101-104, 106-108, 165-16 /172/175, July 5-10, 12, 14, 19, 29, Sept 15, Oct, 3, 30, Nov, 2,4,6-10, 13, 15-18, 25, 28-30, Dec 2, 4-5,1922. Jan 6, Feb 23-24, 26, Mar 3, 16, 1923 €600-€800 (£500-£667 approx)

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1922-23: Collection of Civil War period handbills

Letterpress, various sizes. A collection of War of Independence, Civil War period and later propaganda handbills with some scarce examples including 'The Mountjoy Hotel Menu Card', 'Save Your Face!' - alleged order from Oscar Traynor, 'Destruction of Four Courts', 'British Goods Prohibition Order No. 2', 'Stand by the I.R.A.' published by Cumann na mBan Political Prisoners Committee and a later pamphlet 'Fianna Fáil v England' in the form of a sports programme. (7 items)

€200-€300 (£167-£250 approx)

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1922 (April 1-17) *Freeman's Journal* Civil War post printing machinery destruction editions

Mimeograph typescript.

Three scarce 7pp editions of the *Freeman's Journal* produced after the destruction of their printing presses by Anti-Treaty IRA men for its support of the Anglo-Irish Treaty. The first edition declaring "the sledge is not all-powerful. On the night it demolished our machines we managed to produce one sheet. Today we offer our readers seven. The Freeman's Journal declines to bow to tyranny..." 13 x 8.50in. (33.02 x 21.59cm)

€150-€250 (£125-£208 approx)

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1923: Prison Ship *Argenta* collection including medals, autograph book and prisoner art

An extremely scarce collection of items relating to the internment ship *H.M.S. Argenta* awarded to and collected by John Patrick McBrien of County Fermanagh. Including Lough Derg (Prison Ship *Argenta*) medal. War of Independence medal in box of issue, with issuing slip and ribbon bar. Autograph book containing a total of 119 different verses and drawings with signatures and addresses, the first entry dated 2 January 1923, the last 4 April 1924. Four pieces of prisoner art including two bags with an accompanying letter from J. P. McBrien sent from the Internment Camp at Larne Workhouse to his family enclosing the bags. (8 items)

John Patrick McBrien was born in Fermanagh in 1896 the son of Patrick McBrien a farmer from Kinawley. He was one of almost 900 men and women who between 1922 and 1925 were detained under the 1922 Special Powers Act, many of whom posed no threat whatsoever. A unique archive and an excellent record of this period of internment in Northern Ireland which is often overlooked, summed up by one of the autograph book entries "When I am dead and all my bones are rotten, this little book will tell my name when I am quite forgotten."

During the 1920s, the *Argenta*, a former cargo vessel, condemned as unseaworthy, was used as a military base and prison ship for the internment without trial of suspected Irish Republicans by the British. By February 1923, under the 1922 Special Powers Act the British were detaining 263 men on the *Argenta*, which was moored in Belfast Lough. Conditions for those imprisoned on the ship were inhumane, as described by Denise Kleinrichert, in her book, *Republican Internment and the Prison Ship "Argenta"*, 1922 (September 2000), Irish Academic Press Ltd.

€2,000-€3,000 (£1,667-£2,500 approx)

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1923 (October 12) Countess Markievicz Dublin South bye-election letter

Mimeograph, manuscript. Letter sent to the Mountjoy Sinn Féin Club and signed by Countess Markievicz appealing for volunteers to help with the Dublin South bye-election campaign on behalf of Michael O'Mullane, who was eventually defeated by Hugh Kennedy. 10 x 8in. (25.40 x 20.32cm)

€300-€400 (£250-£333 approx)

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1923 (18 November) Kilmainham Jail Civil War hunger strike letter

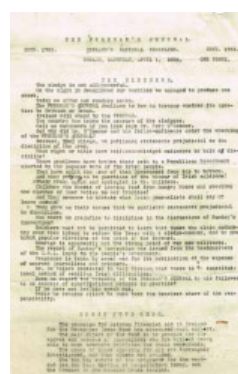
An interesting single page unsigned manuscript letter dated Sunday morning 18 November 1923 and written by an IRA hunger striker. Contents include reference to Cardinal Logue's letter to his diocese and the opinions of hunger strikers "if at anytime we should receive a reasonable offer for the safety of our lives and those of our comrades, we will not throw it back in their faces. It is not to humiliate our political or national opponents that we are on hunger strike... we don't want to parade our corpses or those of our comrades for a political show, all we demand is freedom and we stand or fall by that." 10 x 8in. (25.40 x 20.32cm)

€200-€300 (£167-£250 approx)

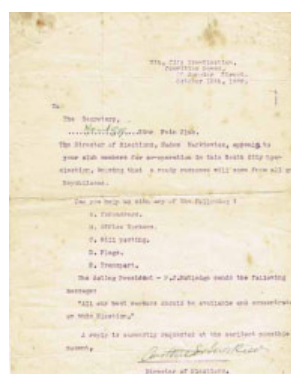
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