

## The Black and Tans.

When the republican campaign against the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC) and others thought sympathetic to public order became more violent and successful in late 1919, the police abandoned hundreds of facilities to consolidate their own ranks in fewer fortified stations. The pressure exerted directly on RIC men, their families, friends and those who did business with them resulted in unyielding vacancies from casualties, resignations and retirements.