

CASEMENT GOES ON TRIAL FOR HIGH TREASON

Internationally Known Head of Rebellion and a Soldier Given Hearing

SEDUCED PRISONERS Accused of Conducting Campaign to Get Irish Held in Germany to Help

By Associated Press London, May 15.—Sir Roger Casement, who only a few years ago achieved international fame for the services he rendered his government in the exposure of the Putumayo rubber atrocities, to-day faced the bar in an ordinary police court for a preliminary examination to determine whether he should be held for trial on the charge of high treason against the same government in connection with the rebellion in Ireland.

Not in many years has so much popular interest been manifested in a case before the courts. This is due not only to the prominence of Casement and to speculation as to his ultimate fate, but also because it has been expected evidence would be produced which would lay bare a widespread plot resulting in the revolt.

A number of relatives and friends of Casement, including several hand-somely gowned women, reached court at an early hour and were provided with seats well to the front.

The stage manager when the principal was led to the chair Sir John Dickinson, who presided, the lawyers and the witnesses all having taken their places before Casement arrived at 10:40 o'clock and entered the dock. There was a hush of expectancy as he entered the room and every face was turned in his direction.

Far from appearing deeply disturbed at his position, Sir Roger maintained much of his characteristic composure. He smiled and nodded as he saw friends in the courtroom.

With Sir Roger Daniel Bailey, an Irish soldier captured by the Germans early in the war. He went from Germany to Ireland in the submarine with Sir Roger, and was taken prisoner at Tralee.

As the examination proceeded Sir Roger showed in his movements some indications of the nervous strain under which he was laboring. He attracted strict attention to the proceedings, however, and occasionally took notes which he handed to his counsel.

The attorney general here introduced a dramatic touch by having brought into the court a green rebel flag, which the said Casement had brought from the Southern prison. For a moment the prisoner sat with eyes fixed on the flag, refusing to look at this emblem of the rebellion. Then he glanced up at the flag and smiled derisively. Most of the time during the attorney general's address he set with his elbow on his knees, stroking his beard—a characteristic pose of the prisoner ever since his incarceration in the Tower of London. He appeared oblivious of his surroundings, but occasionally he glanced up quickly, showing his listening to the proceedings, notwithstanding his apparent inattention.

Seducing Prisoners In opening the case for the crown the attorney general charged that Casement had conducted a systematic

Wide Known Men Speak at Y. M. C. A. Convention

Cleveland, Ohio, May 15.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Major-General Leonard Wood and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt were speakers at to-day's sessions of the international Y. M. C. A. convention here.

PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARIES ARE OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE

Voters of All Parties Will Decide on Issues and Candidates Tomorrow

REMARKABLE CAMPAIGN Bitter Contests in Both Parties With All Sides Claiming Victory

1916 PRIMARY Polls open at usual places from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. to-morrow. Regular election boards in charge. Only official ballots may be voted. Liquor selling places must be closed from 6 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Pennsylvania's primary election to-morrow will be of national importance. Republicans throughout the United States are watching it as closely for signs of the trend of popular opinion as they did in 1912. Democrats are noting the result of the struggle for control of the party machinery. Bull Mooseers are awaiting the poll of votes to see what strength is manifested.

To-morrow the voters of all parties will express their preference for president and elect national delegates and alternates at-large for the first time, the direct primary having superseded the State convention. There will be elected district delegates and alternates and members of State committees.

Candidates will be nominated for United States Senator, Justice of the Supreme Court, State Treasurer, Auditor General and Congress-at-large; the State electing four of the latter national representatives in November. Congressional candidates for State Senate in twenty-five districts and men will be named for 297 seats in the State House of Representatives.

A Remarkable Campaign The campaign closing to-night will long be remembered for the bitterness of the contests within the Republican and Democratic parties. The results will not only affect the careers of national figures, but also have bearing upon the future of the Republican party because of the overtures for reunion of the elements which divided four years ago. On the Democratic side the reorganization of the party five years ago is to be on trial.

Political activity of quite an unusual nature has been manifested by leaders and partisans of the opposing factions in the two parties. Speeches, statements and editorials have been issued together with advertisements, circulars and handbills have been put out several times a day and organization of what in previous years has been the most effective type has occupied the political strategists. The bill enacted at the last Legislature have had their effect and interests of various kinds have taken hands one way or another in both parties. There has been no predominant issue. There have been a dozen big questions and they have been presented in many instances with gall and wormwood.

A parallel to the historic Republican factional contest of 1895 is seen in the present battle within the dominant party. Governor Brumbaugh, backed by the Yale influences in Philadelphia, the Magee forces in Allegheny and various anti-Penrose elements left from the campaign of 1914, is contending for the mastery of the State organization, his candidacy for the presidential nomination being the rallying point. In opposition is Senator Boies Penrose, aligned with the Michigan strength in Philadelphia and a coalition in Allegheny remarkable for the men who have been drawn together, all backed by strong organizations throughout the State.

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FIVE CRUISERS FOR CIVILIANS San Diego, Cal., May 15.—Five armored cruisers, the South Dakota, Colorado, West Virginia, Maryland and Pittsburgh, probably will be available for the training of civilian sailors between August 15 and November 12. Rear Admiral William Fullam, Pacific reserve fleet commander, said to-day. Several hundred Californians are expected to enroll for the series of war maneuvers off the coast which will start August 15.

TAPT WITNESS IN RIGGS CASE Washington, D. C., May 15.—Ex-President Taft was first to-day on the witness stand in the perjury trial of three officers of the Riggs National Bank, called as a character witness to testify in behalf of the bank's president, C. C. Glover, one of the indicted men. The case of the prosecution has not been made, but it agreed to a request by counsel for the defense to allow one witness to testify at this time.

METHODISTS FAVOR UNION Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 15.—The proposal to reunite the Methodist Episcopal church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which have been separated since 1845, will be made the order of special business at to-morrow's session. The report endorses the proposed unification in the belief that such union would hasten the development of a truly world church. The report recommends that the general conference be the supreme governing body of the reunited church.

Youngsters Brighten Polyclinic Hospital by Planting Flowers on the Lawn



The Junior Auxiliary of the Polyclinic Hospital spent Saturday afternoon planting flowers on the lawn in front of that institution. The girls shown above are: Bottom row, left to right, Miss Gertrude Bastian, Miss Roselle Stanford and Miss Esther Koons; second row, left to right, Miss Frances Paterson, Miss Helen DeWalt, Miss Mildred Rowe, Miss Harriet Bastian, Miss Mae Gross, Miss Mildred Bogar; third row, left to right, Miss Myra Gramm, head nurse at the hospital; Mrs. E. A. Nicodemus, who has charge of the junior work, and Miss Katherine Landis, superintendent of the hospital.

The girls since the institution opened have furnished funds and purchased a bed for one of the wards, and during the holiday seasons decorate the interior with flowers, ferns and potted plants and small trees. On Saturday the plants which the auxiliary purchased were planted, including a long row of scarlet sage, and a circular bed of geraniums, nasturtiums and other flowers.

Expect to Dispose of Army Reorganization Bill Before End of This Week

Washington, May 15.—The compromise army reorganization bill providing for a regular army of 206,000 men in time of peace, being whipped into final shape to-day by the conference committee of the Senate and House for the approval of Congress. It probably will be laid before the House to-morrow and the Senate soon thereafter. The measure is expected to be a final vote on the measure Thursday.

Central High Debaters Win State Championship

The Central High School debating team Saturday at State College won the State championship. Orators from this city, in both debates, defended the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, That International Peace Would be Best Promoted by Extensive Warlike Preparations on the Part of All Great Nations." The team included Harold Eckert, Homer Kreider, Miss Ruth Beatty and Ezra Strohm, alternate.

Is Against Fishermen's Licenses, Dapp Repeats

Edward Dapp, candidate for the Legislature on the Republican ticket, in reply to several letters of inquiry, to-day said that he is unalterably opposed to the proposed fishermen's license bill, which would cause every man who went fishing an expense of at least a dollar. Dapp is the only candidate openly against this measure, and is giving his reasons as follows: "As a fisherman I know that few people can afford a fine for a few afternoons or evenings of fishing. I think the bill is unjust. Dapp has also lined up for local option, increased relief for volunteer firemen and labor legislation in general. He is endorsed by the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor.

Seven Bishops Instead of Five For Methodist Church

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 15.—A report submitted by the committee on episcopacy to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to-day prepared the way for the immediate balloting for bishops of the church. The report recommended that seven bishops be chosen. This is an increase of two over the present number. One of the new bishops is to be assigned to Korea, where the work has been supervised by a missionary bishop, and the other is to fill the new episcopal residence at Detroit, Mich.

33rd Annual P. O. of A. Convention Opens Tomorrow

Delegates will arrive in the city this evening and to-morrow morning from all parts of the State for the thirty-third annual State convention of the Patriotic Order of Americans, to be held May 16-17 in the Chestnut Street Hall. Addresses of welcome will be made by Senator E. E. Beldeman and Mayor E. S. Meyer, with the convention presided by the Rev. D. E. Rupley. There will be a reception and ball to-night.

SHARP FIGHTING IS RAGING ALONG WESTERN FRONT

Artillery Is in Play at Verdun and on Both Sides of Champagne

Sharper fighting is now in progress in other sectors of the western front than in the Verdun region, upon which attention has been chiefly centered for nearly three months past. Notable activity has been reported recently along the British lines in Northern France and Flanders and to-day Paris records brisk action by the artillery on both sides in the Champagne, the scene of the main French drive in last September's offensive.

No Peace Till Kaiser Sues For It, President of France Insists in Talk

Nancy, May 15.—President Poincaré, in an address here yesterday, said that Germany's declaration regarding peace contained in the German reply to the American note. "France does not want Germany to tender peace," said the President, "but wants her adversary to ask for peace." The President then made known clearly the only kind of peace which would be acceptable to France. The address was delivered at the Molitor garden before a large number of Lorraine refugees to whom the President, after expressing his sympathies and renewing promises of solicitude and protection, said: "France will not expose her sons to the dangers of new aggressions. The Central Empires, haunted by remorse for having brought on the war and terrified by the indignation and hatred they have stirred up in mankind, are trying to-day to make the world believe that the Entente Allies alone are responsible for the prolongation of hostilities—a dull irony which will deceive no one.

"Food Dictator" For Germany; Crisis in Cities

Berlin, May 15.—The Koelnische Zeitung announces the impending appointment of a "food dictator" to take charge of and control all matters concerning food in the empire.

Dominican Rebels Quit Rather Than Fight U. S.

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, May 15.—The warning of the American minister, W. W. Russell, that the city of Santo Domingo would be taken by force unless it was given up by the rebels not later than Sunday morning resulted in the evacuation of the city last night.

CHICAGO PLANS PARADE

Chicago, May 15.—Encouraged by the size of New York's parade last Saturday in favor of adequate preparation for defense a call is being prepared to-day by William M. Lewis, secretary of the Illinois Naval League, to business and professional men officials of commercial organizations and civic associations to formulate plans for a similar demonstration in Chicago. Tentatives suggested for the demonstration are June 10, during national convention week and July 4.

WILSON'S BACK FROM CRUISE

Washington, May 15.—President and Mrs. Wilson returned early to-day from their week-end cruise aboard the naval yacht Mayflower. The home-day trip was without special incident.

Ex-Senator Thompson, Blind, Appears Before Dauphin Courts Today

For the first time since he was blinded and nearly killed almost two years ago by the furious explosion of a premature dynamite blast, ex-State Senator Alexander Thompson, Lykens, and a member of the Dauphin county bar, appeared in court to-day. He was called as a witness in the injunction proceeding that had been brought by the Lykens Sewer Association to prevent Mary Irving Fiske from making certain private sewer connections with the pipes of the association.

Mills and Gibb, Big N. Y. Importers Are Bankrupt

New York, May 15.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed by creditors in the Federal Court to-day against Mills and Gibb, one of the largest white goods importing and jobbing firms in the country. The liabilities are stated as upwards of \$2,000,000. The assets are not given.

GERTRUDE TOWER, HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT, IMPROVED

Philadelphia, May 15.—Miss Gertrude Tower, daughter of ex-Ambassador and Mrs. Charles Tower, who was thrown from a motor car driven by Thomas H. Dougherty, Jr. in Fairmount Park, Saturday night, was reported to be on the road to recovery at the Presbyterian Hospital to-day.

FIRE ON PETERS' MOUNTAIN

Dauphin, Pa., May 15.—The entire lumber tract on Peters' Mountain, owned by Seidel & Son, of Marysville, was destroyed by fire on Friday night. A large amount of lumber, ready for market, was burned. The loss is heavy.

FIRE DESTROYS THEATER

Allentown, Pa., May 15.—The Lyceum, Allentown's largest moving picture theater, in the heart of the business section, was destroyed by fire yesterday with a loss of \$25,000. Several stores in the same building also were destroyed.

SOUTHERN VETERANS GATHER

Birmingham, Ala., May 15.—This city was thronged with Confederate veterans and visitors here to participate in the twenty-sixth annual Confederate reunion which begins to-morrow. The Vanguard of the old soldiers and visitors began to arrive yesterday and incoming regular and special trains to-day brought thousands of others.

HURRY NEGRO TO PRISON TO AVOID RESCUE ATTEMPT

Ominous Rumors of Effort to Storm Lykens Lockup Causes Quick Action

HELD AS A FORGER Passed Worthless Checks Drawn on Bogus Signature of Mine Superintendent

Special to the Telegraph Lykens, May 15.—Ominous reports of an effort to storm the lockup here Saturday night by friends of Everett Burke, a negro, for the purpose of rescue caused the authorities to hurry the prisoner to the Dauphin county jail at Harrisburg. He was held without bail.

Burke was held for court on charges of forging and passing forged checks in this borough Saturday following a hearing before George W. Hensel, Justice of the peace. One of the checks for \$18.50 bore the forged signature of David Randall, superintendent of the Short Mountain colliery and was cashed by J. F. Myers, a merchant; two others for \$16 each bore the signature of Thomas Evans and were cashed by A. P. Schoffstall and T. A. Hensel. All the checks were drawn on the Miners' Deposit bank. No one by the name of Thomas Evans could be found and no account had been held in his name.

Burke gave his residence as Seneca street, Harrisburg. Justice Hensel said he got wind of a plot to rescue Burke.

SOLDIER'S BIBLE RETURNED

Marysville, Pa., May 15.—After a lapse of fifty-two years a Bible, lost in the Charleston Prison during the Civil War, in the Fall of 1864, was returned to Miss Martha Reem, sister of the owner, Adam Reem, who served with Company C, 188th Pennsylvania Regiment. Reem never returned from the war. It is believed that he starved to death in a Southern prison.

The Bible was found in the prison by J. H. Morgan, of St. Cloud, Fla., who was also a prisoner at Charleston, and was returned by him to Miss Reem.

CRIMINAL PUBLICLY BURNED TO DEATH

Waco, Tex., May 15.—With 15,000 persons as witnesses, including women and children, Jesse Washington, negro boy, who confessed to criminally assaulting and murdering Mrs. Lucy Fryar, seven miles south of here, last Monday afternoon was taken from the courtroom and burned to death on the public square.

VIGOROUS NOTE AGAINST SEIZURE OF MAILS

Washington, May 15.—The American government is preparing a protest characterized by officials as "very vigorous" against the interference with mails to and from the United States by Great Britain. A note to be sent forward in the near future will take the position that the United States can no longer countenance seizure and detention of mails to and from the United States, particularly those concerning neutrals.

EIGHT KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Gibbstown, N. J., May 15.—Eight men are reported killed and a dozen injured by an explosion to-day at the Repauno plant of the Du Pont Powder Company near here.

SCOTT RETURNS FROM MEETINGS WITH HOPES OF EARLY ACTION

Despite Disagreement at Conference U. S. Chief of Staff Believes a Protocol Will Be Formulated With De Facto Government Soon

DIPLOMATS WILL THEN TAKE OVER SITUATION

New Concentration of Troops by General Funston Being Conducted Satisfactorily; Incendiary Fires Along Border

Washington, May 15.—Major-General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, returned to-day from his border-conferences with General Obregon, hopeful for the situation, despite the fact that the conferences resulted in no formal agreement for co-operative action. The chief of staff conferred with Secretary Baker, but made no formal report.

General Scott will see Secretary Lansing to-morrow and meanwhile no steps will be taken to reopen diplomatic negotiations for a formal agreement with General Carranza. Secretary Baker indicated, however, that General Scott thought there would be no great delay in arriving at an understanding, and formulating a protocol.

General Scott's discussions with officials probably will occupy several days. Not until they are completed will diplomatic conferences be arranged with Eliseo Carranondo, Mexican ambassador-designate, on the disposition of American troops and the vexatious question of protecting the American border from Mexican bandit raids.

General Scott was due to arrive early to-day. President Wilson's return from a week-end yachting trip also was set for about the same time.

TELEGRAPHERS GET RAISE

Pittsburgh, May 15.—It became known here to-day that all telegraph operators on the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh have been notified of a wage readjustment. The advance, it was stated, was individual and made according to the merit of the men and their length of service.

FIND TROY'S BODY?

Harrisburg—Harry Mace, steamboat operator at High-empire found a badly decomposed body buried in the mud and sand along the shore this morning at 9 o'clock. It is believed that the man is C. J. Troy, 1447 Berryhill street, who fell off the Cumberland Valley Railroad bridge, April 10. M. E. Troy, of Carlisle, is on his way to the city to identify the body if possible.

AMERICANS KILL THREE BANDITS

Lake Itascate, Mex., May 14.—By Wireless to Columbus N. M., May 15.—Three bandits, including Julio Cardenas, the Villa leader, were killed in a skirmish with an American detachment, near Rubio ranch, twenty miles east of here to-day.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ray A. Fetterhoff and Lottie C. Williams, Lykens. Edwin Swope Heffelfinger and Jessie Irene Miller, Hummelstown.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally cloudy weather to-night and Tuesday, probably showers; warmer to-night with lowest temperature about 40 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy to-night and Tuesday, probably showers; warmer to-night; moderate east to south winds.