

215,000 TROOPS GONE OVERSEAS FROM CANADA

CASEMENT'S TRIAL OPENS

Chief Conspirator in Sinn Fein Revolt Pleads Not Guilty of Treason.

ONLY FEW TALES MEN WERE UNCHALLENGED

One Witness Declares Prisoner Said Now Chance to Strike Blow as England Was Beaten.

London, June 26.—Sir Roger Casement, chief conspirator in the Sinn Fein revolt in Ireland, was placed on trial for his life on a charge of high treason in the High Court of Justice today.

Viscount Reading, the Lord Chief Justice, and Justices Avory and Hordge, in bright scarlet robes and powdered wigs, presided.

The indictment, framed in legal points that returned against Col. Arthur Lynch, who fought against the British in the Boer war.

When asked if he was guilty or not guilty, Sir Roger bowed and murmured something which was inaudible.

His chief counsel, Alexander Sullivan, of Dublin, argued that the indictment set forth was "no offense known to the law," and that none of the acts specified was alleged to have taken place in any territory over which the King has jurisdiction.

After eleven jurors had been seated in the box there was great difficulty in finding the twelfth. The defence challenged "for cause" more than a dozen in succession.

The jury is composed of middle-aged men, apparently of the small merchant and clerk class.

John Robinson, Michael O'Connor, Michael Moore, the last in uniform, with an empty right sleeve, and John Nell, in hospital garb—gave testimony during the afternoon.

A repetition of the police court evidence of Sir Roger's speeches and promises to Irish prisoners in Germany. The line taken in cross-examination indicated that the defense will contend that the prisoner was pursuing the activities he was engaged in before the war of organizing Nationalist volunteers.

The witnesses agreed that Sir Roger proposed to take them to Ireland, if Germany won a naval battle, to "free Ireland" and "strike a blow against England."

The solicitor-general attempted to question Nell regarding the speech a German general made to the men of the Hanover camp. Serat, Sullivan objected, on the ground that Sir Roger was not charged with conspiracy, and that this was an attempt to introduce the evidence of the doings of a person whom it was not proved Casement ever knew, at a place it was not alleged he had ever been. The chief justice said that the court would have no hesitation in deciding the point, but suggested to the prosecution that the evidence proposed be not pursued.

Nell testified that Sir Roger said: "Ireland now has the strongest power in the world at her back. England is beaten. Now is the chance to strike a blow for Ireland."

He also said, according to the witness, that the Irish brigade was first to fight with the Turks against the Russians, then with the German against the British, and then shed their blood for their own people.

Serat, Sullivan got the witness considerably mixed on his dates, and the dividing line between his personal knowledge and hearsay.

In the custom in British courts is to accept virtually all those called and challenges as a rule, are employed only for definite cause. It was noticeable that the government challenged all witnesses with distinctly Irish names. The defense, however, challenged the greater number.

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrated. Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Everett celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding yesterday, and received congratulations from many friends. They were the recipients of a number of tokens on this occasion. The family gathering was held in their home on Mecklenburg street.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES SINCE FIGHT AT ZILLEBEKE HAVE PASSED THE 9,000 MARK

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 26.—The casualties amongst Canadian troops on the Flanders front since the German attack near Zillebeke, on June 2nd, now total slightly over nine thousand. How many more to come in is not locally known, but it is thought that there are not many more.

- Midnight List.
- INFRANTRY.
- Killed in Action.
- Robert M. Brown, Edmundston, N. B.
- Died of Wounds.
- Cornelius Garnett, 26 Long Wharf, St. John, N. B.
- Wounded.
- James H. Brown, 15 Long Wharf, St. John, N. B.
- Michael Elward, 70 Ford street, St. John, N. B.
- Arthur W. Hall, Newton, N. B.
- James W. Hart, Cliffordville, N. B.
- Gunner Robert B. Lovely, Perth, N. B.
- Captain Ronald H. T. MacKenzie, 91 Steadman street, Moncton, N. B.
- Harvard I. McAllister, Dorchester, N. B.

- YESTERDAY'S LIST.
- Infantry—Wounded.
- Harold B. Joudry, Mahone Bay, N. S.
- Acting Lance Serjt. Herbert Franklin Lockhart, Kentville, N. S.
- Private Walter Francis Dunn, Newport Station, N. S.
- Lieut. Charles William MacOuley, Halifax, N. S.
- Lance Corporal Malcolm John McInish, Hume Rear, N. S.
- Private Frederick McLennan, New Glasgow, N. S.
- Private Wilfred S. Huard, Bathurst, N. B.
- Private Ernest Leslie Hunter, Harvey, N. B. (elsewhere referred to).
- John Labelle, Eel River Crossing, N. B.
- Hiram LeCoutre, Miscou Centre, N. B.
- Vincent J. Legere, Bridgetown, N. S.
- Walter Hanington, Scotch Settlement, N. B. (elsewhere referred to).
- Earle Hanson, Aroostook Junction, N. B.
- John Carliss, Hillside, Boularderie, C. B.
- Calvin Harvey, Noel Road, N. S.
- John P. Herbert, Richibucto, N. B.
- Robert W. Hamming, 272 Oxford street, Halifax, N. S.
- Private Wm. Hurley, St. John's Nfld.
- Private Martin Steward, Johnson, Bartibogue, N. B.
- Sergeant H. H. Corpi, George Edward DeMill, Hampton, N. B.
- Wounded.
- Private John Goodwill McGarrick, New Dominion, P. E. I.
- Private Leonard McQueen, 9 Ann street, St. John, N. B.
- Lance Corporal J. D. Lewin, Montserrat, St. John, N. B.

COLONEL FOWLER HONORED ON EVE OF DEPARTURE

CLOSING OF HAMPTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Large Attendance—Interesting Programme—Certificates and Prizes Awarded.

Special to The Standard. Hampton, June 26.—The closing exercises of the Hampton Consolidated School were held today. The bad weather of the morning cleared up to ward noon and the thoughts of post-ponement were given up and the exercises held as already arranged for.

A large number of the parents and friends of the scholars were present and took a keen interest in the proceedings. The programme was as follows:

Chorus—By the school.

Mather Goose song—Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Recitation—Carol Chipman.

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had asked the military authorities that the battalion be designated as the 104th, to assure the efficient officers and splendid body of Canadian manhood he felt sure that it would uphold the honorable traditions of the old 104th Battalion.

It looked upon each member of the 104th Battalion as a citizen," said Lieut.-Col. Fowler, "and not as a professional soldier." The speaker had no hesitation in saying that for that reason the officers and men got along well together. The speaker referred to the fact that although between six and seven hundred men had been stationed at Sussex for the past number of months not one serious charge had been made against any member of the battalion, only with a few petty charges. He referred to the fact that during the visit of Major General Sir Sam Hughes to Sussex he had been advised by the Minister of Militia and Defence to retain its identity and proceed to the front as a unit.

Lieut.-Col. Fowler said that he felt proud of the confidence placed in the battalion by the people of New Brunswick and he felt sure that such confidence would not be misplaced.

In his peroration the Lieut.-Colonel said that should England be defeated, it would still be England, although humiliated, but Canada would be a German colony, and his children would have to be bound by the militaristic creeds of Prussianism. "That is why I joined the battalion," said the speaker, "and the people of New Brunswick can rest assured that the 104th Battalion will do its part to defeat such a dread state of happenings."

Tonight's tribute to Col. Fowler was a most deserved one. The gathering representing as it did all phases of business and professional life of the province and the different political creeds evidenced in the most eminent degree the popularity of the guest of the evening and bore a fitting testimony to the sense of loss felt at his departure. Occupying as he did a foremost place in the public life, not only of the province but also of the Dominion and enjoying a large legal practice, he forgot all these when the call of duty came and with much to sacrifice offered his services to King and country.

The organizing and training of the splendid 104th Battalion is a striking tribute to his energy and to the firm business and professional life of the province of those who stay behind that wherever Col. Fowler's battalion is found on the far-flung battle line New Brunswick's name will be written in letters of gold.

Col. Fowler and his brave men carry with them from the people of Sussex in whose affections they have endeared themselves the sincere wish that God may protect them in their fight for freedom and bring them back in safety.

Preparations are being made by the town in general for the departure of the battalion tonight. The ladies are preparing lunches for the boys to take with them. The town will turn out en masse to give the boys a rousing send-off. The first train will leave at 7 o'clock, followed by the second at 7.30.

Commissioner Wigmore's Recommendation to this Effect Adopted by Council—Other Business at Yesterday's Meeting.

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AMBULANCE UNIT TO TAKE OVER ARMORY

Formerly Used by the 115th—General Military News.

The ambulance train which will be serviced in St. John for overseas service will be quartered in the armory recently vacated by the 115th Battalion, according to an official announcement given out yesterday at headquarters.

Captain (Dr.) T. E. Bishop will be in command temporarily until the unit is recruited.

Lieut.-Col. Guthrie will take over command of the unit. He will not commence recruiting for the new recruits until the unit is recruited.

The Siege Battery, stationed at Partridge Island is rapidly attaining strength. This branch of service is certainly meeting with approval from the eligibles in New Brunswick.

Yesterday seven recruits signed on at the recruiting office on Prince William street for this unit and one man for the 115th Battalion.

The following are the names of the recruits for the 9th Siege Battery: A. T. Lavigne, St. John; W. W. Nasou, Welsford, N. B.; W. L. Hope, Albert, N. B.; Albert Hughes, P. E. I.; Joseph Kenney, Bathurst; John Flynn, St. John, and W. D. Sealey, Grand Bay.

Thomas K. Foley, St. John, enlisted with the 115th Battalion. The 27th Battalion enlisted one recruit yesterday in St. John and had to reject five, who were physically unfit.

Captain Goodspeed returned last night to Halifax.

Lieut.-Col. Powell will have command of the 6th Brigade at Valcartier. With the exception of the military police the rear guard of the 115th left for Valcartier. They had last night in charge.

Brigadier General McLean will have command of the 5th brigade at Valcartier.

Colonel Grant, attached to the headquarters staff at Halifax, passed through the city last night on his way to the garrison city.

A large number of soldiers, members of the 104th Battalion, passed through the city last night en route from their homes to join the regiment.

Lieut.-Col. Herbert, O. C. of the 56th Battalion, writes that the report that the 56th Battalion has ceased to be active is erroneous. The 56th is still in existence, and has retained all its instruction staff, and is busily engaged in training large numbers of men.

Eben Roseborough, of Harvey Elm, was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the 115th Battalion.

Friends of Private Peckham, 140th Battalion, and Miss Bessie C. McPherson, of Nashwaak, will be surprised to learn that the young couple were married by the Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, on May 31st, at Fredericton. Dr. Smith was asked by the young couple not to mention the wedding until the 26th of June, 1916.

THE CITY SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE TODAY

Children Will Have Nine Weeks of Vacation—Programme of St. Peter's Boys' School.

Today is one day in the year the school children are glad to welcome. After one o'clock they will be looking forward to the good times coming in all of the schools there will be closing exercises, but most of them will not be of