

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 Hodge, in bright scarlet robes and powdered wigs, presided.

The indictment, followed 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 consultation, after which the jury was sequestered, the indictment was read.

Then Sir Roger made a formal plea of not guilty, speaking in firm tones. Jurors from the panel were called forward.

After eleven jurors had been seated in the box there was great difficulty in finding the twelfth. The defense 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 Moore, the last in uniform, with an empty right sleeve, and John Neill, in hospital garb—gave testimony during the afternoon. It was mainly 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."

Great Chance to Strike at England, Casement Said.

The solicitor-general attempted to question Neill regarding the speech a German general made to the men at 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.

Neill 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.

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

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.

INFANTRY.

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.

Walter P. Davies, 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 Brond H. T. MacKenzie, 91 Steadman street, Moncton, N. B.

Harvard I. McAllister, Dorchester, N. B.

YESTERDAY'S LIST.

Infantry—Wounded.

Harold B. Joudrey, Mahone Bay, N. S.

Acting Lance Serat. Herbert Franklin Lockhart, Kentville, N. S.

Private Walter Francis Dunn, Newport Station, N. S.

Lieut. Charles William MacOleary, Halifax, N. S.

Lance Corporal Malcolm John McInnis, 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, Hillsdale, Boularderie, C. B.

Calvin Harvey, Noel Road, N. S.

John P. Herbert, Richibucto, N. B.

A. Erb, Sheriff McLeod, Charles Girvan, P. Bokon, Rev. Fr. McDermott, John Barrett, H. H. Reid, Judge Jonah, J. M. Kinnear, Peter Gunn, Arthur Keith, S. H. White, A. Miller, Gordon Mills, W. J. Mills, Wm. Miller, J. E. Nesbit, Arthur Black, H. S. Russell, E. Fenwick, W. G. White, W. B. McKay, John Jackson, C. D. Davis, Wm. Barnes, W. B. McKay, W. H. Upham, W. A. Schofield, Rev. G. B. MacDonald, W. T. McArthur, George H. White, D. A. Morrison, Amherst, W. F. Howe, Joseph Howe, Wm. Devine, Arthur Maggs, Leon Keith, St. John.

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gomery, 12 DeMont street, West St. John (referred to elsewhere).

Private Robert Smith, Shelburne, N. S.

Private Dana Thompson, Weymouth Falls, N. S.

Private Charles G. Thorne, Springfield, N. B.

Ser. Earle Markee Scovil, St. Stephen, N. B.

Missing.

Private James Phillips, Upper Kintore, N. B.

Wounded.

Corpl. William Percell Phillips, St. John (referred to elsewhere).

Private Alexander Amon, Parrsboro, N. S.

Lance Corporal Fred George Awall, Mahone Bay, N. S.

Corpl. Albert Mont Bennett, 221 Carmarthen street, St. John (referred to elsewhere).

Private Frederick Brown, Moncton, N. B.

Private Arthur W. Brownell, Northport, N. S.

Private Arthur P. Melver, Port Davis, Victoria Co., Cape Breton, N. S.

Missing.

Private Gregory Edward Doyle, Avondale, Newfoundland.

Wounded.

Private James Edward Cole, Parrsboro, N. S.

Private John Joseph Connell, 59 Harrison street, St. John. (Before reported).

Pioneer Bradford Brenton Fox, Yarmouth, N. S.

Pioneer John Kenneth Flander, St. Catherine street, North Sydney, N. S.

Private Robt. Curry, Fredericton, N. B.

Ser. Eugene Doherty, 8 Pine St., Moncton, (referred to elsewhere).

Ser. Freeman Davidge, Newfoundland.

Private Clarence Wesley Dorey, Clearland, N. S.

Private Joseph Poulin, Carquet, N. B.

Missing.

Private Joseph McDonald, Waterford, N. S.

Private John Angus Smith, Halifax, N. S.

Private Wm. J. Grant, St. John.

Private Frederick Arthur Whitenack, Moncton, N. B.

Private Charles Edward James Widgeroy, Halifax.

Mounted Rifles—Missing.

Private George Truman Leads, Bass River, N. S.

Wounded.

Gunner Frank Babinoue, Moncton.

Bombardier James Douglas Day, Sydney Mines.

COLONEL FOWLER HONORED ON EVE OF DEPARTURE

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The inside pages contained the menu and toast list.

Those Present.

Among those present were: D. H. McAllister, W. S. Hax, H. V. Dickson, J. D. McKenna, Andrew Forsythe, W. A. Erb, Sheriff McLeod, Charles Girvan, P. Bokon, Rev. Fr. McDermott, John Barrett, H. H. Reid, Judge Jonah, J. M. Kinnear, Peter Gunn, Arthur Keith, S. H. White, A. Miller, Gordon Mills, W. J. Mills, Wm. Miller, J. E. Nesbit, Arthur Black, H. S. Russell, E. Fenwick, W. G. White, W. B. McKay, John Jackson, C. D. Davis, Wm. Barnes, W. B. McKay, W. H. Upham, W. A. Schofield, Rev. G. B. MacDonald, W. T. McArthur, George H. White, D. A. Morrison, Amherst, W. F. Howe, Joseph Howe, Wm. Devine, Arthur Maggs, Leon Keith, St. John.

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me join with you and his other friends who will be assembled tomorrow night in the prayer that God will preserve him in the midst of the dangers which will confront him, and from which I know he will not shrink.

WILLIAM PUGSLEY.

Presentation from People of Sussex

The toasts honored after the conclusion of the menu were as follows:

The King, proposed by Mayor Wallace.

The Guest of the evening, proposed by Dr. D. H. McAllister and responded to by Col. Fowler.

Bench and Bar, proposed by Dr. Pearson and responded to by Judge Jonah.

Our Legislative bodies, proposed by E. A. Schofield and responded to by Dr. D. H. McAllister, Hon. J. A. Murray and H. V. Dickson.

The Clergy, proposed by J. D. McKenna, responded to by Rev. Father McDermott, Rev. Mansel Sheven and Rev. G. B. MacDonald.

Previous to the beginning of the toast list Col. Fowler was presented on behalf of the citizens of Sussex with a handsome case of pipes suitably engraved, accompanied by an address. The address was read and presentation made by Mayor Wallace. The Sussex Orchestra was present and furnished music for the occasion.

Col. Fowler Replies.

In replying to the toast, "Our Guest," proposed by Dr. McAllister, Lieut-Col. Fowler expressed the pleasure it gave him to see such a strong and influential body of representative citizens, in respect of political opinions, present. He said that during his political and legal career he had always fought his opponent square, without having recourse to any mean acts, and that this evidence of his integrity was greatly supplemented by the gentlemen present.

Lieut-Col. Fowler said that at the present time he felt it his duty, both to his constituents and country, to enlist in order to uphold the constitution of the British Empire. He said that he was up in years he felt that it was his duty to give the best in him for his King and Country.

Lieut-Col. Fowler stated that he

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

He 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 set along with him. 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 and only 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 that the 104th would 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 free country and her children would have to be bound by the militaristic laws of Prussia. "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 it is the firm conviction 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.

CLOSING OF HAMPTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Large Attendance and Interesting Programme—Certificates and Prizes Awarded.

Special to The Standard.

Hampton, June 26.—The closing exercises of the Hampton Consolidated School were held here 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.

Snufflower drill—Grades 5 and 6.

Recitation—Lillian Campbell.

Recitation—Edith Snodgrass.

Presentation of certificates for high scores in the different grades.

Good Luck to the Boys of the Allies.

Presentation of F. M. Sproule's cash prizes for greatest improvement in sewing during the year. 1st prize, \$5; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$2; 4th, \$1.

Presentation of Miss Travis' prize for highest standing in Grade 2, won by Mabel Bannerman.

Song—"The King Will be Proud of Canada."

Presentation of Miss Turbull's prize for Nature study and Agriculture, won by Jack Angeline.

Presentation of Miss Palmer's prize for history, won by Alphonse Coleman.

God Save the King.

Those who were successful in winning High School entrance certificates were: William Hill, Jean Fowler, Lawrence Parlee, Herbert Fiewelkroth, Douglas Brier, Vombur Patterson, Elva Appleby, Sadie Jenkins, Alice Brewster, Reginald Kendrick, 2nd, James Fowler.

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

All the commissioners were present at the noon meeting of the common council in committee yesterday with the Mayor in the chair.

Considerable discussion ensued over the recommendation of the putting in of larger water mains in Prince William and Water streets, and a larger hydrant at the corner of Jardine's alley and Water street.

The Chamberlain asked for instructions about a bill for \$2,313.50 which had been sent to the Marine and Fisheries Department for wharfage and other dues at Dock 14 for vessels on Imperial service there. It should, he said, be settled or wiped off.

In the course of the discussion it appeared that the Commissioner of Harbors and Ferries had agreed with the Hon. J. D. Hazen that the usual fees for wharfage, etc., be remitted and a lower charge made.

Commissioner McLellan said he would agree to support the motion if he were assured that the benefits did not end go to the C. P. R.

J. E. Cowan, government wharfinger, had sent in a cheque for \$187.17, which he claimed was the pro-rata amount, but this had not been accepted. The whole matter was left over for further information on Tuesday.

Commissioner Wigmore reported that he had presented the cheque for \$100 from the city (through the Mayor) to the band of the 104th Battalion, and reported that a vote of thanks was passed to the council. He also recommended that a vote of \$500 for the 104th Battalion be made as to the other battalion, as the majority of the men were from St. John. This was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wigmore recommended the renewal of mains in Prince William street and Water street, with larger pipes. That down Jardine's alley, not less than ten inches, with a larger hydrant; the six-inch at the corner of Water street be made ten-inch and that be carried down South wharf to Ward street.

Commissioner Wigmore, "there is absolutely no fire protection in South wharf." The project would involve an expenditure of \$1,500. The motion was carried.

Tracks were opened for the supply of oats for the Public Works department from H. C. Harrison, 57 cents per bushel, and C. H. Peters, 55 3/4 cents per bushel. These were referred to the committee.

Commissioner Fisher brought up a recommendation to increase the wage of a foreman in his department, which led to a discussion as to the adequacy of all wages of workers under the city.

Commissioner McLellan especially mentioned the smallness of the pay in the Police department. The application was deferred for the present.

Commissioner Fisher submitted copies of letters he had written the Street Railway Company and their answers thereto. He had written two letters, one in connection with the rescheduling of the present agreement covering a new agreement covering only the removal of snow, the company to keep the streets in repair themselves, and another in reference to certain portions of the present tracks on the public streets, namely in St. James street and Ludlow street, West Side.

In reply to the first letter H. C. Hopper, manager of the Street Railway Company, intimated that he did not understand just what the city wanted. In regard to the portions of track spoken of they had to have the track on St. James street to provide access to the basement of the car barns, and the Ludlow street track would be used as soon as they received some special connections which were needed. No action was taken and the committee adjourned.

Clifford Dann, Clarence McCready, Lillian Stevenson and Mary Demille. The High School graduates were: Fred Chipman, Alberta Crandall, Grace V. Darling, Flora O. DeLong, Grace D. Fraser, Pearl Fraser, Grace K. Gallagher, Gertrude D. Hill, John G. Kenney, Phyllis McGowan, Fred A. Patterson, Frances O. Sealey, Mary Smith, Treva M. Smith, Arvilla L. Stafford, Lillian Wiggins and Walter Lawrence; the latter, who enlisted some time ago in the 104th Battalion, was present in khaki to receive his discharge.

Following are the names of the leaders in the different grades: Grade I—1st, Evelyn Sallows and Edith Snodgrass, tied; 2nd, Ida Lyons and Gertrude Coleman, tied.

Grade II—1st, Mabel Bannerman; 2nd, Gordon Cooper.

Grade III—1st, Elsie Sewell; 2nd, Kilburn King.

Grade IV—1st, Bertha Dixon; 2nd, Cella Carney.

Grade V—1st, George Langstroth; 2nd, Laura Morrisey.

Grade VI—1st, Bertha DeLong; 2nd, Arthur McPherson.

Grade VII—1st, Douglas McGowan; 2nd, Sidney Chipman.

Grade VIII—1st, Lawrence Parlee; 2nd, James Fowler.

CITY WILL GIVE SIGNS POINT TO GREAT ALLIED OFFENSIVE SOON

RAPID MOVEMENT OF CANADIANS OVERSEAS — BELIEVED AT OTTAWA FOUR DIVISIONS ARE NOW IN FRANCE AND HEAVY RESERVE CORPS CREATED READY TO FILL THE GAPS.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, June 26.—It has been evident for some time around military headquarters that a big British offensive was expected. The rapidly with which troops have been sent across the Atlantic has only been equalled by a similar movement of Canadian troops from England to France.

Just previous to the German offensive at the Ypres salient the fourth Canadian division was practically mobilized in England under Major General David Watson, who commanded an Ontario Battalion in the first division and won his promotion on the field to a brigade and then a division in France at that time were three Canadian divisions and a certain number of corps troops. From these corps troops the shattered third division has been brought up to strength and also the establishments of men and officers of the four divisions to full strength.

Officers in the first and second divisions have been recruited to their authorized number. The reserve of officers in England have been heavily drawn upon and it is believed here that not only are the four divisions all now in France, but that there has been created a large reserve of corps troops ready to be drawn upon and to keep big push.

Some Ottawa military men do not expect the Canadians to be in the first attack on the German lines. They reason that having held back the Germans in the Ypres salient, they will be permitted to recuperate and act as reserves for a time but others say that such veterans as the first division will surely be utilized to drive home the big push.

215,000 Have Crossed from Canada.

During the past month many Canadian officers in England on leave or taking special training have been ordered to report for duty at once. Most of these officers were entitled to leave and many were fitting themselves for special military duty and the orders came unexpectedly and has given rise to the opinion that an immediate offensive is contemplated. There have been in all 215,000 men sent across the Atlantic, but from these must be deducted about 25,000 who are killed, wounded, sick and missing. This is making allowance for those who have been wounded and regained their regiments. This leaves 190,000 effective men and of these 80,000 are in the four divisions, 20,000 in corps troops and 90,000 in England to cross the channel