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## Casement's Trial Marks New Chapter in Sinn Fein Rebellion

The Court Room Crowded During Both Sessions—Casement Was as Cool as a Cucumber and Was Busy Taking Notes Indicating He Intends to Take a Hand in Conducting his Defence

FEW THRILLS DEVELOPED YESTERDAY'S SITTING

The Prosecution Devoted its Attention to Showing How Casement Carried on Alleged Recruiting for his Irish Brigade in German Prison Camps—Evidence of Most Witnesses was to this Effect

LONDON, May 15.—The writing of a new chapter in the history of the Sinn Fein rebellion began to-day when Sir Roger Casement, knighted in 1911, for his services to the British Government, and Daniel Bailey, the Irish prisoner, were placed in the dock at Bow Street Police Court for preliminary examination on a charge of high treason.

While considerable testimony, introduced by the Crown, tended to incriminate Bailey, the main attack of the prosecution was directed against Casement in the endeavour to establish without question the leading fact, it is claimed, that he played in the conspiracy whose ramifications extended even to America. Casement himself was the centre of all eyes during the day. It was evident that an ordinary prisoner was before the court, despite the unkempt condition of his clothing, he made a striking figure.

Casement busied himself taking notes, indicating that he intended to have a hand in the conduct of his defence. He was always self-possessed, and as the case wore on he began to display considerable self-assurance. The testimony to-day developed few thrills the prosecution devoting its attention to showing how Casement carried on alleged recruiting for his Irish brigade in German prison camps. The most dramatic part of the whole proceedings was the address delivered by the Attorney-General, Sir Fredk. E. Smith, who outlined Casement's former services to his country, told of the honour bestowed upon the prisoner by the King, and then shifted to the latest conspiracy hatched in Germany.

According to testimony given this

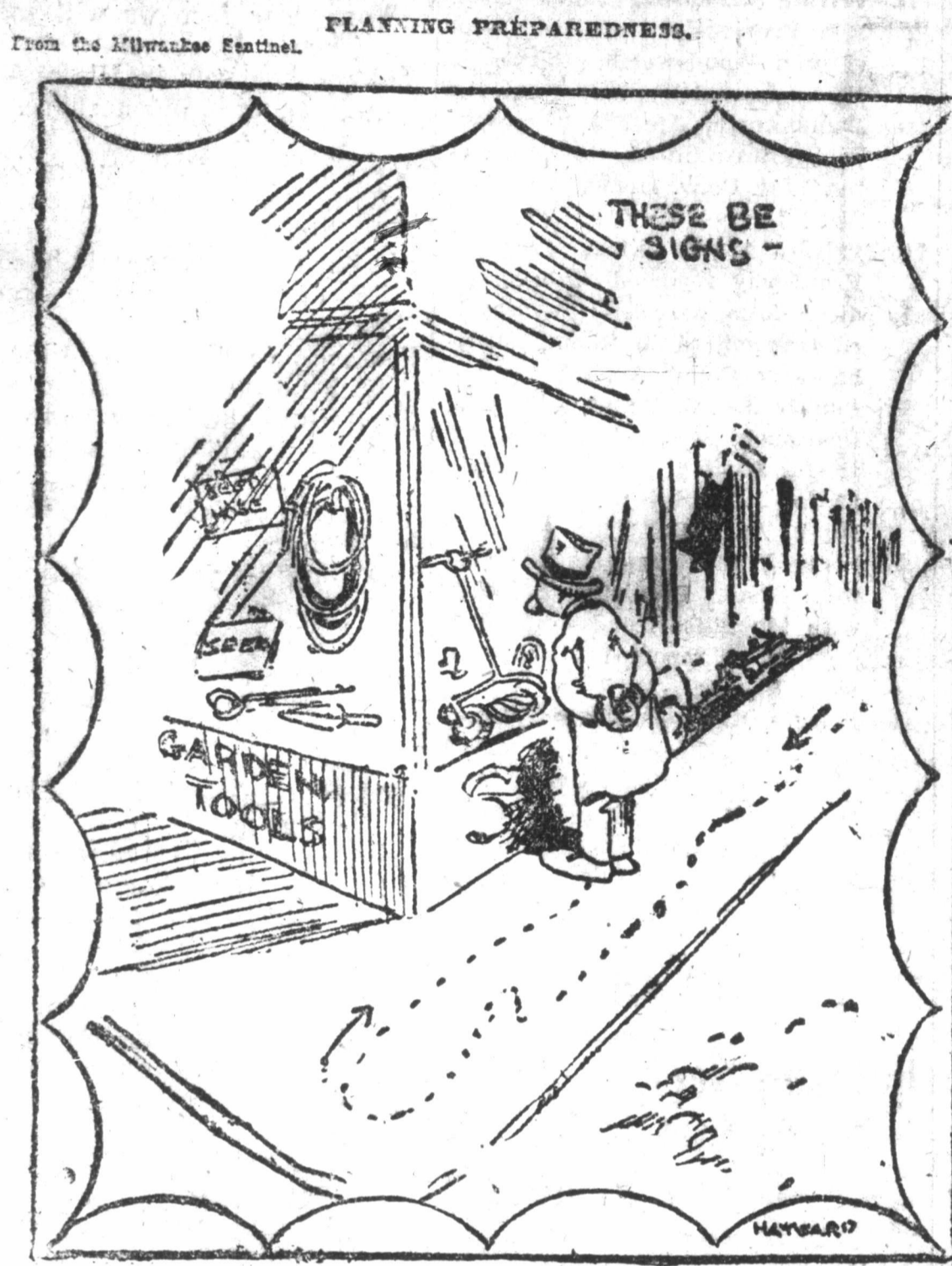
afternoon by Daniel O'Brien, another Irish prisoner, who was at Limburg during Casement's visits, and who was afterwards exchanged, Casement was hissed and hooted out of the Limburg camp, and some members of the Munster regiment struck Sir Roger. Several prisoners, including O'Brien, were punished for it, the witness testified, their rations being cut down. Several other witnesses were brought forward by the prosecution during the afternoon. Their testimony was corroborative of that which had been given relative to the activities of Casement in Germany.

The Court Room was a crowded in the afternoon session as during the morning. Almost as soon as adjournment was taken for lunch, men and women gathered outside the building and waited patiently before gaining entrance. When Sir Roger took his place in the dock, it was evident that no nervousness that he may have felt had largely worn off. The Casement of old, whose large amount of self-esteem was his marked feature, was re-asserting himself. His spirits were not dampened by his wrinkled sack-coat, which looks as though he had slept in it in the Tower, or by the unlaced shoes which are provided for prisoners of his class to prevent them from using the laces to hang themselves.

O'Brien said that after Casement left Limburg, recruiting for his brigade was carried on by an American priest named Nicholson. While most of the testimony to-day concerned Casement, an occasional question was put by the prosecution for the purpose of linking Bailey with the revolutionary movement. Witnesses answered that they saw him at Limburg in the uniform of the Irish brigade.

While Casement was busy taking notes, Bailey sat in the dock like a stone man, scarcely ever changing his rigid position. Michael O'Connor testified, referring to an address made by Casement to Irish prisoners at Limburg, that the prisoner said to the men who hooted him: "You are followers of that Recruiting Sergeant for the British Army, Johnnie Redmond." Another witness named Wilson, who belonged to the Dublin Fusiliers, said Casement told them, "Take no notice of your uncrowned king, John Redmond."

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## 22 Liberals Elected By Acclamation

Big Surprise was Given in Nomination for Quebec Legislature—Many 11th Hour Retirements from Provincial Contests—Only 3 Conservatives so far Returned with Opposition

MONTREAL, May 16.—A surprise in the nominations for the Quebec Legislature to-day was the large number of eleventh hour retirements from the provincial contests, and the consequent election by acclamation of at least 22 Liberals. So far 43 has been heard from to-night, only three Conservatives have been returned without a fight at the polls. Next Monday the Premier, Sir Lomer Gouin, Provincial Treasurer and Walter G. Mitchell go back to the House unopposed.

## Canadian Ice Breaker Is Launched

The New Million Dollar Government Ice Breaker "J. D. Hazen" is Successfully Launched—Is Christened by Lady Borden—Canada to Become a Great Ship Building Nation

MONTREAL, May 16.—Christened by Lady Borden, the J. D. Hazen, the million dollar Government ice-breaker, built by the Canadian Vickers, Ltd. slide into the St. Lawrence this afternoon in the presence of two thousand invited guests, including the Premier, Sir Robert Borden, and Minister of Justice Doherty. A feature of the speech-making was the expression by the President, F. Orr, which leads to the hope that the Dominion should become a great ship-building nation. Sir Robert Borden followed up to the effect that he saw no reason why this should not be so.

## Will Assist in Relief Expeditions

Australia Will Supply Officers And 25 Men Who Will Be Provisioned For 18 Months To Assist Relief Expedition For Shackleton.

MELBOURNE, Australia, May 16.—Australia will assist in organizing an expedition for the relief of Sir Ernest H. Shackleton, the British Antarctic explorer, by supplying officers and 25 men who will be provisioned for 18 months.

This announcement was made today by George Foster Pearce, Minister of Defence in reply to a cabled inquiry from the British Government.

## OFFICIAL

### BRITISH

#### To Governor, Newfoundland:

LONDON, May 15.—Around Verdun violent enemy attacks continued during the greater part of the week. The French counter-attacked and recaptured further positions lost on the seventh of May.

There has been more activity on the British front near Vermelles the enemy captured five hundred yards of our front trenches. By a counter-attack we recovered a portion of the lost ground. Enemy attacks at other points were repulsed.

In the Caucasus the Russian advanced posts retired after heavy fighting to thirty miles west of Erzerum. The Turkish losses were extremely severe. The Russians have occupied Kasrishirin, in the direction of Bagdad.

General Smuts reports the enemy repulsed with severe loss, after three days fighting.

## States Will Enter Vigorous Protest

Will Send Note To Britain Protesting Against Seizure And Detention Of Mails To And From The United States.

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

## 9 Killed and 22 Injured as Restaurant Collapsed

AKRON, Ohio, May 16.—Nine were killed and 22 injured here last evening when the Crystal restaurant collapsed and slid into a huge hole.

### CHILD SEVERELY HURT

Yesterday afternoon a little boy of the South Side aged 6, was looking at Inspector Bambrick and his men at work at a bridge on Ford's Hill and stood in the high gallery opposite his home. Suddenly one of the rails gave way and he fell to the street striking on his head. He was badly cut, rendered unconscious and Mr. T. Delehaunty took him in his arms to his home where Dr. Cowperthwaite was summoned by phone and stitched the wound which was a very deep one.

## Ulsterites Determined Stand Pat

Will Have Nothing Whatever to do With Nationalists—Rumored Cold Water Was Thrown on Asquith's Plan—Belfast Shows No Sign of Accepting Any Compromise

BELFAST, May 16.—The stubborn disinclination to accept anything in the way the Government might imply for the future subjection of Ulster to Home Rule was evident to-day on the occasion of Premier Asquith's visit to Belfast, which lasted only a few hours. So far as can be learned the Premier's conference with a large body of representative Ulstermen was disappointing and it is understood the question of general disarmament of the forces in Ireland not authorized by the Government was discussed, and although those present were pledged to secrecy, it is rumored cold water has been thrown on the proposal. Discussion was very full and frank, but it is asserted the result was unsatisfactory.

Sir Edward Carson's telegram to the Ulster Unionist Council to the effect he said he had no knowledge of the rumors respecting the Government of Ireland did not bring about an alleviation of the situation and Belfast itself does not show any sign of accepting the compromise, which it is understood Redmond is ready to offer.

Ulster's capital was almost entirely unmarked by the recent rebellion. The provisions of martial law have not been enforced, and everything is outwardly calm, but the keener interest underlies the surface appearance. Many Ulsterites declare their determination to have no dealing with Nationalists. All newspapers in Belfast advise caution regarding any promises the Premier may have made, but which are not yet public property.

Asquith returned to Dublin to-night, where it is reported further court-martials will be conducted openly.

## Carson Knows Nothing of Any New Gov't.

Premier Asquith Visits Belfast Where He Conferred with Leading Citizens Over the Present Irish Crisis—Ulster Union Receives a Telegram from Sir Ed. Carson

BELFAST, May 15.—Prime Minister Asquith arrived here to-day from Dublin, where he has been investigating various phases of the recent uprising. Asquith, who arrived in the private car of Baron Limborne, former Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, was tendered a luncheon by the Lord Mayor, and then had a conference with about a dozen leaders of the local commercial community. This conference lasted for three hours, after which a brief official statement was issued to the effect that the Premier, at his own request, had met citizens with whom he had a full and frank discussion concerning the present state of affairs. Mr. Asquith after the conference returned to Dublin by automobile. He was enthusiastically cheered by thousands. As no civil or military officials were present at the conference, which was held at the City Hall, it is supposed that the question of the future government of Ireland was not discussed.

During the evening the Ulster Unionist Council received the following telegram from Sir Edward Carson: "I know nothing of the rumors as to the Government of Ireland, appearing in the Press nor as to the foundation of them."

## Germans Still Bombard French In Avocourt Wood

PARIS, May 16.—The bombardment of the French position in the Avocourt Wood and about Hill 304 continues, according to a French official report issued to-day. A weak German attack with grenades, north-west of Thiamont Farm, was repulsed.

## Turks Retreat Before Russians Abandoning Much War Material

Grey Sends Best Wishes for Relief Fund Bazaar

NEW YORK, May 16.—A cable message from Sir Edward Grey, Minister of Foreign Affairs for Great Britain, wishing success to the bazaar to be held here from June 3rd to the 14th for the benefit of the Relief Fund of the Entente Allies was received to-day by the National Allied Relief Committee, which with the War Relief Clearing House and the Commission for Relief in Belgium, will conduct the fair.

## Swede and Italian Steamers Collide

NEW YORK, May 16.—The Swedish steamship Greeland arrived this morning with a hole in her port-side above the water line, resulting from a collision off Sandy Hook with the Italian steamship "San Giovanni." Both vessels were outward bound from this port. The "San Giovanni" anchored outside the harbour, not badly damaged.

## Court Martial For President Sinn Feiners

DUBLIN, May 16.—A court martial will shortly be called to try John McNeill, President of the Sinn Fein Volunteers and a Professor of Law in the National University.

## 12 Dead as Result Of Dynamite Blast

AKRON, May 16.—At least a dozen persons were killed, and nearly a score injured early this evening when the old Beacon Journal building collapsed as a result of a blast of dynamite in an adjoining excavation.

### And He Needed It.

Attendant—(to small man behind fat lady at the Casino)—Opera glasses sir?

Satellite—No thank you but I'll take a periscope if you have one.

## Talked by 'Phone with Ship at Sea

United States Navy Has Wireless Telephone System

Washington, May 13.—Communication with ships at sea by means of wireless telephony became an accomplished fact yesterday afternoon, when Secretary Daniels gave verbal instructions to Captain Lloyd H. Chandler of the battleship New Hampshire, lying in Hampton Roads. The instructions were to proceed to sea and to report his position here early by wireless telephone to the Navy Department, noon Monday, after which he was to anchor off the mouth of the Potomac River. Except for occasional static interruptions, Captain Chandler's voice was as plainly audible as though he had been talking over an ordinary telephone.

In responding subsequently to a speech by Secretary Daniels, expressing appreciation of the co-operation given by the telephone company, J. J. Carby, chief engineer of the company, declared that the United States navy was the only navy in the world that possesses the secret of wireless telephone communication with ships at sea.

The wireless test was made in conjunction with a general mobilization order by the Navy Department beginning yesterday of all means of telephone and telegraphic facilities available for use by the navy in time of war.

Little Fighting Has Been in Progress on the Various War Theatres—Germans Unable to Hold Trenches Taken From the British—Bombardments Alone are Reported Taking Place Around Verdun

## GREECE ACCEDS TO THE ALLIES REQUEST

Russians Continue Their Advance Against the Turks on Caucasus Region—Are Pressing in Pursuit of Fleeing Turks Near Mosul—Turks Have Abandoned Much War Material—Italians Capture Some Strategic Points

LONDON, May 16.—Little heavy fighting has been in progress on any of the various war theatres. The French on the Meuse Hills, east of Verdun, by surprise attack, have cleared the Germans from trenches over a front of about two hundred yards, and have also put down in Champagne several German attacks. Bombardments alone are taking place around Verdun. Along the British line in France bombardments and sapping operations are being carried on at various points. East of Loos the Germans succeeded in gaining a footing in British trenches, but were able to hold them only a few minutes under counter-attacks.

Italians in the Monte Adamello zone succeeded in occupying positions in the sector between Crozzon di Fargorta and Crozzon di Liaves, which are of great strategic value. In their movement against Trent the Italians also have made further progress against the Austrians on Mount Sperone. Attacks by Austrians north of Lenzano were repulsed by the Italians. Elsewhere along this front there have been only artillery engagements.

Little of any moment is going between the Teutonic Allies and the Russians on Russian territory, except artillery duels. In the Caucasus region the Russians are continuing their advance against the Turks, according to Petrograd. In the operations toward Mosul, having Bagdad as its objective, the Turks are declared to have retreated precipitately before the Russians, abandoning much war material. The Russians are pressing in pursuit.

Differences between Greece and the Entente Powers have been amicably settled, according to an announcement by the British Foreign Office. This announcement possibly means that Greece has acquiesced to the requests of the Entente Allies for permission for Serbian troops to cross Greece to Salonika from the Island of Corfu.

## Hun Fleet Left Kiel For Riga

Fleet With New Battleship Hindenburg has Left Kiel for Riga—German Squadron Which Attempted Capture of British Steamer Retires on Appearance of British Submarines

COPENHAGEN, May 16.—A despatch to the Aftenbladet from Gothenburg, Sweden, says, the large German fleet which was outside Gothenburg on Saturday with the object of capturing a British steamer about to sail for England was forced to retire on Sunday by the appearance of British submarines.

The British steamer then sailed. German warships, however, the despatch adds, captured four Swedish steamers and took them into German harbours.

LONDON, May 16.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Copenhagen says the large German fleet which left Kiel for Riga includes the new battleship Hindenburg and several other battleships of the largest type.

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