

THE MURDER OF EDITH CAVELL.

Full Report of the Case From American Minister at Brussels to American Ambassador Page at London—German Governor failed to keep his Word in Connection With Execution of Brave British Girl

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The full report of the circumstances of the condemnation and execution of Miss Edith Cavell, an Englishwoman and head of a training school in Brussels, for helping British, French and Belgian soldiers to escape from Belgium, made by Brand Whitlock, the American Minister at Brussels, to Walter Page, the American Ambassador at London, was issued by the British Government last week.

How the secretary of the American Legation, Hugh S. Gibson, sought out the German Governor, Von Der Lancken, late at night before the execution, and with the Spanish Minister, pleaded with the Governor and the German officers for the Englishwoman's life is graphically related in a memorandum from Mr. Gibson. This document makes reference to an apparent lack of good faith on the part of the German authorities in calling to keep their promises to inform the American Minister fully of the trial and sentence.

Minister Whitlock telegraphed to Ambassador Page on the 12th: "Miss Cavell sentenced yesterday, and executed at two o'clock this morning, despite our best efforts, continued until the last moment."

Mr. Whitlock's final appeal was in the form of a note written in French and sent by a messenger late on the night of the 11th to Governor Von Der Lancken. A translation of which reads as follows:

"My dear Baron: I am too sick to resent my request myself, but I appeal to your generosity of heart to support it and save from death this unhappy woman. Have pity on her. Yours truly, Brand Whitlock."

Mr. Whitlock also stated that Miss Cavell had nursed German soldiers. Mr. Deval, councillor of the American Legation, reported to Minister Whitlock:

"This morning Mr. Gahan, an English clergyman, told me that he had seen Miss Cavell in her cell yesterday night at 10 o'clock, and that he had given her holy communion, and had found her admirably strong and calm."

"I asked Mr. Gahan whether she had made any remarks about anything concerning the legal side of her case, and whether the confession which she made before trial and in court, was, in his opinion, perfectly

free and sincere. Mr. Gahan said she told him she was perfectly well and knew what she had done; that, according to the law, of course she was guilty, and admitted her guilt, but that she was happy to die for her country."

Deceived the Americans. Secretary Gibson's report says that Conrad, an official of the German civil branch, gave positive assurances on the 11th that the American Legation would be fully informed of the developments in the case, and continues:

"Despite these assurances, we made repeated inquiries in the course of the day, the last one being at 6.20 p.m. Mr. Conrad then stated that sentence had not been pronounced and specifically renewed his previous assurances that he would not fail to inform us as soon as there was any news."

"At 8.30 it was learned from an outside source that sentence had been passed in the course of the afternoon. Before the last conversation with Mr. Conrad, and that execution would take place during the night."

Secretary Gibson thereupon sought the Spanish Minister, with the American Minister's note for clemency and, with Mr. Deval, they went to Von Der Lancken's quarters. Finding the Governor and his staff absent, they telephoned to them, asking them to return on a matter of the utmost urgency. The Governor with his staff returned shortly after ten o'clock.

Would Take no Action. Secretary Gibson's report to Minister Whitlock continues:

"The circumstances of the cases were explained to him and your note was presented. He read it aloud in our presence. He expressed disbelief in the report that sentence had actually been passed and manifested some surprise that we should give credence to any report not emanating from official sources. He was quite insistent on knowing the exact source of our information, but this I did not feel at liberty to communicate to him."

"Baron Von Der Lancken stated that it was quite improbable that sentence had been pronounced, and even if so it would not be executed in so short a time, and that in any event it would be quite impossible to take any action before morning."

"It was, of course, pointed out to him that even if the fact were as we believed them to be, action would be useless unless taken at once. We urged him to ascertain the fact im-

mediately. This, after some hesitancy, he agreed to do. He telephoned to the presiding judge of the court martial, and returned to say that the facts were as we had presented them and that it was intended to carry out the sentence before morning."

Made Final Plea. "We then presented as earnestly as possible our plea for delay. So far as I am able to judge we neglected to present no phase of the matter which might have had any effect, emphasizing the horror of executing a woman, no matter what her offence, and pointing out that the death sentence had heretofore been imposed only for actual cases of espionage, and that Miss Cavell was not even accused by the German authorities of anything so serious."

"I further called attention to the failure to comply with Mr. Conrad's promise to inform the Legation of sentence. I urged that, inasmuch, as the offences charged against Miss Cavell were long since accomplished, and as she had been for some weeks in a prison, delay in carrying out the sentence could entail no danger to the German cause. I even went so far as to point out the fearful effect of a summary execution of this sort upon public opinion here and abroad, and although I had no authority for doing so, called attention to the possibility that it might bring about reprisals."

Duty to Her Country. The report of Mr. Deval says that before the court, disclosed almost all the facts of the prosecution. She spoke without trembling, and showed a clear mind, and often added some greater precision to her previous depositions.

"When she was asked why she helped the soldiers to go to England," she replied that she thought if she had not done so they would have been shot by the Germans. Therefore, she thought she only did her duty to her country in saving their lives."

"The British Foreign Office, in a note to Ambassador Page, asked him to express to Mr. Whitlock and his staff the British Government's grateful thanks for their efforts on behalf of Miss Cavell, says:

"Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Minister is confident that the news of the execution of this noble Englishwoman will be received with horror and disgust, not only in the Allied states, but throughout the civilized world."

Miss Cavell was not even charged with espionage, and the fact that she had nursed numbers of wounded German soldiers might have been regarded as a complete reason in itself for treating her with leniency.

"The attitude of the German authorities is, if possible, rendered worse by the discreditable efforts successfully made by officials of the German civil administration at Brussels to conceal the fact that the sentence had been passed and would be carried out immediately."

"These efforts were, no doubt, prompted by a determination to carry out the sentence before an appeal from the finding of the court martial could be made to a higher authority, and show, in the clearest manner, that the German authorities were well aware that the carrying out of sentence was not warranted by any consideration."

"Further comment on these proceedings would be superfluous."

Sir Edward Grey adds that he is fully satisfied that the American Legation left no stone unturned to secure a fair trial for Miss Cavell, and a mitigation of her sentence."

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ARTHUR MEWS,
Deputy Colonial Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS by Section 33 of the Election Act, 1913, it is provided that in addition to the polling stations appointed in the several Electoral Districts outside of St. John's District, the Governor, by Proclamation, shall appoint, in the town of St. John's, one or more polling stations for each of the said Electoral Districts, each of such polling stations to be under the control and supervision of the Returning Officer of its respective Electoral District, and for the purposes of the Election Act, to be deemed a polling station within the Electoral District for which it is appointed:

AND WHEREAS under Proclamation of date October last it was ordered that in the town of St. John's there shall be opened the following booths, namely:—

- For the District of St. Barbe—One Booth.
- For the District of Twillingate—Two Booths.
- For the District of Fogo—One Booth.
- For the District of Bonavista—Two Booths.
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- For the District of Bay de Verde—One Booth.
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Dated at St. John's the 1st day of November, 1915.

JOHN R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

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