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## ART O'BRIEN AND OTHERS ON TRIAL

Charge, Attempt "by Force  
of Arms" to Change  
Constitution

Opening Statement—Case  
for Crown Rests Largely  
on Documents Seized in  
Raids—Alleged Arson and  
Outrage Campaign.

(Special Cable to the N. Y. Times and  
Montreal Gazette.)

London, May 28.—Art O'Brien, president of the Irish Self-Determination League; Sean McGrath, secretary of the league; Sean O'Mahoney and Michael Gavin were brought up at Bow Street Police Court today. They are charged with common law conspiracy to compel by force of arms a change in the constitution of the Irish Free State and of the self-governing dominions of the British Empire. According to the opening statement of Travers Humphreys, prosecuting counsel, the case for the crown rests largely on documents seized on the prisoners when they were arrested, which show they were preparing to institute a campaign of arson and outrage. Humphreys, in explaining the charges, said:

"It means that the accused men were endeavoring by force of arms to establish a republic in a part of the British Empire. There is nothing in this prosecution of a political nature, nor is there any desire for the smallest interference with liberty of thought or free speech in this country. The essence of the charge lies in the words 'by force of arms,' and if the prosecution fails to establish that any of the prisoners knew the object of the alleged conspiracy was to use force of arms, the case against them would not proceed with. Dealing with the charge against O'Brien, Humphreys said: 'In London last December O'Brien made a speech at a meeting at which Sean O'Mahoney was present. O'Brien referred to his excellency, King Healy, and described the Self-Determination League as republican, out and out. According to shorthand notes made by a police sergeant reporter, O'Brien spoke in terms which most of those present did not appear to understand, but the speech showed that O'Brien was well aware that the money for which he appealed was wanted not only for the establishment of a republic, but for the resistance of the men who were working for it, 'by force of arms.'"

Documents Found.

"When O'Brien was arrested," Humphreys continued, "he was found in possession of documents, including copies of activities of the republican forces. In these Free State troops were invariably referred to as 'the enemy.' McGrath, when arrested, was found to possess a pocketbook in which were written clear, precise instructions for the preparation of fuses and high explosives, including formulas for the manufacture of gun cotton, gelignite, gunpowder, potassium nitrate, cordite, and instructions how to destroy and fire buildings."

"Gavin was an extremely active

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member of the republican conspiracy, was captain of a company in the Irish Republican Army in England and recruited men. Letters were found on him indicating that he was regarded as the commanding officer of the company."

Humphreys then continued in solemn tones: "One of these letters was from Reginald Dunn, one of the two men who were executed in Pentonville prison, London, for the murder of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson. A sentence in that letter read: 'Send along a contingent from your company under a responsible person.'"

"Another document contained a list of names from seventeen to forty-one years of age. It was stated opposite each name whether the man was experienced in the use of revolvers or not. Another document was described as a 'report of operations of B Company.' This contained references to timber yards, railway bridges, glass and bottle works, railway goods stations and motor factories. It may well be that the prisoners will be joined in the dock by others."

The first witness, Inspector Cosgrave, said: "When I arrived and searched O'Brien I found a document purporting to appoint him a representative in London of the Irish republicans. This was written in Irish, English and French, and was signed by Eamonn de Valera. In another document found on him I found a list of names of men to allow you to catch me this time. I knew of this round up this afternoon. You won't catch as many as you expect. When I arrested O'Brien on May 16, after he was discharged under a writ of habeas corpus, I found on him a letter signed by de Valera, sent while O'Brien was interned in Dublin."

**Hurls Acid Into Eyes  
Of Man Jilting Her**

Miss Ida Abramson Tells Police  
She Is Glad—He Probably  
Will Lose Sight.

New York, May 28.—Because he received her as a sweetheart, Miss Ida Abramson, 25 years old, threw carbolic acid into the eyes of Samuel Barnett, 25 years old, she told the police. Barnett was taken to Bellevue Hospital by Dr. Wright. It was said he will probably lose the sight of both eyes. Miss Abramson was locked up in the Fifth Street Station charged with felonious assault.

Miss Abramson told the police that

Barnett, with whom she kept company for four years, disappeared when the time came to announce their engagement last Christmas. Since then she said she had had no word from him. Recently she learned from friends that he was employed at the Lafayette Bath. She also learned, she said, that the man was married during the four years in which he went with her.

She approached Barnett as he was coming out of the Lafayette Baths and when he refused to listen to her, she threw the acid in his face and ran away, she said.

Patrolman Sullivan of the Fifth Street Station, attracted by Barnett's cries, pursued the woman and caught her after a short chase.

Questioned at the station, the woman

said she was glad she had done it and "hoped it would be a lesson to all men of his kind."

**CURED OF PARESIS  
BY USE OF NEW SERUM**

Milwaukee, May 28.—Coincident with an announcement from Madison that a serum for the cure of paresis in early

stages and other forms of neurosyphilis had been discovered, it was learned here today that several patients had been treated at the county hospital here and discharged as cured.

A report on experiments conducted on forty-two patients at various hospitals by Drs. W. F. Lorenz, head of the State Psychiatric Institute, and A. S. Lovenhart of the University of Wis-

consin medical school, is contained in the Journal of the American Medical Association, issued today.

According to this statement twenty-one of those treated were either cured or well on the way to health.

Excavations for the new Tabernacle Baptist church in Haymarket Square will commence today. The old build-

ing which occupied the eastern part of the new site has been torn down and the material carried away in readiness for the excavation. The ground there is solid rock. It is expected that the excavation will be completed in a few weeks in readiness for the work on the new building. H. A. Mallory is the contractor and will be in charge of the excavation work also.

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