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SINN FEINER UNDER COURT-MARTIALS

McKeon, Member of Parliament, Guilty of Murder, Says Judge Advocate.

ACT OF WAR HIS DEFENCE

Convicted by His Own Admissions, Is Contention of Crown Forces.

DUBLIN, June 14.—A field general court-martial today began the trial in the City Hall of John Joseph McKeon, Sinn Fein member of Parliament representing Longford, on a charge of murdering District Inspector McGrath on January 7 last.

At Lisacul the crown forces surprised about forty civilians who are believed to have been drilling. The civilians scattered but were pursued for some distance by the troops, who repeatedly summoned them to halt. The civilians refused to stop, and the crown forces, after chasing them for two miles, opened fire. Rush was among those shot dead. He lived at Meagher Bay, County Mayo.

On March 7 McKeon was captured, but although he was handcuffed, he made his escape while being taken to the Mulligan Barracks. He was pursued, wounded and recaptured.

To-day at the court martial McKeon was handcuffed, but his hands were freed while he made an eloquent statement. He contended that as a commandant of the Republican army he had made war in defence of his nation and was not a murderer. McKeon declared that he should have received the same treatment as had been meted out to crown forces he had captured, who had been well treated. He said the Irish people had endorsed his acts.

McKeon was the commandant at an ambush at Ballinacree in February, when a lorry was blown up by a mine in the road, resulting in the death of three persons and numerous other casualties. Evidence given for the defence by auxiliaries who were in that ambush tended to show McKeon's chivalrous treatment of wounded and prisoners.

The crown counsel contended that in view of McKeon's admission on the stand the only possible verdict for the court to render was that of murder. The judge advocate in summing up adopted this view. He said the law recognized no difference in a degree of murder. Later on, he added, the court might decide upon what recommendation it might make in supplementing the verdict.

A despatch from Dublin February 3 said Francis Worthington Craven, District Inspector, was one of those killed in an ambush the previous day at Ballinacree. Craven served in the British army during the war and received American Distinguished Service and navy crosses and the British Distinguished Service Order. While commanding the British destroyer Mounsey he saved 600 American soldiers from the American transport Otranto when the Otranto was lost as the result of a collision with the steamer Kashmir off the Scottish coast in October, 1918.

By the Associated Press. LONDON, June 14.—A scene occurred in the House of Commons to-night when

BRITISH ROYALTY AND STYLE GRACE THE ASCOT OPENING

King George and Queen Mary Drive in State From Windsor—Harveys Are Their Guests—Cunliffe-Owen's Spearwort Wins the Stakes.

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Royal Ascot had a brilliant and royal opening to-day, when King George and Queen Mary drove to the race course from Windsor Castle in a semi-state carriage, heading a procession of six other carriages containing their guests. The procession was a dazzling pageant in scarlet and buff postillions and footmen in royal livery.

The balmy weather made the dress display at the first of the Ascot race days as striking as ever, but anything like notable extravagance was not apparent. The principal race, the Ascot Stakes, was won by Spearwort, whose owner, Sir H. Cunliffe-Owen, was known in New York, where he has passed the larger part of recent years.

The airship R-36 flew overhead and directed traffic to the course. In this connection it may be said that the traffic was kept moving comfortably despite the thousands of automobiles of all kinds, from gayly decorated limousines to the ubiquitous Ford.

In the Royal Box. The King wore a gray suit and the Queen a pink gown and toque. She carried a mauve colored parasol. The three Princes and Princess Mary were in the royal box. Americans, who are now here in greater number than at any time since the beginning of the war, were much in evidence. Among them were Ambassador and Mrs. George Harvey, Mrs. Harvey wore a handsome frock from Paris. The Ambassador and Mrs. Harvey had luncheon with the King and Queen in the royal pavilion.

The opening of the Ascot meeting is always the social feature of the London season and the occasion for a fashion display. This year black and white was the dominating note, with pale gray likewise favored. There were many lace costumes and dainty colored parasols, while capes veiled with cloaks, which were nearly always of black silk touched with white or lined with white satin. The French gowns were rather more striking than the West End creations, but they did not carry away the honors. One chic costume was all black, with red heeled slippers, the only touch of color about it. Another was of white silk with huge black wheels, nearly as large as the wheels of baby's pram.

There were sixty persons, including twenty guests, aboard the R-36. A newspaper clipping the Airship Mail was published aloft and contained an article describing the scene at the track. Luncheon was served aboard the airship.

While some of England's finest thoroughbreds contested the races on the card, they were, and always are, merely incidental, for at Ascot the features are the royal pageant and the fashion display.

The Ascot Stakes of 2,000 sovereigns, over a course of ten miles, was won by Sir H. Cunliffe-Owen's Spearwort. J. Shepherd's King's Idler was second, and W. M. J. Stirling's Chat Ter third. Thirteen horses ran.

The betting quotations were: Spearwort, 100 to 7 against; King's Idler, 8 to 1; Chat Ter, 6 to 4. The Prince of Wales Stakes, at approximately one mile and five furlongs, was won by Sol Joel's Polymester. Joseph Watson's Gauntley was second and Sir A. Bailey's Bucks was third. Polymester was quoted at 3 to 1 against in the betting. Gauntley at 8 to 11 and Bucks at 10 to 8.

ber of persons were injured, among them a girl, who died later, and two women. This afternoon an outbreak occurred when women jeered at the funeral procession of a policeman who was shot during Sunday's disturbances. Sinn Fein rallies were raised as the procession passed through the Sinn Fein district and later an armored car returning from the funeral was attacked in the Falls Road district.

Business men going to the centre of the city from the suburbs this morning found themselves in the midst of a riot in Clifton street, where dozens of the district waited for shipyard workers and opened fire. Staid, top-hatted merchants dodged amid flying bullets. Stenographers fled, screaming, from the battle zone, and tram cars, with their passengers lying flat on the floors, dashed past at record speed.

U. S. ARMY PENSIONER SHOT DEAD IN IRELAND Funeral Procession Dispersed, 33 Arrests Being Made.

By the Associated Press. DUBLIN, June 14.—Thomas Rush, who was shot to death Sunday evening at Lisacul, near Castlereagh, by Crown forces, was a pensioner of the American army, it was officially stated to-day. He returned to Ireland fourteen months ago and probably was an American citizen, it was added.

A former soldier was shot dead last night near Kildare and another near Ratoath, County Meath.

KING PETER RECOVERING. WASHINGTON, June 14.—A cablegram dated at Belgrade yesterday received to-day by the Serbian Legation said the general condition of King Peter was good and that the pleurisy was beginning to disappear.

By the Associated Press. BELFAST, June 14.—Considerable rioting continued in Belfast to-day. A num-

ROTARIANS INVITED TO TOUR IN FRANCE

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REPORTS TO CONVENTION

Enlightened Altruism Urged on Employers and Materialism Repudiated.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1921, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. Edinburgh, Scotland, June 14.—The invitation of Gabriel Gorce, president of the Paris Rotary Club, was accepted with a true Rotarian whoop of enthusiasm this morning, when, in a speech filled with gentle sarcasm, M. Gorce asked as many Rotarians as possible to go to Paris in the first week of July to attend an official banquet given by the French Government, a Rotary Club reception and a tour of the battlefields. Applications to make the trip are already pouring in at travel headquarters, and to-night it is sure that more than a thousand Rotarians will go to France.

The convention to-day was devoted chiefly to the reports of committees on the most solid phases of Rotary work and to laying the foundation for tomorrow's discussion of the question of international extension.

John G. Jones of New York, chairman of the committee on business methods and industrial relations, read a report on the things done by groups and individual Rotarians during the year in connection with solving industrial problems and the placing of their dealings with others on a high plane of business ethics. He quoted lengthy reports prepared by other members of his committee stressing the necessity for employers of labor applying Rotary principles of enlightened altruism in their dealings with employees and customers.

Personal Contact Needed. V. O. Lawrence in his report stressed the necessity of personal contact, with a knowledge of the workers. Hill Ferguson described model plans for improving housing conditions without undue paternalism. Charles Gates of Denver described his introduction of methods of individual initiative reward in his rubber factory increased its output and profit with a smaller staff, while all the rest of the rubber industry was experiencing a slump.

The committee then submitted a series of resolutions embodying the Rotary creed, to the effect that all transactions must imply a profit to both sides. It ended with praise of foreign meetings as the best method of getting delegates acquainted with each other and learning new things from their transatlantic brethren.

The latter part of the morning session was devoted to consideration of publicity. After the experiences of individual clubs were spoken of, Guy Gundaker, of Philadelphia, made a report for the International Committee reviewing the charges of materialism

and selfishness made against the Rotary by Edward Thomas of New York, in a book called "Industry, Emotion and Unrest." Mr. Gundaker declared that Mr. Thomas had never read Rotary literature properly, and he cited scores of instances where Rotary faith was based entirely on altruism and told of work done in many fields without a thought of personal or organizational profit by the persons who did it.

Work Among Boys. This contention was upheld in the course of the afternoon session, when the Charlotte, N. C.; Nottingham, England; Ypsilanti, Mich.; Lincoln, Neb.; New York and Belfast clubs, in the order named, told of the extent and the success of their work among boys. The work of the morning session ended with an address on "The Philosophy of the Rotary" by Frederick Sheldon of Chicago, and the afternoon session closed with an address, "The Rotary at Work in the Community," by William C. Shelly of Vancouver, B. C.

To-night the delegates will have their first chance to dance with Scottish lassies at a formal ball at the Palais de Danse, but it is an American jazz band that plays the music, and the lassies like that too.

Tomorrow will be devoted entirely to international affairs. All the delegates have cancelled sightseeing tours to hear the discussions regarding the Rotary's most ambitious step. John A. Turner of Tampa, Fla., will read the report of the committee on foreign extension, and J. I. Macpherson, member of Parliament and Minister of Pensions, and who formerly was head of the Irish Office, will address the convention on "The Friendship of Nations."

In the afternoon an international amity resolution will be introduced and passed. Among the speakers will be Harry Lauder and J. E. Rees, lecturer on economic history at Edinburgh University, whose subject will be "World Economic Conditions To-day and Tomorrow."

ASKS AID OF FRANCE FOR FAR EAST BANK Banque Industrielle de Chine Has Serious Crisis.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1921, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. Paris, June 14. The Liberty, commenting on the danger that France's prestige in the Far East will be undermined if the Banque Industrielle de Chine, which apparently is experiencing a serious crisis involving many smaller organizations, is allowed to fail, reveals that the Banque de Paris et Pays Bas has offered to reorganize the Banque Industrielle and save the situation if the Government will lend its aid.

Deputies from the Far Eastern possessions are recommending that this be done if serious political repercussions are to be avoided.

MAY VOTE ON PROHIBITION. ST. JOHNS N. F., June 14.—A proposition for a plebiscite next November to determine the future policy of the colony of Newfoundland with regard to the prohibition law which has been in effect since January, 1917, has been introduced into the Assembly by the Government.

The questions which would be placed on the ballot would be whether the prohibition law should continue in effect or be modified, or whether Government dispensaries of liquor should be established at various points.

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