

U. S. SEES SINN FEIN PLOT IN GUN SEIZURE

Gross Will Ask for Indictment of Three or Four Men for Conspiracy.

HAS DAUGHERTY ORDER

Attorney - General Wants Full Report From Department of Justice Agents.

ENGINE CREW IS SOUGHT

Arms Traced Through All Stages to Ship—Williams Mystery Clearing.

The indictment of at least three, and possibly four, persons will be demanded of the Federal Grand Jury in Newark Tuesday by Isaac Gross, Assistant United States Attorney, who will charge that these persons were criminally implicated in the alleged plot that accomplished the stowing of 495 machine guns in the bunkers of the freighter East Side in Hoboken.

Mr. Gross will contend that the machine guns were intended for the Irish republican army and that the plot comprised features that directly violated neutrality laws and certain sections of the United States penal code. The identity of the persons against whom the indictments will be asked was not revealed.

But, under instructions from Attorney-General Daugherty, the New York and New Jersey offices of the Department of Justice combined last night in their efforts to make immediate report to Washington upon the whys and wherefores of the presence of the machine guns in the hold of the East Side and of the vast mystery that has enveloped the case since the discovery of the weapons.

CONSOLE ABSOLVE WILLIAMS

On behalf of the mysterious Frank Williams, claimant of the guns, Thomas J. O'Neill and John J. Fallon, Corporation Counsel for Hoboken, contend that not only is he in no way affiliated with the Sinn Fein movement but that the United States is detaining his property illegally. They declare in a memorandum they have prepared for presentation to the United States District Court that despite the fact the Government is holding the weapons under a warrant founded upon alleged violation of title 6 of the espionage act there is any amount of evidence that shows it is not illegal for any person to ship arms and ammunition to any country in the world, provided the United States is not at war with that nation at the time.

In other words, O'Neill and Fallon say that even if it was shown that the machine guns were destined for Ireland (an admission they do not make, however), it is none of the Government's business. The only violation of law, they contend, is the failure to make a record of the guns on the ship's manifest.

However, the Government does not intend quibbling about the legality of smuggling arms into another country. And the Department of Justice is not concerning itself about legal precedents on filibustering. The United States will seek to prove conspiracy.

Mr. Fallon insisted yesterday that he is representing Williams only in so far as the latter's plaint against the seizure of the machine guns by the Government interlocks with the city of Hoboken's contention that it and not the Government has jurisdiction over the arms, despite the fact that the arms were found upon a Government ship and a Government dock.

FALLON QUITS IF PLOT IS SHOWN

Reminded that he declared on Thursday that the city of Hoboken's interest in the arms had ceased with the seizure by the Government, and that he therefore had joined Mr. O'Neill as a private lawyer in helping Williams, Mr. Fallon said:

"Well, if I said that it was because Mr. O'Neill was present when I said so. At any rate, you may be assured that if there is any conspiracy shown I shall drop out of this case at once."

Mr. Gross, to whom Attorney-General Daugherty telegraphed instructions yesterday, said that the attempted smuggling not only was in violation of the espionage act but also section of the United States Penal Code that has to do with the plotting of conspiracy "against friendly States." He said that he would ask that the guns be forfeited to the United States and declared contraband. "We have learned where the guns and ammunition were bought," he said. "We also know to whom they were directed by the agent who sold them. We know who bought them. We now desire to find the members of the East Side's engine crew. When we find those men our evidence will be almost complete. I have no doubt that this is a Sinn Fein plot. And that sort of conspiracy must stop."

"Have you found out who William is?" he was asked.

"No, and I'm not at all sure he isn't a mythical person. However, if he really exists and I can find him I shall have him over here to answer a few questions."

LAWYERS CAN'T FIND WILLIAMS

Unofficial efforts to locate Williams yesterday failed. Both Mr. Fallon and Mr. O'Neill said they had not seen him all day. At 99 West Forty-third street, his business address, the legend "F. Williams, Contractor," was discovered on the door of room 102. The room was locked. On one side of Williams' office is the local branch of the waiter union. An official of that organization volunteered that "there was something wrong, because Williams hadn't been in his office in three days."

On the other side of room 102 is the office of Dr. Shapera, a dentist. The doctor said he had not noticed that anybody had been in Williams' office for three days. He explained that it was noticeable because frequently Williams had been visited by a big, swarthy man, who had an Italian name. Frequently, too, the doctor said, a certain group of men, all loquacious and noisy, called

on Williams. There was little variety in Williams' callers.

"Here in this building," the doctor said, "it is generally known that he is an Irishman, but we do not know what his business is."

One of the first steps to be taken by the Department of Justice is to trace from the Colt factory in Hartford the 600 machine guns that Williams says were his and of which, he contends, 495 are missing (only 496 being found on the East Side). The Auto-Ordnance Corporation, 292 Broadway, owners of the patent and for whom the Colt people manufacture the guns, declared yesterday that their books would be at the disposal of the department today. One official of the corporation said that the books were not available yesterday because they were locked in a safe whose combination was known only by Mr. Merkle, the secretary, who was in Washington. The refusal to verify or deny, however, the story that the 600 guns Williams claims comprised a quarter of all that had been manufactured thus far.

ANOTHER WILLIAMS PUZZLE

One coincidence that is puzzling the Government has to do with the notification received by Williams that the customs men were seizing the guns. Williams contends that the guns were stolen from a truck in Livingston street, Hoboken, last Saturday. He asserts that he did not notify the police because he did not want publicity. He says he did his own searching for the arms.

Obviously successful, for it was not until after the customs men found and took possession of the 495 machine guns on Wednesday that Williams hurried to Hoboken, obtained a search warrant and went to the East Side's dock demanding that the place be searched.

When Mr. Fallon was asked to explain this he said:

"Well, as a matter of fact, he was suspicious that his property was on the East Side on Tuesday. Mr. O'Neill telephoned me Tuesday saying Williams had such suspicions."

But the Department of Justice men, informed of this, have demanded to know why Williams did not procure his search warrant the moment he had reason to believe the guns were on the freighter, as the East Side was scheduled to sail Tuesday night and failed to leave until Wednesday merely because the missing engine crew deserted at the last moment.

Mr. Fallon said that Williams and the crew of Hoboken intended asking the courts to vacate the Government's warrant of detention just as soon as Mr. Gross would agree to appear in court. The memorandum that Mr. Fallon proposes presenting to the court and the contents of which he will have to prove in many precedents. One paragraph of the preamble to these quotations from court opinions says:

"The neutrality law is sections 13 and 14 of the United States Criminal Code. It is perfectly obvious from a mere reading of the said statute that there is not a violation or attempted violation of the neutrality law. There is much lack of accurate knowledge with reference to the said statute, and it is not unusual for persons living in foreign countries with which the United States is at peace."

ENGLISHMEN PUT GUNS ABOARD, ASSERT CREW

Nonook, Va., June 17.—Members of the crew of the steamship East Side upon the arrival of the vessel here today declared that the machine guns seized by Customs officers in New York harbor were placed aboard the ship by four engineers who left the vessel after the weapons had been confiscated. The engineers were Englishmen, not Irishmen, they declared.

Capt. W. U. Johnson, skipper of the East Side, stated that he had no knowledge of the hiding of the machine guns on his vessel until they were found by the New York Customs officials, and declared he had no reason to believe that any one on board had anything to do with a conspiracy to smuggle the guns aboard.

Members of the crew, however, asserted that the four engineers and probably one or two others of the crew were involved in the scheme. Following the custom of each department loading its own supplies, the engineers and their mates were ordered to the decks, they said, and stored them aft, between decks. The steward found them the next day. When he spread the word around, members of the crew said they became apprehensive and the steward reported his find. No one on board knew the names of the engineers, and there seemed to be no record of them on the ship. They were only aboard one day.

Capt. Johnson said the guns were put aboard while he was absent from the ship visiting friends.

"I am an American," he said. "I have touched at Irish ports several times in my sea-going career, but I know nothing about Irish politics."

GUN SEIZURE CALLED A BRITISH TRIUMPH

LONDON, June 17.—The Pall Mall Gazette prints today an article on the seizure of the arms on board the steamer East Side in Hoboken, in which the finding of the weapons is described as a triumph for the British secret service.

Early this year, the writer says, the British authorities learned that the Sinn Fein were negotiating to purchase a number of guns especially adapted to their particular purpose and tactics. No action was taken officially, but on behalf of the British Government a well-known expert on firearms began to treat for the purchase of a large quantity of machine guns for sale by the Royal Irish Constabulary. Demonstrations of the guns for the benefit of the chief of the Royal Irish Constabulary were given.

Gradually, the writer continues, the British authorities began to know more and more about the operations of the Sinn Fein. Finally they learned all the details about purchases and gun-running. The Sinn Fein had placed an order for 125,000 which was subscribed by well-known organizations. No action was purposely taken until the goods were actually aboard ship, because then no question of truth of destination could be raised.

"The authorities have the satisfaction of knowing that the entire Sinn Fein plans for an autumn campaign are now smashed," the article concludes.

BOMBING IN CROWDED STREETS CONTINUES

Irish Civilians Suffer More Than Police or Military.

DUBLIN, June 17.—The weekly official review of the situation in Ireland says that during the week five policemen were killed and thirty-four wounded and that two soldiers were killed and one soldier wounded.

LA GUARDIA URGES AN IRISH REPUBLIC

Sinn Feiners Applaud Sentiment of Man Who Wants to Be Mayor of New York.

FUND RAISED AT MEETING

Representative Ryan Assails Stand of Admiral Sims at Big Gathering.

The fund that is being raised in this country for the Irish revolutionists and their families was enlarged by \$51,130 at a mass meeting held in the Lexington Theatre last night by the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic. Of this sum \$27,840 was pledged in American Liberty bonds and \$2,800 was given in cash, in response to an appeal made on the stage by the Rev. T. J. Shanley of St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church. Several women also gave personal adornments, such as diamond rings. The theatre, which seats 4,000 persons, was filled, and there was an overflow meeting outside.

In the theatre, after hearing several speakers, including F. H. La Guardia, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late Terence MacSwiney, the crowd adopted a resolution asking President Harding to "recognize the elected Government of the Republic of Ireland and demand the rights of belatedly for the soldiers of the Irish Republican army."

The resolutions say "a free sister republic in Ireland is to the best interests of our country"—meaning the United States. The resolutions are to be sent to Senators Wadsworth and Calder and the New York members of the House of Representatives.

The appearance of President La Guardia, who is a candidate for the nomination of Mayor of New York, as an advocate of the Irish cause was triumphantly applauded. He responded by saying that the Irish in this country must first of all acquire a united front, that when the people of the United States know the truth they will "come to the aid of the Irish revolutionists for the day will come when we will welcome Ireland into the great family of nations." His speech made a hit with Sinn Fein and he was cheered again when his few remarks were ended.

A threat that Irishmen in America may be driven to cross over to Ireland and do some fighting there was voiced by Major Michael A. Kelly of the Sixty-ninth Regiment.

"Lloyd George," said he, "threatens to send 100,000 more British soldiers into Ireland. I want to send him the message that if he does thin the ranks of the Irish Republic hundreds of thousands of men of Irish blood in this country will go over and fill them up—and they'll get over by the Sinn Fein route, too." This was loudly applauded.

Representative P. J. Ryan denounced Admiral William S. Sims for his recent utterances in London concerning the Sinn Feiners in the United States.

"Congress has made many serious errors in its day," said Mr. Ryan, "but the worst one it ever has made was when it took off the mantle of hypocrisy from Admiral Sims and tried to make a gentleman of him."

Other speakers were Philip Francis, chief editorial writer of the New York American, who presided; Owen Bohan, Assistant District Attorney, and Father Shanley. The largest contribution—\$4,000—to the fund came from the County Leitrin Association.

TRUANT GIRL GASES HERSELF

When a truant officer called yesterday at 99 Willett street to compel the attendance of Martha Korn, 16, at school, the girl placed a gas tube in her mouth and turned on the gas. She was resuscitated. The Korn family came from Poland about six months ago and the father was anxious that the daughter learn English.

NEW IRISH PEACE STEP REPORTED IN ENGLAND

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Farmer Confesses to Pact; Escaped With One Girl.

CALGARY, Alt., June 17.—The police today asserted that J. J. Rutledge, a farmer, had confessed that he and his wife Tuesday night deliberately set fire to their farmhouse, in which their four children and Mrs. Rutledge were burned to death.

According to the police, Rutledge said he and his wife had planned to die with their children because they feared they would be taken from them by a children's aid society, but his courage had failed and he escaped, carrying one girl with him.

Rutledge who is now in a hospital suffering from severe burns and who has been formally charged with murder, in his alleged confession said he and his wife had considered death by drowning or shooting, but finally had decided to soak the children's beds with gasoline.

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MISS NEELY SAYS SHE SAW KAGY MURDERED

Sensational Testimony in McGannon Perjury Trial.

CLEVELAND, June 17.—Every detail of the midnight conference in Hotel Mecca, where Mary Neely asserts Judge McGannon induced her to refuse to testify against him in his second trial for the murder of Harold Knyg, was laid bare before the jury in Judge Florence Allen's criminal court to-day when Miss Neely took the stand in the trial of McGannon for perjury.

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KISSING BLONDE TELLS HER PART IN TRAGEDY

Danced With Ziegler Night Mrs. Orthwein Killed Him.

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An alarm has been sent out in Nassau county for Jeannette Vose, 25, a stenographer who has been missing from her home in Warner avenue, Roslyn Heights, Mineola, since Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Orthwein's memory seemed hazy on many of the events, read house parties and joy rides that led up to the tragedy in the divorcee's apartments. She could not remember her first dance with Ziegler, but she remembered the last, a few hours after which Ziegler was slain.

Details of the life led by Ziegler and Mrs. Orthwein were given by D. R. Parsons, a broker. It was Parsons who was with the woman on the night preceding the tragedy, who accompanied her to the Green Mill, while Ziegler pleaded a business engagement, only to appear later at the Rainbow Gardens with Mrs. Lewinski.

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Mrs. Anna Vose, her mother, told the police that the girl left home late Wednesday, saying she was going for a walk. She is described as pretty, 5 feet 4 inches tall and dressed in black.

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