

## FACING TREASON COUNT, CASEMENT ONES IN COURT

### Alleged Conspirator in Irish Rebellion Brought to Bar in Police Court Proceedings—Calm As Charge is Read—Another Prisoner Placed in Dock on Same Count—Throng See Green Flag of the Rebellion Laid Before Leader in Court.

London, May 15—Sir Roger Casement, who only a few years ago achieved international fame for the services he rendered his government in the exposure of the Putumayo rubber atrocities, today faced the bar in an ordinary police court for a preliminary examination to determine whether he should be held for trial on the charge of high treason against the same government in connection with the rebellion in Ireland. Beside Casement stood Daniel Julian Bailey who faced a similar charge.

Not in many years has so much popular interest been manifested in a case before the courts. This is due not only to the prominence of Casement and to speculation as to his ultimate fate, but also because it has been expected evidence would be produced which would lay bare a wide-spread plot resulting in the revolt.

Long before the hour set for the hearing, crowds began to gather outside the Bow street court, hoping to gain admittance or at least to have a glimpse of the man alleged to have been the moving spirit in the conspiracy.

There was an unexpected number of applications for seats in the little courtroom but admission was restricted to about 100 persons, including representatives of the press. Among the earliest arrivals in court was Sir Horace Plunkett, of the department of agriculture in Ireland. He took a seat near the magistrate.

It was understood Sir Horace was merely a spectator and would take no part in the day's proceedings. A number of relatives and friends of Casement, including several handsome young women, also reached court at an early hour and were provided with seats well to the front. The stage was all set when the principal was led into the court, Sir John Dickinson, who presided, the lawyers and the witnesses all having taken their places before the court.

At 10 o'clock and entered the dock. There was a hush of expectancy as he entered the room and every face was turned in his direction. The few spectators who were permitted to enter the famous old police court were considerably surprised when the second prisoner, Bailey, was placed beside Casement in the dock. Bailey, a private soldier when in London, was arrested near Tralee, Ireland, on April 12. He was jointly charged with Casement with high treason but his exact connection with the case has not been made public.

In the formal charge, Casement is described as of no occupation and no fixed abode. The charge against both defendants reads:

"For that they did between the first day of November, 1914, and on divers other occasions between that day and the 21st of April, 1916, unlawfully, maliciously and traitorously commit high treason within and without the realm of England in contempt of our sovereign lord and king and his laws, to the evil example of others in like and contrary manner, to wit: the said Casement and the said Bailey, did unlawfully and traitorously, in violation of the laws and allegiance of the said king, do and cause to be done, the following things, to wit:—

Casement is alleged to have made a long statement to the authorities and it is believed that this statement was considerably shortened at the hearing before the magistrate. The police court hearing is merely a preliminary to the real trial which will take place later before a panel of the judges of the high court of justice.

Attorney General Sir Frederick E. Smith, A. E. Bodkin and Travers Humphreys appeared for the prosecution and J. H. Moran and Artemus Ward for the defendants.

Sir John Dickinson presided. Shortly after the magistrate had taken his seat Casement and his fellow prisoners were shown into the dock. Casement's appearance was vastly different from that of the man who gained fame by his exposure of the cruelties practiced on natives in Putumayo by a British rubber company. He sat in the dock, resting his chin on his hand and occasionally looking towards the magistrate.

When the attorney general, in opening the case for the prosecution, mentioned the conferring of the order of knighthood on Casement, the prisoner dropped his head. The attorney general then outlined the prisoner's career.

In opening the case for the Crown the attorney-general charged that Casement had conducted a systematic campaign among the Irish prisoners in Germany with the purpose of seducing them from their allegiance. Bailey, he said, had been seduced in this manner and had made a statement explaining Casement's actions in detail. According to the attorney-general, Bailey was born in Dublin and joined the Royal Irish Rifles in 1894. He served with his regiment in India and was honorably discharged. On the outbreak of the European war Bailey was called out as a reservist and sailed with the original expeditionary force to France. He was taken prisoner in September, 1914.

The attorney-general said that Bailey had detailed how a large number of Irish prisoners had been collected from various prisons in Germany and placed in a large camp at Limburg. Here they heard addresses by Casement, who tried to inflame their minds against the British government and persuade them to break their oaths of allegiance and support him in his projected expedition to Ireland.

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## Sheriff Is Not Able To Find J.H. Crossley

### Real Estate Broker Deeply Involved Can't Be Located for Service of Body Writ Upon Him—Not in Former Haunts.

With deputy sheriffs searching in vain for J. Harry Crossley, many reports were heard today that the real estate dealer had fled from this city. This could not be verified but several lawyers who have legal business with Crossley have openly expressed the opinion that he has gone away to stay.

It is known that there are two body writs which local sheriffs are waiting to serve on Crossley as soon as he can be located. Frequent visits to his home have always brought the response, "Mr. Crossley is not at home." One of the body writs is in connection with a suit brought by the Bridgeport Brass Co.

It is known that Crossley has been in the city on several Sundays during hours when legal papers could not be served upon him. Several persons say they have seen him in the city on different nights. It has been his custom, according to these observers, to alight from a train after dark, take a taxi at the station and go to his home. After a short visit there he would jump into a taxi at his door and hurry to the station again.

Since Crossley's office furniture has been attached and his business turned over to the Bridgeport Land & Title Co. it is claimed that he has not been seen about his former quarters in the Security building.

## EIGHT KILLED DOZEN HURT IN EXPLOSION

Gibbstown, N. J., May 15—Eight men are reported killed and a dozen injured by an explosion today at the Repano plant of the Du Pont Powder Co., near here. Among the dead are believed to be the superintendent and his assistant.

Five buildings were demolished by the explosion. So far as can be learned, the blast occurred in a building where nitrate was being manufactured. Dynamite and other high explosives used for commercial purposes are manufactured at the plant.

## HIST! COL. ULLMAN AND FRANK HEALY ON FISHING PARTY

(Special to The Farmer.)  
Winsted, May 15.—Col. Isaac Ullman, a power in U. S. P. circles in New Haven, and former Speaker Frank Healy, of Windsor Locks, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, fished the same trout brooks near here Saturday. They got some trout, too.

The colonel has been a bit wary in committing himself as to his choice for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. He has often announced his "retirement" from active politics, but his friends expect that he will still retain a friendly interest in his party affairs.

After giving six performances in three days to the soldiers at the front Mrs. Sarah Bernhardt returned to Paris.

## WON'T SANCTION STRIKE OF BRASS CO. MACHINISTS

### Union Refuses to Uphold Action of Men Who Walked Out Last Week

### MAJORITY VOTED AGAINST QUITTING

### Officers Watch Norwalk Corset Factory to Prevent Farming of Work

The Machinists' union has refused sanction to the strike of the 60 workers who quit work at the union branch of the Bridgeport Brass Co. last week.

According to the officers of the union the vote taken by the Brass Co. employees last Tuesday evening was unfavorable to a strike, and when a minority acted on their own initiative, the union decided to uphold the decision of the majority.

"We would have sanctioned the strike if the majority of the employees of the factory voted in favor of it," said Business Agent George J. Bowen today. "These men, however, acted contrary to the will of the majority, and consequently we will not support them."

Some of the men have returned to their jobs.

## WATCHING NORWALK FACTORY FOR WORK FROM CROWN CONCERN

Information that the Crown Corset Co. the girl employes of which are on strike, is having work done in the R. & G. Corset Co. of Norwalk reached the officials of the Corset Workers' union today.

"We don't know whether or not this is true," said John Pierce, organizer, today, "but we have appointed an investigating committee. If it proves to be a fact, a strike will be called in the Norwalk factory, as was done in the Batcheller Co. when that plant took Crown work."

A meeting of the girls was held this morning in Park Theatre hall. Mr. Pierce, Jasper McLeary, of the State Federation of Labor, and August Markie, business agent of the Bakers' union, Local 38, addressed the meeting.

It was reported at the meeting that the young woman who is blamed for the strike, did not go to work this morning.

## MEDIATOR ACTS IN TRUCKERS' DISPUTE WITH "NEW HAVEN"

New Haven, May 15—Further efforts to bring about an adjustment of the wage dispute between the New Haven railroad company and the freight handlers employed by the system, were expected to be made today at a conference between representatives of the clerks, General Manager Bardo, of the company, and Roland B. Mahoney, of the federal department of labor.

Mr. Mahoney was here as mediator. The conference was to take place during the afternoon.

Several meetings between the clerks' committee and General Manager Bardo for discussion of the demands have already been held.

## HOD CARRIERS ON STRIKE

New Haven, May 15—The strike of hod carriers and construction laborers here today seemed to be partially effective in tying up work on many new buildings, although the threatening weather may have kept many men away of their own accord without regard to the issue involved.

## NEUTRALITY IS ASSURED TO GREECE

London, May 15—The foreign office announced today that the outstanding differences between Greece and the entente powers had been settled amicably with the result that there should be no violation of the neutrality of Greece.

## TAFT TESTIFIES FOR BANKER AT PERJURY TRIAL

### Former President Called In Prosecution of Riggs' Bank Officers

### SAYS BANK ACCOUNT IS NOW DIMINISHING

### Tells Court That Accused Bears "Excellent" Personal Reputation

Washington, May 15—Former President Taft was first today on the witness stand in the perjury trial of three officers of the Riggs National Bank called as a character witness to testify in behalf of the bank's President, P. C. Glover, one of the indicted men.

The case of the prosecution has not been made but it has agreed to a request by counsel for the defense to allow one witness to testify at this time.

Mr. Taft said he had known Glover for 26 years and considered his reputation for honesty, standing and character excellent. Mr. Taft related how his father and George W. Riggs, founder of the bank, were classmates at Yale.

"Have you carried an account in the Riggs bank?" asked Mr. Stanchfield. "Such as I had," was the answer.

"It grew as I got into the Presidential portion," said Mr. Taft, and then as an after thought, he continued, with a broad smile that made the judge and many spectators laugh, "It diminished after losing the Presidential portion."

Mr. Stanchfield, counsel for the bankers, asked, "Are you acquainted with the reputation, standing and character for honesty of Mr. Glover, of Washington?" "Yes, sir, I am," replied the former President.

United States Attorney Laskey said he believed the question to be broad but Justice Siddons ruled Mr. Taft might answer. "What is it?" said Mr. Stanchfield. "Good for bad?" "Excellent," answered Mr. Taft.

## PAPP'S WIFE IN CELL DURING HIS FUNERAL SERVICE

### Police Fearing Trouble at Obsequies Decline to Take Her to Church

Fear that a disturbance might be created at the funeral of Nicholas Papp, the young Canadian, who was shot to death by his wife, Mary, Thursday, in the factory of the Bridgeport Metal Goods Co., if the wishes of the wife to attend were granted today resulted in the young wife being kept in the county jail.

Though Mrs. Papp pleaded tearfully to be permitted at the services and the unusual request was considered seriously by the jail authorities, the coroner and police officials, none could be found today to assume the responsibility.

At the county jail it was said by Sheriff Pease that she was held upon a city court commitment. At police headquarters it was learned that relatives of the dead man were bitter over the shooting and that on the other hand Mrs. Papp had many friends in the Hungarian colony who upheld her act. That a demonstration might be made by either side at the grave was feared. No order was issued by the city court and the funeral was held without Mrs. Papp at 9:30 o'clock from the house in Spruce street and at 10 o'clock from St. Stephen's Hungarian Catholic church.

The requiem mass was sung by Rev. Stephen F. Chernitzky, pastor. The church and the nearby streets were thronged with people. Bearers were shopmates and other friends of Mr. Papp. Many floral pieces were arranged about the casket.

## 15,000 WATCH LYNCHING IN CITY SQUARE

Waco, Tex., May 15—With 15,000 persons as witnesses, including women and children, Jesse Watson, negro, who confessed to the criminal assaulting and murder of Mrs. Lucy Fryar, seven miles south of here, last Monday afternoon, was taken from the Fifth district court room shortly before noon today and burned to death on the public square.

## BIG PARADE AS GREEK CATHOLIC UNION CONVENES

### Hundreds of Delegates and Society Members March In Procession

### BANQUET FOLLOWS IN EAST SIDE HALL

### Supreme President Michael Rushin Toastmaster at Festivities

With dedicatory services in the several Greek Catholic churches of the city today followed by a parade of societies and visiting delegates the 14th bi-ennial convention of the Greek Catholic Union of America was formally opened here today.

The parade which was the principal feature of the observance started at 9 o'clock from Sokol hall in Hallett street. Sergt. Thomas Flood and these policemen led the marchers: Police Chief John Dwyer, Carl Henckel, Harry Howell, John J. Flynn, Peter Campana, Andrew Mrazik, Fred Eichel, and James A. Hanlon. The Wheeler & Wilson band was followed by the Boys' Chapter No. 1 of the organization. Several hundred boys were in line marching four abreast, all wearing white hats and carrying small American flags.

Chapter No. 2 of the National Sokol society marched next. The organizations which followed were: First Greek Catholic Union Sokol, No. 3; Gymnastic chapter, No. 3; visiting delegating representing every state in the union and societies in Canada; Coast Artillery band; Stamford Chapter, No. 526; St. Nicholas chapter, No. 473; Seymour; St. Joseph's chapter, No. 9; Bridgeport; First Catholic Union, Bridgeport; St. John the Baptist chapter, No. 126 Bridgeport; Grenadier Drum corps, Milford; St. Nicholas chapter, No. 125; Bridgeport; city of street to the hall and invited guests in decorated autos; Zemplinski Spolok lodge officers in decorated autos; children of the members in automobile trucks.

The line of march was Sokol hall to Hallam street to Pambrake street, to Steuben street, to East Main street to Stratford avenue to Fairfield avenue to Main street to State to Broad to Fairfield to Main street to Congress street to William street to East Washington avenue to Kosuth street, to Barnum avenue to East Main street to Ogden street to Hallett to Arctic street to the hall and district.

There are 350 delegates here for the convention representing a claimed membership of 80,000. After the parade the Women's Mutual Aid society, a branch of the Union, attended to vigils in the Orthodox Greek Catholic church at Hallett and Jane streets.

This afternoon at 3:30 a banquet was served the delegates and invited guests in Sokol hall. Among the speakers were Mayor Wilson, Assistant City Clerk James P. Kelly, members of the board of aldermen, Attorney George Ferris and Detective George Simon. Michael Rushin of Minneapolis, general president of the union, was toastmaster.

Officers who sat the speakers' table were: Vice-President George Kondor; Recording Secretary Konias; District Secretary John Drenik, all of Homestead; Treasurer George Dumura of Michaelsport, Pa., and Michael Hanchin, editor of the official organ of the Union.

Officers of the most of the officers were made in the Russian language and in English. The mayor welcomed the delegates and the assistant city clerk also spoke.

There will be a ball in Sokol hall tonight. The first business session of the convention will be called to order by Supreme President Rushin at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning in Sokol hall.

Members of the choir of St. John the Baptist, Greek Catholic church, presented the Ruthenian comedy "Berko," in Sokol hall. Hallett street. This evening the production was intended as an entertainment for the many visiting delegates who are here to attend the conventions of the various societies connected with the Greek Catholic church which is now being held here. The comedy was produced under the direction of Augustin Zabodocky, organist of the church. The proceeds were given to the church.

Tonight in Sokol hall there will be a ball and the proceeds will be divided among the other Greek Catholic churches of the city. Yesterday morning the delegates to the Women's Mutual Aid society of the Orthodox Greek Catholic church attended service at the Orthodox Greek Catholic church, Hallett and Jane streets, where Bishop Evdokim of New York city, assisted by Rev. Alexander Vantaminoff of this city, conducted services.

In the evening Bishop Alexander of Alaska preached to the women delegates. An altar of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., is president of the society and there are delegates here from all the eastern and middle west states.

## SHARP PROTEST TO ENGLAND IS PLANNED

### United States to Register "Vigorous Protest" on Mail Seizures—Further Interruptions Will Not Be Countenanced, Message Will Tell British Authorities—Note Will Be Forwarded in Few Days.

Washington, May 15—The American government is preparing a protest characterized by officials as "very vigorous" against the interference with mails to and from the United States by Great Britain.

A note to be sent forward in the near future will take the position that the United States can no longer countenance seizure and detention of mails to and from the United States particularly those concerning neutrals.

## SCOTT RETURNS TO CAPITAL; OUTLOOK BRIGHTER, HE SAYS

### American Confere in Negotiations With Carranzistas Believes That Situation at Border is Improving—Will Present Former Report of Proceedings at Conference Soon With Secretary Landings of State Department.

Washington, May 15—Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, returned today from his border conference with General Obregon, hopeful for the situation, despite the fact that the conferences resulted in no formal co-operative action.

## ANDERSON, AUTO VICTIM, LIKELY TO DIE OF HURTS

### Suffered Broken Leg and Internal Injuries When Hit By Blumberg Car

As a result of an automobile accident on the Milford turnpike, near Woodmont, at 1:20 o'clock this morning, Charles Anderson, a toolmaker at the U. M. C. Co., is in a critical condition, at the Bridgeport hospital where he was brought by the driver of the car that struck him.

Statement of witnesses to the accident who appeared at police headquarters with Max Blumberg, son of Bernard Blumberg, the shoe merchant of 78 Wall street, indicate that young Blumberg utilized every care to prevent disaster, and was traveling at a moderate rate of speed against the glare of an approaching car in front of which Anderson and two companions jumped.

According to the story of Attorney Henry B. Greenstein of this city, a passenger in the Blumberg car, and E. F. Webster, 924 Summit avenue, Bronx borough, New York city, a companion of Anderson, the Blumberg car was proceeding towards Bridgeport from New Haven at about 1:20 o'clock this morning. As it neared a stretch of road near Woodmont another car with glaring headlights was seen to come from the opposite direction. Anderson, with two companions, was walking at the side of the road and to avoid being run down by the New Haven bound car they jumped into the roadway.

There was not time for Blumberg to see them in the driving rain-storm and the left fender of the Bridgeport-bound car struck Anderson, rolling him over in the roadway. The New Haven bound car did not stop, but Blumberg immediately took the injured man and his friends in the car and drove to Bridgeport hospital after attempting to get medical aid in Milford.

Besides a broken leg, internal injuries were suffered by the victim. Blumberg has not been held as the accident was not within Bridgeport jurisdiction. Should Anderson die in this city Coroner John J. Phelan will be called upon to act.

### SUES FOR SALARY

Alleging that he has been unable to collect the balance of his salary from the North Stamford, Long Ridge Road Auto Bus & Station Taxi Co. of Stamford, E. B. Cockens of Stamford has brought suit against the concern for \$250. Papers were filed today in the common pleas court. Cockens says he was to receive \$50 a week but claims there is \$238.55 still due.

The chief of staff conferred with Secretary Baker but made no formal report. Secretary Baker said that General Scott stated he thought a favorable situation had been created by the conference.

General Scott will see Secretary Lansing tomorrow and meanwhile no steps will be taken to re-open diplomatic negotiations for a formal agreement with General Carranza. Secretary Baker indicated, however, that General Scott thought there would be no great delay in arriving at an understanding and formulating a protocol.

Pending the ratification of an agreement, Carranza troops are being moved northward into the bandit-ridden portions of Mexico. The American expeditionary force under General Pershing is being withdrawn into strong groups on the line of communication where it will await the outcome of General Obregon's efforts to clean-up the territory to the south.

General Funston has mapped out a co-ordinated scheme for border patrol with the 35,000 men he will soon have available for that purpose exclusive of the 14,000 or so in General Pershing's column.

It was said officially at the state department that no suggestions, either formal or informal, had been made by the south and central American diplomats in the conference which preceded the recognition of the Carranza government by the United States. The conference voted unanimously for the recognition of Carranza, it was added, although no action was not binding upon any of the government's representatives.

American oil operators at Tampico have asked the state department for further protection.

### FURTHER RAIDS FEARED

San Antonio, Tex., May 15—Information indicating a plan for the re-umption of raids across the international line near Brownsville, Tex., has reached army headquarters here and will, it is expected, cause a considerable strengthening of the forces now patrolling that district.

### Girl, Missing From Home Two Nights, Found By Detective

After having been absent from home two nights, Ethel Norovich, aged 15, of 1044 Hancock avenue was found this morning going into Bullen's cafe, by Detective Sergeant Peter Hall. Her mother, Mrs. Frances Norovich had complained this morning to the police that Ethel left home Saturday night and didn't return.

Ethel told the police she met a dentist's young assistant and that a party was formed. They visited several restaurants and had a gay time. She spent last night and Saturday night in a State street rooming house. The police will make a further investigation.