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CHARGED WITH HIGH TREASON

Sir Roger Casement Hangs Head at Men- tion of Knighthood

PRELIMINARY HEARING FOL- LOWED BY TRIAL IN HIGH JUSTICE COURT.

London, May 15.—Sir Roger Casement, the supposed head and prime instigator of the Sinn Fein rebellion in Ireland, was arraigned today in the Bow street police court and charged with high treason.

The few spectators who were permitted to enter the famous old police court were considerably surprised when a second prisoner was placed beside Casement in the dock. This man was Daniel Julian Bailey, a private soldier, whose home is at Wombey, a village near London. Bailey was arrested near Tralee, Ireland, April 21. He was jointly charged, with Casement, with high treason, but his exact connection with the Sinn Feiners was not so far been made public.

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

The Charge.
"For that they did between the 1st day of November, 1914, and on divers other occasions between that day and the 21st day of April, 1916, unlawfully, maliciously and traitorously commit high treason within and without the realm of England in contempt of our sovereign lord, the king, and his laws, to the evil example of other in like case and contrary to the duty and allegiance of the said defendants."

Casement is reported to have made a long statement to the authorities, and it is believed that this statement will considerably shorten 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 judge of the high court of justice.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

By Methodists Requesting Prohibition in Hawaiian Isles.

Saratoga Springs, May 10.—Methodist General Conference today unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the congress enact a law prohibiting the sale and manufacture of spirituous liquors in the Hawaiian Isles. The same proposal was referred to committee yesterday after a criticism was expressed of a phrase characterized as reflecting on the morals of the United States soldiers. Reference was eliminated in resolution today.

Cotton Getting a Poor Start.

Washington, May 10.—Cotton is getting poor start this year. National crop and weather bulletin of weather bureau says much seed failed to germinate well and a poor stand is reported because of cold and dry weather. Warmer the latter part of the last week improved conditions somewhat. Replanting is delayed in the Southeast because of lack of rainfall. Parts of the lower Mississippi valley report cut worm damage.

LAURENS COUNTY BOY DIES OF HYDROPHOBIA

Franklin Strickland Was Given Every Possible Medical Attention, but Succumbed to Ailment.

Laurens, S. C., May 10.—Little Franklin Strickland, the four-year old son of C. G. Strickland, died of hydrophobia at six o'clock this afternoon at the family residence near the city. The little fellow was bitten by a rabid bull dog three weeks ago while at play in the yard. He was bitten through the nose and his face badly lacerated by the vicious attack. The child had prompt medical attention and was immediately given Pasteur treatment. Later the Phenol treatment was used also.

Yesterday afternoon the first symptoms of rabies developed and twenty hours later the little fellow, after enduring indescribable pain succumbed.

This is the first case of the kind in many years.

BRITISH BUILDING ZEPPELINS

Constructing German Type of Air- craft Commons Hears.

London, May 10.—Airships resembling Zeppelins in structure are being built in England, according to a statement made today in the house of commons by Thomas James MacNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty. Mr. MacNamara replying to a question by a member said that he could not state how many of the new type of aircraft England possessed, as it was not to the public interest to reveal this information.

COLLECTED OVER FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TAXES

When Sheriff R. M. Burts took charge of the Sheriff's office a large number of people were owing back taxes. Executions were in the hands of the Sheriff. In some cases persons were two or three years behind with their obligations to the government. Since that time other executions have come into his hands. As soon as the matter could be attended to the Sheriff got behind these executions and he has required all delinquents to pay up, or as a last resort he has exposed their property for sale to pay these taxes.

In this way the Sheriff was able on yesterday to pay over to the county Treasurer the sum of fifty-six hundred dollars of taxes and penalties.

The Sheriff regrets, as all good men do, to be compelled to advertise a man's property for the payment of his taxes. He regrets to be forced to collect penalties from delinquents, but it is his duty, and the Sheriff is to be commended for enforcing the law impartially and for playing no favorites.

TWO KILLED IN WRECK.

Seaboard Fireman and Flagman Lose Lives.

Henderson, N. C., May 13.—Casualties as a result of the derailment last night at Manson, 14 miles north of here, of Seaboard Air Line passenger train No. 7, Richmond to Jacksonville, were confined to the deaths of two trainmen and the injury of a third. Flagman W. C. Mingie of Henderson, and Fireman H. Thomas of Raleigh, a negro, were instantly killed and Engineer W. B. Stephenson of Raleigh, was scalded and cut about the head. Stephenson's injuries are not regarded as serious.

The train, pulled by two engines, was said to have been running about 45 miles an hour when the second engine split a switch in a deep cut. The second locomotive and six cars were derailed.

WOMEN WILL MEET IN HARTSVILLE

Mrs. J. W. Coker President of Fed- eration—Mrs. F. B. Gary, Vice- President.

Anderson, May 12.—Hartsville was chosen as the next meeting place by the Federation of Women's Clubs. This selection was almost unanimous. The morning session Friday was taken up partly with unfinished reports of clubs and election of officers. Officers were elected for one year, the biennial election movement having been defeated the day before by four votes. Officers elected were as follows: Mrs. J. W. Coker, Hartsville, president; Mrs. J. E. Ellerbee, Marion, vice president; Mrs. Frank B. Gary, Abbeville second vice president; Mrs. C. C. Featherstone, Greenwood, recording secretary; Mrs. M. S. McKinnon, Hartsville, corresponding secretary; Mrs. B. A. Morgan, Greenville, treasurer, and Mrs. H. W. Carroll, Bennettsville, auditor.

The meeting was brought to a close Friday evening with a banquet at the home of Mrs. Rufus Fant. This banquet was tendered the ladies of the federation by the Anderson Chamber of Commerce. The delegates leave Anderson Saturday morning after a very pleasant and successful meeting.

Portable Soup Kitchens.

Berlin, May 12.—The portable field kitchens which the soldiers call "goulish cannon" are being introduced into the streets of the poorer sections of Berlin, selling warm dinners to all comers for 35 pfennings per portion. The town council of Lichtenberg, a big suburb to the north of Berlin, was the first to adopt the idea. Many of the working people have no time to cook for themselves, and they can be far more cheaply fed by cooking en masse at central points and distributing the food through the field kitchens.

The basements of some big school houses have been fitted up as kitchens wherein huge boilers, each holding over a hundred gallons, meat and vegetables by the wholesale are converted into palatable stew. The "goulish cannon" which haul the product through the streets for sale are each provided with a boiler under which a low fire is kept burning.

The idea has become so popular that it is predicted that the "goulish cannon" will long survive the war which popularized it.

CHAUTAQUA MEETING HELD TUESDAY—DATE NOT DEFINITELY FIXED

A mass meeting was held in the Council Chamber last Thursday afternoon at six o'clock for the purpose of arranging dates for the Chautauqua which is to come here during the summer. The meeting was well attended and there was much enthusiasm as to the Chautauqua and a determination to make it one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held in this part of the State. A committee to arrange for a convenient date was appointed consisting of Mayor Gambrell, J. V. Elgin, and Jas. S. Cochran.

A Publicity Committee was appointed with C. E. Williamson, Chairman, W. D. Wilkinson, W. W. Matthews, J. V. Elgin and E. C. Horton.

Dates for the Chautauqua will be announced in the next ten days and every effort will be made to have this a pleasant and profitable affair. A motion to hold the sessions in the Opera House was lost and this guarantees that a big tent will be erected and that people attending the Chautauqua can see and hear in comfort and in as much coolness as the weather will permit.

At this meeting a resolution was endorsed inviting the State Firemen's Association to hold its 1917 meeting in Abbeville.

HOSTILE MEXICANS ON TEXAS LINE

San Antonio, Tex., May 15.—Information indicating a plan for the resumption of raids across the international line near Brownsville, Texas, has reached army headquarters here and will, it is expected, cause considerable strengthening of the force patrolling that district. Gen. Funston and his staff will study in detail today the proposed reorganization of the entire border patrol and it was indicated that the Thirteenth Infantry, coming from New York state, would be sent to Rio Grande City for service between there and Brownsville, the district so frequently raided a year ago.

Official reports from the officer commanding gave no additional news of the activities of armed Mexicans opposite Progress, Texas, but their presence there was in line with reports made by agents of the department of justice and the state department. Officials have been investigating for several days reports that agitators were trying to incite to fresh activity those who participated in the raids of last year and that they had secured tentative promises of cooperation, or at least passive support, of certain minor Carranza officials located in that quarter of Mexico.

No apparent anxiety regarding the position of the little punitive force that entered Mexico near Boquillas was indicated at headquarters. Col. Sibley is commanding only four troops of cavalry and a machine gun company, but army men here believe that he would have no difficulty in withdrawing if menaced by a greatly superior force.

SAYS GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION SATISFACTORY

Charleston, May 15.—Dun's Review of this section of the South says: The satisfactory situation in general business which has existed throughout this section for the past six months appears to be fully maintained. Retailers are doing a good business in seasonable merchandise and wholesalers report a steadily increasing volume of sales from month to month. Lumber and coal prices remain firm, with a brisk demand for both products, though the coal movement continues considerably hampered by inadequate shipping facilities. The money market has been easy for several months past, and collections are considered better than at any time in the past two years.

MEMORIAL DAY WAS FITTINGLY OBSERVED HERE

Last Wednesday, May the 10th, was observed in Abbeville as Memorial Day and was one of the most pleasant affairs of the kind held here in many years. The exercises of the day were held at eleven thirty in the opera house and all the seats were taken. The young people of the high school were marched down in a body and occupied the front rows of seats. The boys of the high school were in their uniforms and made a very imposing appearance.

All the survivors were on the stage and the members of the local chapter of the U. D. C.'s. The stage was decorated in pot plants and ferns and in Confederate flags as drapery.

Gen. Bonham made an excellent speech and pleased every one who heard him. He emphasized the need of the preservation of the history of the war and the urgent need of the collection of historical data while there is yet some veteran to verify the truth of such history. He spoke of Abbeville's place in the picture, the first meeting of Secession being held here and the last meeting of the Confederate Cabinet being held here also. Gen. Bonham said that Abbeville District had furnished about three thousand two hundred men to the conflict, which is more than the total voting strength of Abbeville county now.

General Bonham's speech was enjoyed by all and it was a pleasure to have him come back to his old home and among his many friends again.

After the speaking the monument was decorated by the children of the graded school, who sang several patriotic songs, after which the veterans were taken in charge, by the high school boys and escorted to the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Gambrell where they were served with an excellent dinner.

In the afternoon different committees from the local chapter went to the cemeteries and Crosses of Honor were put up to the graves of the veterans. At the Episcopal cemetery twenty crosses were placed, at Long Cane, ninety two, were placed and at Melrose three crosses were placed. These crosses make a distinctive mark and present an imposing appearance. The chapter will put them at every veterans grave before they give up the work.

The Second Primary, May 16.

Next Tuesday is the day for the second primary, the candidates being W. H. Parks and L. S. Bradley for treasurer and P. J. Robinson and C. W. Pennal for auditor, they being the four who received the highest number of votes for the two offices. The six defeated candidates will withdraw, and by next Tuesday night their number will be increased by two more.

There were ten candidates for the two places, and it was inevitable that there must be some disappointments. But there were as good men defeated as those who were elected, and at some other time they may be the ones to head the ticket and forget their disappointment.—The McCormick Messenger, May 11.

Military Service For Women.

Munich, Germany, May 12.—The various problems of war, particularly as they affect women, has revived to an unprecedented degree in Bavaria discussion as to the advisability and feasibility of the plant, first broached in the nineties, to compel women to undergo a sort of military service just as men do. Their service, however, would consist mainly of economic, household and nursing duties.

There is unquestionably a large number of people who have become convinced that such a plan is highly desirable, for they feel that this war has brought out the fact clearly that much good effort has gone to waste through a lack of knowledge on the part of women who have willingly tried to do something for their country, and who could have been able to render greater services if they only had known how.

Spies in Key West Yard?

Key West, May 10.—All entrances to the naval station here, except the main entrance on Carolina street, were closed today and the general public was excluded from the grounds. Officials at the station gave no reason for their action, but reports were current here that one or more persons were under surveillance as possible spies.

SHARP FIGHTING IN NORTHERN FRANCE

Herbert H. Asquith Continues His Con- ferences In Ireland

ISLAND OF KIVIUIVI, TAKEN BY GERMANS AT BEGINNING OF WAR, RECAPTURED.

New York, May 15.—Sharper fighting is now in progress in other sections of the western front than in the Verdun region. Notable activity has been reported recently along the British lines in northern France and Flanders and today Paris records brisk action by the artillery on both sides in the Champagne, the scene of the main French drive in last September's offensive.

At Verdun the play of the heavy guns is being kept up to some extent, there having been bombardments in the sectors of the Avocourt wood and Hill 304, northwest of the fortress.

The preliminary examination of Sir Roger Casement, who was arrested in Ireland after landing from a German submarine just previous to the inception of the recent rebellion, was begun today in London, Daniel J. Bailey, an Irish soldier, who had been captured in France by the Germans and was one of the men who landed with Sir Roger from the submarine, was arraigned with him.

Herbert H. Asquith, the British premier, is continuing his conferences in Ireland over the situation and has now gone to Belfast to consult with leading men in the northern part of the island.

Jennings Appointed.

Columbia, May 15.—Governor Manning has appointed J. M. Jennings of Winnsboro, a member of the commission to examine the survey of the proposed new county of Catawba. Mr. Jennings succeeds J. E. McDonald Esq., who declined to serve.

TAKES STEPS TO ORGANIZE NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Laurens, May 15.—A meeting of citizens was held Monday afternoon in the interest of organizing the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. H. K. Aiken acted as chairman of the meeting and Rice Nickles, secretary. On motion, Messrs. Aiken and Nickles were made the temporary officers of the body.

EDITOR QUILLEN BUYS

The Woodruff Record from R. Bur- ton Hicks for \$1,500.

Spartanburg, May 12.—(Special)—Announcement was made here today that R. Burton Hicks, for the past year owner and editor of the Woodruff Record, has disposed of the property to Robert Quillen, of Fountain Inn, S. C. Mr. Quillen will assume personal control of the paper on June 1. Mr. Hicks is a candidate for the office of state superintendent of education, and gave as his reason for selling the plant lack of time to devote to the paper.

The consideration is said to have been \$1,500. The Record is a weekly publication issued at Woodruff, S. C., this county.

WYATT AIKEN ILL

Suffering With a Mild Case of Blood Poisoning.

Washington, May 12.—Representative Aiken has been forced to ask for leave of absence from the house on account of illness. Some days ago his shoe rubbed a raw place on his foot, and the member's foot has become greatly swollen; his physician says it is a mild case of blood poisoning caused by the dye in his sock. No serious results are apprehended, but Mr. Aiken is unable to walk and may not be able to leave his room for some days to some.

STATE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Annual Session Will Be Held In Lau- rens Next Month.

The South Carolina State Epworth League will hold its annual conference in Laurens June 8-11. The sessions of the League will be held with the First Methodist church. A number of prominent speakers have been secured for the meeting and a great conference is expected.

Propose New Railway.

Union, May 15.—At a meeting of the board of corporators of the proposed electric line to connect several towns and cities in Spartanburg, Union and Laurens counties which was held at Union Tuesday, a special committee was appointed to apply for a charter and employ engineers to make surveys.

Club Meets Friday.

The Abbeville Senior and Junior Domestic Science Club meets Friday P. M., at 2.30 o'clock. Every lady of the community is invited to come,

The Mexican War Situation As Chronicled in Abbeville 70 Years Ago—and Today

PUBLIC MEETING!

Volunteers for Texas.

Our country is positively in a state of war with Mexico! Our soil actually invaded by a foreign foe! Point Isabel surrounded by 10,000 Mexicans!! Gen. Taylor's camp on the Rio Grande is attacked. Citizens of the Carolinas, To Arms and To the Rescue!

A meeting of the citizens of

Abbeville village and its vicinity will be held at the court house, on Saturday, the 23rd instant, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of taking measures for raising volunteers for the Mexican war.

The citizens of the District are generally requested to attend.

The Abbeville Light Infantry have been ordered out at 10 o'clock a. m., the same day.—The Abbeville Banner, May 20, 1846.

TROOPS MOVING NORTHWARD.

Washington, May 15.—Major-General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, returned today from his border conferences with Gen. Obregon, hopeful of the situation despite the fact that the conferences resulted in no formal agreement for co-operative action. The chief of staff conferred with Secretary Baker, but made no formal report. Secretary Baker said Gen. 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 reopen diplomatic negotiations for a formal agreement with Gen. Carranza. Secretary Baker indicated, however, that Gen. Scott thought there would be no great delay in arriving at an understanding and formulating a protocol.