

CASEMENT FACES COURT ON CHARGE OF HIGH TREASON

ORPET BEGINS LEGAL BATTLE AGAINST DEATH

Pale and Haggard, But Defiant, Young Student Faces Court on Charge of Poisoning Sweetheart.

SEEK JURY OPPOSED TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Attorneys For Defense Frankly Admit Chief Object is to Avert Death Sentence.

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WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 15.—Pale and haggard from his months of confinement, but withal defiant, Will Orpet, University of Wisconsin student and Beau Brummel among his school girl friends, went on trial for his life today in Judge Charles Donnelly's court here.

Orpet, the state charges, administered the poison which caused the death of Marian Frances Lambert, one of his school day sweethearts, as they stood in the snow in Helm's woods last February—she pleading with him to abdicate. The girl thought she was about to become a mother. It was from this disgrace that she was pleading with him to save her through marriage.

Today's session—and quite probably those of the entire week—was taken up with preliminary legal skirmishing, and efforts to get a jury. In this work Orpet's attorneys admitted they have but one object, and that is to get a jury composed as largely as possible of men who oppose capital punishment.

The little court room was crowded today. The parents of the girl, their months of grief plainly visible in their faces, sat on one side of the court. On the other sat young Orpet's father and mother, scarcely less grief-stricken, but hopeful. School friends of Marian and of young Orpet, many of them witnesses and the curious folk for miles around made up the balance.

Spends Time Reading. Orpet, since his confinement, has spent his time reading. Huge volumes of law books pertaining to trials on circumstantial evidence have been favorites. And, according to his jailers, he has developed an almost abnormal taste for Poe and his weird fancies on murder, suicide and after life.

A little stir was created just prior to the opening of the trial when it became known about that Orpet's attorneys have dug up a letter, said to have been sent by him to the girl, in which he said:

"Don't do anything desperate until I arrive." This would indicate that the girl was contemplating suicide, and would be a strong point for the young student, as it is on this theory that practically the whole fabric of his defense has been constructed.

PREPAREDNESS PARADE TO MARCH IN CHICAGO

William M. Lewis, Who Spoke Here Last Week, Calls Arrangements Meeting.

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CHICAGO, May 15.—Plans were launched today for a Chicago preparedness parade similar to, if not greater than, the monster pageant that stirred New York Saturday. William Mather Lewis, secretary of the Illinois Naval League, issued a call to business men and preparedness advocates not only of Chicago, but of the middle west, to meet here and discuss the project.

It is proposed to stage the performance on June 10—when the city is filled with convention visitors and great public men from all quarters of the country. Delegations from all middle western cities—St. Louis, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Columbus and other cities—will be invited to send delegations. It is the aim of the promoters to have 200,000 persons in the procession.

TO JOIN BRITISH ARMY.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 15.—James Whitelaw, American vice consul at Dunfermline, has tendered his resignation effective May 31. He will join the British army.

PATERSON, N. J.—May 15.—Shocked by a too-fashionable display of ankles by several telephone girls on the streets, the head operator has ordered all local "hello" girls to wear long skirts.

Horses and Dog Electrocuted in Pool of Water

Sunday night's severe electrical storm resulted in the electrocution of two horses and a dog, and the smash-up of a Muesel Brewing Co. delivery truck, besides the flooding of numerous basements in the city.

The horses owned by the Schultz Baking Co. and driven by Fred Brewer were killed Monday morning near the Sample st. bridge. The driver urged the horses into a mud puddle and they dropped dead. A dog that trotted to the scene immediately after the death of the animals lapped the water and was instantly killed.

According to C. D. Emmons, general manager of the street railway company, the accident was caused by a charged wire from the Indiana and Michigan Electric Co. lines hanging down into the pool of water. Lightning damaged some of the insulators in the west end of town, which tied up traffic early Monday morning, but these were repaired early and normal conditions restored. The interurban car east at Goshen, the general manager reported, was also tied up for a while Monday morning for the same reason.

Another theory of the cause of the accident was that the death-dealing shocks came from the street railway rails, a battery box on a nearby pole having been struck by lightning and having fallen to the ground.

The accident to the Muesel Brewery truck occurred at Chasing and Rex st., where a five-foot wash-out undermined the pavement. The brewery horses had safely crossed but the brick and small layer of supporting earth caved in when the heavy truck partially loaded with beer casks rolled over the spot. The driver of the truck was uninjured and the horses escaped. The truck, however, was damaged, but was removed from the hole.

It was also reported that a fireman was shocked by coming into contact with a live wire on Allen st. No confirmation of this report could be had.

According to Weather Observer Henry Swain, there was a rainfall Sunday night of 7.32 inches, while the entire precipitation during the previous 24 hours was 1.45, making over 2 1/2 inches of rainfall in the last 36 hours. Lowlands in the country were partially inundated, and small streams were swollen into torrents.

Farmers who have already been plowing report that the damage was slight to the worked lands, except the loss of time they will sustain. Some planting has been carried on, but it is reported, this was in the sandy regions and little dam, so resulted.

The St. Joseph river is now at the highest point that it has been this spring but unless there is a much heavier fall of rain, little danger is feared.

Little damage direct from the storm was reported in South Bend. Telephone service was uninterrupted, while telegraph companies reported no trouble locally from broken wires. Car service was somewhat impaired Sunday night.

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Troops Guard Ruins of Dublin Postoffice



INTERIOR OF DUBLIN POST OFFICE. A view inside the general postoffice of Dublin after the British had driven the Irish rebels from the place which they had seized and used as their headquarters. The beautiful building which housed the postoffice and telegraph and telephones of Ireland is now nothing but a mass of ruins. Note the steam radiator suspended in the air near the top of the picture. The entire floor beneath it gave way.

Sound Beating Scares Bandits, U.S. Forces in No Danger, Says Pershing

American Commander Denies His Men Are in Precarious Situation—Langhorne Pushes Chase.

International News Service:

ADVANCE BASE, PUNITIVE EXPEDITION U. S. ARMY, NEAR LAGUNA DE ITASCATE, Mex., May 14, (via radio to Nampiquipa, Mexico, and Columbus, N. M., May 15.)—Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American forces now in Mexico, reached the advance base here today on a tour of inspection. Gen. Pershing emphatically denied reports that his forces are in a precarious position and in danger of attack.

To correspondents, Gen. Pershing said: "You may say that the United States forces in Mexico are fully able to cope with any situation which may arise and you may add that there is no danger of attack from any source or direction. The result of the battle a few days ago at Oje Azules put such fear into the hearts of the bandits that it will be a long time before they will invite another such beating."

Gen. Pershing denied categorically that there has been any movement toward the border, or that any such move is contemplated in the immediate future.

CAVALRY PRESS FORWARD.

International News Service: EL PASO, Texas, May 15.—Maj. Langhorne's cavalry, pressing forward from Boquillas in pursuit of the Mexican outlaws who raided the Big Bend district is marching

To Send Militia Into Danger Zone

International News Service: SAN ANTONIO, Texas, May 15.—Gen. Funston will send militia forces from here to the border as soon as they can be whipped into shape for active service. American officers believe that Mexican raiders will be repeated and are therefore anxious to get additional forces to the long border front as soon as possible.

It is expected that the next depredations will occur in the Brownsville district, but other unprotected points on the border may be made the objects of Mexican attacks, the bandits continuing their efforts to arouse bitter feeling between the two countries.

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Attack Validity of Indictments

Gambling Defendants Assert 133 True Bills Are Illegal. Challenge Juror.

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Whether 133 indictments returned at the February session of the circuit court grand jury against alleged gambling house keepers, frequenters, liquor law violators, resort owners and habitues, will stand, is a matter to be determined Tuesday morning in the superior court.

When the 100 odd defendants were arraigned in the court room Monday morning the majority filed pleas in abatement. The pleas attacked the validity of the indictments, alleging that one of the grand jurors sitting during the session and conducting the investigation which resulted in the returning of the indictments, was neither a householder nor freeholder.

Edward Fack of New Carlisle is the juror in question. It is alleged in the abatement pleas, that service on a nephew of the man whose name was drawn from the jury box by the jury commissioners was made, or that the uncle of the juror who sat in the grand jury, agreed prior to the session, that the nephew should take the uncle's place, as both had the same names and that no one would know the difference.

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URGES WILSON TO RENEW HIS PEACE OFFERS

Sen. Gore Introduces Resolution in Upper House Asking President to Make New Overtures.

CENSORSHIP RELAXED ON PEACE TALK IN GERMANY

Kaiser's Readiness to Consider Terms, Constantly Reiterated to Affect People of Enemy Nations.

International News Service:

WASHINGTON, May 15.—A resolution urging the president again to extend his offer to mediate the European war and to take measures to preserve neutrality was introduced in the senate today by Sen. Gore of Oklahoma.

The resolution was reported to be the forerunner of a new peace movement on the part of Bryan democrats in congress. Without debate the resolution went over under the rules for future consideration. A paragraph of the resolution read "that pending war among other nations, the congress and the people of the United States are desirous of maintaining even-handed and undiscriminating neutrality."

CENSORSHIP RELAXED.

International News Service: BERLIN, May 15.—The most notable relaxation of the censor shown since the war began is now apparent in relation to peace talk in the newspapers and in press telegrams being sent out of Germany.

The general tenor of the peace arguments is that the people of the belligerent countries are tired of the bloody strife and the enormous financial drain and are ready to quit if their governments consent.

In Germany the declaration is constantly heard that the German government stands ready and willing to open peace negotiations. The constant reiteration of this statement, it is believed, is having considerable moral effect upon the peoples of the nations at war with Germany. It may eventually win public opinion so strongly that the governments may be forced to listen to the voice of the public and heed it.

Wilson Logical Mediator.

There is now strong disposition in some quarters to regard Pres't Wilson as the logical mediator, although this has recently been weakened by the refusal of the United States to heed Germany's demand that the American government compel England to lighten her blockade against the German allies.

Some newspapers express the opinion that the chance now awaits Pres't Wilson to become one of the great international figures in history by making representations to bring to an end the greatest war in the history of mankind.

Expressions, especially from members of the British government, that the allies will fight until Germany is crushed into the dust, are regarded here as the only obstacle which prevents Pres't Wilson's from making some sort of overtures to the belligerent governments.

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LATEST in the News World

NO WIRE STRIKE.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 15.—The differences between the local branch of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America and the Western Union have been settled for the present. It is announced that there will be no strike.

SEN. GORE INTRODUCES RESOLUTION IN UPPER HOUSE ASKING PRESIDENT TO MAKE NEW OVERTURES.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 15.—The senate judiciary committee today again failed to act on the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the supreme court. The committee adjourned until Wednesday after two hours of "just talk." No agreement was reached about a time for voting.

FURN NEGRO ASSAILANT.

International News Service: WACO, Texas, May 15.—Jess Washington, a young negro, who assaulted a white woman here several days ago, was taken from the court room while on trial at 11:30 today and publicly burned in front of the city hall.

RUBLEE'S CASE UP.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 15.—The senate went into executive session at 1 o'clock this afternoon to fight out the long delayed action on the nomination of George E. Rublee to the federal trade commission.

PROGRESS of the War

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The communique states, however, that no infantry assaults were delivered by the Germans. In the absence of infantry fighting in the sector of the Meuse river attention was strongly directed to the northern end of the battle line where the Germans delivered heavy attacks against the British front on Sunday.

International News Service: SALONIKI, May 15.—French aviators on Sunday bombarded the town of Xanthi, where the 10th division of the Bulgarian army is encamped. About 400 bombs were dropped by the aeroplanes, causing heavy damage to the barracks and the Zeppelin sheds. The aviators returned safely.

International News Service: BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), May 15.—Attacks by both the British and French delivered last night near Verdun and in Artois, were repulsed, the German war office announced today.

The British attacked near Hilluch. The French assaults were delivered on the west slope of Le Mort Homme (Dead Man's hill) on the west side of the Meuse.

Severe artillery duels were reported from many sections of the line.

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NOBLEMAN IN GOOD SPIRITS AS CASE OPENS

Spectators Clamor For Admittance to Historic Bow St. Court as Attorney General Begins Statement.

COMPANION ARRAIGNED ON IDENTICAL CHARGE

Daniel Bailey of First Expedition Held For Assisting Sir Roger's Attempt to Aid Rebels.

International News Service:

LONDON, May 15.—Charged with high treason "both within and without the realm of England," Sir Roger Casement, who was captured while trying to land arms and ammunition on Irish soil from a German auxiliary, and a companion, Daniel Julian Bailey, were arraigned here today in police court.

Bailey, who escaped at the time of Sir Roger's capture, was captured on Sunday in Wandsworth. He had been living in disguise for more than three weeks while Scotland Yard scoured the British Isles for him.

Sir Roger, who is one of the most famous prisoners arraigned since the outbreak of the war, was described as having no occupation and no fixed place of abode. Bailey was described as a soldier.

The charge against the defendants was that they had "on divers occasions between November, 1914, and April, 1915, unlawfully, maliciously and traitorously committed high treason within and without the realm of England, in contempt of our sovereign lord king and his laws, to the evil example of others and in like case contrary to the due allegiance of the said defendants."

In Excellent Spirits. The prisoners, especially Sir Roger, seemed to be in excellent health and spirits. They were escorted to the court from London Tower under a military escort. The trip was made secretly in order to prevent any untoward demonstration in the streets.

There were accommodations for only about 60 spectators in the court, but despite the limited space a great crowd assembled for admission and the police on duty outside the court had a difficult time in restraining them.

Since his arrest Sir Roger had devoted considerable time preparing data to be used in his own defense. He attempted to secure Sir Edward Carson, the leader of the Ulster unionists, to defend him, it was reported, but failed. If this report was true the circumstances presented a strange anomaly, for Sir Edward Carson is at the head of an Irish faction which is bitterly opposed to home rule for Ireland.

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