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How Casement Died—Dramatic Scaffold Scene

"I AM RECONCILED; I DIE FOR MY COUNTRY"

Remarkable Incident at the Inquest—"Monstrous Act of Indecency"

CONFESSION IN THE CONDEMNED CELL

THE SENTENCE OF DEATH BY HANGING passed on Roger David Casement for high treason was carried out this morning at Pentonville Prison, London, at nine o'clock. Casement died a "splendid Catholic death," and his last thoughts were for Ireland—"I die for my country," he announced, before the last dreadful scene.

THE SCENE ON THE SCAFFOLD

Our London correspondent telegraphs:— Casement was received into the Catholic Church since arriving at Pentonville, and was attended to the scaffold by the Very Rev. Dean Ring, St. Mary and Michael's, Commercial road, and Rev. Father Carey, of Holloway.

IN THE CONDEMNED CELL

A Dramatic Scene Before the Execution

There was a dramatic scene in the condemned cell shortly before the execution (writes a correspondent of the "Evening Standard"). Casement expressed a desire to be received into the Catholic Church, and a messenger was immediately dispatched to the Catholic chaplain.

THE FINAL SCENE

His confession was heard, and he was given Holy Communion. A few moments before nine o'clock Ellis, the executioner, entered the condemned cell, whereupon Casement stood erect and made a slight gesture towards him.

"ALAMENTABLE BLUNDER"

English Liberal Views of the Execution

Commenting on the refusal of the Government to grant a reprieve for Casement the "Daily News" says:—"We cannot but reaffirm our conviction that in resolving that the death penalty must be executed, the Government has exhibited great wisdom. From the contemplation of Casement's sentence no evil results could follow, for after the carriage in Dublin it would be folly to pretend that a further execution is necessary as an example or a warning."

REBUILDING DUBLIN

Full Text of Reconstruction Bill

IMPORTANT CLAUSES

(From Our Own Correspondent.) London, Thursday. The text of Mr. Samuel's Bill to amend the law as to the execution of buildings and the making and improvement of streets in connection with the reconstruction of areas, streets, and buildings recently damaged or destroyed in Dublin, and for other purposes incidental thereto, was issued this afternoon.

"HE IS ON HIS WAY"

A Gheering Crowd Outside the Prison

(From Our Correspondent.) London, Thursday. Loud cheers, again and again, and the "Evening Standard," heralded the death of Roger Casement, who was hanged at Pentonville Prison this morning for the crime of high treason without the realm.

ON THE SCAFFOLD

"Into Thy Hands, O Lord, I Commend My Spirit" The Press Association says a large crowd of people assembled in the neighbourhood of the entrance to Pentonville Prison, in Pentonville road, composed chiefly of women and children.

FIREMAN KILLED

The Press Association's Bristol correspondent states that Inspector Harrison, of the fire brigade, was killed at a fire which raged during the night at some general stores in Old Market street, Bristol. The premises were destroyed and the fire was under control when a floor collapsed, throwing Harrison and the three men into the cellar.

THE CONVERT

How He Travelled the World

CASEMENT'S CAREER

His Interest In Cause of Irish Freedom Roger Casement, who was hanged for high treason this morning, was a member of an old Co. Antrim Protestant family. His career, even apart from the last sad and tragic phase, was one of a most romantic and adventurous kind.

CORPORATION'S POWERS

The Bill provides:—(1) Where the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of Dublin in this Act referred to as the Corporation, require to purchase land under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878 to 1907, for the purpose of widening, opening, enlarging, or otherwise improving streets, or making new streets in the city of Dublin, in connection with the reconstruction of areas, streets, houses, or buildings.

Mr. Gavan Duffy's Protest at the Inquest

The inquest on the body of Roger Casement was held in Pentonville Prison. Mr. Gavan Duffy formally identified the body, and said deceased's age was between 50 and 60.

ACT OF INDECENCY

The coroner remarked that upon that he could not express any opinion. Mr. Davies (the Governor of the Prison) deposed that there was no hitch in carrying out the execution, and death was instantaneous. More than one Catholic priest was present, and they performed the rites according to the Catholic Faith.

TO-DAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

LONDON FILM DRIVEN

FEATURING ELISABETH RISDON 4-Reel Drama ADAPTED from the well-known play of the same name and from the popular novel "The Evolution of K." "Driven" is a love story of a particularly delicate type. There are many thrilling incidents and here and there touches of fine comedy.

OVER 1,000 PRISONERS

Brilliant French Stroke Before Verdun

THE SOMME BATTLE

To-Day's British Official (Press Bureau, Thursday.) The following telegraphic dispatch was received from British General Headquarters in France at 1.5 p.m.:— During the night work was continued in the consolidation of the ground we have gained and in opening up the communication trenches.

To-Day's French Official

(Press Association War Special.) Paris, Thursday. The following official communique was issued this afternoon:— To the north of the Somme we repulsed during the night several German attacks directed on Moncu Farm, and organised our new positions between this farm and Hen. It is confirmed that the German units engaged in the attack of Moncu have had to be relieved after the 26th, which they sustained since July 30.

THE DEUTSCHLAND

Starts on Ocean Voyage from America

The tug Timmins reports that the Deutschland passed out beyond the Virginia Capes at 8.30 this evening. The Timmins reported by wireless to the U.S. destroyer Stretcher lying outside the three-mile limit as follows:—Submarine passed beyond Capes and passed three miles limit at 8.30 to-night. The Stretcher forwarded the message to the navy.

London Evg. Papers

Comments by Wire Co-dax. "HERALD" LONDON OFFICE, 68 Fleet Street, E.C., Thursday Evening. Casement's Fate. Commenting on the execution of Casement, the "Hull Mail Gazette" says:—"All the sophistry in the world could not present a convincing reason why such a criminal should have cheated gallows. His offence was rank, base, and ruthless, and his character is sufficiently defined by his actions. He did his best to murder the United Kingdom subject to a Power which has laid all laws in the dust, and to open the way for German soldiers to repeat with the same result in England what they have committed in France and Belgium. He was one of the heads of a conspiracy which destroyed many innocent lives in Ireland, and which revealed a barbarism only too worthy of its spiritual home. Never was a man's life more clearly forfeit to the justice which he had plotted to enslave and destroy."

THE IRISH BREAKDOWN

Mr. Asquith's statement last night, says the "Evening Standard," shows that the Government are not content with the general scope and character of the economic war against Germany. It now lies largely with the country without the real weapon shall be used to good effect or only brandished in idle menace. As Unionists we approached the hope, unhappily so far disappointed, of arriving at a just and enduring settlement. We, therefore, feel we have some right to ask all fiscal parties, from the stubborn Cobdenite to the rigid Protectionist, to approach the trade problem with an open mind, and to deal with it as a national, and not a party question. The Irish breakdown should suffice to warn all extremists of the dangers of intra-unionist and the necessity of compromise.



Advertisement for the Picture House at Grafton Street, Dublin, featuring the film 'Driven' with Elisabeth Risdon. The ad includes showtimes and contact information.



ROGER CASEMENT—BORN IN DUBLIN, 1864; HANGED IN LONDON, 1916.