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RECONCILED; I DIE FOR MY COUNTRY"

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

CONFESSION THE CONDEMNED

THE SENTENCE OF DEATH BY HANGING passed on Roger David Casement for high treason was carried out this morning at Penionville Prison, London, at nine o'clock.

Casement died a "splendid Catholic death," and his last thoughts were for Ireland-"1 die for my country," he announced, before the last dreadful scene. He showed no outward signs of nervousness, but went to the scaffold "strong and erect."

The tolling of the prison bell, announcing that the execution had taken place, was received outside by some cheering. "mostly from children," but at the back of the prison a number of his countrymen, members of the London Gaelic League, knelt down on the street and offered prayers for the repose of Casement's soul.

"INTO THY HANDS, O LORD, I COMMEND MY SPIRIT" were Casement's final words before Ellis, the hangman. carried out the execution. Our London correspondent wires :- Mr. Gavan Duffy informed an "Evening Herald" representative this morning that the Home

Office refused him permission to be present at Casement's execution, and also refused to hand over Casement's body to the relatives. .

"HE IS ON HIS WAY"

Prison

(From Our Correspondent.)

"Evening Standard," heralded the death of

Roger Casement, who was hanged at Pen-

tonville Prison this morning for the crime

State, stripped of his honours, and hanged

It was a lovely summer morning. The

sun lit the grey, irregular pile of Pen-tonville. Caledonian road was gradually

awaking to life. Market carts rolled by

road with the one comment-" Casement."

TWO CATHOLIC PRIESTS

saluted the policemen at the gate and

passed on. The crowd gradually increased.

They talked of Seddon, the murderer, who

was last executed at Pentonville. A knot

road as if strange to the scene, and then

Near by was Ellis, the executioner, who had arrived from Rochdale last night. At four minutes to nine the prison bell began

on his way to render the last account.

ON THE SCAFFOLD

Commend My Spirit"

The Press Association says a large crowd

of people assembled in the neighbourhood

of the front entrance to Pentonville Prison,

in Pentonville road, composed chiefly of

women and children.

had been executed.

the spectators were rivetted.

At eight minutes past nine the

PRISON BELL TOLLED

A second or two later the bell pealed

When the clock struck eight

of high treason without the realm.

Loud cheers, again and again, says the

London, Thursday.

At the inquest on Casement's body Mr. Gavan Duffy, the solicitor, described as a "monstrous act of indeconcy" the refusal of the Home Office to hand over the body to the relatives.

Replying to Mr. Duffy, the prison doctor stated that he saw no signs of insanity on Casement during his incarceration,

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.

Both priests stated to me that Casement died "a splendid Catholic death." His last words before execution were: " 1 am reconciled. I die for my country."

Crowds of some hundreds had gathered in front of the prison, and as the tolling of the bell indicated the carrying-out of the law some cheers were raised.

On Roman road, at the back of the prison, altogether a different scene was enacted. There about thirty Irishmen, mostly members of the London Gaelic League, had assembled, and as the signal of the execution sounded they knelt down and offered prayers for the repose of Casement's soul.

None but officials and priests were present at the execution.

IN THE CONDEMNED CELL!

A Dramatic Scene Before the A Cheering Crowd Outside the Execution

(From Our Correspondent.)

London, Thursday. There was a dramatic scene in the con-Sexued cell chortly before the execution (writes a correspondent of the "Evening

Casement expressed a desire to be reexited into the Catholic Church, and messenger was immediately dispatched to the Catholic chaplain. The Rev. Dean Ring, of Commercial

med, and Rov. Father Carey arrived quickly to visit the condemned man, and like a common malefactor for treason for about a quarter of an hour the two without the realm. priests remained with him preparing him

THE FINAL SCENE.

His confession was heard, and he was office boys, shopmen, and factory girls, gay and shabby, passed and turned to look given Holy Communion. A few moments before nine o'clock Ellis, at the gathering crowd around Brewery the executioner, entered the condemned

cell, whereupon Casement stood erect and made a slight gesture towards him. On the stroke of nine the little procescon, headed by the two priests, with Casement following between two warders, who have looked after him since his incarceraof men came streaming down the roadway from the jail. They were the released hurrying back to life and freedom. They faced the crowd, looked up and down the tion, left the cell and valked towards

THE EXECUTION SHED, the Litany for the Dying was recited by

the priests, Casement responding in low ones: "Lord have mercy upon my soul." As they reached the execution shed Ellis approached the condemned man, and he we quickly pinioned. The two chaplains, the governor of the prison, the Under-Sheriff of London, and the Under-Sheriff of Middlecex, then took

up their positions in front of the scaffold,

The next moment the lever was pulled, and Casement had paid the penalty of his

"A LAMENTABLE BLUNDER"

English Liberal Views of the clock changed nine; Casement's time had passed, with all its hopeless, helpless clinging to life, its wild despair, useless

Execution

Commenting on the refusal of the Goremment to grant a reprieve for Cesement Into Thy Hands, O Lord, I be "Daily News" says :-

"We cannot but re-affirm our conviction that in resolving that the death penalty must be exacted, the Government has exhibited grave unwisdom. From the commutation of Casement's sentence no evil reults could follow, for after the camage in Dublin it would be folly to pretend that a lurther execution is necessary as an ex-In the street of the street of

LESS GUILTY THAN CASEMENT have been shot, but his death will not oring them back to life. On the other hand, to hang him now is to give the disd section in Ireland another martyr embitter feeling throughout the island, o alienate a large and important body of American opinion, and to enable Germany to pay of the death of Casament-the once, and immediately the members of the parallel is in reality grotesque, but it is her enough for her purpose-against the crowd exclaimed: "There is the bell; he dath of Capt. Fryatt. No one can contend has gone. that the execution of Casement is a crime, audir be contested " nementable blunder can

from the throats of children. By this time the main road was crowded

keep the populace back.

Ellis was the executioner. Rev. James M'Carroll, priest of the Catholic church at Eden Grove, was present at the execution, and afterwards told a Press Association representative that Casement went to his death

STRONG AND ERECT,

like the man he was. The priest said a prayer, and Casement replied, "Into Thy hands, O Lord, I com-mend my spirit. Later the condemned man said, "Lord Jesus, receive my soul." Three official notices were posted on the prison doors. The first was in the following terms:-"Declaration of the Sheriff and others.

"31 Vic., Cap. 24. "We, the undersigned, hereby declare that judgment of death was this day executed on Roger David Casement in his Majesty's Prison of Pentonville in our laws) shall

"Dated this 3rd day of August, 1916.

The second message was SIMILARLY EXPRESSED.

but, instead of the signature, R. K. Metcalf, bore the signature, A. K. Preston, Under-Sheriff of Middlesex. A further notice states: Mauder, surgeon of his Majesty's Prison of Pentonville, hereby certify that this day I examined the body of Roger Cosement, on whom indgment of death was this day exe-

cuted in the said prison, and that on that No record exists of a similar occasion examination I found that the said Roger where the culprit was a man of high intel- David Casement was dead. ligence and marked ability. Knighted by the King for his services, pensioned by the

"AN ACT OF INDECENCY"

Mr. Gavan Duffy's Protest at

the Inquest

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

fasted lightly. During the final hour the to any matter in reference to the burial two chaplains attended to his last con-

ACT OF INDECENCY

The Coroner remarked that upon that to toll. Outside the crowd could see it swinging behind the clock tower. It was then they cheered. The minutes passed—long minutes. The word passed round: 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.

Mr. Mander (senior medical officer) said death was instantaneous. Casement was 6ft;
It inches in height, and the drop was 6

Mr. Duffy stated he understood that the doctor had had the prisoner under observation for a month, and be (Mr. Duffy) wanted him to say, as a result of the observation, whether there was any truth in the suggestion which had been made in

The doctor replied that he saw NO EVIDENCE OF INSANITY. A formal verdict of death, due to execution, was then returned by the jury.

FIREMAN KILLED.

The Press Association's Bristol corresponoutside the main gates there was posted a small sheet of white paper announcing that the execution would take place, and it was upon this white slip that the eyes of the execution were rivetted.

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the debris, and the other firemen found rescue efforts most difficult owing to the smoke and the restricted area, and several men had to receive attention. Cylinders of oxygen and brandy were lowered to the imprisoned firemen. Three were rescued and taken to the infirmary, but Inspector Harrison when recovered was spain and a cheer went up. but I

of Reconstruction Text

IMPORTANT CLAUSES

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, Thursday. The text of Mr. Samuel's Bill to amend the law as to the crection of buildings and areas, streets, and buildings recently dampurposes incidental thereto, was issued this

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 of the Corporation that the rebuilding or (Ireland) Acte, 1878 to 1907, for the purpose restoration of a house or building destroyed of widening, opening, enlarging, or otherwise improving streets, or making new streets in the city of Dublin, in connec wards raised some more cheers, mostly streets, houses, or buildings

DESTROYED OR DAMAGED and a large force of police was required to in the course of the recent disturbances, acquire the site thereof. they may be authorised to purchase the land compulsorily by means of an order be made in such manner and after publi-submitted to the Local Government Board, cation and service of such notices as may

with the schedule of this Act.

stituted for the procedure for the compulsory purchase of land under Section 203 (c) When an order is made under Nationalist, and it appeared to him that of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, as this section, the Corporation shall the Government, having capitulated to amended by any subsequent enactment. (2) have the power to acquire the site the Orange Army in force, would fail after

convenience in the reconstruction of areas. streats, houses, or buildings destroyed or

any by-laws of the Corporation under the poration for any of the purposes of this

ference between the amount which the Local Government Board certify to be the in respect of the destruction or damage of or to, the house or building; and no advance shall be made unless such compensa-

such period, with interest at such rate and by such instalments or otherwise as may tures on, in, or under the surface. be agreed upon subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, but the

years from the date of the advance, and 1916. the rate of interest shall not be more than ten shillings above the rate at which the Corporation can at the date purpose from the Commisioners of Pub-

provided that, in the case of an advance in order. Witness gave evidence as to Casement's several sums successively, the foregoing occupation, and on being asked what was his last known address in this country, said he preferred not to make it public. as respects each sum advanced if it were a separate advance. (d) The repayment of the Acts in the Acts in a separate advance. (d) The repayment of the Acts in the Ac advance to be made in several poration. sums successively as the works of rebuild- (b) To o

they are satisfied that the value of the the making and improvement of streets in an ordinary mortgagee would be willing ally, he was a handsome, upstanding man to accept. (c) The Corporation may exercise well over medium height, and with a sin all the powers and remedies for recovery of the principal money and interest which aged or destroyed in Dublin, and for other are expressed in the mortgage or implied sence.

In this section the expression, "ownership," in relation to the site of a house or building, means such interest, or combina- was not of recent growth, at he was one of tion of interests, as constitutes an estate the original Dail Uladh, or Ulster Council in fee simple or fee farm in possession, or a of the Gaelic League. As far back as 190 leasehold interest in possession of at least he gave tangible proof of his help for the 60 years unexpired at the date of the mort-gage.

(a) At any time after the expiration of two years from the passing of this Act, it appears to the L.G.B. on the application or damaged in the course of the recent disturbances has not been commenced, or although commenced, has been discontinued the Board may unless they are satisfied that the rebuilding or restoration will be completed within a reasonable time; make

(b) Applications under this section shall and confirmed by that Board, in accordance be prescribed, and before making an order The procedure under this section for the which may be made thereto by any perstituted for the procedure for the computthe Board shall consider any objections

Section 41 of the Public Health (Ireland) specified in that Order under the Public the war, as before it, to keep faith with Act, 1878, as amended by any subsequent Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1907, as the Irish nation. . . . Casement was in enactment, shall be extended so as to en- amended by this Act, in like manner as if America when the war broke out, and beather the Company tion of the Company tion of the Company tion of the control of the Company tion of the control of the control of the Company tion of the Company tion of the control of the Company tion of the control of the able the Corporation to make by-laws with it were land required for the purpose of gan to consider what he could do respect to the structure, materials, design, improving a street, and may sell, let, or alignment, and general symmetry of the otherwise dispose of the same when acl'or the purpose of securing amenity and tioned by the Local Government Board. Comment visked the most beautiful to the construction of areas

We, the undersigned, hereby declare to death was this day exeted on Roger David Casement in his
desty's Prison of Pentonvillo in our
sence.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 1916.

"R. Kynaston Metcalf, Under-Sheriff
"Co. E. M. Davies, Governor of said
Prison.

"James M'Carroll, Catholic Priest."

James M'Carroll, Catholic Priest."

SIMILARLY EXPRESSED,

Wylaws proposed to be made under that the execution of this Act shall be defrayed out of the rate or funds applicable to the
purposes of the Public Health (Ireland)
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(c) The validity of the proceedings of the total cost of rebuilding or restoring the shall not be questioned on the ground aforesaid; and the amount of the compensation granted out of the public moneys

In this unless the context otherwise Local Government Board certify that the ment Board" means the Local Government advance is necessary for the purpose afore- Board for Ireland; the expression ' prescribed" means prescribed by the Local (c) The advance shall be repayable within "site" includes buildings and other strucsent a convincing reason why such a crimi-

This Act may be cited as the Dublit term of repayment shall not exceed 30 Reconstruction (Emergency Powers) Act,

A schedule to the Bill contains provisions as to compulsory acquisition of land by the Corporation. If objection is taken by of the advance borrow money for the a person interested in the land to its acquisition by the Corporation, the L.G.B. shall direct a local inquiry to be held as to the propriety of confirming the acquisition

In reply to Mr. Duffy, the coroner said the order for burial was issued by him and handed to the Governor of the prison. As to any matter in reference to the burial

necessary, and no money shall be advanced compensation payable to any person interunless and until the Board certify that costed i the land.

To talk of his execution as though it were due to revenge or spitefulness is the



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

CONVERT

How He Travelled the World

CASEMENT'S CAREER

His Interest in Cause of Irish Freedom

igh treason this morning, was a member gularly commanding and impressive pre

He was born in Dublin in 1864. HIS INTEREST IN IRISH

leges. The first of those was the Munster College at Ballingeary, at the opening of which on 4th July, 1904, a letter was read from Dr. Douglas Hyde, who stated that he was happy to enclose "a subscription of £5 from Mr. (as he then was) Roger Casement, of Ballycastle, Co. Antrim, which he hopes to make an annual one." Casement was never a member of the Gaelic League Executive, but he was throughout a consistent supporter of the Irish language movement. One who snew him well, Colonel Maurice an order authorising the Corporation to Moore, has dealt with his later movements and probable motives, and says, writing a few days ago, that, unlike Pearse, Plunkett, and MacDonagh, he was a man of affairs, negotiations in different parts of the world with considerable success. He was highly

Casement risked the most horrible death since August 1 up to 1,100. to save the lives of his fellow-countrymen. We know that his whole life has been violent, but there has been no infantry acttion. The night was quiet on the real damaged as aforesuid, and as respects any (a) The expenses of the Corporation in spent in humanitarian efforts, that he by laws proposed to be made under that the execution of this Act shall be defrayed worked in malarial swamps to save the

Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1907, Act in like manner as they may lend so extended by this Act. (b) The advance shall not exceed the different Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1907. The Ste Condon Eug. Papers Starts on Ocean Voyage from Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1907.

Comments by Wire To-day.

"HERALD" LONDON OFFICE, 68 Fleet Street, E.C., Thursday Evening,

Casement's Fate

Commenting on the execution of Casement, the "Pall Mall Gazette" says :- All nal should have cheated the gallows. His offence was rank, base, and ruthless, and his character is sufficiently defined by his associations. He did his best to make the United Kingdom subject to a Power which has laid all laws in the dust, and to open the way for German soldiery to repeat with double zest in England the abominations they have committed in France and Belgium. He was one of the heads of a couspiracy 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 society which he had plotted

to enslave and destroy. "Justice is Satisfied."

Casement's trial, says the "Globe," was If the sentence of the law had not been (b) To order works to be executed by the carried out in this instance it would have two chaplains attended to his last consolation. Outside his cell in waiting were solation. Outside his cell in waiting were the Under Sheriffs of London and Middle sex. Captain E. M. Davies, governor of the prison; the deputy-governor, and four prison; the deputy-governor, and four two chaplains attended to his last considered in development of rebuild- to the authorities.

Solation. Outside his cell in waiting were to the authorities.

Mr. Duffy said he had applied to the devance will be applied in design or restoration proceed and for ensuring in determining the amount of the principle that treason is a comparative pensation; in determining the amount of tively venial offence instead of being the pensation; in determining the amount of tively venial offence instead of being the pensation; in determining the amount of tively venial offence instead of being the pensation; in determining the amount of tively venial offence instead of being the carried out in this instance it would have Corporation for the accommodation of adthat the advance will be applied in defor in addition to, the payment of comsuch that the advance of the principle that treason is a comparato the considered it a monstrous for in addition to, the payment of comsuch that the advance of the principle that treason is a comparato the considered it and the considered it is an applied to the deputy governor, and four the considered in veriest nonsense. It was necessary for the sake of others in a like case offending, and there is no civilised State in the world which could have condoned such invasion of its sovereignty as that of which he was guilty. He bit the hand that fed him, and all question of his "patrictism" is out of place in view of the admitted facts of his career. Justice is satisfied.

The Irish Breakdown.

Mr. Asquith's statement last night, says the "Evening Standard," shows that the Government or those who count in it have made up their minds as to the general scope and character of the economic war against Germany. It now lies largely with the country whether the fiscal weapon shall be used to good effect or only bran-dished in idle menace. As Unionists we approached the Irish question without prejudice, in 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 stubbern Cobdenite to the rigid Protectionist, to approach the trade pro-blem with an open mind, and deal with it as a national, and not a party question. The Irish breakdown should suffice to warn all extremists of the dangers of intrausigeance and the necessity of compromise:

Rallway Dividends. Highland Railway directors to-day de-clared interim dividends on the preference stocks for the six months to June 30 at the full rates, but resolved not to interim dividend on the ordinary stock for the same period. The directors of the North British Railway Co. to-day declared interim dividends at the full rates on all the company's preference stocks. Consideration of an interim dividend on the preferred ordinary stock is being deferred pending settlement of a question.

French Stroke Before Verdun

THE SOMME BATTLE

To-Day's British Official



Press Bureau, Thursday, The following telegraphic dispatch was received from Brit 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

Our guns were active, and the enemy's artillery_retaliated, during the evening along our front from Maltzhorn Farm to BRITAIN Longueval, and also on woods at Mametz, at Fricourt, Becourt,

and the village of Pozieres. The fire slackened off at dawn. The enemy exploded a mine near Southez, which caused no casualties and little

To-Day's French Official



(Press Association War, Special.) Paris, Thursday. The following official communique was issued this, -

To the north of the Somme we repulsed during 1 several Gorman attacks directed on Monacu Farm, and organised our new positions between this farm and Hen It is confirmed that the German units engaged in the of Monacu have had to be relieved after the soris

which they sustained since July 30. To the south of the Somme an enemy counter-attack on our positions to the south of Estrees failed under our fire.

On the right bank of the Meuze the Germans attempted a violent counter-attack on the trenches recaptured yesterday. Everywhere our curtain and infantry fire frustrated the efforts of the enemy, who

sustained heavy losses. On our side, following up our advances, we have materially progressed to the south of Fleury and reached the immediate vicinity of the village and beyond the

The number of prisoners taken by us in the region of Fleury alone in the course of yesterday exceed 700, which brings the total number of unwounded prisoners taken In the Vaux-Chapitre-Le Chenois region the artillery duel has continued to have

the front, excepting the Forest of Apremont, where we dispersed some German patro.

AVIATION .- On the Somme front Sergeant Chainat fought two air battles vester. day and on each occasion brought down his adversary. These fresh successes bring the number of German machines brought down by this pilot to eight. Another German machine was attacked at close quarters by one of our machines and fell in a damaged condition near Chauny.

THE DEUTSCHLAND

America

(Reuter's Telegram.)

Washington, Wednesday. The tug Timmins reports that the gave Deutschland passed out beyond the Virginia Capes at 8.30 this evening. The Tim- and the American people. For about mins reported by wireless to the U.S. de- face; then her lights slowly disappeared.

strover Sterrett lying outside the three his she plunged below.

mile limit as follows .- Submarine passet beyond Capes and passed three mile limit at 8.30 to-night.

The Sterrett forwarded the message to Norfolk, Virginia, Thursday. The tug Timmres arrived here last night. Her captain says the Deutschlane is well on her way homeward.

As the submarine started senward Capt Koenig and the crew came on deck and

CHEERS FOR AMERICA



MABEL & FATTY ADRIFT 2-Reel Keystone Triangle Comedy.

LIUUSE GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN.

Urchestral

Music