

Story of Skeffington Tragedy Told by Widow

Unfolding with remarkable force and clearness the tale of early events in Ireland's struggle...

Loved Ones' Last Farewell to Michael Collins



Those who loved him best, members of his immediate family and his closest associates, lingered for last farewell to Michael Collins...

How this Irish patriot, slain by an assassin's bullet shortly after he told his life story to an American newspaper correspondent...

CHAPTER X—SECTION 1. The one great lesson which the Irish people might have learned...

Key Smuggled to Prisoners

A master key of the cell doors had been smuggled into the prison in a cake, and was passed to Beazley...

Office Raided Twice in Day

Among the instruments used to this end was an 'O'Glaire, a miniature newspaper published every week during the terror...

Unable to Find Any Machinery

"The reason the black and tans could not believe that the paper was published on these premises was that they could never find any of the machinery...

Power Rests on Military Might

"If it seems that this citing of our ability to outwit our enemies places me in the category of those who imagine that in time we could have routed them out of the country, let me dissipate that idea quickly...

Murder Called Army Gang

"To accomplish these things it was the part of wisdom to pretend to have justifying causes. So we find Lloyd George in a speech at Carnarvon in October, 1920, talking about the Irish republican army as a real murder gang...

Only Bloodshed Work of British

"Thus far the British had been content to ridicule us. Then growing alarmed at the increasing authority of our new government, attempts were made to check our activities by wholesale arrests...

Business Known by Consignees

"The consignees of these camouflaged receipts all knew their business. Under their names were given the names of the consignment agents of the United States...

British Spies Put Out of Way

"To paralyze the British machine it was necessary to strike at individuals. Without her secret services working at the top of its efficiency, England was helpless...

Facts Told by Widow Verified

In great part the facts as told me by Mrs. Skeffington are verified by the official records of the Royal Commission of Enquiry...

Ish attitude resulted in a more united Ireland and the driving of the Irish people to meet desperate methods with desperate remedies.

Then came the smashing of the British spy system, the greatest secret service in the world. Irish traitors, bought off by British money, found the long arm of the Irish republican brotherhood could reach out to the furthest ends of the earth and mete justice...

Advocates New Form of Fight

"I advocate no mere servile lazy acquiescence in injustice. 'But I want to see the age-long fight against injustice clothed itself in new forms, suited to a new age. I want to see the manhood of Ireland no longer hypnotized by the glories of the arms, no longer blind to the horrors of organized murder.'

Arrest Ordered by Lieutenant

"It was between 7 and 8 that evening that my husband passed Portobello bridge on his way home. At this point Lieut. M. C. Morris, 11th East Surrey regiment, was in charge of a picket. Recognizing my husband from the circulated description of a British spy, he arrested him...

Boy Shot Down by Colthurst

"At about midnight Capt. Bowen-Colthurst came to Lieut. W. P. Dublin, Third Royal Irish Fusiliers, captain of the guard, and demanded that my husband be turned over to him. This, of course, I had no right to do, but he did it. Colthurst had my husband's hands tied behind his back, and then led him out with a raiding party along the Rathmines road—the raiders firing at houses as they passed...

Husband Near Dublin Castle

"If this statement seems incredible to persons who have implicit faith in the unwavering discipline enforced in all units of the British army, let it be remembered that what I have just said was stated by a British officer at Colthurst's court-martial. Moreover, it is easy to prove that there was open animosity between all the Irish regiments, and in the south of Ireland, the British soldiers and moved the British north and south of Ireland, to one another. Between the Royal Irish Rifles, for instance, and the Dublin Fusiliers there was constant friction. The former was an Orange regiment from Belfast...

Sympathetic to Idea of Republic

"Finally, my husband was sympathetic in the line of an Irish public in so far as it made for a worker's commonwealth, but he was distinctly opposed to the use of military methods to achieve that end. I emphasize this point, because it bears directly on the fact that his manner was so completely at variance with that of a typical English officer. He was a man who would not have hesitated to admit as much to the world."

The next installment of "Michael Collins' Own Story" will appear in The Omaha Sunday Bee next week.