

PAYS TRIBUTE TO ROGER CASEMENT

Irishman and Home Ruler Is Described by Neighbor Who Tells of Characteristics.

LOYAL AND A GENTLEMAN

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

London, July 21.—The Roger Casement of other days is described by one who for some time was his neighbor in Africa. He writes:

"At the time of the Boer war, Roger Casement was consul for southwest Africa and had his headquarters at San Paul de Loanda, the capital of Portuguese Angola. Among the few Englishmen there he was an outstanding figure and was known all up and down the coast. He was an ideal consul. He had a strong and a charming personality. His lithic and upstanding, with magnetic eyes and a pointed beard, full of tireless energy and generous enthusiasm, he was one of the Sir Richard Greenville type. Usually gentle and suave he was capable of rage. He would boil with indignation at the wrongs of some poor servical whose tale of misery and suffering under the cruel system of indentured labor came to his attention. He fought for them and strove to relieve them wholeheartedly. All the world knows of his later work in the Belgian Congo and in Brazil. His early work in West Africa is less known, but it was equally great, perhaps greater, because it was done quietly and out of the limelight. It was true pioneer work. Public opinion had not then roused, and the existence of this form of slavery was to most people unknown.

"He had considerable experience of the west coast of Africa. Before joining the colonial service he was for some time purser on the Elder Dempster steamer. It was while employed by the Niger Coast Protectorate that he climbed the Cameroons mountains—a feat which he celebrated in an excellent sonnet written at the summit. It appeared in the "Spectator." It is typical of the man that he chose this method of expression. A hardy soul would have described the adventure in prose and had made money.

Experiences in Africa. "He gained much insight into the native labor problem of West Africa on these voyages, a knowledge which he put to very good use in his consular work afterwards.

"Casement lived at Loanda in a small bungalow, his sole companion a large Irish sheepdog called Rags, and they were inseparable. The consul was quite unconventional. He would frequently go out for a stroll at sundown with an old shooting jacket over his pajamas and Rags lurching at his heels, and return at sunset, tired out and happy, having fared through the day upon a few bananas. He was much addicted to these lonely wanderings and was known to all the country round. The native children especially were attracted to him, sure that in his capacious pockets lurked biscuits and small copper coins which were theirs for a grin.

Full of Joy of Life. "An excellent companion, witty, good humored, and virile, Casement was full of the joy of life. He had many eccentricities, but they were all harmless and many of them lovable. He had many pensioners. No beggar appealed to him in vain. His influence was always for good. He was a keen athlete, a strong swimmer, and a good cricketer. He was widely and well read, an artist and a poet of no mean order. At that time much of his leisure was devoted to compiling a book of simple rhymes and delightful sketches for some children in Ireland and it was a rare privilege to watch this grow under his hand.

"Casement was a home ruler because he was an Irishman, and upon this subject he was fiercely eloquent. His usually soft voice would grow strong and deep and his eyes would flash on the rare occasions when he allowed himself to be drawn into a discussion upon the subject of his beloved Ireland.

William Mansfield, Arrested in Iowa, Murder Case, Free

Red Oak, Ia., July 21.—(Special Telegram.)—William Mansfield, who was arrested on charge of complicity in the murder of the Moore family, was given a preliminary hearing here today before Justice George W. Thomas. The court held that the evidence presented by the state failed to connect the prisoner with the crime and refused to hold him for further hearing.

The grand jury completed its investigation this afternoon at 2 o'clock and adjourned without voting an indictment and Mansfield was released.

Many witnesses were called before the grand jury, which began an inquiry into the case Wednesday. Mrs. Elmo Tompkins of Marshalltown, who claims that she heard the plotting at the slaughter house near Villisca and the preparations made for the murder of the Moore family, was one of the witnesses, and she was also taken to jail for the purpose of identifying Mansfield. Mrs. Tompkins claims that "Insane Blackie" was at her home some time after the Villisca murder, and knowing that she had heard the plotting, he threatened to kill her if she cooperated in any of her information. When taken before Mansfield she stated that he was not "Insane Blackie."

The witnesses who have been called are as follows: From Villisca: E. M. Nelson, Minnie E. Moritz, John P. Moritz, Frank O. Selley, J. L. Van Gilder, John Wilson, M. V. Selley, J. M. Focht, George W. Baker, H. Hedstrom, W. D. Farnes, Mrs. Emma Shipper, F. L. Shipper, Eunice M. Kimmel, J. E. Kimmel, J. C. Cooper, J. E. Horne, F. L. Robinson, Mrs. Lew Pierce, Mrs. Alice Willard, W. N. Willard, Frank Hillier, Fred W. Fryer, Harry King, Alex. Hallem, J. B. Fenton, C. A. Moore. From Marshalltown: Mrs. Vina Tompkins. From Marysville, Mo.: W. R. Tilson. From Shenandoah: R. H. Thorp, Red Oak: Mrs. Margaret McKay. Kansas City, Mo.: J. N. Wilkerson and J. A. Doyle.

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STATE BANK RESURRECTED

MULLEN HAS STATE BOARD REVIVE AN OLD CHARTER.

Gets \$8,000 From Guaranty Fund and Turns Bank Over to New Hands.

Arthur Mullen of Omaha, democratic national committeeman and attorney, exerted his occult powers on the State Banking board, comprising Governor Morehead, Attorney General Willis E. Reed and State Auditor W. H. Smith, and pulled one over on that body yesterday. He waved his wand and the board did things it had heretofore refused, failed and neglected to do, namely, allow another bank to start in Omaha and to give back to the dead German-American State bank of Omaha \$8,000 of its guaranty fund, taken from the grand total of the depositors' guaranty fund. Yes, three things he made the board do, the third being to let up on its claim that it is trying to limit the number of banks in the state for the sake of protecting the depositors' guaranty fund.

Arthur had been hanging around the board for months trying to get it to give back to the German-American bank \$8,000 of its guaranty fund which was on hand when the bank sold out one and a half years ago to the City National bank of Omaha, which bank later sold out to the State Bank of Omaha.

"How can we give that back when the German-American State bank is dead and the law makes no provision for paying it back, but leaves the bank's share of the fund in the total depositors' fund?" argued the board with Arthur.

Buried Alive, Grave Opened.

The bank being dead, having paid its debts and gone out of business, Arthur could not get back the \$8,000. So he came before the board yesterday and in effect said:

"See here, this German-American bank ain't dead at all. If you said any last sad rites over its tomb one year and a half ago, you have committed a horrible mistake. That bank has been buried alive, I tell you, and you better get your spades mighty quick and help dig it out. That bank is not dead. It's just sleeping, and it's a mighty lucky thing for me you put a certified check in the grave instead of burying that \$8,000. Here, man, grab a pick and get to work. Remember this bank's life is at stake, and there is \$8,000 in it for somebody."

The resurrection then began. The board got the body of the bank out of the tomb. Attorney General Reed felt its pulse, consulted Benner's prophecies and several court reports. "This isn't grave robbing, is it?" asked one. "It seems to me I do feel a slight pulsation," said the attorney general as he touched the wrist of the corpse. "And that a Minnesota court held that a bank can remain dead fourteen years and yet come to life, and, on the other hand, an Ohio court held that no bank can possibly remain buried that long and be revived. Quick, give me the pulmotor; I think I saw its eyelids move."

With the pulmotor in one hand and the \$8,000 in the other, the attorney general continued at work.

"Here, take the money, the bank's alive," announced the attorney general.

So Mr. Mullen took the credit for the \$8,000, picked up the old faded charter which the State board granted to the bank several years ago and went away. "I just wonder now what Arthur is going to do with that charter and \$8,000 guaranty fund we gave him," said a member of the board.

Thus the state board pronounced the bank everlasting and undying. Like the disciple of whom it was said, "If I will that he tarry till I come again, what is that to thee?" the state board had said, "If we decide that this bank was not dead, what's it to you, anyhow?"

Resurrection and Transformation. "But the German-American State bank of Omaha will not roam the earth in its old form. Mr. Mullen went into the next room, donned it of its hyphen, turned to the organizers

of another new bank, the Commercial State bank of Omaha, which had not yet applied to the board for a charter, gave it into the hands of men who never had any connection with the old defunct German-American bank and it came forth under a new name, the American State bank of Omaha, with the \$8,000 guaranty fund in its possession and will soon start in business. It came forth with amended articles of incorporation and a capital stock of \$200,000 in the hands of M. S. Shafer, president; J. F. Hecox, vice president; L. M. Swindler, cashier.

Mr. Mullen said it was its articles of incorporation that kept it alive, but these did not save its name or restore it to former friends. These articles were approved by the state banking board when the German-American started in life, it was granted a charter, the term for which the articles were filed has not expired and the charter had never been formally revoked or cancelled. The men who now hold the charter with the dehyphenated name some time ago sold stock throughout the state and were preparing to apply for a charter. In the meantime the Central State bank of Omaha applied for a charter, the state board refused to grant one, supposedly on the ground that there are now sufficient banking facilities in Omaha. The Central bank organization last week filed a suit in Lancaster county to compel the board to grant it a charter. The board was willing to be sued rather than give a charter to another bank in Omaha, until Arthur Mullen appeared before it. Then it admitted it could do nothing but grant his request.

Bankers contend that the action of the board is not legal, that the German-American bank has ceased to exist and that its method of revival depletes the depositors' guaranty fund to the extent of \$8,000 or at least permits the new bank to escape paying its proper share to the depositors' guaranty fund, and that the whole transaction will set a precedent for the barter and sale of state bank charters.—Lincoln State Journal, July 20—Advertisement.

Ruckman Nominated For Brigadier General

Washington, July 21.—Colonel John W. Ruckman of the coast artillery was nominated by President Wilson today to be brigadier general and Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Reber of the signal corps was nominated for colonel.

From Our Near Neighbors

Bennington. Claus Sendal is reported on the sick list this week. A baby boy arrived at the Jay Dillon home Friday.

A baby girl arrived Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boache. Miss Bessie Oran joined a party of friends for a vacation trip through Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kramer and sons visited at the H. D. Lobbert home this week. Mr. and Mrs. Fedde and Mrs. Bert of Benson were here Thursday afternoon calling on friends.

A number of friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wolff Wednesday evening on the fifth anniversary of their wedding. John Stark, who had his foot amputated some time ago, now has an artificial foot and is able to go about without crutches.

Weeping Water. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller, a girl, Sunday, July 16. Rev. George Reed has gone to Ponca, Neb., to hold tent meetings.

Miss Helen Blair, of Piper City, Ill., visited Wednesday at the J. W. Carter home. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cherry visited over Sunday with his brother, Ed, in Omaha.

Hollie Reator is suffering with a badly sprained ankle, sustained while at work in the stone quarry. The city water supply has become very low and the reserve supply in the railroad's artesian well is being used.

Mr. J. P. Beach and son, Edward, of Oklahoma City, are visiting at the home of the Misses Ellen and Lillian Bates. Word has been received of the serious injury in a fall, of E. P. Girardet of Aurora, Ill., a former business man of this place.

Harold Gear, of Fall River, Mass., visited at the W. D. Ambler home the first of the week. He was formerly a musician of this place. Next year he will be organist at Vassar college.

Springfield. Miss Ethel Kiger visited friends at Burr, Neb., last Sunday. Harry Peters, of Norfolk, was a guest of Dr. Peters Tuesday.

Mrs. Nell Overton visited friends in Auburn the fore part of the week. Mrs. Charles Githers and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Burbank of Corvallis made a short visit to this place Monday. Misses Margaret and Jennie Roberts left last Friday on a trip to Yellowstone park.

Mrs. Everett Swain and children, of Chicago, are visiting the William Bates family. E. N. Christmann and Leon Stays attended the tennis tourney at Wayne this week.

Mrs. Guy Fish went to Stanton Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Fin Hildebrand. Howard Parler, of Strong City, Okla., was here Saturday. He was one of the early settlers of this part of the state.

Mr. Myron Schaal of Springfield and Miss Lillian Tuffield of Omaha were united in

Industrial Worker Slugged by Mate

Seward, Neb., July 21.—(Special.)—I. W. W.'s are passing through here by the dozen on the Burlington & Missouri trains without molestation. Eighty-five of them were in Seward at one time. One fellow was struck over the head by his mate with a blunt instrument and robbed of a small amount of silver. The injured man was unconscious for hours.

Notes From Beatrice. Beatrice, Neb., July 21.—At a meeting of the board of supervisors yesterday plans for a new county jail to cost

\$25,000 were asked for by the board, all of the members voting in favor of the proposition. Edward Simmons, formerly of the Wymore vicinity, died at his home, near Los Angeles, Cal., yesterday. Mr. Simmons resided on a farm west of that city for years before he moved to California.

Funeral services for the late Harry Hensley, a brakeman who was killed near Emporia, Kan., last Sunday were held yesterday from the Methodist church at Rockford, and interment was in the cemetery there.

A number of citizens who are interested in the welfare of Company C of this city, which is now on the border, will contribute small sums of money for the boys while away. A box has been placed in the Palace of Sweets, where all those who wish can contribute the amount they desire.

Mrs. Hendrickson visited her son at Fremont Tuesday. Mrs. Paulsen of Omaha visited at the Dehn home Friday.

John House of Omaha visited at the Stoddard home Sunday. The True Blues had a camping party Thursday at Annals lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spring visited their daughter at Kennard Sunday. Otis Hendrickson of Des Moines is visiting at the John Hendrickson home.

Harry Christopherson of Omaha visited at the Andrew Christopherson home Sunday. Mrs. Wesley Williams, Jr., and son returned to their home at Chadron Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Rabbit of Omaha visited at the E. R. Brewster home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Boyce of Omaha and Mrs. John Williams and daughter, Mabel, of Fairview visited at the Williams home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson and son, James, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knutsen, all of Benson, were entertained at the John Black home Sunday.

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