

NOTED IRISH REBEL EXECUTED IN DUBLIN

Free State Exacts Penalty
From Erskine Childers.

CARRYING GUN OFFENSE

Prisoner Convicted by Military
Court After Capture on
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DUBLIN, Nov. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Erskine Childers, chief lieutenant of Eamon de Valera, was executed today.

He was executed at 7 o'clock this morning for having had an automatic pistol in his possession, it is announced in an official bulletin given out by the national army.

The brief army report stated that Childers was tried by a military court at Portlaoine barracks, Dublin, November 17, charged with being in possession, without proper authority, of an automatic pistol when apprehended by national forces November 17, at Annamoon, county Wicklow. The accused, the report added, was found guilty and sentenced to death, and the finding of the sentence being duly confirmed, the execution was carried out this morning.

The fate of Childers has been hanging in the balance for several days, while court proceedings made over his military trial, but with the adverse finding by the masters of the rolls yesterday on application for a stay of judgment, the feeling that seemed to prevail in Dublin last night was that he would be executed.

Army Posts Attacked.

This belief is thought likely to have inspired heavy attacks made on national army posts in Dublin last night. All the attacks were abortive.

Erskine Childers, a Lieutenant-commander in the Irish republican army, and one of the right-hand men of Eamon de Valera, was placed on trial before a military tribunal in Dublin on November 17 on the charge that he had a pistol in his possession when arrested at Wicklow by free state forces on November 17. The trial lasted two days. Childers was 52 years old. He appealed to the court for a writ of habeas corpus, which was denied yesterday by the master of the rolls. He then appealed to the court of appeals for southern Ireland.

Childers was an ardent proponent of an Irish republic and strongly opposed national army forces setting up the Irish free state on the ground that it meant "absorption of Ireland in the British empire."

Active Opposition Begun.

He was defeated last June in the elections for the South Irish parliament, receiving fewer votes than any other candidate in the whole election. Early in the next month he was reported to be organizing a band of insurgents in the Dublin hills and later in the month he commanded the band of irregulars who cut the cable in Valentia harbor.

Childers was captured at the home of a relative, Robert Barton, in a wooded and picturesque section of Wicklow.

Two columns of national troops surrounded the Barton house at dawn. One of the soldiers rapped on the door and was answered by a maid. The servant was thrust aside and a detachment of the expedition entered the house.

Childers was found in an upstairs bedroom. He attempted to draw a pistol, but was overpowered. He was taken to Wicklow jail and later Porto Bello barracks, Dublin.

Children's Cambridge Man.

Childers was educated at Trinity college, Cambridge. He served in the European war as a lieutenant-commander of the royal navy volunteers' reserve between January and May, 1916, and won the distinguished service cross for his services with the anti-submarine forces.

Childers was the author of several books. Among them were "The Framework of Home Rule," "Volume V of the History of the South African War," "The Ranks of the C. I. V.," and "German Influence on British Cavalry."

CHILDERS' WIDOW AMERICAN

Tragedy of Execution Startles English Public.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The tragedy of Erskine Childers has shocked and startled England even more than did the death of Michael Collins. Well wishers of the Irish free state, of whom there are many in London, expect that the execution of Childers may mean the beginning of a new chapter in the turbulent history of Ireland. In many quarters today the fear was expressed that the chapter may be described by the word "reprisals" and that the reprisals may be bloodier and develop into more intense internecine warfare than that which has gone before.

Many people were shocked at the news of the execution because they knew Childers; knew him when he bore an honored name as a British patriot, who rendered his country good service in the African war and when he was something of a hero in the British literary world as the author of "The Riddle of the Sands." This work was hailed as not only one of the best literary tracts on something of a tract on patriotism.

None of Childers' old friends who were spoken to today seemed to know just when the tragedy occurred, but the transformation from an ardent British patriot to an Irish revolutionary. His mother was an Irish woman. The Childers' family came from a distinguished line. The man's father gained fame as an orient scholar.

Childers' wife is an American woman and traces her ancestry back to the American revolutionary days in the lineage of the Putnam family. She was the heroine of an adventure when Childers in 1914, as a return to the Ulsterite landing arms in North Ireland, brought a consignment of arms for South Ireland to the coast a short distance north of Dublin.

Mrs. Childers, who is described as a daring yachtswoman, is said to have piloted the boat to the coast in the darkness of night.

ANNIE MACSWINEY WEAK

Mary Attended in Prison by Fellow Prisoners.

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FIRST MOTHER TAKES SEAT IN CONGRESS.



MRS. WINIFRED MASON HUCK AND MISS GLADYS BURNS, HER SECRETARY.

Mrs. Winifred Mason Huck of Chicago, who has been elected to congress to fill the unexpired term of her father, William E. Mason, an congressman-at-large from Illinois, is the first woman east of the Mississippi to go to congress and the first mother ever to sit in that body.

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Fight Over Central Pacific
Develops New Angle.

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Under Present Scheme.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 24.—Union Pacific railroad representatives continued today under cross-examination, their attack before the interstate commerce commission on the application of the Southern Pacific to retain control of the Central Pacific system.

Much of the day was occupied by F. L. Burkhalter, assistant general manager of the Southern Pacific, in an attempt to show that the results of the supreme court expected to have accomplished in recently ordering the dissolution of the two companies.

It is the effect of that decision which the Southern Pacific is now attempting to avoid by resort to the power of the interstate commerce commission to direct consolidation of railroads.

Common Interests Discussed.

Throughout the examination of Mr. Burkhalter, H. W. Clark, counsel for the Union Pacific, sought to draw the admission that the court's provisions for common use of tracks, terminals and facilities, even after separation, prevented any financial drain to the companies concerned of any weakening of transportation machinery available to the Pacific coast communities.

Aided by large scale maps, the Union Pacific counsel took up in detail the possibilities of joint operation after separation, seeking to establish the point that Southern Pacific service and Southern Pacific trains could be maintained in operation over parts of the Central Pacific. He said the pledge had been made that the Central Pacific would have the same rights and facilities in the use of vital sections of Southern Pacific construction.

Coast Transportation Good.

During one interruption, R. H. Swayne, a California representative of a shippers' committee supporting the Southern Pacific's application, testified that the best interests of business in his territory required continuation of the present consolidation, at least until the coast general consolidation matters. Long controversy in the past and consequent adjustment, Mr. Swayne contended, had given the Pacific coast fairly satisfactory traffic arrangements now.

He remarked that it would be folly to break up the dual system of later the interstate commerce commission might order a reunion in bringing about general consolidation of roads. He asserted that he saw great danger to the interests of shippers from the disruption.

Separation Held Harmful.

Mr. Swayne insisted that no good could come from a separation of the two systems and when asked if the instilling of competition for the trans-continental traffic would be of advantage, the witness declared that some types of competition might be harmful.

An agreement also was made to the effect that the witnesses tomorrow to witness a summons by the Utah state authorities. It is understood they will support the Southern Pacific position.

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FRUIT, NET MEN ELECT

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The Western Nut Growers' association elected Ben Dorris, Springfield, president, and C. E. Schuster, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer. Vice-presidents for Oregon and Washington will be appointed by the president.

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