

## TERROR REIGN IS DESCRIBED TO AMERICANS

Official of Irish Town Tells Story Before Body at Washington.

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#### Trial of Man for Manslaughter Nears Completion.

Admitting it was a taxi that he was driving which fatally struck Sister Mary Blanche McCormick, a sister of the Order of Providence and Sister Superior of the Holy Rosary School, and acknowledging that he made false statements to the police following the accident on April 9 last, Ollie Brown, 29, who has been serving the Indiana State Reformatory as well as the Indiana State Farm, testified in his own behalf before a jury in the Criminal Court today.

The admission of Brown that it was his taxi which struck the sister and not one driven by his friend, George Coffey, is also the last and whitest straw on a scale of manslaughter, virtually clears Coffey of the manslaughter charge. Brown denied he was racing with Coffey but admitted Coffey passed his machine prior to entering Monument Place.

Brown contended he never exceeded twelve miles an hour while driving around the Circle Back and admitted that he had been racing Coffey. Coffey strongly affirmed the government's case, but he was able to stop it. He maintained he was driving close to Coffey's car and when his friend's car struck the curbing he turned his taxi to the right, and as he turned out to avoid hitting Coffey's car, he saw a man standing about three feet in front of him. He said he gave his wheel a jerk to stop the car as far to the right as possible. He claimed if the sister had not stepped back two or three feet the taxi would not have struck her.

#### LABOR PARTY TO ADT IRISH CAUSE

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The Labor party today began bestirring itself in favor of Ireland. A manifesto was issued condemning the British administration of Irish affairs. The manifesto received close attention in government quarters.

It was remembered that the Labor party, by their stand in favor of Ireland, greatly influenced the government's course during the British-Bolshevik "war scare."

When the Red troops were invading Poland and brought about a conciliatory attitude in place of a belligerent one.

The Labor party, in this manifesto, advocated quick withdrawal of the British forces from Ireland. It urged self-determination for that country, even if a republic should be formed there. A committee was appointed to visit Ireland and conduct "a great campaign of public enlightenment."

**PROTEST BREAKS OUT IN JANUARY.**

Trouble broke out in Thurles, Morgan said, on Jan. 20, five days after he had been elected as a labor member of the town council.

On the night of Jan. 20, the said, the town was set up by the Royal Irish Constabulary in revenge for the shooting of one of their men. Morgan described the terror on. His family as they lay all night on a stone floor to escape the bullets which crashed through the windows of the house. Next morning Morgan said, he found the houses of all members of the town council who had joined Irish independence had been riddled with bullets.

Surgeons and a newspaper office were riddled with hand grenades, he declared, and the main street and square of the town were littered with glass and debris. The people, he said, were wild with terror.

On Jan. 20, Morgan was arrested in his home by Royal Irish Constabulary, who told him, he said, that there was no charge against him, but that he was taken prisoner on government orders.

#### DEPORTED TO LONDON PRISON.

With four other Sinn Feiners from Thurles and fifty from other towns, he was deported to Wormwood Scrubs prison in London. On the trip, he said, the men were handcuffed in pairs and were confined in a small compartment aboard ship.

On the ship, Morgan said, a paper was read to him, telling him that inasmuch as he has either had or was about to do something to the detriment of the realm, he would be imprisoned.

"In April," said Morgan, "I received a telegram in the prison that my oldest boy, a lad of five, was dying and at once applied for a parole, but I got no answer. A few days later I was notified that my boy was dead."

I again asked for parole, but it was flatly refused and I was unable to get to the funeral."

After having been in prison until late in April, Morgan said he and 200 other Irish prisoners demanded trial.

#### HUNGER STRIKE FOLLOWS REFUSAL.

When Morgan refused they went on a hunger strike. Finally some of the hunger strikers became so weak they were taken to a hospital. Morgan got back to Ireland in June, he said.

"Did any of the 200 strikers die?" asked Howe.

"No," said Morgan. "Some of them refused food twenty-four days. I was on strike for eleven days."

"Why did the Irish Constabulary not arrest the other Republicans with the shooting of the policeman?" asked Jane Addams.

"My own theory is that they determined to punish the leading men of the town," said Morgan. "When they shot up the town the police who had been shot down not dead. He lived two days longer."

The deportations, he declared, were general over Ireland and following sweeping victories in district and county elections for Irish Republican candidates. More than 500 were deported in a few days, he said.

#### THURLES SHOT UP TWICE AFTER.

"Was Thurles ever shot up after that?"

"Yes, twice. I was in prison. Threatening letters were sent to Morgan and other members of the town council, the witness said. I got a letter telling me that I would depict this guilty man to the public, but I got no answer."

"Another member of the council named McCarthy demanded an investigation of the shooting up of the town. McCarthy got a letter telling him he would get all the information he needed if he would go up a certain street that night. He didn't go. That night a knock came to the door. McCarthy's brother, John McCarthy, who stopped the "death car" just as it was being driven into Grant Park, that there were only three men in the machine at the time.

#### FIND WOMAN'S BODY FLOATING

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Police today were faced with another mystery in which available information points to the fact that the body of a young woman, badly mutilated and bleeding, in the northwest branch of the Chicago River. She was identified as Mrs. Anna Switalski, missing from her mother's home Nov. 8.

A young man of the neighborhood disclosed yesterday today he floated Switalski and notified the police.

Numerous bruises and a wide gash on the forehead indicated a death struggle. The victim was a woman about 25 years old.

Monday night the proceeds of the evening will be contributed to the Masonic orphans at Franklin and will be used to give the children a happy Christmas.

#### Court to Hear Appeal of Memphis Banker

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 18.—The State Supreme Court today was to hear the appeal of a banker from Memphis who had lost his life in a gallant attempt to save a person from a burning building in Templemore. The facts are that he was burned to death while setting fire to the town hall.

Morgan said that as a result of the invasion of the district of the "black and tan" constabulary, people are afraid to go into the streets at night. All social life has gone from Thurles, he said. Classes for the study of Gaelic have been abandoned.

#### ANSWERS QUESTION REGARDING PURPOSE.

Senate of Massachusetts asked Morgan whether the purpose of the British government was to stamp out all efforts by the Irish people to establish a republic. Morgan replied that undoubtedly was the purpose.

The witness said the night before he left Dublin for the United States the house in which he was staying was surrounded by British officers so that he was forced to flee under cover of darkness to the suburbs. On his way to the docks to board the ship he was hailed by the British authorities, he said, who were

#### 3 Georgia Negroes Lined Up and Shot

DOUGLAS, Ga., Nov. 18.—Three negroes, two men and a woman, implicated in the killing yesterday of Pearly Hopper, a prominent young planter, were lined up by a mob and shot to death today.

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