

HARRY BOLAND DIES; SOUGHT ARMS HERE

Former Sinn Fein Envoy Succumbs to Wounds Received When Taken by Free Staters.

LETTER ON AMERICA SEIZED

Had Written O'Kelly Urging Him to Attend Clan Meeting to Obtain Aid for Rebels.

DUBLIN, Aug. 1 (Associated Press).—Harry J. Boland, former representative of the Sinn Fein in the United States, died tonight in a hospital here of wounds received early Monday morning in the Grand Hotel in Skerries, a fishing village north of Dublin, while attempting to evade capture by troops of the National Army.

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By Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

DUBLIN, Aug. 1.—The activities of the Irish irregulars in the midlands are being checked before they effect anything. Some of their leaders in the Mullingar area were seen recently in Dublin, as if on the lookout for war material, but their movements are closely watched and successfully forestalled, as instanced by the tracking down and arrest of Harry Boland.

The machinations of the group of which Boland was a leader are best understood from documents recently captured in the house of John T. O'Kelly, former Dail envoy to Paris. One was a letter from Boland intimating that Joe McGarrity of New York had asked to have a man sent from Ireland to a Clan-na-Gael convention on Aug. 7, and suggesting that he, O'Kelly, should go also, intimating that McGarrity had agreed to postpone the convention for his arrival. The letter continued:

"This fight is likely to be long drawn out, and we shall require money, &c. You could also organize a campaign in the United States. I cannot imagine another man for the job. Joe promises full support of the clan. You can bring back all the available money and arrange with the clan to supply Thompson revolvers, &c. Joe's letter only reached me last night, via Cork. De Valera read it en route, and added a note that some one must go."

The letter was dated July 25, and Boland asked O'Kelly to meet him at a certain place in Dublin to talk matters over.

Members of the Clan-na-Gael who were asked last night to discuss the letter of Harry Boland said that the Joe McGarrity referred to probably was the prominent member of the Clan-na-Gael Reorganized, a secessionist body in Philadelphia. Supreme Court Justice Daniel F. Cohalan and John Devoy, editor of The Gaelic American, are prominent members of the regular Clan-na-Gael, but neither could be found last night.

The Clan-na-Gael • Reorganized was formed in August two years ago and is composed of members of the old organization who sought a more radical policy. Boland while in this country carried on numerous negotiations with the secessionist branch and it was he, it was said last night, who caused the break between the regular organization and the I. R. B., the Irish Revolutionary Brotherhood in Ireland. The latter severed all connections with the organization here.

It was said by members of the regular organization that Boland assumed authority which he did not possess and that the Irishmen now in control of the Irish Revolutionary Brotherhood in Ireland since have stated that he exceeded his authority. Nevertheless the split Clan-na-Gael exists in this country today and both hold annual conventions. There is no convention of that body scheduled for this city in August, it was said.

McGarrity is a former wholesale liquor dealer, now in the real estate business in Philadelphia. He was a leader in the movement which caused the split between De Valera and the Cohalan organization, sponsoring the De Valera side. Many members of the Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, for which Major Michael A. Kelly is spokesman here, are members of the Clan-na-Gael Reorganized.

The reference to "Thompson revolvers" undoubtedly refers to a supply of Thompson high-powered automatic pistols. It will be recalled that 495 of these weapons were seized by Customs officials of the steamer East Side at Hoboken in the Summer of 1921. The steamer was said to have been under charter to the Sinn Fein to carry coal to Ireland. Packages tied up in burlap were found in the coal bunkers. A curious steward peeped into one of the packages, saw guns and reported to the authorities.

Colonel Marcellus H. Thompson, Vice President and active head of the Auto Ordnance Company, makers of the guns, is a son-in-law of George Harvey, Ambassador to Great Britain. The Thompson gun has played a large part in Irish warfare, as it is a small, efficient weapon and capable of rapid fire.

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