

Changed Utterly, side for General Maxwell

MAXWELL: In view of the gravity of the rebellion it is imperative to inflict the most severe sentences on the organizers of this detestable rising. *(he writes to British prime Minister, Asquith)* In the event of the Countess Markievicz being convicted by Court Marshall and sentenced to death, should the sentence be carried out? She is a lady who has taken a leading part as a commander and I will try her as she is bloodguilty and dangerous. I am of the opinion that this is a woman who has forfeited the privileges of her sex. We cannot allow our soldiers to be shot down by such like. She has a following who see something to admire in her.

Send for Countess Markievicz.

*Constance is brought into the trial room.*

MAXWELL: Constance Georgina Markievicz, you are hereby charged that (1) you did an act to wit take part in an armed rebellion and in the waging of war against His Majesty the King such act being of such a nature as to be calculated to be prejudicial to the Defense of the Realm and being done with the intention and purpose of assisting the enemy. How do you plead?

CONSTANCE: Not guilty.

MAXWELL: (2). Did attempt to cause disaffection amongst the civilian population of his Majesty. How do you plead?

CONSTANCE: Guilty

MAXWELL: The recommended sentence is death by shooting.

*later, after reading Asquith's reply*

*(through gritted teeth)* The Court recommends the prisoner to mercy solely and only on account of her sex. The sentence is confirmed but it is commuted to one of penal servitude for life.