

IRISHMEN HERE TO BACK PLEA TO SAVE CASEMENT

Prominent Men Believe Con-
victed Knight Acted on
Noble Motives

WILL ASK FOR PARDON
Petition to British Government
in Behalf of Prisoner
Planned

A petition to pardon Sir Roger Casement, convicted of high treason and sentenced to be hanged in England, will receive the enthusiastic support of prominent Irishmen of Philadelphia, who believe that Casement was actuated by high ideals and adopted a course which he believed to be the best for his country.

Many Irishmen of this city had an intimate acquaintance with Sir Roger and believed that he had no other motive than the welfare of the Irish people at heart. Members of Irish-American organizations whose views carry weight in all movements for the benefit of the race declare they would sign such a petition immediately and expressed the belief that it would be emphatically approved by all loyal Irishmen throughout the country.

Officials of several local organizations said they would take steps in the matter within the next 24 hours. There is also talk of starting a similar movement in all big cities of the United States.

There are some who believe that such a petition, representing the sentiment of the Irishmen of the United States, would carry great weight and possibly get the death sentence of Sir Roger commuted to life imprisonment.

Joseph McGarrity, of 5412 Springdale avenue, at whose home Sir Roger Casement spent several weeks during his visit to this country in the fall of 1914, and prior to his departure for Germany, declared he would support the petition movement. He said in the convicted man's behalf:

"It would be a good thing for the Irish people of this country to come to the support of one of their countrymen in this his time of need. It is about the only thing left for us to do and while I fear it is too late, we will feel that no effort had been spared on our part."

"Sir Roger was my guest in 1914, from the middle of July up to the time of his departure. He was with me the day we read of the declaration of war by England. He was posted on the bulletin board of the Evening Ledger at Broad and Chestnut streets. This was on a Tuesday. Sir Roger stayed at home all day Wednesday, interviewing friends, and he had a great many in Philadelphia.

"Sir Roger came to America to secure support of Irish-Americans to arm the Irish Volunteers. He was here to get money to collect funds to further the cause is emphatically a lie.

"Irish America has blood as well as gold to give to the cause of Irish freedom and those killed today are the first of thousands prepared to die for Ireland. This was the sense of a telegram Sir Roger sent to Eoin MacNeill, one of the so-called rebels now sentenced to life imprisonment on the occasion of the Bachelors' Walk affair, when Irish children were shot by English soldiers.

"Sir Roger was doing his best for Ireland and for Ireland only," said Mr. McGarrity. "I, as well as other Philadelphia Irishmen, have had several talks with people Sir Roger in Berlin.

"Whatever the Germans may have done for Ireland, such as the sending of the ammunition-laden 'Aud,' the boat that accompanied Sir Roger to Ireland in April, was done solely on the initiative of friends of the Irish cause in Germany. Sir Roger cannot be held directly responsible for that.

"If a petition is circulated, I am sure it will receive the support of every loyal Irishman in this country. I hope it will do some good."

Joseph McLaughlin, national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, with a membership of more than 300,000 in the United States, declared he would support any action that may be taken in Sir Roger's behalf. A petition had not been thought of as yet, he said, but if one was circulated he declared he would not only sign it but would urge others to do so. Whether any action would be taken by the Ancient Order of Hibernians as a body Mr. McLaughlin could not say until he had conferred with other officers of the order.

"I am willing to lend my support to a petition to the English Crown asking that Sir Roger's life be spared. Sir Roger Casement's visit to Philadelphia in 1914, when he was the guest of Mr. McGarrity, made many friends for him here. He impressed us as being a man of high ideals and we all regret very much to hear of his conviction. He has had the moral support of every loyal Irishman in this country during his trip. We have feared for the worst ever since the trial started. As a matter of fact, the conviction and death sentence was what might be called a foregone conclusion, and we have held out very little hope for his acquittal."

"Sir Roger was convinced that he would be convicted of high treason and said so before his trial. I think he knew what awaited him at the hands of that English jury and resigned himself to his fate. However, while there is life there is hope and a petition supported by thousands of persons in this country may have the effect of causing mercy to be shown Sir Roger."

John O'Dea, State secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, is another enthusiastic supporter of any action that might be taken to save the life of the convicted Irish knight.

"Something should be done to save Sir Roger Casement," said Mr. O'Dea. "I have always felt that he would be convicted of high treason. He never had a chance in that English court. I was convicted before the trial opened."

"As a matter of fact, I believe they would have selected a jury to convict him even though he had been tried in Ireland, as he desired. I am sure the Irish of this country may have the effect of causing mercy to be shown Sir Roger."

"The English Crown asking that Sir Roger's life be spared."

WILSON ASKED IN SENATE
TO INTERCEDE FOR CASEMENT
Resolution Asks President to Request
Stay of Execution

WASHINGTON, June 30.—A resolution requesting President Wilson to ask the British Government for a stay of sentence for Sir Roger Casement, condemned to die for treason yesterday, was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Marjorie, of New Jersey. The resolution was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee. Senator Marjorie, chairman of the committee, said it would be considered by the committee at its first meeting.

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Verdict Not Unexpected, Says Michael F. Doyle

LONDON, June 30.—Michael Francis Doyle, the Philadelphia lawyer who went to England as attorney for Sir Roger Casement, has made the following statement regarding the conviction of the Irish leader for high treason:

"The verdict was not unexpected by either Sir Roger Casement or his counsel, as the defense was not able to call or produce documents and witnesses from Germany. The state of feeling was such that any other verdict would have been a surprise. No man of Irish name was permitted to serve on the jury, and no English lawyer of prominence would undertake the defense.

"The Lord Chief Justice conducted the case in an eminently fair manner. I think if the trial had been before an American jury the verdict would have been different. Sir Roger Casement is in no way dejected at the outcome. An appeal will be lodged immediately with the Criminal Court of Appeals.

PHILADELPHIA MAY GET NEW CUSTOM HOUSE BY "OMNIBUS" MEASURE

Congressman Moore Asserts Item
Will Figure If Such a Bill
Is Reported This
Session

RESERVE IN OLD BUILDING

WASHINGTON, June 30.—"I am convinced that if an omnibus public buildings bill is reported to the House at this session of Congress there positively will be a provision for the purchase of a new customs house site and the beginning of work on the structure," said Mr. Moore.

That was the statement made today by Representative J. Hampton Moore, who introduced a bill several months ago for an appropriation of \$2,000,000. It is probable that the bill will not appropriate the full amount asked, but Representative Moore will be satisfied if the present bill carries enough for the purchase of the ground necessary and the commencement of work.

"The Treasury Department has virtually said it would be useless to undertake the work with an appropriation of less than \$750,000," said Mr. Moore. "The purchase of the ground and the building would cost \$1,600,000, according to Treasury Department estimates."

It is considered certain that the Public Buildings and Grounds Committee will report a public buildings measure calling for appropriations of more than \$25,000,000 at this session of Congress.

That such a plan is favored by a majority of the members of the committee has been repeatedly in recent weeks. Instead of reporting separate bills for projects that are admittedly meritorious, the committee has held them to incorporate in the one general bill. By that method it is expected the support of the individual members for the omnibus bill can be held in order that they may get favorable action on the particular projects in which they are interested.

When asked whether there is not less chance of getting the Senate to act favorably on an omnibus public buildings bill than there is in the House, Representative Moore said:

"The Senate is as human as the House. There is some doubt whether President Wilson would sign a public buildings bill, even though it should be passed by both Houses of Congress. Early in the present session he passed the word to the leaders that he did not want a public buildings measure enacted. The usual arduous measure for preparedness have made many members opposed to obligating the country to further expenditure.

The plan to use the present Custom House as a Subtreasury and a Federal reserve bank headquarters, proposed by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Byron R. Newton, meets with the enthusiastic indorsement of officials and banking house authorities in this city. The proposition that would result in the preservation of the old structure and at the same time give to Philadelphia a much needed and more commodious custom house is one back of which Philadelphiaans solidly stand.

It was suggested in a letter read by Congressman Moore to the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, in support of the measure for a new custom house, which provides \$1,000,000 to obtain a new site and start construction on a new building, the cost not to exceed a total of \$2,000,000.

The letter of Assistant Secretary Newton leaves it possible for the Government to make future use of the historic structure that has outlived its usefulness for present purposes. It was the home of the Bank of the United States.

Richard L. Austin, Federal Reserve agent in this city, today declared that the Custom House would make an admirable building for a Federal Reserve bank, and that full is no longer adequate for the needs of the custom officials. Mr. Austin said:

"I think the Custom House building would make very good Federal bank building, and I know that the custom officers have not sufficient room to conduct the business of a port the size of Philadelphia in the old building. Something must be done to give the custom officers more room and if a new Custom House is finally decided upon the present building would make a fine bank."

Others familiar with conditions as they exist today were enthusiastic in their support of the project advanced by the Washington authorities. All agreed that the present building is inconvenient and not at all adapted to the present needs of the service.

Girl, Playing With Matches, Burned
Four-year-old Catherine Coll, 1329 South
Hicks street, was seriously burned this
morning when her clothing became ignited
as a result of playing with matches. The
little girl's screams attracted the attention
of her sister Mary, who wrapped the blaz-
ing child in a tablecloth, extinguishing the
flames. She was taken to St. Agnes' Hos-
pital.

Shaw Out for Conscription
LONDON, June 30.—George Bernard
Shaw, the famous novelist and playwright,
came out in favor of conscription today
while testifying in the case of a "conscientious objector" who was charged with dis-
obeying orders. Shaw said he was a strong
advocate of compulsory service.

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Men of the 1st Brigade welcoming
the arrival of the camp news-
dealer with his bundle of EVENING
LEDGERS, which are delivered every-
day at Cokbrook, close to the
tents at Mount Gretna.

GETTING THEIR HOME PAPER AT STATE CAMP



GADSKI'S HUSBAND NOT GUILTY IN GERMAN PLOT

Captain Hans Tauscher Acquit-
ted of Part in Conspiracy to
Blow Up Welland Canal

NEW YORK, June 30.—A verdict of not guilty was returned today in the trial of Captain Hans Tauscher, charged with conspiring to blow up the Welland Canal in Canada.

Tauscher, who is agent for the Krupp interests in this country, was specifically accused of furnishing the dynamite with which pro-German sympathizers were to blow up the canal.

The defense was based upon the contention that Tauscher, while favoring the German cause, had asked Captain von Popen, former military attaché to the German Embassy at Washington, to give him work to do which would not be in violation of the laws of this country.

Mme. Johanna Gadski, prima donna and wife of the German captain, was in court when the jury announced its verdict, and enthusiastically thanked every one of the 12 men.

Testifying in his own behalf yesterday, Tauscher intimated that he had been duped by Captain von Popen, whose recall was asked by the United States. Tauscher was stationed here by the German Government as its representative in munitions purchase early in the war.

LONDON PAPER SUGGESTS CLEMENCY FOR CASEMENT

Not Wise to Irritate Ireland and Alien-
ate Irish-Americans

LONDON, June 30.—The Daily News, one of the London papers, today sug-
gested clemency for Sir Roger Casement, who was sentenced to die on the gallows after his conviction of high treason yester-
day.

The News conceded that the death sentence was justified, but declared the execution of Casement might stir up ill-feeling in Ireland just at a time when the Govern-
ment hoped for a settlement of all diffi-
culties.

Let all concerned think well of the consequence, not to Ireland and England, but to the world and especially to the American world, where all moving events in these days are watched with intense interest and detachment from ourselves and a sympathy for Ireland we little appreciate."

Third Auto Crash Victim Dies

William Sloss, 24, 3040 Titan street, died today in the Polyclinic Hospital as the result of injuries received early Tuesday morning, when the automobile in which he rode hit a light pole at 28th and Federal streets. This was the third death from the accident. Two men were killed instantly. They were Robert McCallan, 35 years old, of 2641 Catharine street, and Albert Norton, 23 years old, of 3336 South 31st street. Another victim, Arthur Simmons, 22, of Wyncoffe, is still in a serious condition.

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CHURCHES AND CHARITIES REMEMBERED IN WILL

Bequest of \$1000 Each Made to Institu-
tions by Late Gratz C. Jordan

Requests of \$1000 each to the Pennsylv-
ania Industrial Home for Blind Men, West-
ern Home for Poor Children and Home of
the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children,
and \$500 each to the Seneca of Princeton
Presbyterian Church, Tabernacle Presby-
terian Church and the Second United Pres-
byterian Church are included in the will of
Gratz C. Jordan, 3819 Powelton avenue,
which was probated today.

The will, which disposes of an estate
valued at more than \$10,000, also bequeaths
\$500 to the Second United Presbyterian
Church for charitable purposes as a memo-
rial to the testator's wife, Mary V.
Jordan. The remainder of the estate is
devoted to three sisters.

Other wills probated today were those of
Rudolph Kendig, 1230 East Washington
street, who in private bequests disposes of
property valued at \$30,000; Franklin Garri-
gues, 3331 North 15th street, \$28,000; Mary
A. Hall, Windmore and Ardmore avenues,
\$10,000; Emmeline B. Sellers, 41st and Wal-
nut streets, \$3300; Sarah B. Allaband, 310
North 9th street, \$3500; Emily S. Tilton,
4521 North 19th street, \$3250, and Alexander
Nones, who died in New York, \$3000.

Settlement Near in China
LONDON, June 30.—The Shanghai cor-
respondent of the Morning Post telegraphs:
"A settlement between the North and South
appears imminent. Three prominent South-
ern leaders have gone to Peking and it is
understood that the restoration of the
original provisional constitution is to be de-
clared immediately."

Mount Holly Men Ready to Go
MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., June 30.—Orders
received by Captain Long to have all the
men of Company E put through the regular
army medical examination, and sworn in to
Federal service by tonight have renewed
activities among the local militiamen to-
day. As far as preparation is concerned
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Greenwood, are idle while 4500 miners are
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inasmuch as they are receiving the price
under that agreement. The other collieries
are picketed by electricity and hence not
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THROWN FROM TRAIN, MAY DIE
18-Year-Old Newsmen Picked Up by
Railroad Employees

George T. Allorico, an 18-year-old news-
man employed on a Philadelphia and Read-
ing train coming from Pottsville was thrown
from between cars at 10:30 a. m. today as
the train swung around a curve at the
signal tower near Columbia avenue station.
Allorico was not missed by the train crew
until the train pulled into the Terminal. He
was picked up by employees of the Reading
Railway and sent in an ambulance to St.
Joseph's Hospital. He suffered severe con-
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