ITALIANS DECORATE COLUMBUS STATUE

Societies Here Celebrate the 425th Anniversary of Discovery of America

APPEAL FOR LIBERTY LOAN

Knights of Columbus Observe Day by Starting Drive for $3,000,000 Fund for Soldiers

Italian societies of Philadelphia observed the 425th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus by placing a wreath on his statue in Fairmount Park today.

The societies were represented by the Columbus Day Italian committee, of which John M. Queroli is chairman. The celebration was not as large this year as in former years, because of the war.

In his address at the statue, Mr. Queroli made an appeal that Columbus Day be observed throughout the country like Washington's birthday. Chevalier C. C. A. Baldi asked that all present should think of the boys at the front, and aid the war for democracy by subscribing to the Liberty Loan. An address was also made by Chevalier E. V. H. Nardi.

The Columbus Day committee, which includes John M. Queroli, Chevalier C. C. A. Baldi, Ernest, Atella, Saverio Porreca, Angelo Cusano, Chevalier E. V. H. Nardi, Vincent Brunette and Joseph Modestina, then left for Hammonton, N. J., where they addressed the Italian colony, and appealed for subscriptions to the Liberty Loan. The principal speaker was Vincent Tetolo.

The Sons of Columbus celebrated the day by a flag raising at St. Donato's parochial school, Sixty-fifth and Callowhill streets, and a parade. They left the school this afternoon, and paraded through West Philadelphia to Fairmount Park, where they placed a wreath on the statue of Columbus. Fifty girls attired as Red Cross nurses made collections en route for the benefit of the orphans and widows of Italian soldiers.

Tonight there will be a concert in the school hall, which will be preceded by addresses by prominent Italians.

The launching of the local campaign to raise $3,000,000 for the erection and maintenance of recreation centers in the United States army cantonments in this country and France will be one of the features in connection with the celebration of Columbus Day by the Knights of Columbus tonight at the Academy of Music.

The Stock Exchange, Produce Exchange, banks and numerous business establishments closed for the day.

The Knights of Columbus have been designated by the War Department as the official agency for all Catholic activity for the soldiers and sailors. Prominent members of Congress and jurists from many parts of the country will attend tonight's meeting, which promises to be one of the largest ever held in Philadelphia.

Among the speakers will be Congressman J. Thomas Heflin, of Alabama, who recently caused a stir in Washington by the assertion that some members of Congress were controlled by German influences. Representative Heflin is regarded as one of the best orators in the country. Addresses will also be delivered by former Governor Edwin S. Stuart, Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty, head of the Knights of Columbus; former Congressman J. Washington Logue, President Judge Buffington, of the United States District Court of Appeals, and others of equal prominence. Edward A. Kelly, chairman of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, will preside.

The Choral Society of the Ladies of San Domingo, under the leadership of Professor Hogan, will render numerous selections.

The movement to raise the fund mentioned is receiving the united support of all members of the Knights of Columbus and Catholic clergy and people throughout the country. The money will be used to erect and equip buildings at all the training camps in the country and to furnish amusement and recreation for all soldiers regardless of creed; also to maintain information bureaus at the front so that those in the trenches may be kept in easy communication with the folks at home.

The fund will also be used to maintain volunteer priests to look after the spiritual welfare of Catholic soldiers in the training camps.

It has been planned to erect at each of the sixteen National Army cantonments three recreation buildings at a cost of about $14,000 for each cantonment. There will also be erected one building at a cost of about $6000 at each of the sixteen National Guard encampments. From twenty-five to thirty similar recreation stations will be erected at the regular army extension camps, naval training stations, aviation stations and camps of other units of service.

Cardinal Gibbons Urges Loyalty

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and is therefore alone in the position to judge of the expediency of national affairs.

"In a word, we have been exerting our every effort, and will continue to do so, to persuade all Americans that they can do the greatest good to themselves and their country by a cheerful and generous performance of their duty, as it is pointed out to them by lawfully constituted authority."

The President replied:

"May I not express my very deep and sincere appreciation of your letter of October 6th? It has brought me cheer and reassurance and I want you to know how much I appreciate your own action in consenting to preside over the important and influential group of men and women who have so generously undertaken to support the Administration in its efforts to make the whole character and purpose of this war and of the Government of the United States in the prosecution of it clear to the whole people."

McGarrity Denies Treason Charge

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serves me right. Washington was at one time a British yeoman. Yet who will dare call him 'traitor'? But when some of the servants of Lord Northcliffe write of Casement they flippantly use the word. I would remind these gentlemen, however, that a man's own countrymen are the best judges of his motives and patriotism. Casement's name will go ringing down the ages among Irishmen and all lovers of liberty as one of the world's greatest patriotic martyrs, while these tools of England who slander him will be forgotten in a day.

"Robert Emmet sought the aid of France and rebelled against England in 1803. England hanged him as a traitor; yet but a few weeks ago President Wilson lent the dignity of his presence to the unveiling of a statue in our Capitol at Washington which will perpetuate Emmet as a patriot and martyr.

IRISH LOYAL TO UNITED STATES

"As to myself, no charge has been made against me. I, therefore, need no defense, but there is a contemptible inference made which might lead many well-meaning people to believe I was guilty of some crime. To this cowardly English propaganda I can only answer there were no Benedict Arnolds among the Irish. And while today thousands of Irishmen would prefer suicide to taking up arms to fight for England, you will find none among them willing to sell the United States.

"If it is a crime to sympathize with Germany as against England, who is the greatest suppressor of liberty and small nations in the world, I plead guilty of the crime and glory in the fact. The blood of Patrick Pearse, of Emmet, of Casement, of Skeffington and of Tom Ash, who but a few days ago was done to death by England, and the blood of their many other splendid comrades cry out from their graves to me as they cry out to all their countrymen.

"Shame on the Irish hand or the Irish voice who gives aid to our murderers. England has used every method known to the tyrant to suppress the voice of Ireland, which calls out to the world to be liberated from the English yoke. But her efforts have failed in Ireland as her imitators will fail here.

"If we men of the United States are out to free the small nations, let us show our good faith by liberating that small nation which has suffered the most—which has suffered the longest—let us liberate Ireland, whose sons have shed more of their blood to make these United States free and to defend that freedom than any other nation of its size and population in the world. Failing in this, history will show we fought more in the interest of England than in the interest of humanity and small nations as we proclaimed on entering the war.

"No doubt while waiting for news of the fall of Lens we will have time to read Mr. Lansing's next installment."

Start Wilmington Gas "Grab" Fight

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Electric Company's plant during the recent rate fight in that city.

Fourth, the elimination of the "water" in the company's capitalization.

Fifth, the determination of a just rate of charge for gas based upon the actual paid-in capital of the company and upon the results of the physical valuation.

Sixth, a complete exposure of the political activities of the gas company's officials.

Back of all this, of course, stands out the offer to purchase the company's plant outright and operate it without increasing the present price. This offer was made through E. M. Davis, president of the Voters' Nonpartisan League, at the public hearing on Tuesday evening, just before the commission began its "star chamber" session.

Mr. Davis would not divulge the name of the man making the offer, but he declared that he stood ready to produce a certified check for $1,000,000 the following morning as a proof of the good faith of the offer. It was learned today, however, that the man back of the offer is Alfred I du Pont, head of the faction which instituted the court proceedings in the famous du Pont securities case to take from Pierre S. du Pont and his associates the powder securities purchased from T. Coleman du Pont.

The proposal of the gas company to increase the price to consumers, it was declared here today, will be a boomerang which will probably result in a reduction instead of an increase. Statistics have been gathered by C. Fred Barker, a former member of the Public Utility Commission, which show that the average price of gas in a number of cities about the size of Wilmington is not over eighty cents per thousand feet consumed.

"If the water could be squeezed out of the company's capitalization," declared Horace G. Eastburn, an attorney and a leader in independent political movements, discussing the situation today, "we could have gas for eighty cents and probably for less, and even at that figure the company could earn 12 per cent on the money actually paid in."

The present price of gas in Wilmington is ninety-five cents per thousand feet consumed. Late in September the company sent letters to all consumers announcing an arbitrary tax of twenty-five cents per month on all meters in service regardless of the amount of gas consumed. A storm of protest immediately broke. It was charged that the company did not have the right to raise the price without the approval of the Board of Utility Commissioners. In response to the protests the commissioners held several hearings.

On Tuesday evening last, after a heated debate between representatives of the company and a number of citizens, the commission went into an executive session. Subsequently it was learned that, although the protesting citizens were denied admission to the meeting, representatives of the gas company were present at the session, and it was there that the meter tax was withdrawn and the ten-cent per thousand increase offered.

The commission the following morning gave its approval to the increase without notifying any of the original complainants and without a public hearing.

FIND MOTHER OF SEAMAN KILLED BY BLACKJACK

Lives in Tuckerton, N. J.—Companions of Man Struck Down in Fifth Ward Sought

The mother of Charles P. Jacobs, the seaman who was found dying on Pine street near Seventh early yesterday morning as the result, the police believe, of being blackjacked, has been found by detectives. She lives in Tuckerton, N. J.

Jacobs was found unconscious on the street in the Fifth Ward and died on the way to the Pennsylvania Hospital. Detectives today are trying to find his companions of the night before he died.

LA FOLLETTE WILL GO BEFORE COMMITTEE

To Defend Himself Against Charges at Session to Be Held Tuesday

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.

Senator La Follette will defend himself before the subcommittee of the Privileges and Election Committee of the Senate against charges that his utterances before the Non-Partisan League convention at St. Paul were "disloyal."

In a letter sent in reply to Senator La Follette's request that he be allowed to testify, the subcommittee today set Tuesday at 10:30 o'clock as the hour at which the Wisconsin Senator will be heard.

Senator Pomerene, chairman of the investigating committee, wrote Senator La Follette as follows:

Referring to the request contained in your letter, the subcommittee on Privileges and Elections begs to advise you that it does not concede that its powers extend to an inquiry into your right to make the speech delivered by you in St. Paul—that question being reserved by the full committee for its consideration; nor does it believe itself authorized to inquire into the motives or animus of those making attacks on you.

The subcommittee desires, however, to afford you an opportunity to be heard and to inform the committee with reference to the accuracy of various statements contained in the speech referred to, and to that end you are invited to attend at the ensuing session of the committee to be held in its committee rooms in the Capitol at 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, October 16, 1917.

The investigating committee today received all data in possession of the State Department relating to the Lusitania case.

German Line Yields to Haig's Attack

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has the enemy reeling from his sledgehammer blows.

Momentous issues hang on the German line in the bloody Ypres sector. The British drive is a direct menace to the German grip on submarine bases on the Belgian coast.

Passchendaele, the outskirts of which have been reached by the British, is seven miles northeast of Ypres. It is one of the most important cities along the eastern slope of the Passchendaele Ridge and is not more than six miles from Roulers, one of the main transportation centers through which Germany's line of communications to the Belgian seaport submarine bases passes.

"SIMPLY SPLENDID," GENERAL HAIG DECLARES

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FLANDERS, Oct. 12.

"All is simply splendid," declared Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig today, discussing his latest offensive in an interview.

"The entire history of Flanders shows that the soldiers' worst enemy is mud. This is true more than ever because in the particular section here the natural drainage was stopped when the country was inundated.

"Notwithstanding the mud, British, including men from all dominions, and the French, have overcome both the mud and the Germans."

The British commander was full of his admiration at the stubborness of his men in fighting the elements and for their going on, unwhimpering, under the worst sort of conditions. He declared they were absolutely unafraid of the worst punishment the Germans could offer.

WILL AGAIN USE OLD CANAL

Schuylkill Waterway Now Carrying Coal to Philadelphia Yards

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Oct. 12.—The Schuylkill Canal, long out of use and virtually abandoned, is now being used to relieve the coal shortage in Philadelphia. Curiosity was aroused in Bridgeport today, through which the old waterway passes, when two boats filled with coal were towed through the canal by a tugboat bound for Philadelphia.

When the canal was used years ago horses and mules supplied the motive power.

LANCASTER DRAFTEES LEAVE

New Call Necessary in View of Large Number of Exemptions

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 12.—Lancaster County sent fifty-one more draft men to Camp Meade today, a big crowd of people seeing them off at the railroad station.

The draft boards of Lancaster city and county have been exempting so many men through claims of exemption by reason of being on farms and nonresistant sects, that the county's quota is far short of being filled and a new call must be made to select from.

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The Indian—a wonderful quality. All Mahogany Cordovan tops and vamps of Cordovan, with heavy oak soles. Made in the famous Speedway lasts. Worth $12..... **$7.50**

The Mascot—Chestnut Brown and Dark Brown. Highest quality. Bort & Packard Korrect Shape Shell Cordovan, A beautiful Shoe on our newest lasts and patterns. Unequaled for less than $13. Here **$8**

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The Proof—Once More We Undersell

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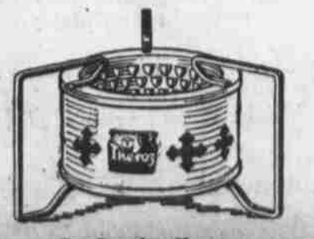
Heats Shaving-Water.
Heats Baby's Bottle.
Heats Curling Iron (without soot.)

When less than a cube heats what you want heated, blow out the cube and put it back into can to be used.



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Misses' Handsome Coats... $14.98
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Zibeline, mixtures and velour cloth, with belt, patch pockets and novelty buttons. Some have fur cloth trimming. Sizes 8 to 14 years.

Sealette Plush Coats, $14.98
Belted model, with fur cloth trimming on collar, and quilted lining. Sizes 8 to 12 years.

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For Girls of 14 to 16 Years
Navy, green and brown. Double belted model, with patch pockets and fur cloth trimming.

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