

AND U. S. AID IRISH PEACE CONFERENCE

Resolution Presented to Congressman Flood Asking Hearing on Resolutions

PHILADELPHIANS SIGN

Are Among Those Who Sign Appeal for Some Action by America

Washington, March 15.

A drive on Congress by Irish-American leaders with a view of forcing official American utterance in favor of consideration of the Irish question at the peace conference when the war closes was begun when an open letter was filed with Chairman Flood of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, requesting an open hearing on the many "Irish resolutions" now piecemealed in congressional committees.

Mrs. Hanna Sheehy-Sheffington, wife of P. Sheehy-Sheffington, Irish editor who was executed for his part in the Irish revolution, copied and signed copies of the letter to the press. It was signed by sixteen leaders in Irish-American organizations, including the following Philadelphians:

Joseph McCarry, chairman of the Irish Volunteer Committee of America; President Luke Dillon, of the Associated Club-Na-Gael Clubs of Philadelphia; James E. Givin, chairman of the Philadelphia branch of the Friends of Irish Freedom; Francis S. Clark, chairman of the Philadelphia Council of the Irish Volunteers; Francis O. Kane, president of the Philo-Celtic Society of Philadelphia, and the Rev. T. J. Hurton, president of the St. Endas Irish School.

Following is the letter:

"At least eight members of the House of Representatives have introduced resolutions on Ireland's claim at the peace conference. Almost every issue of the Congressional Record contains memorials and petitions from Americans of Irish descent urging Congress to take up the consideration of the Irish question at this time. As representatives of Irish and patriotic organizations of Irish-Americans, deeply interested in the achievement of peace and the honorable settlement of the Irish question, we respectfully request the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to set a date for a public hearing to:

(A) Those representatives whose resolutions on the Irish question have been referred to your committee for consideration, and to

(B) The representatives of responsible and patriotic organizations of Americans, who have filed petitions with the Speaker of the House, through your committee on behalf of those resolutions.

"Great Britain, as the President has frequently reminded us, is not our ally, but merely our co-belligerent. As in the case of the invasion of Siberia by Japan, our attitude toward our co-belligerent is to be defined, not by a simple regard for their selfish interests, but by eternal principles of right and wrong. Upon those principles, Ireland's case is based. Among the voices of humanity, which are in the air, surely none is more poignant and persistent than the voice of that unhappy island, whose Irish-American exiles are among the most devoted sons and daughters of this republic. On their behalf we respectfully ask an early opportunity to be heard."

DAYLIGHT AND HOUSING BILLS ACTION EXPECTED

House Committee Speeds Work on Measures by Reporting Favorably on Special Rules

Washington, March 15.—Action next week is assured on the daylight-saving bill and the \$50,000,000 Labor Department housing bill through the action of the House Rules Committee in reporting favorably two special rules for their immediate consideration.

There has been a determined effort by members of the House to bring both of these measures up for action, and as the situation now stands there is only one special rule, that on the postal employees' salary bill, in ahead of them. Supporters of the daylight-saving bill are extremely anxious to obtain passage of the measure immediately, as it is worded as to take effect on April 1. Members of the Pennsylvania delegation have been besieged with letters and telegrams urging them to support and advance the measure. The charge was made in some communications that the big electric and gas companies are waging an active campaign against the bill.

Rapid action on the housing bill is wanted by the Department of Labor, so that the construction may be relieved about the big munition centers and other Government industries. Little actual opposition is expected on either proposition on the floor of the House.

HONOR ARMY NURSES

300, Soon Going to France, Hear Talk in St. Paul's Chapel

New York, March 15.—Service flags of the San Francisco and Spokane units were dedicated by two hundred army nurses, mostly from the West, soon to leave for France, in St. Paul's Chapel.

The Rev. Dr. William Montague Geer, in an address, urged the bestowal by the United States Government upon the many nurses of military rank similar to that now in vogue in the English and Canadian armies. Doctor Geer told the young women they were not going to the front line, but very near it, and frequently would be in situations of peril. They would be eyes to the blind hands and feet to the crippled and comfort many a last pillow.

POLICE SEEK EX-CONVICT

Friend Man Accused of Robbing

Millville, N. J., March 15.—The police here were asked to apprehend Jack Lawrence, who was recently paroled from the State prison farm at Leesburg, and who is now charged with having stolen diamond lavalliers from the home of Charles Hand, on East Broad street. Lawrence is leader of a "trull-hiller's gang," which has on several occasions visited the State prison farm at Leesburg, and on one of these trips he was captured. As soon as paroled Lawrence returned to Millville and asked shelter at the Hand home, saying that he was back to his native place in Burlington County, to begin life anew. He was, however, and the lavalliers.

Didn't Mean Any Harm

Amherst, Del., March 15.—A number of soldiers and shipping it to Amherst, Del., as a result of statements made by a "trull-hiller's gang" in the Federal court here, which has on several occasions visited the State prison farm at Leesburg, and on one of these trips he was captured. As soon as paroled Lawrence returned to Millville and asked shelter at the Hand home, saying that he was back to his native place in Burlington County, to begin life anew. He was, however, and the lavalliers.

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U. S. IS EXTRAVAGANT, PENROSE'S OPINION

Points Out Creel Bureau as Striking Example of Extravagance

Washington, March 15.

Senator Penrose addressed the Senate briefly on extravagance in the Government. He particularly upon the Committee of Public Information, of which George Creel is chairman, and declared he was told that this committee is expending \$5000 a day, paying the salaries of many unnecessary employees.

The Senator some time ago introduced a resolution calling for an investigation of the Creel committee, but no action has been taken. When he proposed again that he call it up his effort was again nullified by the objection of Senator Hobbs Smith, of Georgia.

Senator Penrose declared the fact that economy and efficiency seemed to be trending considerations in the Administration. He said salaries of unnecessary employees have been placed on the payrolls of the Government and it was imperative that Congress should inquire into the recklessness with which the people's money was being scattered among useless Government clerks. The Creel committee he described as "an inefficient bureau, a kind of a court chronicler to explain the virtues of the chief executive and his subordinates."

"There are too many employees in all departments," continued the Senator, "and I have only to refer to it later to the departments and bureaus that have sprung up like mushrooms in temporary buildings to see employees tumbling over each other and hardly knowing what they are called upon to do. I know of one department—I shall not mention it now, but I intend to refer to it later on—where from two to three thousand persons are employed where I believe from two to three hundred would conduct its business effectively. The situation undoubtedly requires investigation. I think it would be very interesting to have the Senate inquire into the employees of this Creel bureau made public. Its expenditures are out of all reason, and I think it is reasonable to inquire into its business activities. The resolution I have offered has not been permitted to come to the Senate for consideration."

SHIP'S HULL UTILIZED FOR Y. M. C. A. RALLY

Emergency Fleet Corporation Officials Address Bristol Workers in Novel Auditorium

Members of the Emergency Fleet Corporation are holding a meeting today in the hull of a ship which is under construction at the Merchants' Shipbuilding Corporation plant at Bristol in an effort to interest the ship workers in Y. M. C. A. work. A similar meeting will be held at the Chester Shipbuilding Company plant.

Mr. Charles A. Eaton, of New York, chairman of the national service section of the United States Emergency Fleet Corporation; A. H. Parkhurst, secretary of the service section, and Edgar S. McKing, Philadelphia representative, were present.

G. O. P. EXECUTIVE BOARD SELECTION IS DEFERRED

Hays Decides on Delays Pending Conferences With All National Leaders

Washington, March 15.—Organization of the permanent executive committee of the Republican National Committee will be deferred until further conference has been held with party leaders. Will Hays, chairman of the committee, has announced.

Mr. Hays through conferences here will seek to develop the policies of his organization and a number of questions, including a publicity committee, are to be settled in a short time.

Mr. Hays conferred at the Capitol with Senators Penrose, Giffinger, Curtis, Warren, Poindexter, McNary and Johnson.

Senator Penrose and other National Committeemen, including those from the District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina, will confer with the chairman tomorrow.

LUCKY 13, OFF TO WAR. HONORED BY P. R. R. MEN

Passenger Traffic Auditor's Office Unfurls Flag for Comrades With the Colors

A service flag in honor of thirteen employees absent in the army and navy was unfurled today in the office of the auditor of passenger traffic of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Addresses were made by J. P. Litzenberg, who presided, and George H. Hungerford. Words were sung to the air, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," as follows:

MEN WANTED FOR MILITIA

New State Reserves in Campaign for Volunteers

Two companies of the newly formed State Reserve Militia are making a drive from their army, at Forty-first street and Mantua avenue, to obtain their necessary quota of fifty men. Twenty-seven men are needed to fill the two companies. Captain Frank Henry will swear in new men at the headquarters tonight.

There will be one regiment from Philadelphia and two from throughout the State, making three in all subject to call by the Government. They have the latest rifles issued by the State and uniforms of a forest-green color.

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BOYS SELL PAPERS TO AID RED CROSS



Riverside, N. J., has a Junior Red Cross auxiliary that is 100 per cent efficient. Two of the most industrious members are Benjamin Stephens (left) and Curtis Johnson, who are shown above sorting the magazines and papers they have collected for the Red Cross.

PARIS KEEPS UP DANCE POLITICAL LIBERTY, AS AIR BOMBS FALL CZECHS' DEMAND

Acrobats in Music Hall Continue Performance as Guns Roar

London, March 15.—A Paris correspondent, telling of the air raid there, says:

"A number of well-known buildings were struck, but, although the raid was one of the most successful known hitherto, it has not in any way upset the French morale. A bomb was dropped close to a music hall, but the audience remained and the acrobats went on unperturbed with their delicate performance. At another point a dance for British soldiers was going on when a bomb fell, causing slight damage. The amateur ladies' orchestra hesitated for a second, and then the dancing went on without any interruption whatever."

"In spite of the number of attacking airplanes and the quantity of bombs dropped the raid was by no means as noisy as those of London. The French barrage fire does not seem so intense as that which surrounds London, although in the last raid it was clear that a number of new batteries had been brought into action."

"A special committee has been formed to deal with questions arising from the raids and to devise means of civilian protection, and has produced remarkable results already. The most famous works of art have been covered with concrete sandbags, but there still is much to be done. Three thousand air shelters have been provided, but as things are at present it is only in the daytime that they are apparent. Gas jump indications, so familiar to Londoners, have not yet been adopted."

Convict Wins Parole

Seranton, Pa., March 15.—Samuel Wooster, twenty-five years old, of Lehigh Valley, arrested some time ago on the charge of stealing a registered letter while he was serving a term in the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburgh, was given a suspended sentence by Judge Wampler in court here. Court agreed to give him a chance to reform and if he mends his ways by March, 1919, he will be given complete liberty.

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HAILS KAISER AS BEST PEACE 'TALKER' ALIVE

Lloyd George Replies to Friends of League of Nations Propaganda

London, March 15.—Criticism given the Kaiser ministers had not been sufficient prominence to the idea of a league of nations has been admitted by Lloyd George. The Kaiser had taught one lesson, he said, that was that a real league of nations did not come by talking about it. The critics had forgotten something which was essential—that once a war was begun you had to fight for it. They must not be misled by mistaking phrases for facts. He could invent phrases about peace which even a Prussian war lord would hail with satisfaction.

Nobody had been so eloquent on the subject of a league of nations, said the Premier, as the German Emperor. His reply to the Pope breathed the spirit of brotherly love, but in it there was no word about Belgium. On the subject of a league of nations the German Emperor was absolutely sound; he was prepared to put Germany at the head of it. All those protestations on the part of the Emperor breathed the spirit of domination; the danger was wrapped up in the sermon on the Mount.

A league of nations could only be possible when the Entente allies had won; only then could a league of nations become an established fact and the sword be converted into a plowshare.

Coming down to internal affairs, the Premier said there was no hunger, there was no privation, but the people were being deprived of a good deal that had been taught to regard as the essentials of a comfortable existence. "There was no lack of abundant food to sustain the strength of the people and no prospect of such deficiencies, but there was a tendency to grumble at restrictions."

"The people face big things," continued the Premier, "but get worried over small ones. There has been only one successful controller in the history of the world—the One who made five leaves and two small fish food a multitude. I tell you what rationing means. It means that a nation in the furnace of war is becoming more of a brotherhood."

Russian Is Interred

Wilmington, Del., March 15.—Arrested as an alien enemy who failed to register, Ralph Cooper, twenty-nine years old, has been placed in the Workhouse until he can be deported to his native land. Cooper was arrested at Bridgeville. He says he is a Russian. Cooper was in the poultry business and his attitude on the war caused neighbors to turn him in.

McAdoo Asks Long Railroad Day

Hazleton, Pa., March 15.—Repairs on the Hazleton and Delano lines of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company have been asked through a bulletin issued by Director McAdoo to work ten hours a day, seven days a week if necessary, to keep rolling stock in good condition.

La Follette Case Comes Up

Washington, March 15.—The alleged dictatorial speech of Senator La Follette will be considered by the Senate Elections Committee tomorrow. Chairman taken at that time.

ATLANTIC CITY IN WAR ON HIGHER GAS RATES

Commissioners Demand Company Economize to Meet Increased Cost

Atlantic City, March 15. City Commissioners have declared war on the gas company at an advance in the price of gas at the shore on account of the war.

"Cut out all unnecessary expenditures and make the best of it, as individuals and business men are doing," is the resort's reply to a petition filed with the State Board of Public Utility Commissioners last week by Clarence M. Geist, of Philadelphia, president, and other officials of the Atlantic City Gas Company, which is controlled by a Delaware holding corporation with \$5,000,000 capital.

The Atlantic City company asks the State board for an order increasing the price of gas from \$1 to \$1.20 per 100 cubic feet, regardless of a franchise granted to the Consumers Gas Company, the old Kitchin company, whose plant it absorbed in the Geist merger five years ago.

The city will contend at a hearing on the petition next Tuesday in Trenton that the Geist company cannot charge more than ninety cents for gas at any time so long as the city objects without invalidating its franchise rights.

GERMAN WAR PRISONERS ARE SENT TO RAID AREAS

Britain Retailing for Method Adopted by Central Powers

London, March 15.—England will scatter German prisoners of war over areas which the enemy's aircraft are subjected to attack in their raids, according to the Evening News. "This," says the newspaper, "is being done because the Allied Governments have learned that prisoners of their nationalities in German hands already have been subjected to a bullet in the back of the head by the German Government in order to keep the secret of their whereabouts."

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TYPISTS IN BIG DEMAND

25,000 Stenographers and Clerks Needed by the Government

Twenty-five thousand typists and clerks are wanted immediately by the Government, according to an announcement by the Civil Service Bureau in the Postoffice Building. Arrangements have been made for a great influx of applicants, and the Board of Education has been asked to allow the Bureau to use one or two of the schools for the examinations.

Lack of stenographers in the numerous departments at Washington and throughout the commissary department has reached a state where the Government sees fit to make an urgent appeal.

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