WILSON IS URGED TO HELP IRELAND

Senator Phelan Sees Huge U. S. Navy if British Force Sea Demands

3000 AT BIG MEETING

Academy of Music Crowd Lauds President for Going to Europe

Winston Spencer Churchill's insistence that Great Britain will never yield the mastery of the seas to a league of nations was answered here last night by United States Senator James D. Phelan, of California, with the declaration that the United States, as the only safe alternative, will build the greatest navy of the world.

Addressing a mass-meeting of more than 3000 persons, gathered at the Academy of Music ostensibly "in support of self-determination for Ireland," Senator Phelan said:

"If a league of nations is not formed by the voluntary acts of the Governments of Europe to protect the smaller nations, and armaments are not so reduced as to make a program of aggression by any one power ineffective, then the United States will be obliged to build the greatest navy in the world."

The meeting was held in conjunction with a similar demonstration favorable to Irish independence which took place in Madison Square Garden, New York, and others of a like nature in several of the large cities, at the same hour. Governor-elect Sproul, honorary chairman, did not attend, and former Congressman Michael Donohoe presided. Resolutions were passed approving the attendance of President Wilson at the peace conference at Versailles and urging him to use "the unique power given him by the fortunes of war" for Irish independence.

Refusal of the Rt. Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Pennsylvania, to serve as a vice chairman of the meeting because he believed "it would undoubtedly play into the hands of German propaganda," was referred to by several speakers in scathing terms.

Ireland has never surrendered her national rights, declared Rev. Thomas J. Hurton, national vice president of the Friends of Irish Freedom, another speaker. The act of union on which England bases her claims that Ireland is a part of the United Kingdom was passed by a corrupted Parliament; he said.

"Right Cannot Be Denied"

Judge Bonniwell told the audience that "if there were residents in the British Empire with conscience and ability enough to deal decently with Ireland, there would be no Irish question." He said that "the right of Ireland to self-determination canot be denied or ignored in the Peace Conference."

Martin Conboy, director general of the selective draft in New York city, said it was unfortunate that Ireland had not been able to achieve independence by force of arms.

In a brief address at the close of the meeting Dr. Patrick McCartan, envoy of the "Irish Provisional Government" and Sinn Fein member of the Irish Parliament for Offaly, Kings County, attacked what he terms "Lloyd George democracy," and said that "in spite of all the British Government can do to prevent it, Ireland will keep up the fight until justice has been won."

A feature of the meeting was the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," and other patriotic numbers by the chorus of the ladies' auxiliary, A. O. H., Red Cross unit.

CHURCHILL URGES IRISH SETTLEMENT

Dundee, Scotland, Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—Colonel Winston Spencer Churchill, Minister of Munitions, speaking here yesterday, emphasized the impossibility of coercing Ulster in the matter of home rule for Ireland and said that the present Government is anxious that the problem be solved as soon as possible. In discussing this feature of the election campaign, Colonel Churchill said:

"Before the war we had reached a definite agreement with the leaders of the Nationalist party that Ulster was not to be coerced. It never was the policy of the late liberal government to take coercive steps in Ireland. Why do not the Irish leaders come forward now and take up the burden of responsibility of government within the British Empire? Why do they not, by a spontaneous feeling of comradeship within Ulster?

Want Settlement Now

"The Government is most anxious that the British question be pressed forward vigorously to a solution. Great Britain goes to the Peace Conference ready to bestow self-government upon Ireland. It is only the quarrels and disputes of the Irishmen themselves that prevent a solution of this great question. Let us earnestly hope they will endeavor by every means, even of practicing patience, to embark upon the proper road.

"Let us pray they will labor to prepare a way by which they shall enable this settlement of the Irish problem to be achieved, so that Ireland will no longer remain the sick and ailing child of the British Empire, but will take her proud place with all those great national forces which have been woven together to make up the mighty empire which stands so high today."

Financial Question Grave

Speaking of fiscal matters, Colonel Churchill said:

"The financial question is becoming increasingly grave. We are burdened with an enormous debt, but about six-sevenths of our debt is due to ourselves. The difficulties connected with that portion can be adjusted within our own borders, but the external debt is a far greater source of preoccupation. We are heavily in debt to the United States. We have sent to America £400,000,000 in bullion and from £800,000,000 to £1,000,000,000 in securities, which had been gathered as a result of two generations of prosperous trade.

"The payment of interest on that debt and the loss of interest on securities previously held will impose a very serious burden in coming years. We incurred that burden, not for our own benefit, but for the Allies and Russia. As a result of these overseas liabilities we will have burdens such as we have never had before, but we will face these difficulties with courage, keeping our word in every respect."

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R. NORRIS WILLIAMS WINS FRENCH CROSS FOR BRAVERY

Philadelphia Captain, Former National Tennis Champion, Decorated at Tours With General Harbord and Another Aide for Heroism in Second Marne Battle

Captain R. Norris Williams, 2d, of Philadelphia, former national lawn tennis champion, was decorated with the war cross yesterday at Tours by the French Government.

At the same time crosses were pinned on Major General James G. Harbord, head of the supply service of the American expeditionary force, to whom Captain Williams was an aide, and Captain Fielding Robinson, of Norfolk, Va., another aide to General Harbord.

Although the three are now in the supply service, the decorations were awarded for distinguished service in action with the marines in the second battle of the Marne. General Harbord commanded a brigade in this action, and Captain Williams and Captain Robinson served under him as lieutenants. When the general took over the supply service his two aides went with him to promotion.

The decoration ceremony took place in the presence of the entire garrison at Tours, the general commanding the Ninth Military Region and his staff, the prefect of the department, the Mayor and a large crowd of citizens. The crosses were presented by General Requichot, of the French army.

Captain Williams's father, who lost his life when the Titanic sank, was a Philadelphian, and the captain is a nephew of the late R. Norris Williams, of Chestnut Hill.

R. Norris Williams, 2d, is one of the greatest American lawn tennis players, having won the national championship twice, in addition to taking part in international Davis cup matches of 1913 and 1914.

R. NORRIS WILLIAMS 2D
Former tennis champion, now an army captain, who has been decorated by the French Government

PEACE BRINGS HIM NO REST

Sergt. Keenan, Veteran of Three Wars, Yearns for Action

A veteran of three wars and of numerous encounters in Philadelphia's underworld, Sergeant William K. Keenan, 6011 Jefferson street, is wandering around trying to find something to occupy his time and give him his customary excitement in these days of peace and quiet.

W. R. KEENAN

Sergeant Keenan has been discharged temporarily from a New York hospital, where wounds received in action last summer were treated. He served in the Spanish-American War and saw what little action there was on the Mexican border. Naturally when the big war broke out this man of action could not stay out, and after a period of training at Camp Hancock he sailed with the Headquarters Company of the 110th Infantry Regiment.

The great drive at Chateau-Thierry saw Keenan in the thick of the fighting, and in one engagemnet he was gassed and suffered wounds in the knee and jaw. A period in a base hospital was followed by invaliding home.

Sergeant Keenan gives all kinds of credit to the drafted men, saying that any one who discredits them does not know the real situation. The fighting qualities of the French also came in for much praise from the returned soldier. Keenan for fourteen years was on the Philadelphia police force, serving some time as a traffic officer at Twelfth and Market streets.

BISHOP TAKES OVER ST. MARY'S

Made Diocesan Church With New Vestry

Bishop Rhinelander has taken over St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Broad and South streets, as the diocesan church.

Four members of the vestry resigned and their places have been taken by men representing the diocese at large. Those who resigned have been absent from the city on Government service. They include Lieutenant Colonel Coates, in charge of a base hospital in France; William Moore Wharton, in Government work in Washington; R. Hinchman Young, traveling in the Government service, and Spencer Erwin, in Spain on a Government mission.

The new members of the vestry are Representative Henry Watson, executor of Mrs. Watson, who bequeathed $100,000 to the diocesan church; Charles Biddle, a trustee of the diocese; Eli Kirk Price and William Ellis Scull. Mr. Scull is one of the leaders in the movement to construct a cathedral on the Parkway.

MOTORTRUCK MEN MEET

Discuss How Best to Get Results From Power Vehicles

Experts in the motortruck industry discussed methods of getting the best results from motor vehicles at an educational conference this afternoon at the Hotel Adelphia.

The conference is one of the side attractions in connection with Jubilee Week in the automobile industry, which opened here Monday.

Among those who spoke this afternoon were W. F. Woodruff, purchasing agent of Strawbridge & Clothier; B. G. Miller and William Arrott.

Sessions will also be held tomorrow afternoon and evening.

"AUTOMOBILE ROW" EN FETE

Jubilee Week Finds Motor Establishments Gayly Decorated

Automobile Row in North Broad street, and the motor shops in the Parkway and in Market street west of Thirteenth, are decorated in honor of Automobile Jubilee Week.

The exteriors of the shops are attractively festooned with American flags and bunting, and the windows and showrooms are adorned with palms, ferns and American Beauty roses.

The decorative scheme of one company represents a snowfall which partly covers miniature Christmas trees. In the background is brought out an Alpine scene, with ski devotees indulging in the sport. With its top and running boards covered with the snow, stands a limousine. During the week the auto houses will keep open in the evenings.

Among the automobile houses decorated for Jubilee Week are the Reo, the Chandler Company, the White Company, Maxwell-Chalmers, American Six, Pierce-Arrow, Hudson Super Six, Cadillac Company, Chevrolet Company, Packard Motor Company, Ford Agency of Benjamin F. Hoffman, Cole Eight, Oldsmobile Company, Locomobile Company and United States Tire Company, Firestone Tire Company and Wire Wheel Corporation of America.

Sale for Incurable Children

A rummage sale was conducted today at 830 Chestnut street by the Philadelphia Home for Incurables for the benefit of the needy children of the home. Clothing, furniture, carpets, china and many other articles were sold.

SKIP-STOP CARD MAKES ITS DEBUT

Pasteboards Indicate P. R. T. Will Seek Riders' Votes on System

MORE KNOW THE TRUTH

Believed Company Awaits Report of Investigating Committee Before Asking Opinions

The cards car riders have been asked to take for several days by large signs in Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company cars made their first appearance this afternoon, and they strengthened the belief held by some persons that the company is preparing to submit the skip-stop question to a plebiscite, or vote of its patrons.

Those who predict a vote conducted by the company—in adoption of a policy long pursued by the street railway company in Kansas City, Mo.—say the cards indicate that the company will first obtain a report from its committee of thirteen to investigate the skip-stop system, then submit this report to the car riders and finally ask the riders to express their preference for or opposition to the system.

One side of the card bears, under the familiar caption, "Know the Truth," a statement signed by "Stotesbury-Mitten Management," which is the present management of the company—E. T. Stotesbury and Thomas E. Mitten. The reverse carries only the names of the members of the committee of thirteen.

Cards Are Numbered

In fine characters at the bottom of one side the card is dated and numbered one, the number indicating that this document is the first of a series.

The statement follows:

KNOW THE TRUTH

The skip-stop will go or remain as the car riders finally decide after the facts have been presented to the judgment of the thinking majority of the general public, as represented among the more than 2,000,000 riders daily.

A noisy minority has been trying to force a decision over night, without reference to facts.

Truth and facts count.

Threats and bluster won't do.

The committee of thirteen, after hearing the evidence, will be asked to say whether skip-stops are really guilty of causing death and increased accidents as charged.

It will be shown later how skip-stops can be made to save over $1,000,000 a year and also who will get the million.

The committee of thirteen may later tell you things the papers don't print. This committee is dependable. It represents State and city government, business, education, religion and the home.

STOTESBURY-MITTEN MANAGEMENT.

Failure in Baltimore

The skip-stop system is admittedly a failure in Baltimore.

The P. R. T. has spoken enthusiastically of the use of the skip-stop in Washington, Cleveland and "other cities," but has said nothing of Baltimore.

Anxious that Baltimore car riders shall "know the truth" concerning the skip-stop, Thomas A. Cross, president of the United Railways and Electric Company in the Maryland city, has informed the Maryland Public Service Commission that the system has proved such a failure the company is willing to abandon it at once.

"The system," said Mr. Cross, "has saved neither the time nor the money we expected."

Baltimore, a city of 750,000, has had a good taste of the staggered skip-stop system and, like Philadelphia—aside from the P. R. T.—is ready to swing back to the older and more popular car-stopping scheme. And Mr. Cross, admitting that he has received a countless number of complaints, is willing to accede to the wishes of his patrons and abandon a system that from its inception proved most unpopular and inefficient.

Sponsors for the system in the Maryland metropolis estimated that it would save oodles of power, but after a fair test Mr. Cross asserts, and very emphatically, that it has failed to measure up to the claims of the power conservators.

A saving of from 8 to 12 per cent in power was promised, but Mr. Cross informs the Public Service Commission that the actual saving does not amount to more than 4 or 5 per cent.

To Unveil Tablet to Mrs. Fales

In honor of Mary Wanamaker Fales, a memorial service will be held and a tablet unveiled at Bethany Sunday School Hall, Twenty-second and Bainbridge streets, tonight. John Wanamaker and other Philadelphians of prominence will be among the speakers.

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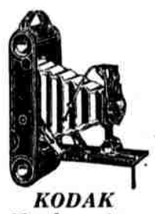

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