

ASSAIL NAVAL RADIO CONTROL

Members of House View Plan as Wedge for Ownership Campaign

DANIELS ON THE GRILL

Philadelphia Congressman Accuses Secretary of Acting Without Authority

Washington, Dec. 12. Bitter assaults on the naval plan for ownership and control of wireless as the opening wedge for a Government-ownership campaign were made by members of the House Merchant Marine Committee today.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels throughout the hearing protested that the radio control should not be connected with Government ownership of public utilities and declared that peculiar conditions surrounding wireless communication were his reason for urging the bill.

Representative Green (Mass.) charged that the bill was the "first test for Government ownership."

Representative Edmonds (Pa.) charged that Daniels, by purchasing all but sixteen radio coastal stations during the war, had "embarked the Government on a policy without the authority of Congress."

Representative Saunders, Virginia, cross-questioned both Daniels and Commander Hooper on the necessity of Government ownership as opposed to Government licensing.

Commander Hooper declared flatly that licensing would not "do the business" and that private radios might interfere with messages from ships in distress when messages meant a matter of life and death.

"I certainly would hesitate about licensing a private radio where there were other means of communication," Hooper declared.

Secretary Daniels in his preliminary statement said that the Government had already purchased all but sixteen wireless stations in this country and in Hawaii.

He brought out the fact that Germans with their powerful station at Sayville had, before this country entered the war, been able to transmit information to the ships, particularly the Karlsruhe and Dresden, making it necessary to put naval censors at their stations and others controlled by foreign Governments.

QUITCONCK PASSES TRIAL

Hog Island's First Vessel at Breakwater Awaiting Orders

The Quitconck, first ship launched at Hog Island, was reported today from the Delaware Breakwater, where she is being held, awaiting orders after her trial trip.

"The big fabricated freighter left this port for her trial Tuesday. Officials of the shipping board went along and kept close watch on her performance."

Today Captain Porter, marine superintendent at Hog Island, received word from the Quitconck that the trial had been entirely satisfactory.

IL GRANDE PRANZO AL BELLEVUE-STRATFORD

La Divisione Straniera del Liberty Loan Onora i Suoi Ufficiali

Ieri sera, nella maggiore sala del "Bellevue Stratford" ebbe luogo il banchetto della vittoria dato dalla Foreign Language Division per il Liberty Loan in onore degli ufficiali esecutivi e cioe: Hon. Joseph Buffington, Chairman; Mr. John J. Henderson, Ex-officio; Mr. Edward T. Stotesbury, vice-chairman, e Mr. Casimir A. Sienkiewicz, segretario.

Al banchetto splendidamente organizzato dal Cav. Frank Roma, chairman del Comitato e capo della Divisione Italiana, presero parte oltre 300 persone rappresentanti varie nazionalita. L'insuperabile orchestra del Maestro Ettore Martini durante il banchetto svolse magistralmente come sempre, un programma che delizio gli intervenuti e strappo applausi frenetici.

Al concerto vocale gentilissimo si presento la signora Giannetti, soprano; il Sig. Antonio Scarduzio, baritone; il Sig. A. Shah-Mouradian, tenore de l'Opera di Parigi, ed il Coro della Societa Italiana. Il cantata Antonio Luizi esegui un "A solo" per il quale ebbe meriti e prolungati applausi. Tutti gli artisti furono applauditissimo e furono all altezza del loro compito.

Nessuna parola, nessun elogio sarebbe bastevole per l'Inno "Italia Vittoriosa" scritto dall'Avvocato Michele Strizzi a musicato dal Maestro Martini. L'arte ed il genio dell'ottimo maestro si rivelerono ancora una volta in tutta la loro pienezza nelle dolci note dell'inno, una musica tutta un gioiello d'arte che tocca l'animo e commuove. E fu per questo che l'uditorio applaudi entusiasticamente ed avrebbe voluto che l'inno fosse ripetuto.

Alle frutta il Cav. Frank Roma prese la parola e dopo aver ringraziato gli intervenuti per aver voluto rendere il dovuto omaggio ai quattro festeggiati, rievocò a questi brevi e sentite parole di elogio e presento quindi il maestro di cerimonie nella persona dell'on. Robert Moschales. Questi quindi pronunciò un breve discorso e presento quindi successivamente i quattro festeggiati ai quali fu offerta una pergamena ciascuno, racchiusa in un quadro, quale attestazione dell'opera compiuta per il successo della campagna per il Liberty Loan.

Parlarono pure l'Ex-Governatore Edwin L. Starnes e speciale personalita nel campo della finanza. La mancanza di spazio non le permette di accennare agli importanti discorsi che furono pronunciati e terreremo col dire che la serata restera memorabile in quanti ebbero il piacere di intervenire al dignitoso banchetto.

PENROSE SHAKES HANDS OF VARES

Rival Republican Faction Leaders Guests at Moore Feast

DINNER TO SPROUL

Congressman Is Boomed for Mayor—Democrats Are Criticized

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Dec. 12. Praise of Pennsylvania, assertion of Republican principles and expression of confidence in the Democratic administration in 1920, brimmed over at the dinner given at the Raleigh Hotel last night by Congressman J. Hampton Moore, in honor of Governor-elect Sproul.

Strong speeches were made by Governor Sproul, Senator Penrose and others, through which there was a general tone of dissatisfaction with the Democratic administration. Predictions were made that with a change to Republican control in all branches of Government in 1920 a new and better order of things will come.

As a "get-together-for-Pennsylvania" movement declared by Congressman Moore, as its object, it was a complete success. Leaders and representatives of all the political factions in the State were present with every appearance of perfect harmony and good feeling. Senator Penrose and State Senator Edwin H. Vore and Congressman William S. Fare met, shook hands cordially and talked freely, as though nothing but the best of feeling on all issues had ever existed between them.

In the private conversations which went on as the dinner gathered there was considerable talk of having all the factions unite in support of Congressman Moore for the next Mayor of Philadelphia.

Not Unlike Smith Dinner It was at a dinner similar in many respects, in Philadelphia four years ago, that the movement to make Thomas B. Smith Mayor got its start.

In the private conversations of the leaders no names other than Mr. Moore's seemed to gain any following and when the banquet was over many left with the impression that the Congressman would be put forward for the nomination for Mayor next spring and would have virtually the support of all the Republicans.

Governor-elect Sproul, was introduced to the guests, numbering about one hundred or more of the most prominent political leaders in Pennsylvania and in the national Senate and House, by Congressman Moore, who said he had known Senator Sproul for many years and had watched his steady rise to prominence with genuine gratification.

"It is my belief that we have gained a Governor of whom our Commonwealth may well be proud," said Mr. Moore.

COBLENZ IS GAY UNDER U. S. RULE

People of Rhine Town Only Regret They Were Defeated

AMERICANS WELCOMED

Easy Yankee Regime Makes Residents of Occupied Territory Happy

By EDWIN L. JAMES

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While the American Third Army has not officially occupied the city, reports of regulations imposed by the French, British and Belgians have reached all our territory, and when the German population considers the regulations which our army of occupation imposes, somehow or other all seem to get happy because the Americans are here. They stop one on the street with welcomes.

The thing is almost uncanny, and one can imagine it is hard to believe this from a distance. But here are the Americans in an important enemy city, being treated as one never believed enemies could be treated. I am not praising the Germans at all, merely stating a fact. That the city appears happy and is celebrating, is due to selfish appreciation of our lenity.

Just to give an idea of how things are going here, a party of us took tea yesterday afternoon at the ornate Hotel Traube, then dined very well at the Hotel Monopole, after which we attended the opera "Mignon." When the opera was finished we spent an hour at the large cafe Schloss, where an excellent orchestra played American songs, including "Dixie."

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Fire Damage in Wool-Scouring Plant

A fire at 6 o'clock this morning did much damage to wool at the Philadelphia Wool Scouring Company, Trenton and Somerset streets. The blaze is believed to have been due to spontaneous combustion.

Wagon Driver Hurt by Trolley

Elario Torres, forty-eight years old, 1604 Parrish street, was injured this afternoon when the wagon he was driving collided with a trolley at Sixth and Spring Garden streets. He was taken to the Roosevelt Hospital.

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