

MAYOR TO RECEIVE LEGION POST HEADS

Philadelphia Commanders Are Invited to New Year's Reception at City Hall

GIFT BAGS FOR WOUNDED

Mayor Moore will invite all commanders of posts of the American Legion to the New Year's reception at City Hall. The commanders will have an opportunity to meet the Mayor, the directors of the various city departments and the members of Council.

The Christmas committee of the Legion will finish all details of the plan to distribute Christmas gifts among disabled veterans in local hospitals Christmas Day. Bags filled with gifts of a useful character will be prepared at the department headquarters. It is estimated that the committee will provide about 850 of these gift-bags in the city hospitals. More than \$3000 have been donated by legionaries for the purchase of the necessary articles, according to John W. Brock, Jr., the treasurer. R. R. Hogan, of the Thomas Roberts Heath (Marine) Post No. 183, who has been instrumental in perfecting the arrangements, declared today that all committee members should arrange to deliver the gifts from state headquarters to the various hospitals. Philadelphia posts have now gone on record as being 100 per cent in favor



GEDDES WARNS U. S. OF WORLD CRISIS

Says English-Speaking Peoples Must Stand Firm or Civilization Will Fall

SPEAKS AT BANQUET HERE

An exhortation to the English-speaking peoples of the world to "hold fast, hold firm, hold together," to uphold civilization, delivered by Sir Auckland Campbell Geddes, British ambassador to the United States, raised the annual dinner of the New England Society of Pennsylvania to an affair of international importance.

The dinner, held Saturday evening in the Bellevue-Stratford, probably the most brilliant in the society's history, commemorated the tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrims, as well as the fortieth anniversary of the organization itself.

The principal address was made by Great Britain's ambassador, while other notables who spoke were General John

J. Pershing, Mary Roberts Rinehart, John W. Weeks, formerly United States senator from Massachusetts, and Mrs. Maude Wood Park, national chairman of the League of Women Voters.

Cyrus H. K. Curtis presided at the dinner. He is president of the New England Society of Pennsylvania. The hotel ballroom was decorated with evergreens, significant of Christmas and recalling the fragrance of the pine woods of Maine.

The British and the American peoples, Sir Auckland Geddes said, must work together in sympathy and close understanding to save the towering structure of civilization from collapse.

"That civilization," he declared, "is menaced, even today, from within and without. I beg of you hold fast, hold firm, hold together. If you of old English stock were to falter, the ruin that has overtaken Russia would be yours and ours as well."

In the present emergency, he continued, France is the only other nation that could have helped.

"But France is spent and weary," the ambassador added, his voice softening. "And a generation of her men have died to protect her, it is true, but also the civilization of our two nations."

Throughout his address the ambassador dwelt whimsically on his own Scotch ancestry and from that humorously assumed vantage point spoke in detached fashion of both the English and the American peoples.

For the purpose of the moment he coined a new word to describe the people of English stock, whether American or British whose ancestral roots were nourished by Britons, Romans and Norsemen. The "Britonoids" was the word he coined.

One of the deplorable traits of the "Britonoids," he said, was that they frequently allowed other peoples to boss them, intellectually, artistically and politically. This trait, he assumed, was perhaps due to inherent modesty, but more probably to laziness.

"Only six short years ago," he said,

"You allowed German science and art to influence your schools and your national life. I would recommend to your earnest examination the question: 'Is any one bossing you now?'"

General Pershing, the next speaker, told a humorous story which gained hearty and general laughter. Mrs. Park's topic was "Woman's New Venture," and she discussed the part women are to play in politics.

Mrs. Rinehart's address was a humorous outline of several alleged speeches she had prepared for the occasion. Hours of laughter greeted her remarks.

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