

IRISHMEN HERE TO BACK PLEA TO SAVE CASEMENT

Prominent Men Believe Convicted Knight Acted on Noble Motives

WILL ASK FOR PARDON

Petition to British Government in Behalf of Prisoner Planned

A petition to pardon Sir Roger Casement convicted of high treason and sentenced to be hanged in England, will receive the enthusiastic support of prominent Irishmen of Philadelphia, who believe that Casement was actuated by high ideals and adopted a course which he believed to be the best for his country.

Many Irishmen of this city had an intimate acquaintance with Sir Roger and believed that he had no other motive than the welfare of the Irish people at heart.

Members of Irish-American organizations whose views carry weight in all movements for the benefit of the race declare they would sign such a petition immediately and expressed the belief that it would be emphatically approved by all loyal Irishmen throughout the country.

Officials of several local organizations said they would take steps in the matter within the next 24 hours. There is also talk of starting a similar movement in all big cities of the United States.

There are some who believe that such a petition, representing the sentiment of the Irishmen of the United States, would carry great weight and possibly get the death sentence of Sir Roger commuted to life imprisonment.

Joseph McGarrity, of 5412 Springfield avenue, at whose home Sir Roger Casement spent several weeks during his visit to this country in the fall of 1914, and prior to his departure for Germany, declared he would support the petition movement. He said in the convicted man's behalf.

"It would be a good thing for the Irish in this country to come to the support of one of their countrymen in this line of need. It is about the only thing left for us to do and while I fear it is too late, we will feel that no effort had been spared on our part."

"Sir Roger was my guest in 1914, from the middle of July up to the time of his departure. He was with me the day we read the declaration of war by England. He was posted on the bulletin board of the Evening Ledger at Broad and Chestnut streets. This was on a Tuesday. Sir Roger stayed at home Wednesday interviewing friends, and he had a great many in Philadelphia.

"Sir Roger came to America to secure the support of Irish-Americans to arm the Irish Volunteers, that he went to Germany to collect funds to further the cause is emphatically a lie.

"Irish America has blood as well as gold to give to the cause of Irish freedom and those killed today are the first of thousands prepared to die for Ireland. This was the sense of a telegram Sir Roger sent to Eoin MacNeill, one of the so-called rebels now sentenced to life imprisonment on the occasion of the Bachelors' Walk affair, when Irish children were shot by English soldiers."

"Sir Roger was doing his best for Ireland and for Ireland only," said Mr. McGarrity. "I, as well as other Philadelphia Irishmen, have had several talks with people who are in Ireland. Sir Roger in Berlin.

"Whatever the Germans may have done for Ireland, such as the sending of the ammunition-loaded 'Aud,' the boat that accompanied Sir Roger to Ireland in April, is not a matter that he went to Germany of the Irish cause in Germany. Sir Roger cannot be held directly responsible for that."

"If a petition is circulated, I am sure it would receive the enthusiastic support of every loyal Irishman in this country. I hope it will do some good."

Joseph McLaughlin, national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, with a membership of more than 200,000 in the United States, declared he would support any action that may be taken in Sir Roger's behalf. A petition had not been thought of as yet, he said, but if one was circulated he declared he would not only sign it but would urge others to do so. Whether any action would be taken by the Ancient Order of Hibernians as a body Mr. McLaughlin could not say until he had conferred with other officers of the order.

"I will give my support to a petition to the English Crown asking that Sir Roger's life be spared. Sir Roger Casement's visit to Philadelphia in 1914, when he was the guest of Mr. McGarrity, made many friends for him here. He impressed us as being a man of high ideals and we all regret very much to hear of his conviction. He has had the moral support of every loyal Irishman in this country during his trial. We have feared for the worst ever since the trial started. As a matter of fact, the conviction and the death sentence was what might be called a foregone conclusion, and we have held out very little hope for his acquittal."

"Sir Roger was convinced that he would be convicted of high treason and said so before his trial. I think he knew what awaited him at the hands of the English jury and resigned himself to his fate. However, while there is life there is hope and a petition supported by thousands of persons in this country may have the effect of causing mercy to be shown Sir Roger."

John O'Dea, State secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, is another enthusiastic supporter of any action that might be taken to save the life of the convicted Irish knight.

"As something should be done to save Sir Roger Casement," said Mr. O'Dea, "I have always felt that he would be convicted of high treason. He never had a chance in that English court. He was convicted before the trial opened."

"As a matter of fact, I believe they would have selected a jury to convict him even though he had been tried in Ireland. I am sure the Irish of this country, and particularly this city, where Sir Roger was well known, would be glad to give their support to a petition to the English Crown asking that Sir Roger's life be spared."

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Wilson Asked in Senate TO INTERFERE FOR CASEMENT Resolution Asks President to Request Stay of Execution

WASHINGTON, June 30.—A resolution requesting President Wilson to ask the British Government for a stay of sentence for Sir Roger Casement, condemned to die for treason yesterday, was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Marjorie of New Jersey. The resolution was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee. Senator Bristow, chairman of the committee, said it would be considered by the committee at its first meeting.

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Verdict Not Unexpected, Says Michael F. Doyle

LONDON, June 30.—Michael Francis Doyle, the Philadelphia lawyer who went to England as attorney for Sir Roger Casement, has made the following statement regarding the conviction of the Irish leader for high treason:

"The verdict was not unexpected by either Sir Roger Casement or his counsel, as the defense was not able to call or produce documents and witnesses from Germany. The state of feeling was such that any other verdict would have been a surprise. No man of Irish name was permitted to serve on the jury, and no English lawyer of prominence would undertake the defense.

"The Lord Chief Justice conducted the case in an eminently fair manner. I think if the trial had been before an American jury, the verdict would have been different. Sir Roger Casement is in no way dejected at the outcome. An appeal will be lodged immediately with the Criminal Court of Appeals.

PHILADELPHIA MAY GET NEW CUSTOM HOUSE BY "OMNIBUS" MEASURE

Congressman Moore Asserts Item Will Figure if Such a Bill Is Reported This Session

RESERVE IN OLD BUILDING

WASHINGTON, June 30.—"I am convinced that if an omnibus public buildings bill is reported to the House at this session of Congress there positively will be a provision for the purchase of a new custom house site and the beginning of work on the structure carried in the measure."

That was the statement made today by Representative J. Hampton Moore, who introduced a bill several months ago for an appropriation of \$2,000,000. It is probable that the bill will not appropriate the full amount asked, but Representative Moore will be satisfied if the present bill carries enough for the purchase of the ground necessary and the commencement of work.

"The Treasury Department has virtually said it would be useless to undertake the purchase of an appropriation of less than \$750,000," said Mr. Moore. "The purchase of the ground and the building would cost \$1,600,000, according to Treasury Department estimates."

It is considered certain that the Public Buildings and Grounds Committee will report a public buildings measure calling for appropriations of more than \$25,000,000 at this session of Congress.

That such a plan is favored by a majority of the members of the committee has been repeatedly in recent weeks. Instead of reporting separate bills for projects, they are admittedly meritorious, the committee has held them to incorporate in the one general bill. By that method it is expected the support of the majority members for the omnibus bill can be held in order that they may get favorable action on the particular projects in which they are interested.

When asked whether there is not less chance of getting the Senate to act favorably on an omnibus public buildings bill than there is in the House, Representative Moore said:

"The Senate is as human as the House. There is some doubt whether President Wilson would sign a public buildings bill, even though it should be passed by both Houses of Congress. Early in the present session he passed the word to the leaders that he did not want a public buildings measure enacted. The amount appropriated for preparedness have made many members opposed to obligating the country to further expenditure."

LONDON PAPER SUGGESTS CLEMENCY FOR CASEMENT Not Wise to Irritate Ireland and Alienate Irish-Americans

LONDON, June 30.—The Daily News alone of the London papers today suggested clemency for Sir Roger Casement, who was sentenced to die on the gallows after his conviction of high treason yesterday.

The News conceded that the death sentence was justified, but declared the execution of Casement might stir up ill-feeling in Ireland just at a time when the Government hoped for a settlement of all difficulties.

"Let all concerned think well of the consequence, not to Ireland and England, but to the world and especially to the American world, where all moving events in these days are watched with intense interest and detachment from ourselves and a sympathy for Ireland we little appreciate."

Third Auto Crash Victim Dies William Sloss, 24, 3040 Titan street, died today in the Polyclinic Hospital as the result of injuries received early Tuesday morning, when the automobile in which he rode hit a light pole at 28th and Federal streets. This was the third death from the accident. Two men were killed instantly. They were Robert McClellan, 35 years old, of 2641 Catharine street, and Albert Norton, 23 years old, of 3336 South 31st street. Another victim, Arthur Simmons, 22, of Wynocte, is still in a serious condition.

Richard L. Austin, Federal Reserve agent in this city, today declared that the Custom House would make an admirable building for a Federal Reserve bank, and that it is no longer adequate for the needs of the customs officials. Mr. Austin said:

"I think the Custom House building would make a very good Federal Reserve building, and I know that the custom officers have not sufficient room to conduct the business of a port the size of Philadelphia in the old building. Something would be done to give the custom officers more room and if a new Custom House is finally decided upon the present building would make a fine bank."

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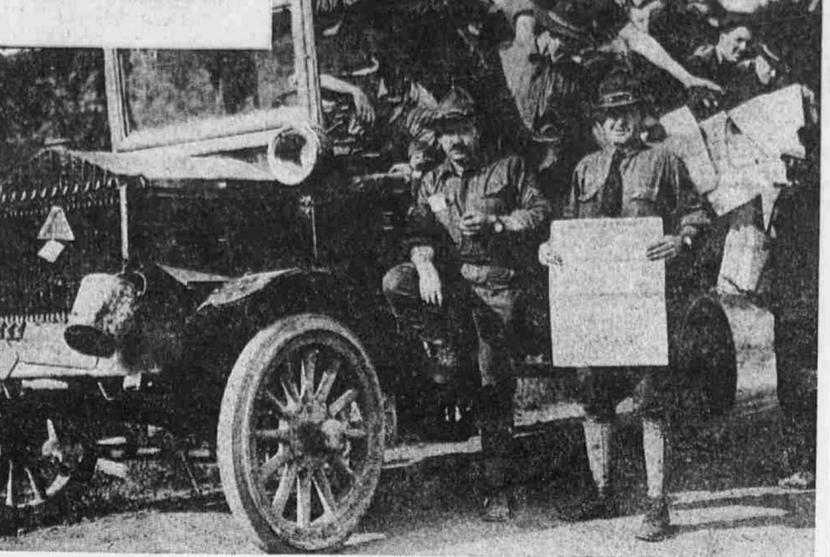
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GETTING THEIR HOME PAPER AT STATE CAMP

Men of the 1st Brigade welcoming the arrival of the camp newsdealer with his bundle of EVENING LEDGERS, which are delivered everyday at Colebrook, close to the tents at Mount Gretna.



GADSKI'S HUSBAND NOT GUILTY IN GERMAN PLOT

Captain Hans Tauscher Acquitted of Part in Conspiracy to Blow Up Welland Canal

NEW YORK, June 30.—A verdict of not guilty was returned today in the trial of Captain Hans Tauscher, charged with conspiring to blow up the Welland Canal in Canada.

Tauscher, who is agent for the Krupp interests in this country, was specifically accused of furnishing the dynamite with which pro-German sympathizers were to blow up the canal.

The defense was based upon the contention that Tauscher, while favoring the German cause, had asked Captain von Pape, former military attaché to the German Embassy at Washington, to give him work to do which would not be in violation of the laws of this country.

Mme. Johanna Gadske, prima donna and wife of the German captain, was in court when the jury announced its verdict, and enthusiastically thanked every one of the 12 men.

Testifying in his own behalf yesterday, Tauscher intimated that he had been duped by Captain von Pape, whose recall was asked by the United States. Tauscher was stationed here by the German Government as its representative in munitions purchases early in the war.

Settlement Near in China LONDON, June 30.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post telegraphs: "A settlement between the North and South appears imminent. Three prominent Southern leaders have gone to Peking and it is understood that the restoration of the original provisional constitution is to be declared immediately."

Mount Holly Men Ready to Go MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., June 30.—Orders received by Captain Long to have all the men of Company E put through the regular army medical examination, and sworn in to Federal service by tonight have renewed activities among the local militiamen today. As far as preparation is concerned the company could have been moved yesterday afternoon with 65 well-drilled men.

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FIREMEN JOIN LEHIGH COAL MINERS' STRIKE

United Mine Workers' Official Endeavors in Vain to Keep Men at Work

POTTSVILLE, Pa., June 30.—The remaining firemen joined those who struck yesterday in the Panther Creek, and the collieries of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company at Lansford, Coaldale and Greenwood, are idle while 4500 miners are out. President Kennedy, of the 7th District of the United Mine Workers, remonstrated with the firemen that they are violating the agreement of last month, inasmuch as they are receiving the price under that agreement. The other collieries are operated by electricity and hence not affected.

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THROWN FROM TRAIN, MAY DIE 18-Year-Old Newsmen Picked Up by Railroad Employees

George T. Allorico, an 18-year-old newsman employed on a Philadelphia and Reading train coming from Pottsville was thrown from between cars at 10:30 a. m. today as the train swung around a curve at the signal tower near Columbia avenue station.

Allorico was not missed by the train crew until the train pulled into the Terminal. He was picked up by employees of the Reading Railway and sent in an ambulance to St. Joseph's Hospital. He suffered severe contusions all over the body, a fractured skull and internal injuries. It was said that he will not recover. His exact address is unknown, but is in the neighborhood of 9th street and Columbia avenue.

Children's Play Fatal to Girl Catherine McLaughlin, 7 years old, 7317 Botanic avenue, died at the University Hospital last night from burns received while playing about a bonfire near her home yesterday according to the police, the child's dress was ignited when a playmate threw a piece of burning paper at her.

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