

HARDING STAYS INAUGURAL PLANS

Eamonn De Valera, Irish "President," Breaks His Silence Which London Intimates Has Been Safeguard From Arrest

DENIES GERMAN INTRIGUE CHARGE BY LLOYD GEORGE; LOT OF CABINET, AVERS

Lord Wimborne, Not Premier, Told Truth Concerning Intrigue, Declares "President"

Dublin, Jan. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—Eamonn de Valera, the Irish Republican leader, broke his silence Monday with a formal statement vigorously denying the alleged German-Italian plot against Great Britain and attacking the government's "white paper" issued Saturday concerning such a plot.

"There was no such thing as this German plot in 1918," says the statement. "I have asserted this in America time after time. I now repeat it here.

Lord Wimborne Told Truth
"From July, 1917, I was intimately in touch with all the major activities both of the Sinn Fein political organization and of Irish volunteers, and so I speak with knowledge and authority. Lord Wimborne (then lord lieutenant of Ireland) not Mr. Lloyd George—told the truth of this matter.

"The general character of this report," its total untrustworthiness and its obvious purpose to bring to play on the side of the authorities of the present military high command in Ireland all the prejudices and hatreds of the past war, can be inferred from the portions that have reference to me personally.

"For example: Firstly, the document on 'Army organization' attributed to me and said to be in my handwriting, is not in my handwriting, as they could easily have seen. Further, it was neither composed by me nor composed at my suggestion, nor was it on my person.

"I suggest that representative American or continental press men ask Lloyd George to let them see the original document or a photographic copy of it. It would not be an expert to decide that the writing is not mine. When that is done I will give a full history of the document and bring by proofs that will be conclusive."

"The way the British cabinet has impressed this document into its service might be taken as a standard to illustrate how they manufacture such plots."

"Secondly, the press has already commented on the fact that although names were given without reserve throughout the report, a letter found in my possession is referred to as from a known member of the Irish Republican army. It will be interesting to know the reasons for this."

Handed Document
"This letter was handed to me while presiding at a meeting a few hours before my arrest. (It might have come from Lloyd George himself or from the original discoverer of the German plot—Sir Edward Carson.) It was handed through the contents and later—although the document seemed of no particular importance, being, if genuine, nothing more than the writer's own views on the situation as regards conscription and steps that were being taken to meet it—as a safeguard to the writer from the attentions of the British, should they be taken. I pinched off the signature. This can be seen if the original is examined."

"Thirdly, as to the document on 'communications,' it was given to me as a basis from which I might start to work up a system of communication which was needed by the Mansion House conference in connection with their work in view of the threatened enforcement of conscription."

From Publicity Bureau
The statement, which was given out officially through the Sinn Fein publicity department, was made exclusively to the American newspapers, correct correspondents in Dublin. It will not be issued to the Irish and English newspapers, until Tuesday.

It is considered here by any doubt which may have existed regarding Mr. De Valera's presence in Ireland has been cleared up by this communication.

Split in Irish-American Ranks and Growing Strength of Moderates Gives Britain Hope.

London, Jan. 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—That apparent immunity of Eamonn de Valera from arrest would continue as long as De Valera maintains silence and did not participate in the affairs of the extreme nationalists, was the statement made in authoritative quarters in London Monday afternoon.

(Since the above dispatch was filed, De Valera has issued in Dublin a formal statement on Irish affairs.) At the same time it was revealed that the government was somewhat perplexed as to what the best course to pursue with regard to the returned "president of the Irish Republic" and virtually had decided to a determination with regard to his disposition.

Know His Whereabouts
The government has not officially admitted knowledge of De Valera's presence in Ireland, probably, it was stated, because such an admission would raise the question why he had not been apprehended. Neither will it be recognized that De Valera is in Ireland, they know where De Valera is, largely, it is asserted, for the same reason. But that the crown forces are informed of his movements is indicated in an official statement which says De Valera "certainly will be clapped into prison as soon as he resumes his duties."

Confidence Unshakable
It was said Monday to be unthinkable that De Valera as president of the "Irish Republic" would be invited or permitted to see the premier, but De Valera's assertion that he would be delegated by the Dail Eireann (Irish republican parliament), which it is recognized is the de facto representative body of the southern Irish people, the situation might be reconsidered and pending effort. The government contends the moderate opinion in Ireland is growing in strength and influence.

Criticism of Defeat of Muscle Shoals Appropriation by House Explained by J. R. Howard.

Washington, Jan. 10.—James R. Howard, of Chicago, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, told a house war investigating committee Monday that he had no thought of showing the integrity of congress members who declared in letters to members of the house that it was evident to farmers that the Muscle Shoals nitrate development project was defeated through the selfish influence of corporations seeking to maintain fertilizer prices.

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U. S. ISOLATION NOT FEARED BY PACT ADVOCATE

America Gains Proper Place Among Powers, Harding Tells Sharp.

Marion, Ohio, Jan. 10.—A prediction that President-elect Harding's association of nations will permit the United States to assume its proper place in world affairs, was made here Monday by William G. Sharp, of Ohio, wartime ambassador to France and an active supporter of the Versailles league.

After a long talk with the president-elect, Mr. Sharp said the plan as outlined to him did not accord exactly with the Versailles pact, but embodied the most useful and important features. He declared that, far from being dominated by an idea of national aloofness, Mr. Harding was anxious to have the nation play its full part in the task of reconstruction.

Guest of President Elect
Mr. Sharp, who is a Democrat, and who served abroad as an appointee of President Wilson, came to Marion to discuss the league question at the invitation of the president elect.

Senator Harding outlined in general his ideas of an establishment of international relations, said Mr. Sharp, "which, while it is not on all fours with the league as I favored it, yet it embraces some of the most useful and important features; a permanent court of international arbitration, an association of nations and a useful means of counsel. I recognize in view of the issue as drawn in the last campaign, and of the result at the polls that the league of nations, so far as this country is concerned, is not to be."

No Danger of Isolation
"On the other hand, I am most gratified to learn from my conversation with the president elect, that as far as he is concerned, there is no danger of this country stepping aside into a state of isolation such as we might have feared if a conception of American aloofness from the affairs of Europe were dominating his mind."

WOULD HAVE SAID 'FORGET IT,' HAD BOYS COME TO ME, SAYS VICTIM OF BROKERS

Hough, Milholland's Partner Has Not Eaten Since Incarceration in Spokane Jail Sunday.

Spokane, Jan. 10.—James F. Callahan, millionaire Wallace, Idaho, mining man, whom the investment firm of Milholland and Hough of Spokane, embezzled out of \$253,000, according to a confession which his brother-in-law, Jay P. Hough, senior member of the company made to them Monday night from Wallace that "if the boys had come to me and laid the cards on the table, I would have said 'forget it, boys' rather than to have any man commit suicide for me. I could not find it in my heart to judge any man as John Milholland has judged himself," he added.

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'FARCE', HOOSIER CALLS 'DRY' LAW ENFORCEMENT BUREAUS TANGLE IN RED TAPE GIVES THIRSTY MONTH TO END ROW

Washington, Jan. 10.—Prohibition enforcement "is a farce in every locality in the country," Representative Wood, Republican, Indiana, declared Monday, in the house in proposing that enforcement be transferred from the bureau of internal revenue to the department of justice. His proposal met with instant objection from Chairman Volstead of the judiciary committee, and heated debate ensued.

O'CALLAGHAN MUST RETURN TO IRELAND IS DAVIS' DECISION

Labor Department Contends Jurisdiction Still Rests With It; Continuation of Row Will Permit Lord Mayor to Accomplish Aim.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Passport restrictions will not be waived by the state department to permit entrance to the United States of Daniel J. O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, who on his arrival last week at Newport News as a stowaway and without a passport, was temporarily admitted on parole by order of the labor department.

The state department decision, announced Monday by Acting Secretary Davis, brought forth the assertion by labor department officials that jurisdiction in the case still rested exclusively with the secretary of labor. This indicated a continuation of the controversy between the two departments which has been more or less apparent ever since the landing of the Cork lord mayor on American soil.

Hints Deportation
Secretary Davis, in making his announcement, said that he concurred in the opinion of the solicitor of his department, as forwarded to him Monday, that there was no reason to make an exception in the case of O'Callaghan as regards admission without a passport. He said he was communicating his decision to Secretary of Labor Wilson and added the intimation that his department, acting under the war time powers given the president to regulate the entry of aliens, might recommend that the justice department be allowed upon to deport the Irish mayor.

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Mr. Callahan is a pioneer miner of the Idaho-Coeur d'Alenes. According to mining men here he worked for 25 years before finally striking it rich. Mr. Callahan owns much of the stock of the Interstate-Callahan zinc property, one of the largest producers in the Coeur d'Alenes. David A. Callahan, his brother, is now en route to Spokane from Boise to help clear up matters, it is said.

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KANSAS VETS ORGANIZE TO OUST N. P. L.

State Organization Is Formed While Townley Denounces Allen.

Salina, Kan., Jan. 10.—The Nonpartisan league fight in Kansas broke out in earnest here Monday night with the formation of an anti-league association, backed by world war veterans determined to oppose activities of league organizers who have invaded the state, and a public declaration by A. C. Townley, director of the league forces, that he was in the fight until the league's political campaign is carried out in the state.

After an all-day meeting of the nearly 500 former service men from every section of Kansas, an organization to be known as the "American Defense League of Kansas" was perfected to carry out the contest against the league.

While the former service men were meeting, Townley in a nearby hall, addressed a crowd of approximately 1,500 farmers, and told the history of the league and the purpose of its membership campaign in Kansas. "It is my purpose to aid you to organize yourselves to get economic justice," he said.

Attacks Governor Allen
He attacked Governor Henry J. Allen, who several days ago denounced Townley as "disgraceful." "The best way for Allen and his gang to get rid of me," he said, "is to carry out the league program or get out of the way and let the people organize themselves and then I shall go."

Wilson Slow to Move
Secretary Wilson had not begun his investigation of the Hough case until it was said that he would not take it under advisement until it had come to him through the regular channels of the department. At the state department it was said that the secretary of labor in rendering a decision after having paroled O'Callaghan would permit the lord mayor to accomplish his mission of testing before the commission from the Committee of One Hundred investigating the Irish question regardless of whether he may be eventually deported.

Form State Units
The anti-league organization elected O. A. Kitterman, commander of the local American legion post, as its state president; John Allen, of Atchison, vice president; C. H. Hale, secretary; and Dr. F. G. Hagenback, of Salina, state treasurer.

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PROMPTED BY INTEREST OF NATIONAL THRIFT HE TELLS COMMITTEE

Extravagant Expenditure and Excessive Cost to Citizenry "Would Make Me Unhappy Participant", Preference Expressed in Telegrams to E. B. MacLean, Chairman of Washington Board and Senator Knox, Who Are in Charge.

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ALWAYS DOUBTED PROGRAM WOULD BE CARRIED OUT, SAYS CHAIRMAN

Washington, Jan. 10.—E. B. MacLean, chairman of the Washington inaugural committee, upon receiving the request of the president elect issued the following statement: "I realize, of course, how keen will be the disappointment to the people of Washington, but I have all along known how President-elect Harding felt with respect to the expenditure of large sums of money at this time."

"Because of Mr. Harding's feeling I was always in doubt about the inaugural program being carried out. I felt that Senator Harding's friends and advisers, no matter how much they regretted the loss to Washington, will be with him in this matter."

The announcement came only a few hours after congress through action of the house completed enactment of a bill appropriating \$25,000 for expenses incident to the inauguration. As the measure has passed both houses of congress, just what course congressional leaders will take in respect to it was in doubt Monday night.

Disbanding of committees appointed by Chairman MacLean, membership of which include hundreds of persons not in Washington but elsewhere, is expected to begin immediately.

FRANZENS STILL AT OUTS; WIFE IS VERY 'DETERMINED'

Madison, Wis., Jan. 10.—Reconciliation and reunion of the two families involved has not resulted from the return of Mrs. Philip Franzens to her husband in Madison, as reported. Declarations made Monday afternoon showed that Pierre P. Authier is still uppermost in the mind of the wife of Franzens, the University of Wisconsin painter, who last Tuesday had his wife taken from him.

"I am very determined and so is the other party," she said. "I want to see this matter through." Mrs. Franzens, "Mr. Franzens and I will never live together again."

"I came back to Madison to get my personal belongings," she continued, "and I know what is going to happen, and neither does he. We are just going to leave it to fate and faith."

Chief of Police Slaughter Monday said the charge of grand larceny would be pressed against Authier for the alleged forcible taking of \$100 from Franzens.

"We are here to get all farmers to organize," he asserted. "We are here to help them cast the ballots in their own favor. We intend to stay here as long as the farmers want us. We will stay within the law."

California Houses Pass Jap Measure Without Even Hitch

Sacramento, Jan. 10.—The assembly of the California legislature today adopted unanimously Senator James H. Hanford's resolution asking that no treaty be made with Japan granting citizenship to Japanese, or nullifying the provisions of the new anti-alien law.

Dr. McKeggie attributed this increase to increased interest in sports and outdoor life.

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