

SINN FEIN LETTERS REVEAL FIGHT FOR RECOGNITION IN U. S.

Inside Story of Political Battle Between De Valera and Justice Cohan Comes to Light With Messenger's Arrest.

PATRIOTISM OF AMERICAN FACTION OVERCAME THEIR IRISH SYMPATHIES

Friends of Irish Freedom, After Pledging Support, Desert and Defeat "Republic's" Plan for Incorporation of Plank at Chicago Convention, Johnson Forces Taking Them Into Camp—Handwriting on Five Letters Reveals Identity of Correspondents.

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By CARL W. ACKERMAN.

London, July 17.—I obtained today photographic copies of five secret letters sent by Sinn Fein leaders in the United States to officials of the Irish republic by their confidential messenger, William Barrie, who was arrested at Southampton last week upon his arrival from New York. The letters will take place in London tomorrow. Barrie carried in addition to the letters three automatic revolvers and several hundred rounds of ammunition. These letters, which will be read at Barrie's trial, are numbered one to five and reveal the inside story of the fight in America between De Valera and Justice Cohan, who is the Irish foreign office and the State Department.

As far as the shipment of arms and ammunition mentioned in letter one is concerned, this will probably be dealt with diplomatically between the Irish foreign office and the State Department.

Letter one is dated "New York," June 21, addressed "My dear Michael" and signed "John." It was probably intended for Michael Collins of the Sinn Fein department of finance and Sinn Fein member of Parliament for Cork. The sender is believed to be John Noonan, who is now working actively in the interest of the Sinn Fein in America. In none of these letters are the last names given, but because they are in handwriting their authors have been established by officials who compared the writing in these letters with other letters in their possession.

Letter one follows:
"I am sending by this delivery two automatic revolvers, forty-eight rounds of bullet for same, two spare magazines and a leather case. I will send more on Wednesday. The letter that you require from Jack Dermott, I hope to have a report on in a week or two. A man has gone after it. Harry has probably told you about the letter he left with me to be delivered to the chairman of the Clan executive on receipt of instructions from him. Well, I am of the opinion that the time is almost at hand for the delivery on Friday night at the Friends of Irish Freedom council meeting. J. A. Murphy, whose position in the Clan Harry will tell you, stated amongst other things that he as an American citizen owed his first allegiance to America and asked 'Are we to receive orders from outside of these United States?'"

Clan in U. S. Rebellious.

"This is a sample of the utterances of many of the leaders of the Clan and it is time, in my opinion, for a definite understanding to be reached regarding the exact status of the clan. I do not think that this attitude is common to the majority of the rank and file who would, I believe, put Ireland first. But many of them are being misled. There was a resolution of the clan in New York yesterday when the President's action was criticized by Cohan and Chairman Lawrence Rice, a brother of the man who was in Ireland last year, said that he hoped the members would all agree with the policy of Cohan & Co. and that they would be very sorry to lose any of their members, meaning of course, that those who would not follow Cohan could leave the organization.

"The man who told me of the proceedings said that both Cohan and De Valera received the poorest reception he had seen them receive for many years, and about 30 per cent. of those present were for De Valera as against Cohan. This is very promising, as, since we have been here and for years before, they have blindly followed his lead and the clan has simply become a political machine. I hope that Harry will be back soon, as he is the very, and possibly the only man to deal with them from the organization point of view, since they have a very wholehearted respect for him.

"I am doing very well in the hard work line and have enough on hand to keep the messenger well stocked for some time to come.

"A man named Thomas Fogarty, a Tipperary man, left here on the Celtic Saturday. He is going to Cork, Kerry and Dublin and then to England where he has a sister. He has letters of introduction from Harmond Lynch. To whom I do not know as he said they were to be kept secret.

"He told me that he was going over for F. O. I. F. (Friends of Irish Freedom) to report on conditions at home as owing to so many different reports reaching them they were unable to tell exactly how things were. This strikes me as being a very peculiar sort of move as one would think that the chief or O'Mara would be in a position to speak officially on the situation at home. So I mention the matter to you so that you may warn any of our people to be careful of what they say to this man.

"Now, Michael, something should be done about Harmond. It is absolutely outrageous that he, a member of the Daily Eireann, should be supporting those who are opposing in every way the endeavors of the president. I think that it should be put up to him to resign either his seat in the Daily Eireann or the secretaryship of the F. O. I. F. I can't make out what has

to assist as also were our organizers, the idea being that they should canvass the delegates from their own states and sound them out on the Irish question. Messrs. McGarry and Wolfe returned on Tuesday and Liam Melloys and I met them in Wolfe's office. Melloys mentioned a few matters to them and we agreed to meet again on Wednesday, together with a few more of their friends.

Johnson Influence Hinted At.

"Melloys put before them the president's ideas. The suggestion that a public meeting be held was objected to very strongly. It was said that a successful meeting could not be arranged on such short notice, and that if the meeting was not a success it would be injurious to the cause, and that it could not be anything like such a meeting as Senator Johnson would have, and if it were not for the prestige of the president it would be greatly inspired. McGarry then suggested that Archbishop Mundelein of Chicago, he consulted on the matter. This was done on the following day and the Archbishop said that as the president would arrive that evening, the matter should be left in his hands and they should carry out his wishes.

"Immediately upon the arrival of the president he went to Hugh O'Neill's office, where the leading Irishmen in Chicago were to meet him. The men who had charge of the arrangements of the president's previous visit to Chicago, viz. Hugh O'Neill, John W. Murphy, R. Wolfe, Judge Crowe, Doctor Murphy, ex-Congressman Gorman and one or two others were there and the whole matter was discussed. The objections to the meeting were put for-

ward again, but as the president decided to have the meeting they all agreed to do all in their power to make it a success. It was suggested by Gorman that the proper course to adopt was to endeavor to secure the insertion of a plank favoring recognition in the party platforms. This was agreed to by all present, and a committee consisting of McGarry, Wolfe, Gorman, O'Neill and Crowe was appointed to call on Will Hays, the national secretary of the Republican party, to arrange the day and date for the presentation of the plank to the resolutions committee. The committee went away to do this and promised to report the result to the president. They never did, and from that day onward they deserted the president altogether.

"Judge Cohan arrived in Chicago Saturday, which doubtless accounts for the desertion. From the time of his arrival here he was boycotted in so far as the leaders of F. O. I. F. were concerned. Seeing this and knowing that nothing was being done, P. Walsh was asked to remain on in Chicago and head another committee to present his plank before the resolutions committee. Although Walsh had an important engagement in New York, he consented to stay to do whatever the president asked, and the greatest credit is due to him for his very unselfish action.

"This second committee immediately waited on Will Hays, who fixed a hearing for Wednesday. The committee consisted of Walsh, Congressman Mason, Foley, of St. Paul; O'Malley, of Kansas City, and one or two others, and presented a resolution to the subcommittee on resolutions. To the great surprise of all of our party we learned that the committee appointed by Cohan

had waited on the same subcommittee and presented the resolution which appears in the Gaelic-American enclosed herewith. The president was not consulted on this matter and was not even informed of the intention to present the resolution and was greatly surprised to learn that Cohan had taken such action. The president said he had previously expressed his wish to Cohan and an appointment was made for Tuesday at the Chicago Athletic Club. The president went, accompanied by Walsh and O'Malley, but Cohan did not attend, sending instead a committee headed by John P. Grace, mayor of Charleston, S. C., which committee urged the president not to go ahead with his resolutions. He, of course, refused to entertain the suggestion, as he considered the time had arrived for a declaration on the Irish question by their political party.

Borah's Is Only Irish Vote.

"As a result of the division thus made public between the president and Cohan both resolutions were defeated, the president's resolution calling for recognition by 12 votes to 1, the one being cast by Senator Borah, of Idaho, and Cohan's was dropped consequently upon a tie vote. The chairman of the resolutions committee, Senator Watson, of Indiana, cast his vote in favor of Cohan's resolution, but withdrew it on the following day on the grounds that as the resolution would not be satisfactory to the representatives of the Irish people it was useless to pass it.

"It is my opinion that Cohan had pledged the Irish vote in America to Senator Johnson and considered that the president's resolution would be em-

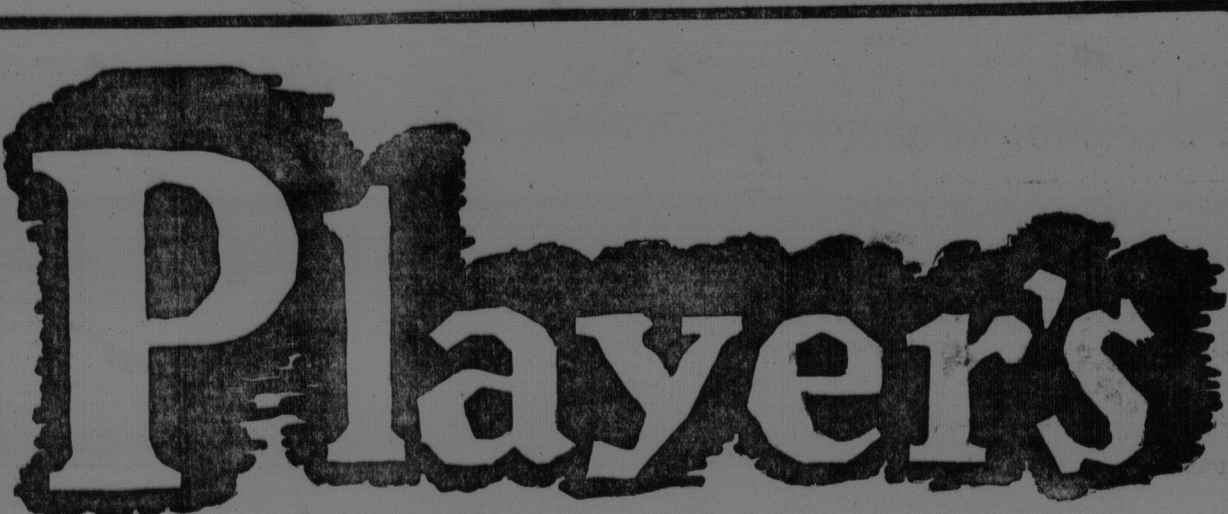
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barassing to him and would make his selection as a Republican candidate more difficult. This was very evident from the fact that several of Cohan's friends made appeals to the president not to insist on his resolution and pointed out that the right thing to do was to secure the election of a man



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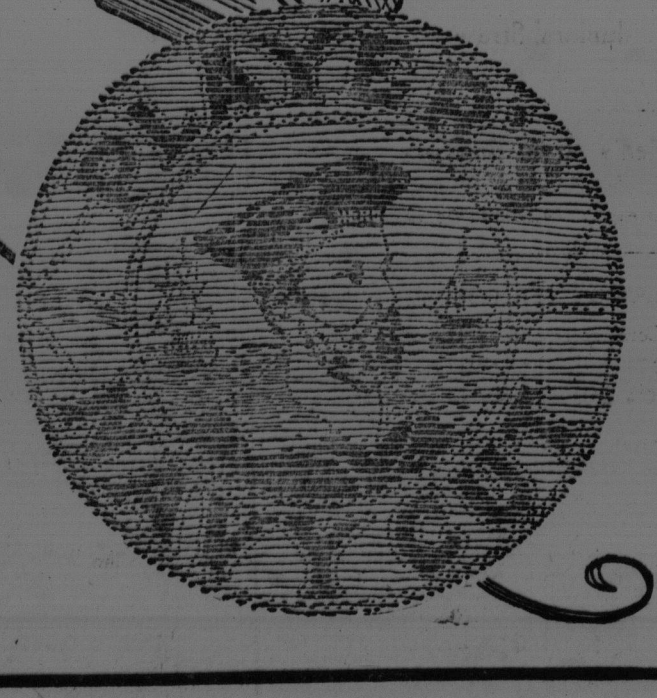
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