

All Ireland Must Unite to Save This Patriot

THE TWENTIETH DAY

Will the Government Abandon Their Indefensible Position?

WORLD DEMANDS HIS RELEASE

A Grave Responsibility which Cabinet Dare Not and Cannot Repudiate

The Lord Mayor of Cork was weaker last night, and he asks those who have been praying for his release to pray that he may be granted strength to endure his suffering in the fast hour.

In Cork thousands have signed the protest against the treatment of the Lord Mayor and calling for his release as well as that of the other prisoners on hunger strike.

An appeal has been made to Italy to add her voice to the demand of the civilized world for clemency to this dying Irish hero.

Local rumours were prevalent in London yesterday. The question was asked whether the Cabinet dare accept responsibility for the Lord Mayor's death—a responsibility which they cannot shirk.

It was suggested yesterday that the Government have taken up arms to abandon him at the eleventh hour.

BRAVELY FIGHTING CALLS FOR RELEASE

No Misgivings as to his Action

HIS CORK COMRADES

(From Our Special Representative.)

London, Tuesday Night.

No explanation is forthcoming as to the Lord Mayor's extraordinary vitality.

On at least two occasions during the past week his death was expected as any moment, not only by his relatives, but by the prison doctor and his chaplain, Father Dominic. Yet the heroic patient is still bravely fighting against determined efforts to prolong his agony, and to the last possible moment, against his tyrants, but it is feared that the end cannot be far off. Nineteen days' hunger-striking have reduced Alderman MacSwiney almost to a skeleton, and his life-tossing on his prison bed almost as helpless as an infant with his life shortly, but save one, passed away, while his friends will do all they stand between him and an untimely grave, if we except the prayers which have been offered up throughout the world for his spiritual and temporal welfare. In these prayers his Lordship has the most absolute faith, no matter how his struggle ends.

The Lord Mayor has no doubts, no misgivings as to his action. He sees his course clearly, and when the final blow comes to turn him, he will rush his soul, dead or alive, to the furnishing world with a magnificent example of how a man inspired by high and patriotic motives can unflinchingly face death in defence of an imperishable principle, and the world will applaud the heroic sacrifice when it has received from the first terrible shock it will produce in all civilized countries.

WEAK BUT COURAGEOUS.

During the day the Lord Mayor was visited by the Lady Mayors and his sisters, by the Most Rev. Dr. Cobain, Bishop of Cork, and by Father Walsh, C.M., Cork, who is a relative of the patient. He found the Lord Mayor in an extremely weak condition, though conscious and in full possession of his mental faculties. Conversation was very difficult and fragmentary.

The Lord Mayor spoke in a weak, husky whisper, with painful pauses between the words, and with painless pauses between the words at a time. His breathing was very labored, and his face is becoming noticeably emaciated. His feet were not so cold as on the previous day. He still suffers from the pain in the heart, and cannot bear the weight of the body. He is not yet strong enough to the massage treatment which had to be commenced yesterday in order to promote circulation of the blood.

The patient has not collapsed during the day. He derived great comfort from the weak, and with painless pauses between the words, and had a little sleep between the night, and had a little sleep between the night. The Lord Mayor inquired about his comrades on hunger-strike in Cork, and prayed for them. He also asked that a message should be sent to the world that he was with them alone, and that he was praying for their release and welfare. He was very gratified to receive some letters from friends, sent to him by Miss O'Brien, sister to Mr. Art O'Brien, who directed that he should send his regards to his wife for her kindness in sending him something that was very dear to him, as it grew in Ireland. He was the healthiest person here, and within his range of vision.

A TOUCHING MESSAGE.

Two-night Father Dominic (who gave the patient his last communion in the morning) gave our representative the following message from the Lord Mayor:

"I would wish that those who are praying for my release should include in their intentions an appeal to the Almighty to grant me the grace of a happy death, and strength to endure my sufferings in the final hours."

GROWING WEAKER.

"The End May Come at any Moment."

As a child of an old Irish clan who gave his eldest son, his dearest possession, to the service of the King, he has no interest of all that is good among the men he used to exercise your prerogative in relation to the Lord Mayor of Cork. It would be a blessed harbinger of peace from that Estate of the Lord by which we Irelandans have died, and will collapse during the next few hours. Sir, I am in constant remission with him to-night, and I am, of course, within easy reach of the prison. No call came, however, and she had therefore made no early visit.

"The MacDermot." The following reply has been received by The MacDermots:

"The King has read your telegram. He knows of the sacrifice you made in the war, and sympathises with you and all who defend the lamentable condition of Ireland now. He has resolved to do his best to secure the safety of the people. Your appeal on behalf of the Lord Mayor of Cork has been forwarded to the Home Secretary."

STAMFORDHAM.

AMERICA HOPEFUL. The Lady Mayors, who had seen the following cablegram from Mr. Peter MacSwiney, New York, brother of the Lord Mayor:

"We have given up hope. America's friend Terry will die. Peter."

WORLD PRIMACY.

Mr. Daniels and America's Naval Development. (Reuter's Telegram.)

Cheltenham, Tuesday.

Mr. Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, speaking here, said that delay in ratifying the Versailles Treaty had prevented the cessation of naval enlargement. "There had, therefore, been no change in the plans for American naval development, which would give their Navy world primacy."

They were building commerce docks, 150,000 tons of battleship tonnage, with a dozen other powerful ships which, in effective fighting power, would give the American Navy world primacy.

It has been decided by the Sydney Executive Committee of the Australian Labor Party to repudiate the scheme of "go slow" put forward by the trade union delegates at the recent conference.

THE LION AT LUCERNE.



GENTLEMAN ON RIGHT: "This is Lloyd George, who made the peace." THE BEARDED GENTLEMAN (at his side): "Where?"

RESIGNED TO DEATH

Prisoners in Cork Jail Weaker

NO FOOD FOR 21 DAYS

Crowd Alarmed by Shot from Lewis Gun

ONE FINAL APPEAL MAY SAVE HERO'S LIFE

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