

MR. WILSON AND IRELAND

Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly, M.P., called on February 11, at the Hotel Murat, Paris, and asked for an interview with President Wilson. He was asked to hand in a memorandum stating the object of the visit. He did so, saying that he had been commissioned by the Dublin Corporation to inquire why it was that no reply had been received to its offer to confer the freedom of the city on the President, and also that he had a commission to request that the President would use his influence to ensure the submission of Ireland's case for self-determination to the Peace Conference.

Subsequently President Wilson left Paris for America. Mr. O'Kelly has not yet received a reply to his communication. The *Irish Independent* says: "On Friday, February 14, Mr. O'Kelly called at Mr. Wilson's headquarters, and asked if a reply was to be expected."

Mr. Hoover, who saw Mr. Kelly, said the letter had been received, but that Mr. Wilson had not had time to deal with the matters referred to therein. Mr. Hoover further explained that owing to the President's approaching departure from Paris and to the heavy correspondence he had had to dispose of it was impossible for an immediate reply to be sent.

Mr. O'Kelly next raised the question of no acknowledgment having been made to the communication of the Lord Mayor of Dublin so far back as December 28 (offering the freedom of the city to President Wilson) or to the telegrams of the Town Clerk.

Mr. Hoover appeared taken aback at this, and admitted that the matter was one requiring investigation.

and he promised personally to go into it. "I cannot myself understand," added Mr. Hoover, "why an acknowledgment has not been sent—it must be due to some unfortunate misunderstanding."

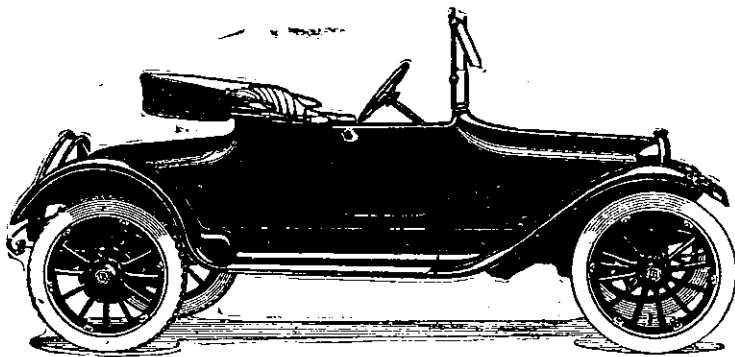
Thereupon Mr. O'Kelly pointed out that in the meantime replies had been sent to the Lord Mayors of Belfast and Cork and to the heads of other municipalities in Ireland. That proved, Mr. Hoover contended, that there was no intention of slighting Ireland or its capital, an argument that was not appreciated by Mr. O'Kelly, who again referred to the different unanswered communications from Dublin.

Mr. Hoover merely repeated what he had already said, adding an assurance that there was nothing "malicious" in the delay. So the matter stood at the moment when the President had actually embarked at Brest.

The Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, in a letter to the *Irish Independent* says: "For the honor of America, let us hope that this much-lauded man may not turn out to be as big a humbug as the best of them."

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