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Revolution in Ireland

Sinn Fein Society Seized Strategic Points in Dublin on Monday, April 24, at 11.30 o'Clock—Ten Thousand Armed Volunteers Proclaim Ireland a Republic and Fight Fifty Thousand Troops Day and Night. Fighting in Galway, Wexford, Meath and Louth—Volunteers Surrender to Overwhelming Numbers by Order of the Provisional Government of the Republic—Heavy Losses in Life and Property.



Three remarkable women served as National Presidents during the turbulent times from the Easter Rising to the Irish Civil War; Ellen Ryan Jolly, Rhode Island 1912-1916, Mary McWhorter Illinois 1916-1921 and Adelia Christie Ohio 1921-1925. All three of these women addressed Congress in 1918 in regards to the recognition of Ireland



Jolly was a Past President of the LAAOH when addressing Congress. In her address she states "We are here in liberty's name. We are here to ask the Congress of the United States to pass a Resolution whose purpose is to permit Ireland, the oldest of the nations, to light the torch of Irish National Independence"

Mary McWhorter, President of the LAAOH addressed the Congressional Committee stating, "I am here to represent 75,000 Women-Women of Irish Blood" In concluding her address she states "You have heard about the wonderful contributions that Ireland has made to American greatness and to the world's greatness. Ireland bound in slavery making such a wonderful contribution to the greatness of this country and other countries where they have made a foothold. What, then, gentlemen of this Committee, would not Ireland free accomplish for the world's greatness?"



MRS. MARY F. McWHORTER.



A future President, Adelia Christie of Cleveland, Ohio was representing the United Irish Societies of Northern Ohio. She addressed the Committee, "We ask Mr. Chairman, only for a free Ireland. We ask that in conjunction with all the other small nations, Ireland may be allowed to work out her own development, to look after her own interests and to be governed and directed by a Government of her own people."



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