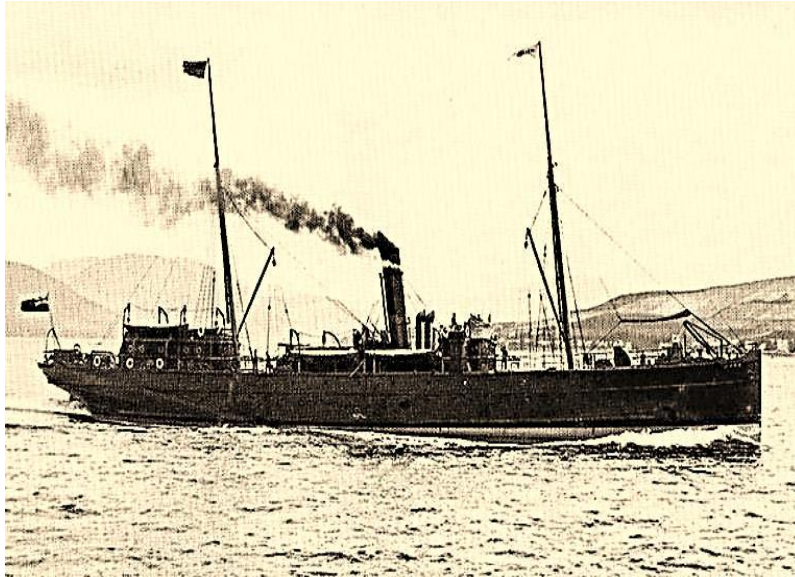


100th Anniversary of the Arrival of the SS Hare Food Ship in Dublin



11.30am, 5th October 2013, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

The 100th anniversary of the first food shipment from the British TUC to support striking workers and their families during the 1913 Lockout will be re-enacted on Saturday, 5th October, at Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2.

The Lockout began in August 1913 after tramway drivers and conductors, members of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union, went on strike for better pay and conditions. In response, the Chairman of the Dublin United Tramway Company and President of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, William Martin Murphy, persuaded 400 employers to lock out members of the ITGWU, as well as any other employees who refused to disassociate themselves from Jim Larkin's union. Thousands of Dublin workers who were members of the ITGWU, were suspected of being members or were members of other unions and would not sign declarations disowning the ITGWU were locked out and replaced by strike breakers. Eventually over 25,000 workers were involved in strikes and lockouts.

The effects of the Lockout bore heavily on thousands of families in the City, who faced poverty and starvation. The food aid, contributed by workers and their unions across Britain, delivered vital sustenance and hope to the families affected by the lockout.

The commemoration of the anniversary of the first food ship arrival to Dublin acknowledges the critical importance of the solidarity and practical support of the British Trade Union Movement towards supporting struggling families to survive one hundred years ago. The value of the food aid donated equates to over €20,000,000 in today's terms.

Programme, 5th October, 2013 from 11.30am:

- The 'SS Hare' will set off on Friday the 4th of October from the Port of Liverpool following a departure ceremony involving representatives from local unions and trades councils, local councillors and members of the community. Peel Ports Group are waiving all port-related charges in support of this important event;
- The SS Hare Food Ship will be met at the mouth of Dublin Bay by a member of the Larkin family and Irish union leaders who will board the boat to celebrate its role in the historic relief of a city under pain of starvation;
- As part of the re-enactment, children and adults dressed in period costume will hail the boat from the South Wall /South Quays and run alongside the ship down the quays to the docking point at Sir John Rogerson's Quay;
- The SS Hare will be accompanied by an Irish Navy vessel into Dublin Port – the navy vessel will create 'fog' for the ship's arrival;
- The ship will also be accompanied by Port of Dublin tugs which will welcome it with a water cannon display;
- The SS Hare will dock at 12 noon at Sir John Rogerson's Quay (TBC) and will be greeted by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Henry Upton, on behalf of the people of the city;
- The ship's food cargo to be unloaded by dockers in 1913 contemporary clothing and taken away by horse and cart;
- Funds raised for parent's facilities in the new children's cardiac ward at Crumlin Children's Hospital will be handed over to representatives from the Hospital.

Following the unloading there will be some short speeches followed by music and story telling.

Unions are urged to encourage members and their families to come along for the re-enactment and events which will run from 11.30am-1.30pm, and promises to be a really enjoyable occasion. Those attending are encouraged to 'dress' for the occasion!

The organisers gratefully acknowledge the support received for the SS Hare re-enactment from Congress, Dublin Port Company, the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), Peel Ports Group UK, Ramsey Steam Ship Company, the RMT, SIPTU and Unite the Union, and for the contribution of the North Inner City Folklore Project, Dublin Council of Trade Union, Ken Fleming ITF and Brian Treacy.

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