

NEWS and VIEWS of HOME RULE!

SAYS EXCLUSION IS ABSOLUTELY IMPRACTICABLE

Would Give Rise to Almost Insurmountable Administrative Difficulties.

LOYD GEORGE NOW POSES AS IRISH PEACEMAKER
States That He Has Appealed to Nationalists To Omit Six Year Exclusion Clause.

London, March 20.—The Chronicle discussing the proposed exclusion of Ulster from the Home Rule Bill, declares that it is impossible to contemplate the amputated Customs control which will result in Derry city, voting for inclusion, becoming part of Ireland for customs purposes, while County Derry, voting for exclusion, remains part of the English customs system.

The Chronicle asks the Nationalists to accept the preliminaries for the future dovetailing of Ireland into a United Kingdom Federal scheme.

The significance of this appeal is that the Chronicle is often used by Mr. Lloyd George as his special mouth-piece.

Lloyd George as Peacemaker.

Mr. Lloyd George has taken another step in his new role as Irish peacemaker. He recently had Messrs. Redmond, O'Connor, and Dillon to breakfast at 11 Downing Street. The supposition is that he sought to persuade them to yield so far to Sir Edward Carson as to abandon the six years' time limit. This is to-day's plea of The Daily Chronicle.

If this further concession be granted, and the exclusion of Ulster counties upon ballot be made permanent, subject only to Parliamentary reversal, Sir Edward Carson promises to submit the whole question to the Ulster Unionist Council, although even then Sir Edward fears that the administrative difficulties raised by such matters as the inclusion of Londonderry city and the exclusion of Londonderry county will render the scheme unworkable.

The question before the Nationalist leaders is whether they can hope to

WILL ASQUITH LIKELY RESIGN?

Rumor to This Effect is Now Current in London—Tired of Public Life.

New York, March 19.—In some quarters there is an extraordinary report that having found the situation intolerable Asquith contemplates resigning the Premiership.

This rumor can without doubt be traced to his frank confession of weariness at the recent dinner of the Chambers of Commerce and to the fact that Mr. Lloyd George is in charge of negotiations now proceeding with the Nationalist party on the Irish crisis.

All reports of the Premier's impending resignation at this stage, however can be dismissed without reserve, but its ready circulation at this juncture is the sign of the high tension of the political situation.

The last few days have witnessed a great stiffening of opinion among the coalition rank and file against any extension of the suggestions advanced last Monday by the Premier, and in the present temper of the Nationalists as well as of the back bench Liberals it is safe to say that Mr. Asquith could make no advance on his offer without splitting his followers.

save the Bill unless they yield, much against their will.

Wants Commission.

The Ministerial Westminster Gazette pleads for a statutory Commission to explain the question of Home Rule all round and report to Parliament before the six years expires. The Gazette whose opinion carries great weight with Ministerialists, also says: "We fully appreciate the reluctance of politicians to undertake a great new obligation at the close of this exhausting struggle. High despair goes up at the very suggestion. It is impossible without the co-operation of the Opposition, but if the cry is for finality, this is the only road, and the country generally is prepared to see its statesmen take it."

The Westminster Gazette warns the Liberals and Nationalists that although Mr. Healy may be a discredited force in Irish politics, he will be able to play upon popular national Irish sentiment in his new campaign and render the situation still more difficult for the Nationalists.

It believes that Sir Edward Carson

REDMOND SAYS HOME RULE BILL GOES AS IT IS

Declares Offers to Ulster Have Been Met With Insult from Carson.

WONT AGREE TO EXCLUDE ONE INCH OF IRELAND

Thinks Irish Nationalist Party Has Made Great Concessions for Peace.

London, March 17.—John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalist Party, presided over the Irish National banquet here, and in responding to the toast, "Ireland, a Nation," said: "In a few short weeks, in the absence of a political earthquake, the Home Rule Bill will be a law of the land, probably in precisely the form in which it now stands."

The efforts of the Government to conciliate Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, and his friends, Mr. Redmond declared, had been met with insult. He referred to the failure to agree on the temporary exclusion of any part of Ireland and declared it was a great sacrifice to make as the price of peace, but in making that sacrifice, to avoid a conflict, they had made absolutely no sacrifice for principle. If the proposal had been for the permanent exclusion of one inch of Irish territory they would unhesitatingly have rejected it, as the principles of the bill must be maintained.

"Speaking for myself, and my colleagues, and I believe, the Irish Nation," Mr. Redmond continued, "these principles are our last word. Beyond them one inch we cannot and we will not go. If force is interposed, that force will be met with force. The party of the democracy of this country will be all the stronger because Nationalist Ireland has shown that it has been willing to make a great sacrifice for peace."

sincerely desires a settlement. The average man also believes the question can be peacefully arranged despite the "die-hard" in both the Unionist and Ministerial camps.

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