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PEACE PACT IN IRELAND ENDS LONG TURMOIL

Proclamation of Irish Free State Begins New Era in History.
DE VALERA UNSATISFIED
Followers Intend To Continue Agitation For Independent Republic.

BY CABR.
The ratification of the treaty proclaiming the Irish Free State by the Dail Eireann on Saturday night apparently indicates that the hickories and recriminations of centuries have at last been dropped and that the Irish people, Ireland, its trials and its struggles forgotten, should now be at peace.
Henceforth it should go its way on an equal plane with Canada—even with England itself—internal disturbances are no longer a factor in the life of the island. In fact, the early differences between the two peoples are clouded in the dimness and uncertainty of legendary lore.

World Welcomes Peace.
The world breathes with relief. The armistice of July 11 came after more than seven centuries of strife between the peoples of England and Ireland. In fact, the early differences between the two peoples are clouded in the dimness and uncertainty of legendary lore.

In those early days England's control was weak, and little effort was made to hold more than a few miles of coast land. Gradually, however, British possessions in the island spread, until, under Oliver Cromwell, Britain succeeded in subjugating the whole island in 1691.

Unfortunate days followed for Ireland. Even in those early days the split between the Catholics and Protestants was marked. The Irish Episcopal Church was the state church, and Catholics were, in effect, for many years persecuted. The emancipation bill at last gave the Catholics equal rights with their Protestant brethren, and the disestablishment of the Irish Church in 1869 completed their religious freedom.

The Protestants always leaned toward England in their sympathies, partly from the fact that many of them were immigrants in the island, and partly because their religious affiliations were British rather than Irish. The Catholics, on the other hand, mindful of the persecutions to which their forefathers had told them they were subjected in the early days, have been nearly always anti-English in feeling.

Fight for Home Rule.
After their final religious liberation, encouraged by their success, the Catholics, under John Redmond, sought independence for Ireland in the form of home rule, and from 1871 until the outbreak of the war, that was their ultimate goal.

But Ulster, Protestant to the core, would have none of it. Smaller in far than the Catholic portion of Ireland, Ulster realized that home rule would mean that Southern Ireland would have nothing to say about her government.

Thus the first and strongest objection to home rule has always come from Ireland itself.

IRISH MAY RE-ELECT DE VALERA

DAIL MEMBERS ASK FORMER CHIEF TO STAY
Retiring President Renominated by Mrs. Clarke and Liam Mellows.

COLLINS URGES WORK
Sees Need of Committees Representing Both Sides of Controversy.

BULLETIN.
Dublin, Jan. 9.—The motion to re-elect Eamonn de Valera president of the Irish republic was defeated in the Dail Eireann today by a vote of 58 to 60.

Dublin, Jan. 9.—As soon as the Dail Eireann was convened this morning, Eamonn de Valera arose and placed his resignation as president of the Irish republic formally before the House.

Mrs. Thomas J. Clarke moved the re-election of Mr. de Valera as president of the republic. Liam Mellows seconded the motion.

Michael Collins, one of the leaders in support of the Irish treaty, said that no one in the Dail wished to be put in the position of opposing President de Valera. He pointed out that the Dail was now faced with the problem of taking over the government from the British and he suggested the formation of a committee whose members would be chosen from both sides of the controversy, to keep the peace, work, and no talk, was now required, he added.

Arthur Griffith, speaking after Collins had concluded, said the question of the treaty had been constitutionally settled, and that there was nothing to prevent its terms being carried out.

After the re-nomination of de Valera for the presidency, Michael Collins, addressing the Dail, said he would not object to the re-election of de Valera, but that if Mr. de Valera were re-elected the people would turn out the Dail, as the Dail would be the laughing-stock of the world.

Miss Mary MacSwiney was next to speak on the re-election question.

"We must carry on the republican government until it is disestablished by the Irish people," she said. She opposed the joint committee proposed by Michael Collins.

POPULATION OF CANADA MAY BE NEAR 8,800,000

Smallness of Net Increase Indicates Steady Exodus to Other Lands.

PROBLEM FUNDAMENTAL
New Government Will Likely Investigate Why Canadians Leave Home.

[Special to London Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Jan. 9.—From the figures already published, it is possible to hazard a fairly accurate guess of the population of the Dominion as revealed in the census of June, 1921.

It will be well in excess of eight and a half million, but it will fall considerably short of nine million.

The exact total will probably be found somewhere between 8,600,000 and 8,800,000. This figure represents a gain of more than one and a half million souls during the decade, and to such as believe in quantity rather than quality as a measure of successful nationhood it will be disappointing.

It will show, indeed, that Canada's actual increase in population is less than the total number of immigrants in the decade 1911-1921, and that as the natural increase of 1911 population ought to itself have given Canada a million more people, the country has been suffering from an annual exodus of serious dimensions.

Increased population, which will produce an increase in traffic, seems to be the only feasible solution of Canada's railway tangle, so this failure to retain her possible inhabitants is a fundamental problem, and will probably claim the careful consideration of the new government.

URGE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS BE AMENDED
Importers Allege Unfairness in Valuation of Goods From Europe.

MARKING ACT IN FORCE
Manufacturers Claim Practice Necessary To Prevent 'Dumping' of German Goods.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—While Canadian importers are strongly urging the removal of customs regulations regarding depreciated currency and the marking of goods from foreign countries, Canadian manufacturers are urging quite as strongly for their retention.

Mayor Wilson In Economy Pled

Along Came Ruth!
WARNS AGAINST INCREASING OF DEBT OF CITY
Also Advises Retention of the Control of Finances by Council.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED
New Council Has Short Business Session For Inaugural Meeting.

The 1922 council, with Mayor J. Cameron Wilson presiding, staged its inaugural meeting in the council chamber of the city hall at 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

The mayor's inaugural address and the report of the striking committee, which contains all appointments for the year, were the features. There was no outward feature. All is ready now for the regular dispatch of the city's business for another year, and the committee will make an immediate start, the board of works meeting on Tuesday and the finance committee on Wednesday.

Mayor Wilson's address was rich in legislative suggestions, and if carried out will bring numerous changes and reforms to the city hall. His suggestions go on to the committee interested for immediate consideration.

Perhaps most important to all ratepayers, as it directly affects their pocket is the new mayor's initial recommendation for consideration, that the expenditure for the year should not exceed the debentures expiring. In doing so the mayor calls attention to the steady increase in the debenture debt of the city in the last twelve years. He asks that the finance committee go into his suggestion.

Issues Warning Note.
The lack of control of expenditures by decentralization, is the subject of a warning note from the mayor. He wonders if the elected representatives of the people are properly safeguarding the interests of the city by delegating their powers to various boards.

The rapid increase in charity grants and the unemployment situation were touched on by the mayor. He expressed his opinion that the pension scheme proposed for the 1922 council by J. G. Richter, cannot be accepted and put into operation at this time. He believes that the employees should be sufficiently remunerated to care for themselves and says that "apparently there is no demand from the officials from this provision."

After urging close scrutiny of matters pertaining to the Gas Company's application for an increase in the gas rate, the creation of a city insurance fund, and the creation of a fund for increasing the debenture debt, following large assessments increases, the mayor touched on some election recommendations made by the clerk.

The most important feature of these would be that the polls in future municipal elections would be open until 8 p.m. Husbands and wives would each vote.

SEVEN WISPS OF ILL-FATE CLAIM DAD WAS DUPE

Pathetic Tale Causes Ohio Arrest of "Big Man" Children Blame.

FIND ELABORATE STILL
Rich Man and Poor Now Occupy Adjoining Cells.

[Special to London Advertiser.]
Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 9.—From the lips of seven little children who were found playing around a moonshine still in the kitchen of a farmhouse on Bagley road, Parma village, deputy sheriffs learned early today the strange operations of the weather traffickers.

A poisoned liquor who work behind the scenes and seldom take their place as a law violator in police court.

Incidentally their story led to the arrest of one of the "higher ups," a resident of Berea, who faces a fine of \$1,000 and costs and a lengthy term in the workhouse.

"It's not papa's fault," oh, don't blame him," said a little girl of 14, eldest of the children. "Papa was just about at the end of his rope when this rich man came. He showed lots of money. Our clothes were in rags; there was but little food for us to eat, and it tempted papa."

Besides, we had a "new baby" coming at our house, and what was daddy to do? Really, we can't blame daddy."

Gives—Then Sets Up Still.
The children then told of how this man—the "big man"—bought them some warm clothes, but some nourishing food on the shelves, and then set up a complete still, with all its essential materials, in their home.

"Mother didn't like it, but what could she do?" whimpered one of the smallest of the children.

The still, which was of copper and highly polished, added to the brightness of the home, if anything. The walls were here and there, traces of rain, which had seeped in from the roof. There was only one bed in the house and that had but one thin blanket.

OPEN NEW COUNCIL OF WESTMINSTER

1922 Representatives of Township Hold First Meeting.

The inaugural meeting of the Westminster Township Council was held in the county buildings on Monday. The council met at the helm of the township's affairs by the electors of Westminster.

The members were sworn into office at 11 o'clock. They are: J. S. Cousins, reeve; Walter S. Laidlaw, first deputy; Walter Boier, second deputy; James Johnston and Harvey Davis, councillors.

At the afternoon session the clerk and other officers who will look after the affairs of the township during 1922 will be appointed, and other business pertaining to the township will be dealt with.

FOUR HURT WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO AT OTTAWA
Ottawa, Jan. 9.—Achille Fortier, a chauffeur, was badly cut on the head from falling glass, and three lady passengers received a nasty shock when a shunting train backed into their taxi as they were crossing the C. P. R. crossing on the Aylmer road on Sunday night.

The automobile was badly wrecked, and the escape of the passengers was remarkable. The three lady passengers, sitting in their way to the Hunt and Motor Club for supper.

ARCHBISHOP BELIEVES DAIL DECISION WISE
Halifax, N. S., Jan. 8.—Archbishop McCarthy, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Nova Scotia, issued the following statement today:

"The decision of the Dail Eireann of Ireland on Saturday was, in my opinion, very wise and very welcome. It will bring happiness and prosperity to Ireland, I am sure. There is no doubt whatever that this action, bringing into being a free and autonomous state in Ireland, is the very best thing that has happened in that country for many an age. Misgiving gives way to hope, and anxiety is replaced by the expectation of a peaceful and prosperous future for Ireland."

BRITISH MAILS
The next mail for Great Britain and Europe will close at the local post-office on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1922, to be forwarded by steamship Metagama, sailing from St. John, N. B., on Jan. 15, 1922.

This mail will consist of all classes. Letters and registered matter at 10 a.m. Parcel post and newspapers at 2 p.m.

YOUTH OF 16 IS HELD ON CHARGE OF L. E. LOWMAN

Fearful Brother and Sister Were To Be Taken From Mother.
CHARGED WITH ASSAULT
Child Welfare Worker Alleges Youth Struck Him Grazing Blow.

Arraigned in police court on Monday morning charged with criminal assault by L. E. Lowman, director of child welfare work with the soldiers' aid commission, a 16-year-old boy was remanded until Thursday morning next for trial.

He will be defended by Albert Judd. "I intended to drop the charge this morning," said Mr. Lowman to The Advertiser after the court, "but as I learned that the defendant had secured the services of a lawyer, I am letting it continue."

Mr. Lowman claims that during a discussion in his office Saturday morning the prisoner struck at him after he had called for the police.

The case appears to be somewhat intricate and involves the dire necessity for food of the family of the accused. The lad's mother is a widow. There are two young children, both younger than the boy. At the present time both the mother and the son, now under arrest, have been without employment. As a result, the entire family of four are living under very favorable circumstances.

The Advertiser has been informed that on Friday last it was reported to Mr. Lowman by W. E. Koff, secretary of the Children's Aid Society, that the prisoner's little sister was begging on the street.

The family say that later in the day the investigator arrived at the house from Mr. Lowman and that something was said to the mother which led her to believe steps might be taken to take her children away from her. In the meantime the younger child had come to the soldiers' aid commission to seek aid, the father having been a veteran of the army.

It is explained that the mother, then fearing that the attempt would be made at once to deprive her of her children, sent the son to the Soldiers' Aid Commission to prevent the same. It was apparently when he interviewed Mr. Lowman that the altercation occurred.

Claims He Was Chided.
The previous claim that he was chided by Lowman because he was not at work.

Lowman, however, claims that the latter used abusive language and that he deemed it finally necessary to send for the police.

When two constables arrived, Lowman says that further conversation ensued and that the prisoner finally struck him a grazing blow.

The youthful culprit stoutly maintained his only object was to prevent his little brother and sister from being taken away from his mother.

PRINCE SHOOTS HIS FIRST TIGER
Bombay, Jan. 9.—The Prince of Wales, on his first visit to a hunt in the Viceroy's estate. The animal measured nine feet six inches from nose to end of tail.

PREMIERS AT CANNES ENGAGE IN GOLF MATCH
Cannes, Jan. 9.—Premier Lloyd George and Brand, with Andrew Bonar Law, planned to make a threesome at golf this morning, while the reparations experts continued their work.

A final agreement on the plan of payments to be proposed to Germany, and the finance ministers worked on the partition among the Allies of the sums already paid.

Belgium's delegating to the supreme council are still standing out for her priority in full of 2,500,000,000 gold marks of the German payments.

The golfing party this morning furnishes the occasion for Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Brand to continue their conversations begun yesterday, concerning a Franco-British alliance for mutual defence. A memorandum setting forth reasons as a basis for such a pact is known to have been drawn up.

HON. JUSTICE LAVERGNE, MONTREAL, SUCCUMBS
Montreal, Jan. 9.—Hon. Justice Joseph Lavergne died at his home, Westmont, yesterday morning.

Mr. Justice Lavergne, who for some years was a partner of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the practice of law, had been a semi-invalid for the past three years.

The Weather
FORECASTS.
Fresh southwest and west winds; fair and comparatively mild today and on Tuesday.

Pressure is low across Canada and, relatively high to the southward.

The weather has been comparatively mild throughout the Dominion, with local snow flurries near the Georgian Bay and in the Lower St. Lawrence Valley.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

	High.	Low.
Victoria	45	38
Calgary	52	26
Winnipeg	24	16
Pt. Arthur	26	16
P. Sound	22	24
Toronto	40	23
Kingston	34	28
Ottawa	23	20
Montreal	24	24
Quebec	15	12
F. Point	15	8
St. John	24	16
Halifax	30	12