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Simple Ceremony Marked Inauguration of Irish Free State.

One Member Only Refused to
Take Oath -- British Premier
Sends Message of Greeting --
Turks Perceive Benefit of Al-
lied Control of Straits.

THE NEW DOMINION INAUGURATION.

DUBLIN, Dec. 5. The inauguration of the Irish Free State was marked by a simple ceremony in the House of Commons today.

The ceremony was simple and unmarred by any hostile demonstrations. The oath was administered to Timothy Healy, as Governor General, by the Lord Chief Justice at Mr. Healy's residence, and afterwards the Governor administered the oath to Professor Michael Hayes, as Speaker of Dail Eireann.

There were no crowds outside the Parliament when Dail met today. The members assembled punctually at five. William T. Cosgrave, President of Dail, was the first to be sworn and sign the roll. The form of oath of allegiance was primarily to the constitution of the Irish Free State, and then to King George as the head of the people of the British Commonwealth of Nations. The Ministers took the oath in turn, followed by the members of Dail. All the Labor members were present and took the oath.

The reception of M. Gaffney, member for Carlow, who was the only member of Dail to vote against the constitution. He is expected to return to take the oath this evening leaving the constituency unrepresented. The Labor Party authorized its leader to make a statement explaining its acceptance of the oath. The statement said the Laborites were merely following the tactics of political parties in other countries. The oath looked upon as implying no obligation other than the obligation to support any person, in accepting the principle of citizenship, the party would work to depose capitalism, and substitute a regime of labor and justice. They accepted the Treaty, and the Labor representative, under protest, because it had been imposed by a superior force, and if even the party were to denounce the constitution, the fact of having taken the Oath of Allegiance would not prevent the Party from pressing full freedom of action upon any person. In acknowledging his election as President, Cosgrave made an oration. He began with an expression of regret that twelve months, which might have been spent in securing the fruits of Ireland's freedom, had been wasted in what he called upon the people to throw away these fruits and re-enter the black. Mr. Cosgrave paid a warm tribute to the British, who, he said, had tried to whittle it down one iota had stood by the letter and spirit of their bargain with scrupulous and unflinching good faith. He then read the following telegram from Andrew Bonar Law:—"On the inauguration of the Irish Free State I desire on behalf of my colleagues and myself to convey to you a message of greeting and goodwill. You may be assured we on our side will do all that lies in our power to further the common interests which we both have in peace and prosperity to Ireland and lasting concord between the two countries." After the address of Cosgrave, six Ministers were nominated as constituting the Executive Council: K. O'Higgins for Home Affairs, Richard Mulcahy for Defence, John MacNeill for Education, Ernest Blythe for Local Government, Joseph McGrath for Industry, Commerce and Labour, and Desmond Fitzgerald for Foreign Affairs.

Cosgrave later announced a list of thirty nominations of Senators.

TURKS MORE FAVOURABLE TO ALLIED PLAN.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 6. A change of front on the part of the Turkish delegates was forecasted while the conference was in session today. A Turkish spokesman outside the auditorium said the Turkish position on the Straits control probably would be found nearer the Allied plan than to Russia's. The Turks, it appeared, had suddenly realized that the Russian right for control of Turkish waters would force Turkey to build a navy, hence doubts have arisen in the minds of the Turkish delegates, who seemed more disposed to negotiate a scheme for the neutralization of the Straits and Black Sea, and some form of international control. The Allied control plan sets forth a scheme for limitation of the number of warships and the total tonnage to be allowed in the waters under control, and gives Turkey and the Black Sea countries the right to say how long warships may remain in their ports. The plan suggests the demilitarization of the Straits and also gives Turkey the right to search neutral merchantmen in time of war. Foreign Minister Tchitcherin of Russia, opposed the Allied proposition and adjournment was taken until Friday to permit the Turks to study the proposals. Richard Washburn Child, United States Ambassador, set forth the view of the United States as independent of that of any other power. He said the United States holds the Straits and the Black Sea must be opened to ships and warships of all nations in peace or war, and that it opposes any plan which would give one power control, just as it would in any other international waters.

STERLING EXCHANGE MOVES UP.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. Sterling Exchange established another new high record today, demand bills being quoted at \$4.56 1/2. The extreme low was early in February, 1920 when the pound was quoted at \$3.18. The steady improvement in

Great Britain's trade balance, which has been accompanied by a balancing of her budget, a reduction in imports and an increase in exports, was the only reason given by local bankers for the further strength of the London rate.

GERMANY'S FLOOD OF PAPER MONEY.

BERLIN, Dec. 6. A trillion paper marks by December 31st is the prospect held out by the German money presses, whose latest six day race has resulted in an addition to the Nation's already swollen paper flood of a sum of one hundred and ten billion three hundred million marks. This was during the last week in November. The total notes in circulation at the end of November, according to the Reichsbank, was seven hundred and fifty-four billion marks.

NEWFOUNDLAND TRADE FIGURES.

MONTREAL, Dec. 6. Considered misleading in respect to the present trade situation in Newfoundland, the figures given at the annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal here on Monday, showing imports exceeding exports during the year ending June 30, 1921, are supplemented in a report issued assented today by A. W. Wiseman, acting British Trade Commissioner here in which it is submitted that the present trade situation in Newfoundland shows an excess of exports over imports. Remark that the figures given in the Bank of Montreal report are quite out of date. Mr. Wiseman said the figures of the total trade transacted during the year ended June 30, 1922, shows a more healthy aspect, the total exports being again in excess of imports. This year the total imports amounted to \$18,208,853 as compared with exports of \$19,478,417. The exports from Newfoundland, said Mr. Wiseman, have been in excess of imports every year since the beginning of the war, with the exception of the year ending June 30, 1920 and 1921.

FIVE KILLED AS RESULT OF COLLISION IN AIR.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 6. Major L. Gearhart of Leesworth, Kansas, Captain Benton A. Doyle, St. Louis, Missouri, and four enlisted men were killed at Langley Field today when a Martin bombing plane carrying the 5 of them, and a Fokker scout machine, piloted by Major Gearhart, collided about 250 feet in the air.

D'ANNUNZIO ILL.

LONDON, Dec. 6. Gabriele D'Annunzio is seriously ill at Gardone, according to a despatch to the Central News from Rome.

SEEKING REFUGE FOR NON-TURKISH REFUGEES.

LONDON, Dec. 6. Premier Bonar Law, replying to the House of Commons today to a question as to whether, with a view of finding temporary or permanent settlement for non-Turkish refugees out of Asia Minor or Constantinople, the government would invite the Dominions to co-operate in providing the necessary facilities, stated that inquiries were being made on this subject. He said the report from the British Embassy at Constantinople on the need of the refugees was being forwarded to the Dominion Governments.

MUTT AND JEFF.

WORKING OUT A PUZZLE, JEFF?

NO! I EXPECT TO BUILD A HOME OF MY OWN SOME DAY AND I'M DRAWING UP THE PLANS NOW! I CRAVE A LITTLE HOME WITH A COZY ATTIC!

HOW MANY BEDROOMS?

TWO! THE EXTRA ONE WILL BE FOR YOU IN CASE I EVER HAVE TO PUT YOU UP FOR THE NIGHT!

FINE! OF COURSE THE LIVING ROOM WILL BE SPACIOUS.

NO! IT WILL BE VERY SMALL! BUT MY ATTIC WILL BE A CORKER! I'M CRAZY ABOUT A COZY ATTIC WHERE I CAN SPEND ALL MY IDLE HOURS!

A SILLY IDEA! THINK OF THE STAIRS YOU'LL HAVE TO CLIMB TO GET TO IT!

BUT I'M GONNA ELIMINATE THE STAIR CLIMBING BY BUILDING MY ATTIC ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

JEFF ALSO HAS A VACANT ATTIC IN HIS DOME.

—By Bud Fisher

Once again It's time to consider Christmas Toys For Girls & Boys

Each year as Christmas draws near the youngsters wonder what Santa Claus is going to bring them. Whatever else we have to consider this Christmas, we can't afford to disappoint the Kiddies—Moreover, to secure Toys for your children you don't need money at the Premium Department, and we have the finest selection of Toys in town, any one or more of which can be obtained FREE in exchange for Tags and Coupons only—

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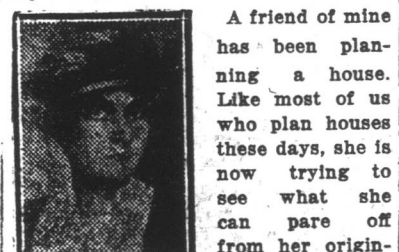
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SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

THE HEART OF THE HOUSE.

"How can a person be attached to a house that has no centre of attraction, no soul in it, in the visible form of a glowing fire and a warm chimney, like the heart in the body?"—Charles Dudley Warner.



A friend of mine has been planning a house. Like most of us who plan houses these days, she is now trying to see what she can pare off from her original plan of the house in order not to have it cost more than twice what she expected it would cost.

And the question now before the house (in both senses, since it must be settled before the house can be built) is this: Shall the fireplace planned for the living room be sacrificed?

I wonder if you can possibly guess whether my answer was yes or no when that question was put up to me? I cannot conceive how anyone would bother to build a house at all if it was not going to have an open fireplace in it.

Talk about an egg without salt. Thanksgiving without a turkey. Hamlet with Hamlet left out—I should regard them all as complete and finished products compared to a home without a fireplace.

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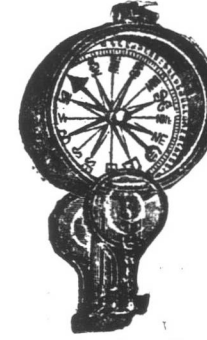
out a fireplace. But then, of course, I have a fireplace complex. Always did have. I love everything to do with them. I once had a friend who had a house with several fireplaces in it and closed them up because she objected to the dirt they made. I have never been able to feel quite the same toward her since.

No Heat Like It.

I love the kind of heat a fireplace gives. I don't think there is any other heat like it. It warms you without making you feel stuffy, there is nothing enervating about it. The drowsiness that comes from sitting long in front of a hot open fire is not the headachy drowsiness of a room overheated by steam or a furnace, but the delicious drowsiness like that which comes from having been outdoors all day.

I love the feeling a fireplace gives a room, the sense of having a centre and focus. I would ten times rather have a shabbily furnished room with a reading table littered with maga-

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