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SHARP DEBATE

on Irish Treaty are Resumed.

h's Ratification and Deera's Alternative Proala—More Evidence of ntry's Wish That the reement be Ratified.

Dublin, Jan. 3.—Members of the Dail ann reassembled here this morning, r an adjournment of twelve days, to e discussion of the treaty with Britain. review of the attitude taken by Irish people at large would seem dicate overwhelming sentiment in r of ratification of the compact. s announcement was made that the y had been signed in London 101 e bodies have adopted resolutions favor of the treaty and the couny s have demanded their representa- in the Dail vote for it. e more county counts—Limerick, h Tipperary, Tyrone, Louth and ord—yesterday added their voices e chorus supporting the treaty. unanimity of the farmers on the tion is a notable feature of the ecid for ratification. They have held e of meetings throughout the coun- and without exception have afed their support of the pact. pponents of the treaty today brought a new organ called "The Republic rian" and it was looked upon as w factor in the situation. Morning ers here discussed it with a note satisfaction. Its tone was not ag- sive and the first issue reflected a personalities. The morning news- ers appealed to members of the D to heed the necessities of the coun- one of them saying, "The Dail st decide whether it is a democratic s autocratic body." The peace agreement has been under ideration of the body since Dec. 14. It was generally believed here to- that the present session would not be protracted.

st before the Dail was called to r a mass of excitement was caused e distribution of an order—of the stular to the one circulated before r present, calling for Amhar Cr- tion for ratification of the treaty. eamonn De Valera's alternative eale. The inference drawn from e would submit his plan to the Dail. O'Connor, deputy for South Kil- e Dail Minister of Agriculture, pponent of the treaty, was the first y of those who had passed resolu- onal League for Treaty.

st, Jan. 3.—Cardinal Logue pri- of Ireland, addressing the congre- in the Armagh Cathedral, asked to pray that it might bring the ighty God to save them from such "fortune" as the rejection of the Ang- sh treaty which held forth the hope of peace and tranquility to d.

only alternative to ratification, e Cardinal Logue, was that the y would be thrown back into a e more practically expressed that through which it had already 1. He said that the treaty seem- e give substantially all that was e for the welfare and progress e country.

on, Jan. 3.—Rival groups in the e were seemingly at wide apart this ing as they were when the Dail ed for the Christmas holidays. Ad- from Dublin were not of an en- ging nature, and it was declared situation there was dominated by ean Irish.

many observers asserted there was lit- respect of the opposing sections set- e difficulties. The extremists said to be determined in their ef- to persuade the Irish people that e stance of the treaty involved aban- nt of the claim for the establish- e of a republic. Their work, how- was said to be futile, and there e general predictions that the Dail n would pass favorably upon the tion. Some correspondents assert- ed the acceptance of the treaty d be due to abstentions from vot- g than the strength of those sup- ing its ratification. In any event e decision was not expected before ead.

Dublin despatch to the Daily Mail many rumors were current there ight, one being that it was pos- e more secret sessions of the Dail e held for the purpose of reach- e agreement. It was reported the e would again meet in the coun- ers of the university, instead of e Mansion House, as it was thought e able to exclude the public for the e being. Another correspondent said members of the Dail were divided e into three groups—those favoring rat- n, the followers of Eamonn De Val- e and the uncompromising republicans, representative of the Westminster e, dealing with this report, said as indicative of the country's psy- e at the moment.

"the great majority of the people," e ead, "are overwhelmingly in favor e ratification and are opposed by only e followers are not prepared to e to the death for the republic, al- gh they oppose the treaty. They e at another condition which, as a e of their countrymen, appears e indistinguishable from the treaty. e these conditions they are pre-

THE NEW DOMINION CABINET



A CANADIAN NICKEL COIN SOON ISSUED

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—(Canadian Press)—Canada is to have a five-cent nickel coin. Minting is to begin this week. In- sance the same procedure will be followed as was adopted in respect to the small one-cent piece. The new coin will be struck by the Royal Mint, the older coin remaining in circulation.

DISCOUNT ON DOLLAR GOES BELOW FIVE

New York, Jan. 3.—Sterling exchange here today was 100 to 48 1/2 Canadian dollars 4 1/2 per cent discount.

JAMES S. LAWSON DEAD IN BUCTOUCHE

Many friends will regret to hear of the death of James S. Lawson, which occurred in Buctouche yesterday. He was a son of David Lawson of Prospect street, Fairville, and, besides his father, is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. G. L. Watters, 71 St. James' street, and Mrs. G. H. Chambers, 31 High street, St. John; two sons, Russell of Buctouche and Harry of 54 Albert street, St. John; five sisters, Mrs. F. M. Sears and Mrs. Charles Galloway of Boston, Mrs. Elmer Penley of California, Mrs. Mary Brownell of Moncton, and Mrs. James Lowell of Fairville; four brothers, David of Boston, Ernest of California, William of St. John, and Robert of Fairville. The funeral will be held tomorrow on the arrival of the 1:30 train. Interment will be in Greenwood.

PANAMA IS HIT BY NEW YEAR EARTHQUAKE

Panama, Jan. 3.—An earthquake lasting about a minute, occurred at one o'clock yesterday, shaking up the city somewhat, but doing no damage either here or in the Panama Canal. The centre of the district hit was about sixty miles distant.

HIGH STRINGS THAT WON PRIZES ON THE ALLEYS

A turkey, which was put up for competition on the Y. M. C. I. alleys for the brawler making the highest individual score last week, was won by Joseph Harrington, with a score of 142. The three prize string total for the week was won by Murray Jarvis, who made 360. The prize, a box of cigars, was donated by Gerald Keane. On Black's alleys, yesterday, a ham was put up for competition, and was won by T. Williams with a score of 120. A pair of chickens, put up for competition on St. Peter's alleys yesterday, was won by John Russell with a score of 115. The weekly prize was won by Joe O'Connor with a score of 117.

ONLY ONE BANK IN U. S. IS LARGER

Big Merger Put Through in Chicago.

Action Averts the Most Serious Difficulty Which Has Threatened Financial District there in Sixteen Years.

(Canadian Press.) Chicago, Jan. 3.—The Continental and Commercial National Bank and the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank today formed the second largest banking institution in the United States and the largest west of New York through absorption of the Fort Dearborn Trust and Savings Bank, that action averting what was described as the most serious difficulty which has threatened Chicago's financial district in sixteen years.

The merger was announced late last night after an all day session of the Chicago Clearing House Association and prominent financiers, the Continental and Commercial institutions agreeing to assume liabilities of \$60,000,000. The absorption placed combined deposits of the four banks at institutions at more than \$400,000,000, and total resources at a figure greater than \$325,000,000.

FRANCE MAKES DENIAL OF ALLEGATION RE SECRET AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN.

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FOUR KILLED IN NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS

Honolulu, Jan. 3.—Four dead and sixteen injured were the toll of Honolulu's New Year celebration. Among the dead is Corporal Victor Schiller of the 27th Infantry, stabbed to death at the height of merrymaking. His home was in Detroit, Mich. Private Gilbert Smith was also killed. The police say continued until Sunday morning, the steamer Maplewood, of the Canada Steamship Line, was tied up at No. 15 government berth at Sand Point. The gale kicked up a heavy sea through the opening and caused the steamer to lurch heavily against the pier. The rivets were cracked, and some rivets started and the pumps were un- der repair. Her agents, Nagle & Wiggins, de- clared that the ship was tied up at No. 15 government berth at Sand Point, where it was to be carried out to ascertain the extent of her damage.

GLoucester's New Mayor Scores

Alleges Various Tricks of the Trade by Fishmen There.

Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 3.—Tricks of the trade in fish were alleged and criticized by Mayor P. W. Wheeler in his inaugural address yesterday. "I have seen harbor pollock split across the back and branded and shipped as mackerel," he said. "I have seen, lake salted and branded as sea trout. I have seen skiny New England shore herring salted and sold as fine fat Labradors."

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis: Pressure is high over the western provinces and along the Atlantic coast, while a trough of low extends from Lake Superior to the southwest. An important disturbance is centred just south of Newfoundland. The weather has been fair and cold over the greater part of the Dominion.

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ROYAL WEDDING ON FEBRUARY 28, LONDON REPORT

London, Jan. 3.—The wedding of Princess Mary to Viscount Lascelles has been set for February 28, according to the Daily Mail.

PREMIER KING TO DENVER; BROTHER CRITICALLY ILL

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—(Canadian Press)—Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, premier, has left for Denver, Colo., to visit his brother, Dr. D. Macdougall King, who is reported to be critically ill.

SAYS DOCUMENTS FORGED PAPERS

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As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbman, "there are more New Years behind you and me than in before us."

"Yes, sir," said Hiram, "that's so. Me an' Hanner was talkin' about it las' night. She said we orto be thankful we'd had as many as we did hey—an' try to make up for some of 'em sorrow. But we ain't got nothin' to kick about—onless as Hanner says it's the chance we let slip. I hope them that's dyin' today'll hev better sense. But human natur' is human natur'—an' I s'pose they'll hev to learn their lesson the hard way we did. The best we kin hope is that they'll come through clean—fer that's what counts at the end of the road."

HAD MOST VICIOUS NEW YEAR'S EVE

Unprecedented Outbreak of Violence in New York.

Bad "Hooch" was a Cause—Gangs Ran from Side Streets to Broadway and Attacked Pedestrians—Hours of Terror.

New York, Jan. 3.—New York city is now recovering from one of the most disorderly New Year's celebrations in its history. Despite the outwardly mild weather, the night of the New Year's Eve celebration was the comparatively small amount of hours in public, the hours between midnight and 6 o'clock this morning were marked by unparalleled viciousness, and the number of maulings may increase from the list of badly wounded persons taken to hospitals after stabbing or shooting affrays.

A remarkably large number of hoodlums were observed in the early morning hours on important streets, including Broadway and Fifth avenue. There were continual racket and disturbance, with gangs of young hoodlums rushing into the main avenues from side streets, and attacking innocent men and women.

Police records enumerated four violent deaths attributable to holiday revelry, including 16 men and women in hospitals with gunshot or knife wounds, a half dozen in hospital, and dozens of scores of summonses served by members of the dry squad of 200, who attempted to make the New Year's Eve Broadway had ever seen.

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ARMS CONFERENCE RESUMES WORK

Expect Views on the Submarine Issue.

May Sign Five Power Nav Treaty Before End of the Week—Amend Treaty Pacific—An Alleged Secret Understanding.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The arms conference resumed work today after brief holiday over New Year's. The committee on reduction of naval armaments expects to receive the views of Italian, French and Japanese delegates on the three articles of the Robertson dealing with the submarine and the Balfour amendment. It will be in a position to pass upon the resolution to be reported from the committee on drafting. This resolution will concern itself only with the law nations on the subject of submarines. It will still leave up to date elected no controversy.

One of these is the Balfour proposal that the five great naval powers should declare against the use of the submarine against themselves; another is the proposal that the use of the submarine against merchant vessels be forbidden in as much as such use of the marine would be clearly impossible under the general declaration of the ratifications already agreed to by the powers; still another point is the proposal to punish as a pirate any marine commander violating the international law as they will be down by the present conference.

It is not expected that any of these points will be the subject of lengthy debate. The tendency is to hurry work of the conference and get on as soon as possible.

It is hoped that the five power naval affairs may be ratified by primary sessions and signed by the envoys before the end of the week, as an immense amount of detail labor faces the conference in respect to China and the problems of the Far East.

It is practically certain that the four power treaty will be amended to exclude the homeland of Japan, but there is some doubt as to whether this will be accomplished by re-writing the treaty by an exchange of notes by the powers representing the treaty.

Under the terms of the treaty, the powers representing the treaty, including the United States, are to include in the term, "insular possessions and dominions." Japan desires the change and so does President Harding, who believes that the treaty will be more sure of ratification in the senate of such change or amendment be effected.

Far Eastern questions formed the subject of informal conferences for many of the delegations this morning. There was also another meeting today for the subcommittee appointed to formulate a new tariff programme for China.

In the matter of the alleged secret understanding between the French and Japanese governments wherein the former had agreed to support Japanese aims for a protectorate over Siberia, a declaration was made by Boris E. Skvinsky, a member of the China delegation, that additional documents which he had passed between the two governments on the subject were in the files of government. Mr. Skvinsky suggested that these documents be inspected by a duly accredited representative of the U. S. government.

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