

MEMBERS OF DAIL PLEDGE LOYALTY

Governor-General Healy Presides At Simple Ceremony in Dublin.

COSGRAVE SIGNS FIRST

Professor Michael Hayes Re-elected Speaker of House.

Dublin, Dec. 6.—Inauguration of the Irish Free State as one of the dominions of the British Empire took place today. The ceremony was simple and unmarred by hostile demonstrations from the Republican minority.

The oath was administered to Timothy Healy as governor-general by the lord chief justice at the lord's residence in Chapelizod, on the Liffey, three miles west of Dublin, and after-ward the new governor-general administered the oath to Professor Michael Hayes as speaker of the Dail. There were no crowds outside the parliament house when the Dail met today. The ministers and others connected with the government made their way to the parliament chamber by a private entrance from the adjoining government office, and no visitors were admitted.

The members assembled punctually at 5 p.m. William T. Cosgrave, president of the Dail cabinet, and Kevin O'Higgins, minister of home affairs and nephew of the governor-general, were among the first arrivals, and occupied the same seats as in the old Dail. At 5:10 o'clock Speaker Hayes announced that he was authorized by the governor-general to administer the oath to the deputies. Mr. Cosgrave was the first to be sworn and to sign the roll. The form of the oath of allegiance was primarily to the constitution of the Irish Free State, and the oath was administered by the head of the people forming the British commonwealth.

Mr. O'Higgins and the other ministers took the oath, followed by the members of the Dail.

Hayes Re-elected Speaker.

The oath was administered to each member individually, and most of the repetitions were audible throughout the chamber. Some of the military members, including Defence Minister Mulcahy, were in uniform. When the ceremony was completed Professor Hayes was re-elected speaker, and Mr. Cosgrave was re-elected president of the Dail. The members of the cabinet, including Mr. O'Higgins, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Egan, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Griffith and Michael Collins, are dead, and Robert C. Barton is in jail as a rebel.

All the cabinet members were present and took the oath with the exception of Mr. Gaffney, member for Carlow, who was the only member of the Dail to vote against the constitution. He is expected to refuse the oath, and thus leave his constituency unprotected.

Cathal O'Shannon, editor of the Voice of Labor, and noted for his advanced views, was one of those sworn in. Lord Lee of Farnham, who has been absent because of illness, another absentee was Daim de Rosette (William Roche), member for Cork city. He has been a supporter of the constitution and is counted upon as certain to take the oath later.

General McKenna, who has been conducting the Free State military operations in the provinces, and has not been in Dublin recently, appeared and took the oath. He was in uniform.

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 the political parties of the workers in all countries. The oath they looked upon as implying no obligation other than the obligation resting upon any person in accepting the principle of citizenship.

The party would work to dethrone capitalism and substitute a regime of labor and service. They accepted the treaty, said the Labor leader, under protest, because it had been imposed by a superior force, and if ever the Irish people decided to repudiate the treaty or denounce the constitution, the fact of their having taken the oath of allegiance would not prevent them from preserving full freedom of action.

Gosgrave Lauds British.

Patrick O'Malley was elected deputy speaker. William Cosgrave paid warm tribute to the British, who he said, once the treaty was signed, never had tried to whitewash it down one iota, but had stood by the letter and the spirit of their bargain with scrupulous and undeviating good faith. He then read the following telegram from Andrew Bonar Law, the British prime minister:

"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 that we, on our side, will do all that lies in our power to further the common interests that we both have in view."

Kitchener Plans To Have Christmas Tree For Needy On Market Square

Special to The Advertiser.

Kitchener, Dec. 6.—This city will again have a community Christmas tree, and all needy homes, as well as charitable and public institutions will have in for as much, if not more, Christmas cheer than was dispensed in the two previous years of the community Christmas tree, according to an announcement today by E. D. Campbell, chairman of the publicity committee of the Kitchener Community Christmas Tree organization.

peace and prosperity to Ireland and lasting concord between the two countries."

Mr. Cosgrave, in his address, dwelt upon the full powers given Ireland by the treaty and the acknowledgment of this fact by the British statesmen. As regarded the acknowledgment of the people there were bound by the treaty in honor, and their northern policy must be continued in accordance with it. He pointed out numerous advantages to the Free State, but said that if Ulster remained out, the treaty clearly provided what was to happen. He said that he would not forget the sections of the six counties which desired to enter the Free State, as had been proved by the recent elections in Tyrone and Fermanagh.

The whole tenor of the president's reference to Ulster was quiet and conciliatory.

Nominates Executive Council.

After his address, Mr. Cosgrave nominated the following six ministers as constituting with him an executive council: Kevin O'Higgins, Richard Mulcahy, Professor John MacNeill, Ernest Blythe, Joseph McGrath and Desmond Fitzgerald. His nominations were accepted.

(The council as formed is made up respectively of the ministers of home affairs, education, local government, industry, commerce and labor and foreign affairs.)

Parliament has the duty of nominating all the ministers not members of the executive council, and will do so through committee representation of all sections of the chamber. The ministers not in the cabinet will be agriculture, fisheries and post-office.

Mr. Cosgrave later announced his list of nominations of senators. The most prominent of those named by him were the Earl of Granard, the Earl of Wicklow, Sir Horace Plunkett, the Earl of Emswiler, Martin Fitzgerald of the Freeman's Journal, Henry Guinness, a governor of the Bank of Ireland, and William Butler states, the poet.

The present included in his nominations the Dowager Countess of Desart and Mrs. Wyndham Power.

The house adjourned at 3 o'clock this afternoon until tomorrow.

URGE BRITAIN BUILD TWO CAPITAL SHIPS

Lord Lee of Farnham Presses Government to Carry Out Pact.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—In the House of Lords yesterday, Lord Lee of Farnham pressed the government closely to carry out the Washington treaty by immediately building two capital ships. He declared that the British delegates would not have signed the treaty involving such drastic proposals, had they for a moment thought that one of the most vital considerations, which induced them to accept those proposals, would not be adhered to.

Lord Lee argued that under the terms of the treaty the government was not permitted to postpone the building of the ships. Postponement would arouse suspicion in every admiralty in the world, and would be ground to suspect the good faith of the British government.

The protest arose through an announcement by the Marquis of Linlithgow, civil lord of the admiralty, of his inability to give a definite answer of the government's intentions to the Marquis of Salisbury, president of the council, in behalf of the government, gave a reassuring statement to the effect that the cabinet had not yet had time to give the matter consideration, but the ministers were fully alive to its importance.

Lord Lee accepted this assurance, but Lord Sydenham, who first raised the discussion, expressed dissatisfaction. He assured that the United States was at least stopping the further building of ships on the docks when the treaty was made, and declared that unless the treaty was carried out the United States would have an enormous superiority, which England could never catch up with.

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PRaises ONTARIO TEMPERANCE ACT

Rev. Gifford Gordon of Australia Considers Conditions in Province Good.

DELEGATES VISIT SARNIA

Dr. William Logie Outlines Views of Medical Profession.

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Sarnia, Dec. 6.—Delegates from the world's prohibition conference now touring Ontario to discover first hand the success or otherwise of the Ontario temperance act visited Sarnia this afternoon. There were eight delegates, representing Great Britain, Australia, the United States, Belgium, Germany and India, and they received information from local officials, and from the Rev. R. McKay, F. W. Wilson, crown attorney, Chief of Police W. J. Lannin, Medical Health Officer Dr. Wm. Logie, Sheriff A. J. Johnson, R. Sturt, chairman of the County Temperance Association, and Mrs. W. J. Barber of the W. C. T. U.

George B. Wilson of London, England, said more information had been received at Sarnia than at any place visited, and that the Ontario temperance act was a success.

Many pointed questions were asked by the delegates, and they were replied that they were unaware of the existence of such traffic on any scale here, and with regard to bootlegging operations across the St. Clair River, George B. Wilson of England said his impression from news reports received in England was that the St. Clair River was alive with a navy of motor launches carrying liquor to and from the United States.

Referring to the practice of motorists settling their fines out of court, he said that it was a travesty of justice, and that the Ontario temperance act should have a special magistrate to deal only with motorists, and each motorist should be required to appear in court, wait his turn and make his own defense to the judge. Hon. F. C. Biggs said that many of the suggestions put forward had already been covered in the act, and that the Ontario temperance act was a success.

Speaking of the increase in the number of motor killings, Mr. Biggs asked Sir Thomas if he considered that any of them were caused by the traveling less than 20 miles an hour. "Undoubtedly," was the reply. "Speed is a relative thing. In certain circumstances a speed of ten miles an hour is excessive, particularly at intersections, where the traffic is congested."

Doctors Made Bartenders.

Dr. William Logie while supporting the principles of prohibition and eulogizing its effects, remarked that the medical profession had made the bartenders of the province and that the medical profession was in a position to enforce the O. T. A. otherwise known as the Ontario Temperance Act.

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WHISKY ARMADA LEAVES FOR AMERICAN SHORES

New York, Dec. 7.—Three hundred rum-runners, ships known as the "Whisky Armada," expected before the holidays, are to land \$400,000 worth of "Christmas cheer" in and near New York, according to Frank Hale and James Kerrigan of the prohibition department.

One hundred thousand cases of liquor were cleared from Nassau last week, according to reports of government agents, who say that 200,000 more cases are on the docks ready to be shipped.

The "dry navy" has strung itself along the coast ready to drive off the armada when it appears.

ADVISE PROTECTION OF BANKING PUBLIC

Canadian Council of Agriculture Wants Royal Commission To Inquire Into System.

Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—(By Canadian Press).—The appointment of a royal commission of three members to inquire generally into the question of the Canadian banking system, in view of the revision of the act which is expected at the next session of parliament, was recommended today in a resolution passed by the Canadian Council of Agriculture after prolonged discussion.

The resolution declares that centralization of control of Canadian banks is not in the best interests of the country, and emphasized the importance of embodying in legislation "the greatest possible safeguards" looking to the protection of shareholders and depositors. The resolution also recommended that such a commission should inquire and report upon:

Combining Features.

The advisability of creating one or more banks in Canada combining the features of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States. Taking out of the hands of the chartered banks the power to issue and confining that power solely to the national banks or to a department of government itself, this to be done in a manner that will give a fair opportunity to existing banks to adjust themselves to new conditions.

Inquire into the advisability of amending our existing legislation to permit the establishment of small banks with local capital serving local needs.

Funding of farmers' debts over a period of years at a low rate of interest, and the establishment of a measure of crop failure for several years past in various parts of the country, and that the government should take steps to insure the farmers against such losses.

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