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BRIAND TALKS ON WORLD MATTERS

Situation Relative to France's German Neighbor.

Says Great Britain and France Must Together Undertake the Reconstruction of Europe—Entente Cordiale the Basis for Peace.

(Canadian Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 20—"France has accepted Secretary Hughes' naval ration for capital ships, and we are glad of the relief it will afford us," so President Briand of France is reported as declaring in an interview with the Daily Mail. "Regarding secondary units, we are yet uninformed respecting the six 10,000 ton ships which Germany is allowed to build under the Versailles treaty. We shall ask the Washington conference to take this consideration into account."

M. Briand repudiated the idea that France wished to maintain the burden of great land armaments, especially as she had just emerged from a terrible war. But, he contended, the Wirth government in Germany was weak, and "its very fragility compels France to remain armed, for there is no saying what government may take its place tomorrow."

He declared he had never taken very seriously the differences between France and Great Britain in regard to reparations and was sure that a solution would be found. Of the European situation in general he said:—

"Russia is a question that Great Britain and France should examine together. I fear the disorganization of that great country is greater than is known. Great Britain and France must together undertake the reconstruction of Europe. The maintenance of peace is based solidly upon an entente cordiale. All differences between Great Britain and France can be settled by frank explanation and discussion."

JACK KELLY IS TO ROW HOOVER

Challenge Accepted for Next Spring.

Halifax Hockey League in Trouble— Mike Gibbons Plans Matches in England —Late News of Sport.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20 — Jack Kelly, world's sculling champion, announced that he has accepted the challenge of Walter Hoover, of Duluth, Minn., for a race on the Schuylkill River next spring. The race will be for the Philadelphia challenge cup over a course of one and one half miles. The date will be fixed later by Kelly.

Los Angeles, Dec. 20—Earl J. Thompson, the Canadian athlete, who holds the world's record of 14 2-5 seconds for the 120 yard hurdle, and Miss Anne Cookman, a teacher at Whittier College, near here are soon to be married, it was announced here today. No date has been set for the wedding.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20—Difficulty between the management of the Halifax Arena and officials of the Halifax City League, in reaching an arrangement, is said to imperil the operation of the league in Halifax this winter.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20—Fourteen and twelve foot classes will be established in Halifax dinghy racing in 1922. There will be at least six new fourteen foot singles among Halifax owners. Representatives may go from the local fleet to international races on Toronto Bay August.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20—Rocky Kansas, Buffalo, and Johnny Ray, Pittsburg, have been matched for a ten round bout on Christmas afternoon.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 20—Mike Gibbons, St. Paul middleweight, is planning a trip to England for a series of matches next spring, he said here today. He injured his right hand in the bout with Dowd here last week, and will give it a month's rest.

Boston, Dec. 20—Paul Doyle of New York and Eddie Shevlin of this city, both claimants to the New England welterweight championship will meet here tonight in a ten round decision bout.

New York, Dec. 20—Recognition of the rolling and flying falls rule by the state athletic commision for the Zybszko-Lewis championship wrestling bout recently has come to stay, so it was announced today. Chairman William Muldoon, of the commission, said that he had refused to strike it from the list. He declared the flying and rolling falls were offered a safeguard to the sport without detracting from the competitive interest attached.

Saskatoon, Dec. 20—The Saskatoon Crescents took the ice for the first time last night as a professional team and met the Edmonton Eskimos in the Western Canada League here, a score of 8 to 5.

The game provided plenty of excitement for the fans who braved the low temperature which prevailed. The first period saw the visitors leading by 2 to 1, an advantage which increased in the second period, when they led 5 to 2. Efforts of the locals to even the count in the last session were fruitless, each team finding the net three times.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20—Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia American League team, announced today he had traded Edgar Collins, outfielder, for Frank McGowan, also an outfielder, of the Newark International League.

The secretary of the board of trade is an injury from Havana as to the chances of persons who might be interested in honey and wax

Griffith Calls For Treaty Vote

DeValera Opposes and Reads Motion Suggesting New and Undisclosed Proposals to Britain—Some Anxiety Over Dail Action, but Generally Optimism Prevails.

Dublin, Dec. 20—It was announced this morning that Arthur Griffith, head of the Sinn Fein delegation, who has signed the Anglo-Irish treaty, would move in the Dail Eireann today for a vote on the question of approving the treaty and that Eamonn De Valera, Republican president, would move for its disapproval.

Today's session of the Dail opened at 11.30 o'clock with Brien O. Higgins in the chair, replacing Prof. John MacNeill.

Mr. DeValera, addressing the Dail at the outset, said there could be no question of ratification of the treaty by the Dail, which, he declared, could not ratify the pact in the sense of making it a legal instrument. He saw all the Dail could do was to approve or disapprove.

The republican president said he would later move, "that inasmuch as the articles of agreement for the treaty between Great Britain and Ireland, signed in London, do not reconcile Irish national aspirations and the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British Commonwealth, and cannot establish lasting peace between the peoples of the islands, the Dail makes to the British the following proposal."

Mr. De Valera did not read the proposal, nor was it made public at this time, but copies of the document containing it had been well circulated among the members when the motion was made.

Some of The Speeches.

Mrs. Kate O'Callaghan, the first woman member to speak, opposed the treaty. "The women of the Dail will vote for principles, not expedients," she declared.

John R. Etchingham, deputy for Wickham and minister of fisheries spoke in opposition to the treaty, saying the people were being stampeded. He said they were not, as Arthur Griffith said, marching into the British Empire with heads up, but with hands up.

Applause was given a declaration by P. Hogan, speaking for the agreement, when he said:

"Not a man who votes against this treaty but hopes it will be ratified."

Mr. Etchingham added that Lloyd George had mesmerized the Irish delegates as he had mesmerized former President Wilson. He declared the London conference was a burial service over the grave of the Irish nation and that there would be no firing party.

Finian Lynch, one of the secretaries to the London delegation, spoke in support of the treaty. He asked what Irishman would believe that Lloyd George had deceived Michael Collins, who spoke in support of the treaty yesterday.

"The bones of the dead," declared Lynch, "have been rattled indecently in the face of this assembly." He declared, however, he had taken death risks and would be satisfied if the treaty should be interpreted by his fellow soldiers.

ANXIOUS ABOUT ACTION OF DAIL.

Dublin, Dec. 20—The confidence with which the supporters of the Irish peace treaty have heretofore awaited action by the Dail Eireann has given way to uncertainty as the result of the developments at yesterday's open session. All the morning newspapers show material apprehension over the outcome.

An index to the sentiment of the rank and file of the Dail members is expected to be revealed through the speeches of the minor deputies in the debate today. A large number of these members have given no intimation as to how they will vote.

"Will the treaty be rejected?" asks the Irish Independent in a seven column headline this morning. The newspaper declares that, according to information in well informed Dublin circles, there is grave danger that the result of the debate may not be ratification. It adds:—

"It is said that a few members who are not satisfied with the terms of the treaty and at the same time consider they cannot in honor repudiate the plenipotentiaries, will probably abstain from voting."

Commenting on the speeches yesterday in justification of signing the agreement, the Freeman's Journal says:—"That they should be called upon to defend and even struggle to have their work free from destruction at the hands of persons calling themselves representatives of the Irish people is one of the most amazing tragedies in a tragic history."

The Irish Times, solemnly warning the Dail of its responsibility and urging ratification, declares: "If the Dail rejects the agreement, the last word will not have been said, for the nation will insist upon the controlling voice in the settlement of its destinies." The paper adds that if the middle course which opponents of the treaty are now hinting at is taken—to ask the Dail to modify the treaty, leaving Ireland half within and half without the British Empire — it "would be an utterly undemocratic course, for, unlike rejection, it would take final decision out of the hands of the Irish people. Moreover, it would be supported only by men who wished to wreck the agreement."

Belfast Shooting.

Belfast, Dec. 20—As a result of scattered shooting last night, one man was killed and another wounded. One woman, who was shot Saturday, died of her wounds yesterday.

English Papers.

London, Dec. 20—The first day of public debate in the Dail on Arthur Griffith's motion to ratify the Irish treaty, made a somewhat unfavorable impression upon the majority of the English newspaper correspondents in Dublin, so their despatches indicate, but none of them take the view that the treaty will be rejected. Several record their belief that it will be ratified, although they expect the majority to be small, while others abstain from any sort of prediction.

General emphasis is laid on the bitterness displayed by Eamonn De Valera and other opponents of ratification and upon similar feelings shown in the arguments by Griffith, Collins and their followers.

Opinions differ as to the possible effect upon the Dail Eireann members of the speeches delivered by these leaders. On one hand Mr. De Valera is represented as having spoken as a man who knew himself defeated; on the other hand it is declared that his impassioned oratory swung the pendulum toward his side.

Some of the correspondents predict that, whatever happens in the matter of a decision on the treaty, Ireland is committed to a period of violent political strife, while others seem disinclined to attach over much importance to the acerbity of the rival speeches, intimating that allowance must be made for the Irish temperament. All the writers dwell upon a sensation created by a statement of Robert C. Barton, one of the Irish signatories of the treaty, that Lloyd George had threatened war if the agreement was not signed.

No reliable forecast as to how long the session is likely to last is given in any quarter, but none of the newspaper men expect a decision before Wednesday and many think that Saturday is the earliest day on which a vote is probable.

Editorial comment in the morning newspapers sharply scores De Valera for opposing what is contended he must know is the wish of the large majority of the Irish people. His attitude in advocating "a policy which would lead back to war" is regarded as casting serious reflection on his qualifications for leadership. The editorial writers generally, however, profess confidence that the treaty will be ratified.

The Daily Telegraph refused to believe that "The Dail is foolish enough to reject the solid boon of dominion status in favor of the fantastic and impossible ideal of a republic."

The Westminster Gazette thinks that the "longer the debate lasts, the more certain and decisive will be the drift back from words to realities" and refuses even to doubt acceptance of the treaty. It declares: "What we are witnessing is not a struggle upon which hangs the issue of peace or war, but the beginning of the breaking up of the Sinn Fein into parties" and believes that a group of irreconcilable secessionists will develop, as was the case in South Africa.

The Daily Chronicle maintains that the argument in the Dail yesterday went altogether in favor of the treaty and congratulates Mr. Griffith on results thus far. The newspaper also thinks the fact that parliament is prorogued instead of being adjourned may be taken as a sign that the government has confidence in the result at Dublin.

MICHAEL COLLINS,

Commander of the Irish Republican army, and leader of the Sinn Fein diplomatists, who negotiated the Irish treaty in London, and who upheld the treaty on the floor of the Dail Eireann in conflict with Mr. de Valera.

GENERAL GOUGH IS FIRST TO TOAST IRISH FREE STATE

(Canadian Press Cable)

London, Dec. 20—A toast to the Irish Free State, the first on record, was given at a dinner of the Society of St. Patrick. It was proposed by Gen. Sir Hubert De La Poer Gough, commander of the British fifth army during the war and an Irishman by birth. He appealed to all Englishmen and Irishmen to clasp hands in friendship.

Miss Collins, a sister of Michael Collins, responded to Gen. Gough, saying she hoped Irish unity would be achieved. The diners gave three cheers for Mr. Collins.

LLOYD GEORGE TO SPEND HOLIDAYS IN WALES

London, Dec. 20 — Premier Lloyd George and Premier Briand of France resumed today their conference on the German reparations and kindred questions. It is anticipated that the conference will be concluded before Friday, when Lloyd George has plans to go to Chriscieth, a Welsh watering place, for the holidays.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "what are you going to give me for Christmas?"

"I guess," said Hiram, "the best thing I could give you would be a New Testament."

"But I have one," said the reporter. "And that is a most absurd suggestion. What would I do with a New Testament?"

"Read it," said Hiram. "You'd be su'prised what good readin' you'd find there. An' in the fust place you'd learn that you're off the rails altogether about Christmas. You'd find out that anybody as old as you be orto be thinkin' about what you was goin' to give somebody else—an' not what you wanted folks to give you—yes, sir."

"Hiram," said the reporter humbly, "I stand corrected."

"I jist want to say one thing more this mornin'," said Hiram, "an' I want you to put it in the paper. You folks in St. John orto git together and fill a Christmas stockin' with a job fer every feller that hes a fam'ly an' aint got no work. If you'll do that you'll deserve a merry Christmas—an' you'll feel better all winter."

THE HIGH SCHOOL

Programme for the Christmas Holiday Closing Tomorrow.

The Christmas closing exercises of the High School will take place at eleven o'clock tomorrow morning. In the absence of Chief Justice H. A. McKeown, chairman of the school board, who is unavoidably detained at Newcastle, it is expected that His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Pugsley will preside. The following is the programme:

High School Orchestra .....
Recitation.....Horace Bodley, X.
Carol.....Girls of Grade XI.
Essay, "A Tropical Christmas,"....
Elizabeth Morton, XI.
Solo.....Helen Baxter, X.
Orchestra .....

Presentation of medals and prizes:

Corporation gold medal—Highest marks in Grade XI., John Bond. Presented by His Worship Mayor Schofield.

Governor-General's silver medal—Highest marks in Grade X., Harriet Roberts. Presented by Dr. Murray MacLaren, M. P. Second prize, Elizabeth Morton.

Alumnae gold medal—Highest marks in Grade IX., Nan Coleman. Presented by Miss Grace Estey. Second prize, Margaret Steeves.

Parker silver medal—Highest marks in mathematics, XI., John Bond. Presented by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Pugsley.

Ellis gold medal—English essay, Gertrude Hare. Presented by Rev. H. A. Cody.

Fortnightly club prize—Highest marks in English, XII., Greta Clayton. Presented by J. M. Trueman, Esq.

French club prize—Highest marks in French, XI., John Bond. Presented by W. Frank Hatheway, Esq.

Chairman McKeown's gold medal — Highest marks in Grade VIII., Frances Gilbert. Presented by Trustee J. D. P. Lewin.

REVOLUTION IN PORTUGAL IS REPORTED

Cannonading on the Tagus—Parliament is Dissolved.

Lisbon, Dec. 20—A decree was issued today, signed by all the ministers of the Portuguese cabinet, dissolving parliament and fixing January 8 as the date for a general election.

This despatch is the first news of new political disturbances in Portugal that has come direct from the Portuguese capital. Special despatches from London, quoted other advices from Lisbon by way of Paris to the effect that a new revolution had broken out in Portugal. These despatches said the revolution began with cannonading along the Tagus river and that severe losses had resulted on both sides.

These despatches declared that the new revolutionary movement was accompanied by considerable bloodshed, but details of the movement are lacking.

Phelix and Phoedinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The weather has been mostly fair to overcast and somewhat colder in eastern Canada and fine and very cold in the west. Forecasts:

Fair; Then Unsettled.

Maritime—Winds decreasing and becoming variable, fair and colder today and tonight. Wednesday, winds shifting to southeast and southwest, fair at first, probably unsettled at night.

Gulf and North Shore—Decreasing westerly winds fair and quite cold today and tonight. Wednesday, light local snow but mostly cloudy with a little higher temperature.

New England—Increasing cloudiness tonight, followed by snow. Wednesday, rising temperature, winds becoming fresh southerly

THE QUEEN AMONG ORPHAN CHILDREN

The photograph shows Queen Mary greeting some of the babies at the MacMillan Babies' Home at Deptford, England, where she opened a nursery school.

MURDER IN THE NORTHLAND; 5 ESKIMOS SLAIN

Edmonton, Dec. 20—Five Eskimos—three men, a woman and a child—were murdered, and a fourth man shot, probably fatally, at a point thirty miles east of the Hudson Bay post, on Wager Bay, Kent Peninsula, in a shooting affray which took place on August 1, according to a report just received by Superintendent Jennings, of the R. C. M. P., from Inspector S. T. Wood, of the Tree River detachment, Arctic Circle.

BRITISH ASK FOR DAY ON SUBMARINE

Request for Plenary Session at Washington.

Say Unless an Agreement is Reached on This, What has Been Accomplished for Naval Limitation May be Undone—The French Position.

(Canadian Press)

Washington, Dec. 20—The British delegation has formally asked that a plenary session of the Washington conference be held tomorrow or Thursday so that Great Britain may present its case for the abolition of the submarine.

The British spokesman in discussing the submarine tonnage question declared that unless an agreement was reached on that phase of the question all that had been accomplished toward naval limitation might be upset.

Washington, Dec. 20—In spite of discouraging events of the last few days, the Washington conference for the limitation of armaments seems bent this morning on getting down to hard work. The proposed holiday recess has been virtually abandoned and there is not likely to be any adjournment except over Christmas day.

The naval ratio, including the submarine question, will prove the hard nut for the conference to crack, and upon its working out largely hinges a satisfactory settlement of the problems of Pacific.

The Chinese and Japanese have gotten together much better than was expected, even the thorny Shantung problem seeming to present no insuperable difficulty.

The broad principle enunciated in the Root resolutions will be embodied in a seven power agreement, but many questions of detail will have to be worked out by commission.

France and the Navy.

Upon how far the French delegates were disposed to modify their original ten ship construction proposal at the postponed meeting of the naval committee appeared to hang today the hopes of the arms conference for an early and successful culmination of the negotiations to reach a five power naval limitation agreement.

According to the official spokesman of the French delegation, it was arranged at a late conversation yesterday between Secretary Hughes and M. Serraut that the head of that delegation should present to the committee today the "modified point of view of the French government."

Considered in its broadest aspects, the adoption of a conciliatory attitude by the French was in itself regarded by U. S. officials as a long step toward settlement.

Construing the communication received by them yesterday as conveying only the broad instruction to meet the U. S. view so far as possible without sacrificing French national interests, the French group went into the committee session today apparently retaining authority to press in its original form or modify their 350,000 ton ratio proposal, and what their new position might be was not known. Although the premier's instructions were said to have laid down no definite course for the delegation to follow, it was understood that it advised in substance a stand for the higher ratio in submarine and other small defensive craft in case of acceptance of the lower percentage in capital ships. This appeared today to offer the most favorable basis for solution of the problem.

AWAIT DAIL ACTION BEFORE REMOVING THE TROOPS FROM IRELAND

Queenstown, Dec. 20.—It is said here today the removal of the British troops from Ireland, which was to have been begun today, has been suspended, and they will not be withdrawn unless the treaty is ratified.

LORD CARSON.

Former Ulster leader, who spoke bitterly in the House of Lords against the adoption, by the British Parliament, of the agreement with the Sinn Fein.

BY DOG TRAIL ON WAY TO OTTAWA

Yukon M. P.-Elect Given a Farewell Reception at Dawson City.

Dawson City, Y. T., Dec. 20—(Canadian Press)—On the eve of his departure for Ottawa, Captain George Black, Conservative member elect of parliament for the Yukon, was tendered a public reception on Saturday night under the auspices of the Women's Liberal and Conservative Committee. He was going to Ottawa, he said, with no particular quarrel with the new government. As agent of the Yukon, his prime object was to secure development of the territory. Considering its rich possibilities, the Yukon had, he thought, every reason to expect generous and most careful consideration at the hands of the federal government.

Captain Black will travel by dog sleigh to Mayo, 160 miles. He will spend a couple of weeks in the Mayo silver camp looking into the needs of the districts. From Mayo he will take the new dog trail to Minto on the Yukon River, where he will connect with the horse drawn mail stage for the last 160 miles to Whitehorse, thence to Ottawa via Vancouver.

ONTARIO SELF-DETERMINATION LEAGUE MEETING

Ottawa, Dec. 20—The ultimate goal of the Self Determination for Ireland of Canada and Newfoundland is "complete independence for Ireland." This was the unanimous sentiment expressed at the second Ontario convention of the league, which was held in St. Patrick's Hall yesterday, with the provincial president, C. J. Foy of Perth, in the chair.

Interesting addresses expressed satisfaction at the trend of events in the old land with regard to the Irish question, and the hope was expressed that the dawn of Ireland's freedom was close at hand.

Mr. Foy recalled that a year ago those who advocated Irish freedom in Canada had been branded as seditionists, while yesterday the House of Lords and Commons and the entire British press were affirming the self same utterances and were receiving the praise of the world.

WANT GOOD MAN IN CABINET FOR MINES POST

Toronto, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of mining men held in Toronto yesterday a resolution was adopted to urge Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King to appoint as minister of mines in the new cabinet a man of energy and ability to give leadership and cautious guidance to the mining industry. The resolution declares that the mining industry is now responsible for thirty-five per cent. of the railway freight revenue of the dominion, or double that of agriculture, the next most important freight producer.

IN VIOLATION OF ANTI-TRUST LAW

Judgment Against Hardwood M'fr's' Associaiton.

U. S. Supreme Court, Six to Three, Condemns Open Competition Plan— Will Affect Many Associations of Industries.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The open competition plan of the American Hardwood Manufacturers' Association was declared by the U. S. Supreme Court yesterday to be a restraint upon trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Department of Justice officials, commenting upon the decision, said it would form the basis of the U. S. government's policy towards hundreds of associations maintained by various industries to exchange price and other trade information.

Activities of these associations have been under observation by the department for some time, but definite formulations of policy, it has been said by Attorney-General Daugherty, awaited yesterday's decision in the supreme court.

In its decision the court divided, six to three, Justices McKenna, Holmes and Brandeis dissenting. The opinion of the court was delivered by Justice Clarke, who described the organization of the association's statistical bureau, explaining in detail its methods for obtaining and disseminating information concerning the trade and asserting it was a clear combination to restrict production and to increase prices. Concerted action among the members was obtained, he said, not only by the distribution of reports issued under the open competition plan, but by frequent meetings and questionnaires.

PERLEY TO QUIT LONDON POST

Coming Home at Early Date and Will Resign as High Commissioner.

London, Dec. 20—(Canadian Press Cable)—Sir George Perley, Canadian high commissioner in London, speaking to the Canadian Press yesterday, said that while the Canadian high commissioner was not appointed for any fixed term, as were the high commissioners for the other dominions in the British Empire, he had been desirous for some time of retiring from the position in order to attend to his personal affairs.

He intended sailing for Canada at an early date, he said, and placing his resignation in the hands of the new premier, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King.

TAKE SUSPECT IN $1,000,000 MAIL ROBBERY

Chicago, Dec. 20—George Rogers, 32, believed by the police to be one of the men who participated in the million dollar mail robbery at Toledo, Ohio., several months ago, was arrested today at Palos Park, a suburb.

DISCOUNT ON DOLLAR TODAY UNDER SEVEN

New York, Dec. 20—Sterling exchange steady. Demand Great Britain 421. Canadian dollars 6 5-8 per cent discount.

THE PRINCESS IS TO WED BEFORE MARCH

London, Dec. 20—It is announced that the wedding of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles will take place in Westminster Abbey between February 20 and March 1.

The princess' wedding ring, it is understood, will be made from gold mined in the Welsh mountains. This British gold, known to the Romans and indicated in many Welsh place names, has been used before for wedding rings of royal brides.

CLAIM A CLEAR MAJORITY FOR DRURY PARTY

Toronto, Dec. 20—(Canadian Press)—Officials of the Ontario government figure out a majority of four members in the legislature over all opposition as a result of the polling in the by-election in North Oxford yesterday, when D. M. Ross, U. F. O. candidate, was elected—a farmer gain from the Liberal column.

According to an unofficial summary the figures stand at 56 government supporters (U. F. O. and Labor) and 52 opposition (Liberal, Conservative and Independent.)

There are still two vacancies, Russell and Kingston.