

IRISH PEACE TREATY RATIFIED.

Dail Records Majority of Seven in Favor--De Valera Will Fight Provisional Government--South Africa Has Miner's Strike on Hand.

TREATY RATIFIED.
DUBLIN, Jan. 8. Dail Eireann to-night voted for ratification of the Treaty creating an Irish Free State by a vote of sixty-four to fifty-seven.

A MOMENTOUS OCCASION.
DUBLIN, Jan. 8. By vote of 64 to 57 Dail gave its approval Saturday to the document signed by its delegation in London pending for the creation of the Irish Free State. The news was received with greatest enthusiasm, and the patient crowds which waited for hours outside the university building burst into cheering even before the official figures were announced. A tense, strained silence prevailed while the vote was being taken, and a gasp of relief went from the supporters of the Treaty when the result was announced. A dramatic scene ensued when De Valera stood up and in a broken voice which vibrated with emotion declared the Republic must be carried on. Eventually he broke down so completely that he was unable to proceed. Dail Eireann with second applause and cheered him. Michael Collins in quiet tones followed De Valera. He said he did not regard the result in any spirit of triumph. He asked that the men who would take over the Irish Government be given a fair chance, and appealed to the other side to agree to the appointment of a joint committee of both sides to carry on the Government. What mattered was the maintenance of public order.

STILL CAUSE FOR ANXIETY.
DUBLIN, Jan. 8. The Irish Peace Treaty has been ratified and prayers of thanksgiving went up from people in all churches to-day, but Ireland continues to face internal disorganization giving rise to greatest anxiety. The split in Dail has been intensified by the vote on the Treaty, and the future was never more obscure. At different hours today the two factions held meetings in the Mansion House. It has become apparent that De Valera's resignation as President of the Irish Republic did not take official form, and the outstanding question to-night is whether he will make effective his expressed intention to resign and what will become of Dail. Many believe the opponents of the Treaty plan to keep the Sinn Fein Parliament in being, while supporters of the Treaty endeavour to establish a Provisional Government and carry out the terms of the Peace Agreement. To-day De Valera delivered a speech clearly indicating intention to continue the fight, apparently not against the British Government, but against the Provisional Government of the Irish Free State which he said, he regarded as a usurpation and to which his chief objection is that it derives its authority from the British Parliament. The task of the Provisional Government, faced by the opposition of the old Republican colleagues will be extremely difficult, some deputies, including Miss MacSweeney, having declared their intention to act as rebels against the Provisional Government. De Valera will resign only when he has considered the Republic position, declared to-night Art O'Brien, President of the Self-Determination League of

Great Britain, and a close associate of the Republican leader.

DE VALERA WILL FIGHT.

DUBLIN, Jan. 8.
To-day in his drawing room in the Mansion House, De Valera received an illuminated address voted him by a Convention representing 50,000 of the Hibernian Catholics Benefit Society in Australia. The presentation was made by Rev. O'Reilly, who said the feeling in Australia was that Ireland should be an untrammelled Republic. Replying De Valera declared the Irish people had not self-determined themselves within the British Empire as British subjects. He said he had worked hard to find a solution of the problem of reconciling the two peoples consistent with the Irish people's desire to maintain a distinct nationality and Sovereign State, but that had been turned down and the fight must go on. "The Republic of Ireland still exists," De Valera declared. "Its Sovereign Parliament still exists. The resolution recommending approval of a certain treaty is not ratification and is not a loyal act. That will not be effected until the Irish have disestablished the Republic which they set up of their own will. As far as human brains and hearts can achieve it the self-determination of the Irish people will be forged and by men and women of Ireland of this generation. They are not going to give up now." De Valera and his supporters then went into private session.

MILITARY REGARD WORK FINISHED.

DUBLIN, Jan. 8.
Military authorities here evidently consider the vote in favor of the Peace Treaty by Dail Eireann Saturday as the final decision on the Irish situation. To-day soldiers began clearing away the barbed wire entanglements which have surrounded Dublin City Hall ever since it was commandeered by the military.

POISON OUTLAWED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.
Poison as an instrument of warfare, was outlawed to-day by Great Britain, Japan, France, Italy and the United States through their representatives in the Washington Conference, who approved of the proposal to prohibit its use.

BRITAIN AND POISON GAS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.
At the Arms Conference on Saturday Balfour, in expressing assent for the British delegation to the resolution prohibiting the use of poison gas in war, was understood to have stated that Britain, while agreeable to prohibiting the use of that weapon, must, however, keep in touch with developments in chemical warfare so as to be prepared should war arise with any nations not represented at the Washington Conference.

SOUTH AFRICAN STRIKE SITUATION GRAVE.

LONDON, Jan. 8.
The strike situation in South Africa is very grave, according to Reuter's despatch from Johannesburg. Premier Smuts conferred on Saturday with the industrial federation, and asked that coal mined by non-union workmen be allowed the Vereefing power station, but the Federation refused. Since the miners went out on January 1st, the Federation has been organizing other trades for a sympathetic strike if necessary.

CANADIAN TRADE PROSPECTS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 8.
Prospects for Canadian trade overseas are more hopeful, according to the Commercial Intelligence Journal.

GERMANY TO BE CALLED IN.

CANNES, Jan. 8.
Representatives of Germany some time next week will come here to discuss with the Supreme Council the reparations proposals to be prepared by the Allied statesmen, it was decided yesterday.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION IN ONTARIO.

TORONTO, Jan. 8.
The propaganda carried on by the Roman Catholic Church and Schools in Ontario looking to changes in the assessment act, which will give the Catholic Schools a larger proportion of revenues through readjustment and the right to establish separate high schools, is provoking organization by public school supporters to combat any alteration in the present system.

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Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

WHY NOT MORE SYMPATHY FOR DEAFNESS?

Why is it that the people who are hard of hearing receive so much less sympathy than those with a falling sight? That is a question one often hears asked and the answer almost invariably given is that blindness seems so much more tragic than deafness and that it awakens acuter sympathy and compassion.

That is true enough but here are two other answers.

One is that while the groping of the blind is purely pathetic, the mistakes of the deaf often have a ridiculous side to them.

Sympathize More Readily With Blindness.

The other answer was suggested to me by an authority on lip reading, and is a striking and enlightening thought. We know more about blindness than we do about deafness, said this authority, because we are all blind when it is dark. Hence we realize the difficulties and deprivations of the blind as we cannot realize those of the deaf. If we all were deprived at times of our ears as automatically as the darkness deprives us of our eyes we should understand deafness much more fully and should be much more sympathetic.

And though that might not be a blessing for us, it would certainly be a blessing for those who walk among us forever in the shadow of the silence and loneliness enforced by that affliction.

Is Your Hearing Perfect? Perhaps if we realized our own

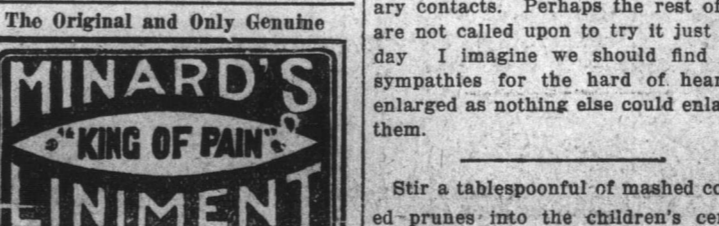
chances of joining those whose joys are thus curtailed, we might be more considerate. In an article on the subject I saw the other day that one in ten is to some extent hard of hearing and that the proportion increases every year. Many people who are somewhat deaf in one ear do not realize it until something affects the hearing in the other ear.

Of course no one who has any decency at all deliberately makes fun of the hard of hearing, but there are many ways of being considerate besides refraining from such obvious brutality.

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Arab Robin Hood.

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