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## FIRST TEST OF STRENGTH IN DAIL COMES OVER MOTION TO ADJOURN DEBATE TO JAN. 3

The Vote Was 77 to 44 in Favor, Treaty Opponents Voting Against Adjournment.

### ATMOSPHERE TENSE WITH EXCITEMENT

When It Became Apparent There Was to Be Party Line Up on the Vote.

Dublin, Dec. 22.—The Dail Eireann, by a vote of 77 to 44, decided today, on a motion submitted by Michael Collins, to adjourn further debate on the Irish agreement until Tuesday, Jan. 3. It was not the motion itself, but an amendment to the motion, in which the vote was actually taken. The amendment, introduced and seconded by opponents of the agreement, called for continuous sitting, day and evening, until a division was taken on the treaty's ratification or rejection. The defeat of the amendment automatically decided the motion. With few exceptions, so far as could be observed, the vote followed the party lines of those favoring or opposing the treaty.

Nobody tonight believes, of course, that if a vote had been taken on the treaty itself the majority would have been so great as the vote on the adjournment motion gave its supporters, but there is no doubt in the minds of those who have been following the debate carefully that this vote roughly approximates the sentiments for and against the treaty. This is denied by some of the opponents of the treaty, who assert that it was not a fair test, as many of the deputies on both sides, especially the country members, disliked the idea of the debate continuing through Christmas, and voted for adjournment in order that they might get home for the holidays.

In fact, Countess Markievicz, one of the strongest opponents of the treaty, seconded Mr. Collins' proposal. Her husband was in the hospital, and she acted by his medical advice, the possibility of the debate continuing through Christmas day and night and overlooking the possibility of a party division on the motion.

Mr. Collins showed eagerness to rush his motion through to quick action. He summarily checked Mr. Milroy, who interrupted the taking of the vote, to have the question cleared up as to whether deputies representing two constituencies should have two votes. Mr. Collins declaring that he would not insist on having the fate of Ireland decided on the question of technicality.

When it became apparent that there was to be a party line-up on the vote, the atmosphere became tense with excitement. Many of the speakers failed to understand the significance of the proceedings and the greatest bewilderment was manifested upon the announcement of the result of the vote. Mr. De Valera's face was stern and grim when the figures were announced. Considerable elation was shown by Collins and his adherents. Deputies, however, who supported the agreement, said tonight they believed that not more than ten opponents of the treaty voted for adjournment, indicating a majority for the treaty of thirteen.

Pierce Beasley, an active Sinn Féin, who intended to speak this afternoon for ratification, informed the Associated Press correspondent, shortly before the vote was taken, that he could not make a guess as to the outcome of the vote, but believed that "the fact is Ireland is trembling in the balance."

News of Division. The real strength of the division as a test of opinion on the main issue, rather than as a mere procedure motion, was made evident by the extreme importance attached to the question whether the members concerned were entitled to one or two votes each.

De Valera's supporters argued that only one vote each should be allowed, and the debate, which was becoming very acrimonious, might have lasted for hours on this subsidiary point alone when Mr. Collins waived any claim to two votes and the Deputy Speaker gave a ruling allowing only one. This left the way clear for a straight division, and the figures came upon the press and spectators and the Dail Eireann with some surprise.

Two-Fold Result. The net result is twofold. The country will have an opportunity of ratifying the various representations between now and January 3, and such portions of the country as are doubtful may, it is expected by some judges, be influenced in favor of the treaty by the impression that the figures represent a vote in its favor.

## \$28,000,000 WORTH OF BULLION RECOVERED FROM LINER LAURENTIC

London, Dec. 22.—Nearly \$28,000,000 worth of bullion has been recovered from the liner Laurentic, which was sunk in January 1917, off the North coast of Ireland by a German submarine. Operations have been suspended for the winter, but they will be resumed again in the spring when an effort will be made to recover the remaining \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 worth of bullion which is said to be still at the bottom of the sea. Great difficulties have been encountered by the salvage crew, for after three years pounding by the little swells the liner has been transformed into a heap of twisted debris. Her decks, which settled down on the sea bottom, cover an area of several hundreds of feet. The wreck was practically covered with gravel and silt, as it is in a position where it receives the full force of the Atlantic gales. This obstruction had to be removed, as far as possible, by powerful pumps placed in position by the divers, as the gold was at the bottom of the huge mass of wreckage.

## Posting of Wage Reduction Notices Illegally Done

Claimed Dominion Coal Co. Overstepped Restrictions of Lemieux Act.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 22.—That the notice of wage reduction posted by the Dominion Coal Company at its various collieries are illegal, is the claim set up tonight by W. P. Delaney, vice-president, and other officers of the United Mine Workers, District No. 36. Mr. Delaney says that his understanding of the Lemieux Act is that the posting of such notice is forbidden until the finding of an arbitration board has been promulgated, and he says that he has been taking action by the U. M. W. to advise the Department of Labor of the alleged violation of the law by the company.

Following the notices, wired from Campbellton Wednesday, formal application for a Board of Investigation was mailed to Ottawa today, accompanied by the necessary affidavits by President Baxter and Secretary J. B. McLaughlin.

## Christmas Present To Russia's Starving From United States

Congress Appropriates \$20,000,000 for Relief of the Distressed of That Country.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Final legislative action on the bill appropriating \$20,000,000 for the relief of Russia's starving and distressed through purchase of grain was taken today by Senate adoption of the conference report. It now goes to the president, whose signature congressional leaders hoped would give additional relief as a Christmas gift to Russian famine regions.

## Much Distress Among Canadian Ex-Service Men in New York

President of Canadian Club Issues an Appeal for Assistance for the Men.

New York, Dec. 22.—(Canadian Press)—There is so much distress among Canadian ex-soldiers and other veterans in New York city, that the president of the Canadian Club has issued the following appeal: "There are many hundreds of Canadian and British ex-service men in New York not only out of employment but in real need of shelter and clothing. As the winter grows more severe their needs will become the more acute. Many of our fellow-Canadians in search of food and employment are out in the present weather without sufficient clothing, and I appeal for your contributions of any spare clothing you may have. Over forty men a day are being dealt with, and I cannot over-emphasize the urgency of this appeal."

The actual work of relief is being carried on by the British Great War Veterans of America in New York, who have now established a bureau for the issue of clothing and suspension of the finding of employment.

Immediately seen that Mr. De Valera, Erskine Childers, Austin Stack, Charles Bourgeois and their active supporters all desired to keep the Dail sitting, while Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins, Eamon J. Duggan, Professor John MacNeill and the advocates of the treaty were equally anxious to afford an opportunity to all members for a breathing space of intercourse with their constituents, who, as freely admitted throughout the debate, lamely support the agreement.

## De Valera Requested To Support The Anglo-Irish Peace Treaty

His Constituency Sends Him a Resolution, Urging Him to Stand by Pact.

Ennis, Ireland, Dec. 22.—The Clare County Council, the constituency of Eamon De Valera, today voted 17 to 5 in favor of the agreement between Ireland and Great Britain and requested Mr. De Valera to use his influence for the maintenance of national unity. The resolution admitted that there were grave objections to the treaty but declared there was no rational alternative to its acceptance. "Rejection of the treaty," the resolution added, "would be almost certain to involve us in a war of annihilation, because world opinion, instead of being against us, as at present, will be against us."

## Congress Adjourns With Tariff Bill In Uncertain Stage

Lines Are Drawn for Firm and Bitter Opposition to Bill in Senate.

Washington, Dec. 22.—(Canadian Press)—Adjournment of Congress, today, for the holiday period (and tariff bill in a state of great uncertainty as to time of enactment, in spite of President Harding's insistence on early enactment, the Senate Finance Committee is unable to say definitely when it will report the bill, and the lines are forming for long and bitter opposition in the Senate making it entirely conjectural when the bill will pass. Moreover, as was indicated in yesterday's protracted debate over the tariff in the House some of the leading Republicans are growing apprehensive over the political effects of United States valuation and excessive duties.

## S.S. Lady Laurier Goes To Relief of S.S. New England

U. S. Shipping Board Vessel Out of Fuel Oil and Drifting Before Off-Shore Wind.

Halifax, Dec. 22.—The Canadian Government steamer Lady Laurier has reported by wireless that at three o'clock this afternoon she reached the United States Shipping Board steamer New England, from Brest, France, for New York, which was out of fuel oil and is drifting before an off-shore wind, thirty odd miles southeast of Halifax harbor. Owing to the heavy seas, the Laurier did not attempt to get a tow line to the drifting steamer this afternoon, the message said.

Meantime the New England is in no danger and the government boat will stand by until the weather moderates sufficiently to warrant an attempt to tow her to the port, where she is intended to call for oil.

## Premier Martin Visits At Ottawa

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—(Canadian Press)—Hon. Wm. Martin, Premier of Saskatchewan, arrived in Ottawa this afternoon. He is to see Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King tomorrow. It is considered doubtful here if Mr. Martin will accept a portfolio in the new cabinet, should a portfolio be offered.

## THE FAMINE SITUATION IN RUSSIA HAS BECOME GHASTLY, SAYS DIRECTOR OF AM. RELIEF

People Are Dying by the Thousands, and Number of Deaths Daily Increase.

## The Irish Military Situation Reviewed At Conference

London Dec. 22.—A long conference was held at the Colonial Office today, presided over by Winston Churchill, Colonial Secretary, and attended by Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Secretary for War; Lord Fitzalan, Governor-General of Ireland; Sir Edgar Greenwood, Secretary for Ireland, and General H. M. Tudor, Commander of the Crown Forces in Ireland. It is understood the military situation in Ireland was discussed.

## 7th Anniversary of Coronation of Pope Benedict

Celebrated Yesterday in Sixtine Chapel With Many Church Dignitaries Present.

Rome, Dec. 22.—The seventh anniversary celebration of the coronation of Pope Benedict, postponed from Sept. 6, was held this morning in the Sixtine Chapel, in the presence of numerous church dignitaries and the diplomatic corps in Rome. The chapel was crowded to capacity, while large crowds assembled outside to view the pontifical procession from the Pope's apartment to the chapel. The crowds lustily applauded His Holiness, who acknowledged their plaudits by blessing the Apostolic Benediction.

## Sydney Adopts Plan of Public Works To Assist Unemployed

Programme Calls for Works at Cost of About \$200,000—To Hold Plebiscite.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 22.—To relieve the unemployment situation in Sydney during the next few weeks, the City Council tonight unanimously approved a programme of public works to cost about \$150,000. A plebiscite will be held on January 10, to set the endorsement of the citizens for a scheme to connect Middle Lake with the city reservoir, clean the reservoir and construct an auxiliary basin in connection with it. With the steel rail orders on hand, it is felt that these public works will carry the unemployed over the hardest part of the winter.

## "Kid" O'Neill Stages Rough Come-Back

Knocks Out Pal in Pool Room, Breaking Both Jaw Bones.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 22.—Although Charles Neville lies in the city hospital badly battered, he refused to lay any information against Kid O'Neill, ex-pugilist, his assailant. The row occurred in a pool room where O'Neill knocked Neville down as a result of some words that passed. "Count him out," said O'Neill to the spectators, "or I'll fix him when he gets up so he won't have to be counted out."

## Quebec Enjoying Brisk Christmas Liquor Business

Greater Part of Trade Coming from United States, Especially Border Towns.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The retail liquor depots of the Quebec Liquor Commission in this city are doing a tremendous Christmas trade. Much of this trade comes from the United States, and cars bearing New York, Vermont, Massachusetts and other State license numbers are reported as busy making calls. Border towns where there are liquor stores, such as St. John's, Sherbrooke, etc., also attribute much of the briskness of trade to the same cause. The fact that there has been practically no snow fall since the 10th as yet, has facilitated matters very much.

THREE BELOW AT MONCTON. Moncton, N. B., Dec. 22.—Three below zero was the lowest marking of the mercury during the first touch of zero weather here today.

## LORD LEE MAKES OUT STRONG CASE AGAINST SUB-CRAFT

British Delegate Declared Underwater Craft Outraged All Considerations of Humanity.

OF LITTLE USE AGAINST MODERN SHIPS

As Offensive or Defensive Weapon Submarine Has Proved Almost Contemptible.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A strong case against the submarine was presented to the Washington Conference this afternoon by Lord Lee of the British delegation. Speaking before the naval committee at a private session, the British delegate declared the experience of the late war had demonstrated the underwater craft outraged all considerations of humanity and argued in favor of its prohibition from the sea. The view of the British Government, Lord Lee said was "that what was required, was not merely restrictions on submarines, but their total and final abolition."

Existing Tonnage. Lord Lee presented the following estimates of existing submarine tonnage:—United States \$3,500; Great Britain \$6,500; Japan \$2,800; France \$2,300; Italy \$1,250.

He pointed out that, under the proposals of 90,000 tons each for Britain and the United States, and \$4,000 for Japan, the United States could build 6,500 tons, Great Britain 3,500, and Japan 2,500 with the other two countries in proportion. He felt bound to say "that it seemed to him very strange to put before a conference on the limitation of naval armaments proposals designed to foster and increase the type of war vessels which, according to the British view, was open to more objection than surface capital ships."

## White Star Line To Load Steamers At Boston And Halifax

Longshoremen's Strike at Portland Causes Diversion of Freight from Maine City.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—"Until the men come to their senses we shall not load any export freight at Portland," Major P. A. Curry, general manager of the White Star-Dominion Line, declared here tonight in connection with the strike of longshoremen at that port. "Steamers will load freight at Halifax, Boston and New London, Conn. Grain will be loaded at the two first named ports as New London has no elevators," he added. He gave it as his opinion that the strike would be settled in a few days.

## Montreal Problem Is Housing of The City's Homeless

Mayor Appeals to Premier-Elect to Open Drill Hall for Housing Purposes.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Mayor Mederic of this city made an urgent appeal today to Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Premier-elect, to open the commodious drill hall on Craig Street, in the downtown section of Montreal, for housing the homeless men of the city, and more especially the returned soldiers, during the continuance of the severe winter weather. In his letter, the Mayor points out that the Meeting Refuge maintained by the city cannot meet all the demands now being made.

## Hundreds Honor Memory of Late Dr. Sedgewick

Braved Rigors of Fierce Blizzard to Attend Funeral of Beloved Clergyman.

Tatamagouche, N. S., Dec. 22.—Hundreds of people braved the rigors of the fiercest blizzard of years to attend the funeral of the late Dr. Thomas Sedgewick, who for 17 years was one of the most prominent ministers of the Presbyterian church in Eastern Canada. The obsequies were conducted by Dr. Christopher Munro, of Hopewell, N. S., moderator of the Presbyterian Synod in the Maritimes.

## Durbar For Prince Proved Brilliant Spectacle At Hatna

Hatna, British India, Dec. 22.—Owing to the previous decoration of a "hatal," the procession, which escorted the Prince of Wales through the city today, attracted only a few spectators. The durbar for the Prince, which was held subsequently, proved a brilliant spectacle and elicited enthusiastic outbursts from the feodatory chiefs and enthusiastic cheering from the assembled crowd.

## Stewart Guilty of Manslaughter

Jury Six Hours and Half Deliberating on Case.

Special to The Standard. Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 22.—After deliberating six and one half hours, the jury in the Stewart murder case returned a verdict of manslaughter. The prisoner was remanded for sentence until January fourth.

## York-Sunbury Teachers' Institute Now In Session

Several Interesting Papers and Addresses Were Heard at Yesterday's Opener.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 22.—The Teachers' Institute of York and Sunbury counties, in session this afternoon, saluted on the names submitted by the nominating committee. The result will be announced Friday morning.

Several interesting papers and addresses were heard by the institute. "Fractions" was the subject of a paper by J. W. Smith, in which he dealt with the method of teaching a very important part of arithmetic. Miss M. Gallagher spoke on "Intermediate Readers." She urged reading lessons should be made the basis of further study in other lines. The names of the authors could be used as the beginning of biographical studies. The subjects of the articles could be used and followed into other branches of the curriculum.

Dr. B. C. Foster, president of the New Brunswick Association, addressed the Institute on the Association. He stated that the success with which it had met proved that the Association was beyond the experimental stage. Opposition still existed, in some sections, but many School Boards had exceeded the maximum of the Association in the matter of salaries. Dr. Foster deplored the fact that some teachers still remained outside the association and urged its members in the matter of salaries. He believed that their confidences should trouble them sufficiently enough to make them join the organization.

A MacFarlane also spoke on behalf of the Teachers' Association, explaining the uses to which the membership fees had been put.

## Mercy Tempered With Severity In Imposing Sentences

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 22.—County Judge J. S. Campbell today mixed mercy with severity in dealing out justice to the four youths from Niagara Falls convicted of burglary, and of having burglar's tools in their possession when arrested October 30.

Paul Danna and Thomas Davis Kerr, both of whom have had police records in the United States, were sentenced to ten years in Kingston penitentiary. George Bianco, who, the judge believed, had been led into crime by Kerr and Danna, was given three years and Sam Simons the fourth member was allowed out on suspended sentence.

## New York Post-Office Handle Some Mail

2,800 Extra Clerks Required to Care for Holiday Rush.

New York, Dec. 22.—Postmaster Morgan announced the New York post office yesterday had broken holiday records when it handled 7,915,254 letters and 559,536 parcels. The postmaster has recruited 2,800 temporary clerks to aid the regular staff of 15,000.