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TORONTO—(midnight)  
—Heavy N. E. and N. gales with snow at first. Strong winds and gales from N. and N. W. clearing and colder to-night.

## Wishing All A Happy New Year!

### Treaty Between Britain and Ireland

#### Full Text of the Terms of a History-Making State Document

#### Oath of Fidelity To The King

#### ARTICLES OF THE AGREEMENT

Formally entitled "A Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland," the full text of the agreement signed at 10, Downing-street, is given below.

The Treaty has still to be approved by the Dail Eireann. The British Parliament has ratified it.

Under its terms Ireland becomes a Free State within the British Empire, with the same status as Canada.

The naval defence of Ireland will be undertaken for five years solely by the British Navy. At the end of that time this clause will be revised with a view to Ireland undertaking a share in her own coastal defence.

The Irish Army will be limited, as compared with the British, to the same proportion that Ireland's population bears to Great Britain's.

Members of the Irish Free State Parliament will swear allegiance to the Constitution of the Free State and fidelity to George V. and his successors.

Ulster is given a free choice to enter the Free State or to keep her present status under the Act of 1920.

The Free State undertakes a share of the National Debt of the United Kingdom.

The following is the full text of the Agreement:—

1.—Ireland shall have the same constitutional status in the Community of Nations known as the British Empire as the Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand, and the Union of South Africa, with a Parliament having powers to make laws for the peace, order and good government of Ireland and an Executive responsible to that Parliament, and shall be styled and known as the Irish Free State.

2.—Subject to the provisions hereinafter set out, the position of the Irish Free State in relation to the Imperial Parliament and Government and otherwise shall be that of the Dominion of Canada, and the law, practice and constitutional usage governing the relationship of the Crown and of the Imperial Parliament to the Dominion of Canada shall govern their relationship to the Irish Free State.



LORD BIRKENHEAD

#### IRISH SHIPS

6.—Until an arrangement has been made between the British and Irish Governments whereby the Irish Free State undertakes her own coastal defence.

the defence by sea of Great Britain and Ireland shall be undertaken by his Majesty's Imperial Forces, but this shall not prevent the construction or maintenance by the Government of the Irish Free State of such vessels as are necessary for the protection of the Revenue or the Fisheries.

The foregoing provisions of this article shall be reviewed at a conference of Representatives of the British and Irish Governments to be held at the expiration of five years from the date hereof, with a view to the undertaking by Ireland of a share in her own coastal defence.

7.—The Government of the Irish Free State shall afford to his Majesty's Imperial Forces:—

(a) In time of peace harbour and other facilities indicated in an Annex, or such other facilities as may from time to time be agreed between the British Government and the Government of the Irish Free State; and

(b) In time of war or of strained relations with a Foreign Power, such harbour and other facilities as the British Government may require for the purpose of such defence as aforesaid.

#### IRISH ARMY

8.—With a view to securing the observance of the principle of international limitation of armaments, if the Government of the Irish Free State establishes and maintains a military defence force, the establishments thereof shall not exceed in size such proportion of the military establishments maintained in Great Britain as that which the population of Ireland bears to the population of Great Britain.

9.—The ports of Great Britain and the Irish Free State shall be freely open to the ships of the other country on payment of the customary port and other dues.

#### POLICE PENSIONS

10.—The Government of the Irish Free State agrees to pay fair compensation, on terms not less favourable than those accorded by the Act of 1820, to judges, officials, members of police forces, and other public servants who are discharged by it or who retire in consequence of the



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#### THE OATH

3.—The representative of the Crown in Ireland shall be appointed in like manner as the Governor-General of Canada, and in accordance with the practice observed in the making of such appointments.

4.—The oath to be taken by Members of the Parliament of the Irish Free State shall be in the following form:—

I, . . . do solemnly swear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the Irish Free State as by law established, and that I will be faithful to H.M. King George V., his heirs and successors by law, in virtue of the common citizenship of Ireland with Great Britain and her adherence to and membership of the group of nations forming the British Commonwealth of Nations.

#### NATIONAL DEBT

5.—The Irish Free State shall assume liability for the service of the Public Debt of the United Kingdom as existing at the date hereof and towards the payment of war pensions as existing at that date, in such proportions as may be fair and equitable, having regard to any just claims on the part of Ireland by way of set-off or counter-claim, the amount of such sums being determined in default of agreement by the arbitration of one or more independent persons, being citizens of the British Empire.

charge of government effected in pursuance hereof.

Provided that this agreement shall not apply to members of the Auxiliary Police Force or to persons recruited in Great Britain for the Royal Irish Constabulary during the two years next preceding the date hereof. The British Government will assume responsibility for such compensation or pensions as may be payable to any of these expected persons.

#### ULSTER

MONTH IN WHICH TO MAKE HER DECISION.

11.—Until the expiration of one month from the passing of the Act of Parliament for the ratification of this instrument, the powers of the Parliament and the Government of the Irish Free State shall not be exercisable as respects Northern Ireland, and the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, shall, so far as they relate to Northern Ireland, remain of full force and effect, and no election shall be held for the return of members to serve in the Parliament of the Irish Free State for constituencies in Northern Ireland, unless a resolution is passed by both Houses of the Parliament of Northern Ireland in favour of the holding of such elections before the end of the said month.

12.—If before the expiration of the said month, an address is presented to his Majesty by both Houses of Parliament of Northern Ireland to that effect, the powers of the Parliament and the Government of the Irish Free State shall no longer extend to Northern Ireland, and the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920 (including those relating to the Council of Ireland) shall, so far as they relate to Northern Ireland, continue to be of full force and effect, and this instrument shall have effect subject to the necessary modifications.

#### BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Provided that if such an address is so presented a Commission consisting of three persons, one to be appointed by the Government of the Irish Free State, one to be appointed by the Government of Northern Ireland, and one, who shall be chairman, to be appointed by the British Government, shall determine, in accordance with the wishes of the inhabitants, so far as may be comparable with economic and geographic conditions, the boundaries between Northern Ireland and the rest of Ireland, and for the purpose of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and of this instrument, the boundary of Northern Ireland shall be such as may be determined by such Commission.

13.—For the purpose of the last foregoing article, the powers of the Parliament of Southern Ireland, under the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, to elect members of the Council of Ireland shall after the Parliament of the Irish Free State is constituted be exercised by that Parliament.

#### HOME RULE ACT POWERS

14.—After the expiration of the said month, if no such address as is mentioned in Article 12 hereof is presented, the Parliament and Government of Northern Ireland shall continue to exercise as respects Northern Ireland the powers conferred on them by the Government of Ireland Act 1920, but the Parliament and Government of the Irish Free State shall in Northern Ireland have in relation to matters in respect of which the Parliament of Northern Ireland has not power to make laws under that Act (including matters which under the said Act are within the jurisdiction of the Council of Ireland), the same powers as in the rest of Ireland, subject to such other provisions as may be agreed in manner hereinafter appearing.

#### THE IRISH TREATY.

months from the date hereof.

18. This instrument shall be submitted forthwith by His Majesty's Government for the approval of Parliament and by the Irish signatories to a meeting summoned for the purpose of the members elected to sit in the House of Commons of Southern Ireland, and if approved shall be ratified by the necessary legislation.

Dec 31 1921

*On behalf of the British Delegation*  
*On behalf of the Irish Delegation*  
*Michael Collins*  
*Arthur Griffith*  
*Birkenhead*  
*Winston Churchill*  
*L. Lloyd George*  
*James MacNeill*  
*John A. MacDonnell*

This is the peace treaty that was signed by Sinn Fein and British delegates, forming the Irish Free State. If you can't make out some of the Sinn Fein signatures that's because you can't read Gaelic.

#### JOINT DISCUSSION

15.—At any time after the date hereof the Government of Northern Ireland and the provisional Government of Southern Ireland, hereinafter constituted, may meet for the purpose of discussing the provisions subject to which the last foregoing article is to operate in the event of no such address as is therein mentioned being presented, and these provisions may include:—

(a) Safeguards with regard to patronage in Northern Ireland.  
(b) Safeguards with regard to the collection of revenue in Northern Ireland.  
(c) Safeguards with regard to import and export duties affecting the trade or industry of Northern Ireland.  
(d) Safeguards for minorities in Northern Ireland.  
(e) The settlement of the financial relations between Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State.  
(f) The establishment and powers of a royal militia in Northern Ireland and the relation of the Defence Force of the Irish Free State and of Northern Ireland respectively.

and if at any such meeting provisions are agreed to, the same shall have effect as if they were included among the provisions subject to which the powers of the Parliament and Government of the Irish Free State are to be exercisable in Northern Ireland under Article 14 hereof.

16.—Neither the Parliament of the Irish Free State nor the Parliament of Northern Ireland shall make any law so as either directly or indirectly to endow any religion or prohibit or restrict the free exercise thereof, or give any preference or impose any disability on account of religious belief or religious status, or effect prejudicially the right of any child to attend a school receiving public money without attending the religious instructions at the school, or make any discrimination as respects State aid between schools under the management of different religious denominations or any educational institution any of its property except for public utility purposes and on payment of compensation.

#### TRANSITION PERIOD

Provisional Government To Be Set Up

17.—By way of provisional arrangement for the administration of Southern Ireland during the interval which must elapse between the date

hereof and the constitution of a Parliament and Government of the Irish Free State in accordance therewith, steps shall be taken forthwith for summoning a meeting of Members of Parliament elected for constituencies in Southern Ireland since the passing of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and for constituting a provisional Government, and the British Government shall take the steps necessary to transfer to such provisional Government the powers and machinery requisite for the discharge of its duties, provided that every member of such provisional Government shall have signified in writing his or her acceptance of this instrument.

But this arrangement shall not continue in force beyond the expiration of 12 months from the date hereof.

18.—This instrument shall be submitted forthwith by His Majesty's Government for the approval of Par-

liament and by the Irish signatories to a meeting summoned for the purpose of the members elected to sit in the House of Commons of Southern Ireland, and if approved shall be ratified by the necessary legislation.

(Signed),  
On behalf of the British Delegation,  
D. Lloyd George,  
Austen Chamberlain,  
Birkenhead,  
Winston S. Churchill,  
L. Worthington-Evans,  
Hamar Greenwood,  
Gordon Hewart.

On behalf of the Irish Delegation,  
Art O'Griffiths,  
Michael O'Connell,  
Richard Bartun,  
E. S. O'Dugain,  
Seoras Chabhair Uí Dhuibhthaigh,  
December 6, 1921.



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