

Prominent British Statesmen Support Irish Agreement.

Bonar Law and Asquith Accept Treaty--Dail Eireann Not Reached Any Decision--Revised Naval Ratio Plan Goes Through.

BONAR LAW ACCEPTS TREATY.
LONDON, Dec. 15.

The chief event of the day in connection with the Irish settlement was the decision of Bonar Law, former Government leader in the House and one of the strong men on the Ulster side, to accept the treaty and if not to invite Ulster to come into the settlement, at all events to countenance the boundary commission which Marquis Londonderry in the House of Lords hinted Ulster might reject. Bonar Law had previously been reported to have been decidedly in favour of the treaty, and he spoke at all to support Lord Carson in opposing the treaty, at the same time to remain neutral. His speech has taken much out of the force of the Carsonite attack, and is considered to have insured the ratification by an overwhelming majority in the Commons. Had he opposed the Treaty there would have been an acquisition in the force of the Diehards, estimated at from 40 to 50. Lord Carson in the Lords' debate said there was nothing in the agreement except that "England, beaten to her knees by the guns of the assassins, said she was willing to settle with Ireland." He described the debate as a splendid obsequy of the misguided Unionist Party, and a funeral oration to cover the defeat and humiliation suffered in Ireland.

ASQUITH SUPPORTS TREATY.
LONDON, Dec. 15.

The feature of the early proceedings this afternoon in the House of Commons was an address by former Premier Asquith, heartily commending the Anglo-Irish Treaty for the acceptance of the House. Mr. Asquith declared the pact gave Ireland the fullest measure of local autonomy and preserved to all Irishmen their full share of free citizenship throughout the British Empire. Mr. Asquith said the proposal was the essence of Dominion Self-Government, which he had advocated for two years. "We are only as yet celebrating the obsequies of the Act of Union," Mr. Asquith continued, "I do not speak with pessimism or mistrust, but I speak in the

firm belief that the Government has taken the right course, a courageous course and the only course. We start now with clean hands and a clean conscience." This statement evoked a storm of cheers. Colonel John Grafton, leader of the Conservative diehards, moved an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the Throne. The amendment expressed regret that the proposed settlement "would involve surrender of the rights of the Crown in Ireland and give power to establish an independent Irish Army and Navy," while requiring further sacrifice by Ulster and failing to safeguard the rights of Loyalists in Southern Ireland. The amendment was seconded by Rupert George, replying to questions asked Parliament had power to make changes in the Agreement, but opponents of the agreement object to the inclusion of Ireland in the British Empire, some to the Privy Council as the Supreme Court of Appeal, others to assuming a share of Britain's war debt. Dr. Ada English, one of the women members of the Dail, commenting on the situation tonight, said, we need a strong man to get our leaders together. We must have this treaty.

DAIL MAY VOTE TO-DAY.
DUBLIN, Dec. 15.

The hope that the Dail would be able to reach a vote on ratification of the Anglo-Irish Treaty in public session to-morrow, was expressed by Michael Collins as the Dail went into another secret session at six o'clock this evening.

STILL UNDECIDED.
DUBLIN, Dec. 15.

The second private session of the Dail Eireann to-day having under consideration the Anglo-Irish agreement, lasted until eight o'clock this evening and adjourned without reaching a decision. The opinion to-night was that the public session at which it is hoped to take a vote of ratification, will not be held until Saturday. Some opponents of the agreement object to the inclusion of Ireland in the British Empire, some to the Privy Council as the Supreme Court of Appeal, others to assuming a share of Britain's war debt. Dr. Ada English, one of the women members of the Dail, commenting on the situation tonight, said, we need a strong man to get our leaders together. We must have this treaty.

NAVY AGREEMENT REACHED.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.

At a meeting, to-day, Secretary Hughes, Arthur J. Balfour and Admiral Kato spent an hour discussing the understood, the naval ratio question, and at the break-up of the session it was indicated they would not meet again. This was taken to forecast a final and complete agreement on limitation of naval armaments as regards the United States, Japan and Great Britain.

REVISED AGREEMENT ACCEPTED.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.

Agreement of the big three naval powers on 5-5-3 naval ratio plan was officially announced late to-day. Under the plan Japan retains the super-dreadnought Mutsu and the old battleship Setau, and the United States retains two additional ships of the Maryland class but larger, scrapping four battleships of the original retain. It suggested by Secretary Hughes. The agreement includes a status quo understanding on fortifications of the Pacific Islands in open waters and exclusive of Hawaii and the Islands of the Japanese, Australian, New Zealand, Canadian and American Coasts on which the powers retain freedom.

WILL HAVE FEW OPPONENTS.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.

Administration Senators calling to-day at the White House, predicted there would not be more than two or three votes against ratification of the Quadruple Power Treaty, when it reached the final vote in the Senate.

WHERE EXTREMISTS MEET.
BELFAST, Dec. 15.

Following the decision to-day of the County Council of Fermanagh, Ulster County to recognize the authority of Dail Eireann, the police seized the Council building and all books and documents.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR GARGLES IN COUGHS.

Entertains Pupils.

Last night at Spencer Lodge Miss Clark, superintendent of Spencer Lodge gave the pupils in residence a social evening before the breaking up for the Christmas holidays. The pupils were allowed to invite their guests and about fifty were present. The guests were received by Miss Clark and the staff. The programme opened by a playlet called "Between the Soup and the Savory." The characters were, Sarah, the cook, Miss Reith; Ada, the Parlourmaid, Miss Weatherhead; Emily, the kitchen maid, Miss Paris. This was highly enjoyed by everybody as the acting was extra well done. The above ladies and members of the staff of Bishop Spencer College. During the interval Misses Doris Mercer and Nina Granger gave pianoforte solos. The second half of the programme was moving pictures by the movie stars of Bishop Spencer Lodge who performed the film themselves which was written for the occasion by Miss Weatherhead, the name of which was "The Root of all Evil." The leading movie stars were Misses Hilda Norman, Mollie White, Hattie Cheeseman, Edith Manuel, Mollie and Jean Butler and Doris Mercer, whilst Miss Reith accompanied on the piano. Refreshments were served after the performance and a vote of thanks passed to Miss Clark and the staff for their hospitality. Messrs. G. R. Williams and S. C. Thompson in short speeches congratulated the pupils and to Miss Joiner who trained the girls and the staff on the excellent performance.

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War Veterans' Sale.

A SPLENDID EXHIBITION.

His Excellency the Governor opened the Sale of Work held yesterday by returned soldiers and sailors who are inmates of the various city hospitals. This is their second annual sale. The articles exhibited consisted chiefly of splendid examples of bead work and basket work and every item evoked considerable admiration. All this work was done by the soldiers and sailors themselves under the supervision of the Ward Aides, who work under Miss Pauline Baird. During the afternoon a large number of people visited the sale and purchased practically all the articles exhibited. Afternoon teas were served and added to the pleasure of those who attended the sale. The proceeds go to the men who made the various articles on sale.

A Nice Little Present.

The churchwarden of a certain church was to be married to a nurse from a local hospital. A fortnight previously it was decided by the members of the congregation to give him some token of esteem, and a committee sat to discuss what form it should take.

At last they decided on a sum of money in a net purse, worked by the curate's wife. The decision of the committee was announced at a church meeting by the curate (a very nervous little man), who presided.

"My dear friends," he said, "I have been decided--to present to our esteemed friend Mr. Brown on the occasion of his wedding, a net purse." Then the smiles came!

Stafford's Ginger Wine for sale at Knowling's Stores, East West and Central. Price 20c per bottle.--dec7.11

Didn't Sound Like Cake.

Little Jackie had just finished his tea. "Oh, mother," he sighed ecstatically. "I do love cake, it's awfully nice." But mother didn't like her son's habit of using fervent language.

"You shouldn't say you 'love' cake, sonny," she reproved gently. "You should say you like it. And 'awfully' is the wrong word. You should say 'very.' Now, dear, say the sentence over again, correctly."

"I like cake; it's very nice," repeated Jack obediently.

"There, that's much better," said his mother approvingly. But Jackie looked disgusted.

"Sounds just as if I was talking about bread and butter," he muttered.

from STEELE'S, we advise them to do so to-day. We learn that they sold over \$90, Teapots in just over a week, but still have a few left.

SHOP EARLY and SHOP HERE!

MURPHY'S GOOD THINGS

Do it to-day is the only way to get your Xmas Shopping done, and done the way you want it to be. Of course, you can always get something or other to fill out your list, but while you are giving, why not give the best you can find, and you will make better selections now than later, when the crowds are out. Come now!



Men's Overcoats, at \$17.98

Lots of "Excess Values" in these

We've grouped all our better Overcoats for men at this low Xmas Price.

Every garment is in good style, and worth a whole lot more than our price.

Each, \$17.98



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We have a stock of these Blue Work Shirts; just the thing for the labor man; will stand rough work. All sizes.

Each, 99c



Dolls

Children bring your mothers to our Store to buy one of these beautiful Dollies for you. Some of these Dolls have sleeping eyes.

Prices, 9c. to \$3.49

Shaving Sets

Good quality, heavy plate mirror; Brush, heavy weight base, well finished.

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Stamped Work

We have a stock of stamped goods at a very low price.

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- Centre Pieces69c.
- Luncheon Sets69c.
- Bureau Cloths69c.
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A beautiful White unruled Lined Paper. A real gift that would be appreciated above all others.

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Our Price, 50c

Ladies we have a stock of beautiful

Dark Cotton
27 inches wide; a splendid thing to make aprons:
Per Yard, 10c



Ladies' Overshoes

We have a few pairs of Ladies' Overshoes, in high and low cut; sizes from 2 1/2 to 4 1/2.

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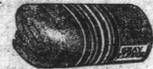


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Cotton Blankets

Full Size Bed Blankets. While these Blankets are made entirely of cotton, they are very warm and have a soft wool-like appearance. Satisfactory bed coverings.

Per Pair, 2.79 to 5.98



Ladies' Skirts

In heavy Blue all-Wool Serge, some in different color plaids, others made of a beautiful Navy Blue, brilliant embroidered at the bottom.

- Blue Serge Skirts\$3.98
- Plaid Skirts \$4.98
- Brilliant Skirts \$5.98

Ladies' Tea Aprons

in many different styles.
Each, 29c, 39c, 59c and 65c

Cigarette Cases

Beautiful Cigarette Cases, nickel plated; two elastic bands on the inside to hold cigarettes.

Each, 49c

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- D'Oyleys (each) 9c.
- Cushion Tops . . . \$1.49 to \$1.75

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All Colors.
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Each, 9.25 to 2.98



Women's Tuxedo Style Sweater Coats

All Colors.
Finest pure Worsted yarn, girdle with tassels at the ends; pockets.

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Per Pair, 1.25



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Very popular and practical Gift.
Beautiful Black Plush Tams some with Pom-Pom on top; others trimmed with cord and tassel.

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Ladies' Winter Hose

Ladies' Heavy Fleece-lined Hose in Green Heather, Gray Heather and Brown Heather. Plain.

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