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DeVALERA RESIGNS
AS PRESIDENT OF
THE IRISH REPUBLIC

SENSATION IN IRISH MATTERS; NEW DAIL
MINISTRY TO FOLLOW

News Comes at End of Fruitless Morning's Effort
of Peace Committee to Bring Factions Into Har-
mony—Likely to Seek Re-election at Head of
Cabinet of Anti-Treaty Men.

Dublin, Jan. 6.—Official announcement was made this afternoon
that Eamonn De Valera had resigned the presidency of the Irish
Republic.

London, Jan. 6.—Eamonn De Valera has resigned and a new
Dail ministry will be formed, says a Central News despatch from
Dublin this afternoon.

SEEK RE-ELECTION.
London, Jan. 6.—It is reported that Eamonn DeValera, in seeking
re-election to the presidency, will do so with a cabinet of his own
way of thinking. His remarks were construed to mean that he would
offer himself for re-election.

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tomorrow on the ratification of the Anglo-Irish treaty, says a Central
News despatch from Dublin this afternoon.

(Canadian Press Cable)
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about an agreement on the Anglo-Irish
treaty failed today, and the Dail
will meet in private session this morning,
adjoining its secret sitting at 10
a. m. to meet again in public session at 3
p. m.

The Dail members as they came from
the chamber appeared dejected. One of
them said the committee itself was
divided this morning, although the mem-
bers had been in agreement on the plan
which was submitted to the leaders of
the opposing factions yesterday. It was
hinted to the correspondent that this
plan had been rejected by Mr. De Valera.

Dan McCarthy said the whipson both
sides had been instructed to try to bring
the debate on the treaty to a close this
afternoon.

"The debate," he added, "whether a
division be taken today, but we will
certainly wind it all up tomorrow. If
we don't we all ought to be thrown out
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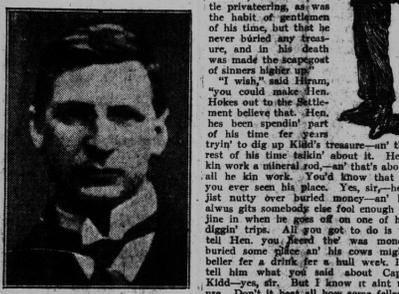
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Among other speculations is one that
the committee's work may result in the
production of Document No. 4, a com-
promise between the treaty and the so-
called Document No. 3, embodying Mr.
De Valera's alternative proposals. In
this case it is suggested that the new
proposal would be submitted to the Irish
government, and if Lloyd George
then adhered to his declaration that the
treaty was England's last word, the only
possible outcome would be a plebiscite.
Impatient sharp expressions of im-
patience at the delay of the Dail in
getting its business finished is heard in
some quarters.

Thus the Irish Independent, comment-
ing upon the proceedings, says—
"A point for the deputies to remember
is that Ireland consists of 4,400,000
inhabitants, and that their wishes have
already been indicated and should be
taken into account. The fortunes and
liberties of these people are involved.
"If the treaty is ratified by a small
majority and the opposition pursues an
active campaign against it, how can an
effective provisional government be
formed? If the treaty is rejected, we see
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As Hiram Sees It



RAMONN DE VALERA.

ALLIED SUPREME
COUNCIL MEETS

Cannes, Jan. 6.—Premier Briand at
eleven o'clock this morning formerly con-
vened the Allied supreme council for the
conference at which it is to consider
measures for the economic restoration of
Europe.

The meeting was held in the grand
salon of the Cannes Yacht Club.
The heads of the delegations present
are: Premier Briand, for France; Premier
Lloyd George, for Great Britain; Foreign
Minister Jaspard, for Belgium; Premier
Bonomi, for Italy and Baron Hayashi,
for Japan.

They are accompanied by distinguished
staffs of aides and experts, including
Louis Loucheur, minister of liberated
regions; Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of
the British exchequer and Sir Laming
Wingfield-Brown, secretary of state
for war, for Great Britain.

Cannes, Jan. 6.—The Allied supreme
council today approved unanimously the
calling of an international economic
conference to be participated in by
Germany and Russia.

The conference was in session slightly
more than two hours. It adjourned at
three o'clock. The payments com-
mission, one of reparations and the
other on the economic situation.

Both commissions were called to meet
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The representatives are Major A.
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representing Mayor Martin of Montreal.
Another meeting will be held today.

REGULATION OF
INSURANCE AGENTS

Ontario Action Would Elim-
inate Many Now Licensed
to Write Policies.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Regulation of insur-
ance agents upon a basis that will elim-
inate many of those who are now licen-
sed to write insurance was decided
upon in principle yesterday by a special
committee of the legislature appointed
to consider proposed revision of the
insurance act. This means that power
will be given to the department which
will be put to an end to a system of
camouflaged rebating under which many
large corporations have been able to get
insurance placed without going to reg-
ular agents, and thus saving commis-
sions.

The committee, however, is not pre-
pared to go so far as was advocated by
some insurance men on Wednesday when
the elimination of part time men in all
the larger centres was proposed. It is
realized that there is a legitimate field
for the part time insurance agents, and
no one will be made to refuse their
licenses provided they are bona fide
agents.

University Has Fire Visit.
Buffalo, Jan. 6.—Townsend Hall, Uni-
versity of Buffalo, was partly destroyed
by fire yesterday, causing a loss of \$25-
000. Five hundred students are tempo-
rarily without class rooms.

USE IN CASE
THE CAR FERRY
IS DISABLED

Plan to Ensure Continuous
Winter Navigation in the
Straits of Northumberland.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Great benefits to P.
E. Island will accrue if representations
made by A. E. MacLean, newly elected
member for Prince, and Hon. John
Simpson, minister without portfolio, are
given effect to. There is a car ferry run-
ning between Cape Tormentine on the
mainland and Bonaventure, the island,
which takes back and forth four or five
times a day the freight trains that go
to come from the island. It is very
important to the islanders that if any-
thing should happen to put this ferry out
of commission for a period, there would
be in existence government boats cap-
able of keeping traffic going. The late
government gave a contract for an ice
breaker to be made by the Canadian
Vickers Co. to replace the old J. D.
Hiscox. Mr. MacLean says that captain
most familiar with ice conditions says
that the present car ferry is a better ice
breaker than the J. D. Hiscox was. He
therefore proposes that the ice breaker
should be constructed with rails, and
a design that would permit it being
used as a substitute for the present car
ferry. The latter is 100 per cent. effi-
cient, but makes a good deal of noise
to see that there is nothing to take its
place in case of trouble.

E. J. McFarlane, member for North
Winnipeg, is here together with St. G.
Stubb, Liberal candidate against Hon.
E. J. McFarlane in the riding of Halifax.
Mr. Stubb says that he is in Ottawa on private
business. Another Liberal member
of the House, Mr. J. D. Hiscox, is here
representing P. E. Island, and is to
return to his constituency, as is Mr.
Simpson, who is to return east today.

Mr. Simpson, it is understood, will not
be back in Ottawa for a little before
the opening of the session.

MR. GOVEY SPEAKS
ON THE SITUATION

His One Idea is Interest of
Sport.

Well Satisfied With Our
Rules and if All Pulled To-
gether Difficulties Would
be Solved—Denies Salary
Report.

(Canadian Press)
Halifax, N. S., Jan. 6.—A. W. Govey,
president of the M. B. of the A. A. U. of
C., made the following statement today:
"I am well satisfied with the amateur
rules that are at present in force in the
maritime provinces. The English rules
are all right but they were framed to
cover a situation which in the opinion of
sportsmen would not be suitable to the
peculiar requirements of the marines. With
everyone pulling together, things which
look difficult at present would be found
very easy to manage."

With regard to the criticism that has
been directed at me over the present
situation that has arisen over the sus-
pension of thirteen Nova Scotia athletes,
I may say that there was no discrimina-
tion shown. The charges against the
athletes were sworn by a man who
claimed to know what he was swearing
to and on the evidence given I had no
alternative but to act as I did.

"I would like to have a single public
statement that there is no truth in the statement
that has been made to the effect that I
am drawing down a good fat salary for
my position. There is absolutely noth-
ing in it for me except trouble. I do not
get a cent, and the statement that I do
is a lie, pure and simple. I am perfectly
honest in my endeavor to help amateur
sport and any action I take is always an
attempt to make it as clean and healthy
as possible."

"I would like to ask amateurs of this
province to consider the magnitude of
the task with which I am confronted. I
sincerely hope that the action taken at
last night's meeting here will result in
the settling of the present dispute and
give satisfaction to all concerned."

WANT ARMORY
FOR HOMELESS WHO
HAVE NO WORK

Toronto, Jan. 6.—A request for the
use of the Toronto armory to shelter
homeless unemployed men was wired to
Hon. George J. Graham, minister of
militia, last night by Dominion Secretary
J. Fred March, of the G. A. U. V., fol-
lowing a conference on the unemploy-
ment situation, attended by the provin-
cial cabinet and representatives of the
municipalities and the G. A. U. V.

WHY NATURALIZATION OF
SPEYER WAS REVOKED

London, Jan. 6.—The British home
secretary today issued in the form of a
government paper the report on which
Sir Edgar Speyer's naturalization was
recently revoked.

Among the allegations contained in
the report are a loan of \$5,000 to a man
named Ware for the benefit of the now
non-existent Boston Journal, details of
Sir Edgar's association with Carl Muck,
former conductor of the Boston
Symphony Orchestra, and with John
Koren; Sir Roger's trafficking and
communication with enemy subjects,
and his evasion of the British censor-
ship.

PROBING INTO THE
HYDRO SITUATION

Some Progress Made at Con-
ference at City Hall.

City Must Take at Least 10,
000,000 k.w.h. from Mus-
quash—Cost May Be Re-
duced by Curtailing Some
Fixed Charges—Another
Meeting Next Week.

That 10,000,000 kilowatt hours will be
the minimum amount of current for
the city, the N. B. Electric Power Com-
mission will contract with the city of
St. John, and that the cost of 12 cents
kilowatt hour might be reduced by 3
holding up for a few years of some of
the proposed fixed charges, were the two
principal points which developed this
morning at a conference held in the
mayor's office.

The meeting was attended by Mayo
Schofield and all the commissioners; F.
A. Ross, consulting engineer for the
city; Premier Foster; Hon. Dr. E. J.
Smith, chairman of the electric com-
mission, and C. O. Foss, chief engineer
and member; Councilors O'Brien, E.
Campbell of Lancaster and J. M. Done
van of Simonds, and J. King Kelly
county secretary.

Mr. Foss said that the commission
could not undertake to contract for less
than 10,000,000 k. w. h., and the premise
said that the sinking fund charges an
amount which would be cancelled for the
few years if circumstances allowed it.

In opening, the mayor asked if there
was any possibility of the city purchas-
ing the plant at Musquash. The premise
replied that the Musquash was develop-
ed for the benefit of New Brunswick and
not St. John alone; furthermore, the
plant was a comprehensive scheme planned
by the government, and it was no
feasible to take one spoke out of the
wheel which was under construction.

The mayor asked if there could be
any reduction in the cost to the city
other than on the basis of capital cost of
\$2,000,000. The premise said that the
figure was only approximate, but the
idea was to sell at bare cost. Dr.
Smith said that a definite figure could
not be given at present, but the price
of 12 cents a k. w. h. was the maximum
and any change would be a reduction.

The mayor expressed the opinion that
consideration should be given to the fact
that the building was done at peak prices.
To the mayor, Dr. Ross said that the
city contracted for 10,000,000 kwh, and
if it wanted more, on twelve month
notice, the amount would be increased to
21,000,000. He said development would
be carried on at Leppan.

Mr. Ross said that the city required a
certain number of kwh every day un-
failingly and he would like to go into
the matter of hydroelectric with the com-
mission.

Mr. Foss said the peak season would
be in the winter when the low water
period would be less than two months.
The mayor said that one of the diffi-
culties here was that the place was a
virgin territory, there being already on
company supplying current.

TO COMBAT PORT
HURON MERCHANTS

Sarnia Retailers to Form an
Association—Keen Eye on
the Border Line.

Sarnia, Ont., Jan. 6.—Sarnia grocers
and retail merchants are planning to
form a retail merchant's association. One
of the chief issues will be a battle against
Port Huron merchants who are adver-
tising in Sarnia announcing they will
take Canadian money at par. The local
merchants will make an effort to have
the customs law observed here to the
last letter, and it is expected that a wo-
man customs officer will be stationed
here in the near future.

VOLCANO IS
GROWLING AND
PEOPLE FLEE

Mexico City, Jan. 6.—The volcano
Popocatepetl again began to show seri-
ous signs of activity yesterday. At four
o'clock an explosion was heard within
the crater, and a great smoke column
arose.

The inhabitants of villages near the
base of the mountain became panic-
stricken and fled toward the large towns.

BUY SIX VESSELS
FOR SERVICE ON
THE ATLANTIC

Hamburg, Jan. 6.—The Hamburg-Ameri-
can line and the American Ship and
Commerce Corporation have purchased
from the Royal Holland Lloyd Line the
steamers Hollandia, Frisia, Limburga
and Brabantia, which will engage in the
passenger service between Hamburg and
New York, and also the steamers
Deutschland and Albert Ballin, now in
course of construction.

PERJURY CHARGE
IN LIQUOR CASE

Sarnia, Ont., Jan. 6.—Following the
confiscation of liquor still outfits in the
county of Lambton recently, it was an-
nounced last night that a charge of
perjury and perjury would be laid
against a county constable, a witness in
court proceedings.

According to an announcement by
local authorities two brothers named
Hollings have asked that proceedings be
taken against a member of the county
constabulary, and the constable and the
witness was given a bribe and then com-
mitted perjury.

NO ALLIANCE
WITH FRANCE
AT THE PRESENT

Prospect of British Guarantee
to Aid France if Attacked,
Under Certain Conditions.

Cannes, Jan. 6.—Premier Lloyd George
has decided there can be no question at
this time of a formal alliance between
France and Great Britain. It is said on
good authority, but has held out the
prospect of a sufficient guarantee to aid
France if she is again attacked, as in
1914, under certain conditions.

These are, it is said, that France con-
sents to a formal alliance with Great
Britain in the economic restoration of
Europe and the reparation pay-
ments by Germany on the basis of the
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"LIFER" COMMITS
MURDER IN PRISON

Boston, Jan. 6.—G. Valeri stabbed
Ontario prisoners at the state prison
last yesterday, fatally wounding John
R. Arseni and cutting a gash in the
arm of another. The prisoners were
seized by guards and locked up. All
three were serving life sentences for mur-
der.

The stabbing was done with a shoe
knife which Valeri had secreted in his
cell while working in the prison shoe
shop.

Arseni died before he could be taken
to the prison hospital. Toscano told
prison officials that he knew no reason
for the attack.

DOCTORS ANSWER QUESTIONS
RELATIVE TO USE OF WHISKEY
AND BEER.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—A majority of physi-
cians in nineteen states representing all
sections of the country, replying to a
questionnaire sent out by the American
Medical Association, assert that they
do not regard beer and whisky as
necessaries of life, and that they do not
advocate their use in the treatment of
disease.

About four-fifths of these physicians
declared there were no instances in their
practice where suffering or death had
resulted from consumption of the pro-
hibition law and about three-fifths
favored restriction by prescribing
whisky, beer and wine.

In the nineteen states, 6,791 physicians
declared they did not consider whisky
a necessary therapeutic agent in the
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the physicians made a similar assertion
with reference to beer.

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CUT WAGES ON
THE STEAMSHIPS

New York, Jan. 6.—Wage reductions
of fifteen per cent. and upwards will be
put into effect immediately by the
preparations to go to Cannes to place before
the council the figures on the cash pay-
ments. Valeri was able to make and
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Wages of officers, he said, would be cut
fifteen per cent., with higher re-
ductions for some other classes of employ-
ees. These cuts were necessary, he
added, to meet competition with foreign
vessels.

It was pointed out that there was no
wage agreement now existing with the
ocean boatmen's union, and the steam-
ship owners' association.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST
A MAN IN FREDRICKTOWN

Fredricktown, N. B., Jan. 6.—Robert
Riley, aged fifty and sixty
years, is in jail awaiting trial on a charge
of murdering two girls, aged seven and nine
years, as named.

PEEL'S SHERIFFS
WEATHER
REPORT

Synopsis.—The disturbance which was
over the Ottawa Valley yesterday has
moved quickly eastward to Newfoundland
with diminished intensity, and the
weather is now fair in nearly all parts
of the dominion. It has become quite
cold in northern and eastern Ontario,
and moderately cold in the lower lake
region.

Forecasts.—Fair and colder.
Maritime—Moderate to fresh west and
northwest winds; fair and colder to-
night and on Saturday.

Gulf and North Shore.—Fair and
quite cold tonight and on Saturday.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Temperatures:
Prince Rupert 34 40 30
Victoria 36 44 36
Kamloops 12 28 10
Edmonton 26 34 6
Edmonton 18 18 4
Prince Albert 18 30 20
Winnipeg 18 30 20
Sault Ste. Marie 4 12 4
Toronto 28 34 24
Kingston 20 26 16
Ottawa 2 40 20
Quebec 14 20 12
St. John, N. B. 80 82 22
Halifax 38 40 28
St. John's 40 26 24
Detroit 22 32 20
New York 36 30 36