

OPPOSITION OF DE VALERA TO IRISH PEACE TREATY NOT UNEXPECTED IN LONDON

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MANY POLITICAL PRISONERS RELEASED

Congratulatory Telegrams Continue to Pour Into Downing Street — Service of Thanksgiving.

London, Dec. 8.—Eamon De Valera's action in opposing the treaty between Great Britain and Ireland was not entirely unexpected, the conclusion having been drawn, because of his attitude, that the terms of the settlement did not meet his wishes, or, in his opinion, the aspirations of that section of Ireland which he represents.

On the other hand, Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Féin, and "Minister of Foreign Affairs," Michael Collins, the "Parnell of the West," Robert C. Barton, "Minister of Commerce," and George Cavan Duffy and Dan J. Duggan, have already affixed their signatures to the treaty as plenipotentiaries.

Liberation of Prisoners

One development in Irish affairs today was the liberation of many prisoners, including seven women, from Mountjoy prison, undergoing sentences for political offences.

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There was a cordial exchange of messages today between Eamon De Valera and President of the French Republic and King George V. Mr. Briand offered congratulations for the Irish settlement and the King, in the course of his reply, saying:

"I am glad to have been able to contribute to the happy issue."

Montreal Firemen Injured Fighting Stubborn Blaze

Broke Out in Shoe Company's Plant—Catholic Reformatory School Has Narrow Escape.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Five firemen were slightly injured in fighting a fire caused by an overheated furnace pipe in the plant of the Hector Shaw, 151 St. Demetres street, this city, tonight, and the destruction of the adjoining Roman Catholic Reformatory School which adjoins the plant, was averted without damage to the building.

The firemen were fighting the flames of the furnace pipe in the extreme corner of the building, and to march out at short notice, but the necessity to do so did not arise.

The blaze, which was most spectacular and attracted large crowds, holding up the street car traffic in that part of the city, lasted for two hours before being brought under control. The damage is estimated at \$75,000.

About 170 hands will be out of work as a result of the outbreak.

Eleven Members U. S. E. Forces Were Hanged in France

Convicted by Court Martial on Charges of Murder and Rape.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Eleven members of the U. S. expeditionary forces were hanged in France after conviction by a military court martial. Colonel Walter E. Bethel, assistant judge advocate general of the army, testified today before the Senate committee investigating charges by Senator Watson, Democrat, that 11 U. S. soldiers were hanged without trial in France.

The first of the eleven executed, Col. Bethel said, was convicted of murder and rape, and the second, a negro soldier for rape on a French woman, 68 years old. The third and fourth executions, the colonel said, also were for rape, both soldiers hanged, after trial, being negroes.

After testifying that the first six cases were for assault, the witness testified that the seventh case was that of a negro soldier who murdered a French professor as the latter attempted to save a woman from a mob of rowdies. Case number eight was the hanging of a white soldier for at-

POLICE ROUND UP MAL-CONTENTS 'ERE ARRIVAL OF PRINCE IN CALCUTTA

Calcutta, Dec. 8.—The non-co-operationists and the Khaliphat volunteers in Calcutta have virtually disappeared as a result of recent police measures taken against them. The non-co-operators, however, are paying house-to-house visits, ostensibly to sell homespun cloth, but, it is alleged, these visits are being used as a cover for preaching a "har-tal" for December 24, when the Prince of Wales is due to arrive here. These vendors are liable to arrest on a charge of selling goods without license and obstructing the highways. As a result, more than fifty were arrested yesterday and today. Those taken into custody included the wife, son and sister of C. R. Das, president-elect of the Indian National Congress.

DE VALERA CANNOT RECOMMEND TO HIS COUNTRY THE PEACE TREATY WITH GREAT BRITAIN

Declares Terms of the Agreement Are in Violent Conflict With the Wishes of the Majority of His People—Three Sessions of Dail Eireann Yesterday at Which Members of Cabinet, Regarding Peace Treaty, Were Divided in Opinion.

Dublin, Dec. 8.—Eamon De Valera has been effective for several weeks in the Dalymount and York street areas, has been withdrawn. The 11.30 o'clock curfew order for the whole city, however, remains in effect.

The establishment of the Irish Free State may involve changes in the British House of Lords as well as in the House of Commons. It is pointed out that with the new regime coming into being the position of the twenty-eight representatives of the Free State will, in all probability, be altered. The question will be left to the decision of the Dail Eireann.

Following is the text of Eamon De Valera's message to the Irish people issued at 11.30 o'clock tonight:

"You have seen in the public press the text of the proposed treaty with Great Britain. The terms of this agreement are in violent conflict with the wishes of the majority of this nation as expressed freely at successive sittings in the past three years. I feel it my duty to inform you immediately that I cannot recommend acceptance of this treaty, either to the Dail Eireann or to the country. In this attitude I am supported by the Ministers of Home Affairs and Defence.

Advices Moderation

"A public session of the Dail Eireann is being summoned for Wednesday at 11 o'clock in the morning. I ask the people to maintain during the interval the same discipline as heretofore. The members of the Cabinet, though of divided opinions, are prepared to carry on public services as usual. The army, as such, is of course not affected by the political situation and continues under the same orders and control.

"The great test of our people has come. Let us face it worthily, without bitterness and, above all, without recriminations. There is a definite constitutional way of resolving our political differences. Let us not depart from it and let the conduct of the Cabinet in this matter be an example to the whole nation."

Utter's Demands

London, Dec. 8.—It is stated, unofficially, in Belfast that the Ulster Cabinet intends to concentrate on demands for powers regarding taxation and finance identical with those given South Ireland.

One effect of the announcement of the peace terms has been to ease the tension among the loyalists in Belfast, where it was announced tonight, that the nine o'clock curfew, which tempted assault on an 8-year-old Belgian girl. Next was the hanging of a white soldier for murdering another white soldier. The last case the hanging of two negro soldiers together, was after conviction for assaulting a French priest and murdering her father as he attempted to save her. Colonel Bethel said some of the convicted men admitted their guilt on the scaffold. In all, he told the committee, sixty-two death sentences were imposed. General Pershing ordering eleven executed and approving the sentence in eleven cases. The other cases the witness said, were reviewed at Washington and changed.

ARREST NATIONALISTS

Allahabad, British India, Dec. 8.—The police today arrested a number of prominent Nationalist leaders including Pandit Motilal Nehru, his son, and his two nephews, and the editor of the Allahabad Independent.

JAPAN URGING CONTINUANCE OF THE ALLIANCE

Unwilling to Substitute Quadruple Entente for Anglo-Japanese Treaty.

INDIA FAVORABLE TO NEW ENTENTE

In Accord With Mother Country and Dominions in Favoring Wider Agreement.

Washington, Dec. 8.—A statement of India's attitude in regard to the Anglo-Japanese Alliance which was made by a spokesman for India's delegation today, indicated that this unit of the empire is entirely in accord with the other Dominions and with the Mother Country in favoring the wider agreement which is now under consideration as a substitute for the alliance.

India's great hope is that all possible causes of friction in her portion of the world may be removed, the spokesman said. "Therefore India welcomes the wider agreement as likely to be of inestimable service in this respect. Such an agreement will be entirely satisfactory to India."

Japanese Objection

A spokesman for Japan, discussing the Pacific agreement this evening, said he took exception to a statement that it would be a "substitute" for the alliance. This was taken in some quarters as an indication that Japan might be unwilling to consent to the abrogation of the treaty. The general view, however, was that the objection of the Japanese representative was based on the implication implied by the word "substitute," that Japan was using the alliance for the purpose of driving a bargain up to the Government.

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JAPANESE GOVERNMENT APPROVES QUADRUPLE ENTENTE IN PRINCIPLE

Tokio, Dec. 7.—The semi-official Teikoku News Agency reports that the Japanese government has notified its delegates at the Washington conference of its approval of the proposed quadruple entente, in principle, but not as a substitute for the Anglo-Japanese alliance, which, it says, cannot be abrogated until an agreement is reached on a reduction in naval armament, and there is a realization of Eiharu Root's principles concerning China.

The government declared, the news agency adds, that it must reserve approval of the quadruple entente on account of the different views regarding the significance of the entente and the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

PREMIER-ELECT PLEDGED TO GIVE LABOR AND SOLDIERS REPRESENTATION IN CABINET

Most of the Outstanding Figures Among Soldiers Running as Liberals Suffered Defeat — Murdock, Regarded as Most Likely Choice for Labor's Representative, Also Defeated, and Says He Has Quit Politics for All Time.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—(Canadian Press) —Considerable interest attaches to the possible representation in the next cabinet of two particular classes of Canadians, viz., returned soldiers and Labor men, and also as to the likelihood of the number of cabinet portfolios.

In regard to returned soldier representation, it will be remembered that in his speeches toward the close of his campaign, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King said that if he were called upon to form a cabinet it would include representation for both returned soldiers and Labor men. Several outstanding returned soldiers were included among the Liberal candidates, but most of these suffered defeat at the polls. Brigadier-General Rennie, who contested North Toronto, was defeated by T. L. Church; also was Major J. R. L. Straight and Brigadier-General Odham in British Columbia. Captain C. G. Power was re-elected in Quebec South. While the Premier-elect will have a great number of cabinet possibilities to choose from, the number of returned soldiers who have been elected as Liberals is a different matter, so that the returned soldiers running as Liberals will be watching events to see who is chosen as their spokesman in cabinet council.

Labor Candidates Perplexing. As to Labor, the candidates are also perplexing, in view of the strong fight made by James Murdock, defeated Liberal candidate in South Toronto.

It was thought that he was likely to have been the next Minister of Labor, in a reference to this portfolio, Hon. Mr. King said it would be filled by "a real Labor man, who was a member of the Commons, and who could thus be questioned by the representatives of the people." In an interview given at Toronto, however, Mr. Murdock said that he had finished with politics and had "attained his objective." He was, therefore, now ready to return to his railway organization work. It is thought here that it would not have been a hard matter to find a seat for Mr. Murdock if the new Premier, when he was sworn in, decided to offer him the Labor portfolio, but Mr. Murdock persists in a desire to drop out of politics, then another man must be found who would be acceptable to the laboring men throughout the Dominion.

A reduction of cabinet portfolios is thought to be likely when the incoming Government is sworn in. Just what changes will take place it is impossible to say at the present time, but it is known that among the Liberals there is a strong feeling that the next cabinet should be numerically smaller than the last two or three have been.

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INJUNCTION OF COURT HAD BUT LITTLE EFFECT

Order Restraining Picketing at Chicago Stockyards Disregarded by Strike Sympathizers.

FURTHER OUTBREAKS AND NEAR RIOTS

Police Engage in Pistol and Rifle Fights With Strikers — Women Take Part.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Chicago's stockyards district today was the scene of another series of outbreaks, which at times approached the riot stage, as the result of the strike of packing plant employees which has been in effect in all of the country's chief packing centers for four days. One man was shot, scores were injured, police engaged in pistol and rifle fights with strike sympathizers and dozens of men and women were arrested as a result of today's disorders which occurred as the workmen were leaving the local plants. In other cities the situation was reported quiet.

The outbreaks here came within a few hours after Judge Denis Sullivan had issued a temporary injunction, restraining the strikers from picketing, but, despite this order, several thousand men gathered around the plants just before the closing whistles.

Hurled Bricks

At the Armour Gilt Company about 3,000 men began hurling bricks and stones at the workers as they left the plant. Almost simultaneously, disorders broke out at half a dozen other points and within a short time the whole packing district seemed to be in disorder.

Women played an important part in forming in crowds which blocked the traffic and hindered the police. One crowd of 250, led by a gray-haired woman, was charged repeatedly by mounted police before it was dispersed.

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