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NOW AWAIT WORD OF ACCEPTANCE BY JAPANESE

Other Nations Say Yes to Harding's Call.

Speculation as to Whether Conferences Will be Held in Washington or London —Some Support for Each City.

London, July 13.—Three of the principal Allied nations, Great Britain, France and Italy, have officially signified their acceptance of President Harding's invitation for a conference on limitation of armaments, while China has indicated her readiness to participate in a conference relative to Far Eastern questions. Japan is the only one of the Allies which has not placed herself on record as being ready to take part, but her acceptance is expected soon.

It is thought that the meeting at Washington will be attended by some of the most prominent statesmen of the world.

Advices from Paris are that the commission for reduction of armaments appointed by the League of Nations will probably hold only a brief session in that city on Saturday. Rene Viviani, president of the commission, is understood to favor an immediate adjournment, although such action would be upon the initiative of the council of the league.

It seems probable, however, that President Harding's proposal for a conference on steps toward disarmament will be the dominant feature of Saturday's meeting.

London or Washington.

London, July 13—(Canadian Associater Press, by Grattan O'Leary, staff correspondent Canadian Press)—The question as to whether the Pacific conference is to be held in London or Washington is understood to depend upon the attitude of President Harding. The British foreign office and most of the dominion premiers are urging in favor of London, but as the invitation came from President Harding and as he suggested Washington, there is do desire here to go beyond a mere suggestion of London.

The British press is sharply divided on the question, the Westminster Gazette maintaining that it would be folly to hold the Pacific conference before the question of disarmament was settled, and the Times, which is bitterly anti-Lloyd George, is savagely asserting that Premier Lloyd George and Lord Curzon, foreign secretary, are unfitted to represent Great Britain in the U. S.

Premier Meighen is pressing to have the matter decided as soon as possible, as he is anxious to return to Canada at once. He is strongly inclined to favor Washington, particularly as the capital of the U. S. would be more suitable to his own conveniences, although he recognizes there are strong arguments on the side of London.

The Canadian premier, whose fight for the Far East conference and against the Japanese alliance has brought him a curious measure of support from prominent Liberal statesmen and newspapers here, was today the guest of honor at a luncheon given by the Eighty Club, a famous Liberal organization founded in the eighties to support Gladstone.

Paris, July 13—Whether Premier Briand will attend the Washington conference will depend largely on the calibre of statesmen who will represent the other nations invited, was the opinion expressed in official circles last night. If Lloyd George represents Great Britain, it was said, it is likely that Mr. Briand will represent France. No decision will be made until the invitation actually is received.

Something for Friday.

The Right Hon. H. H. Asquith proposed the premier's health. Among those present were Lord Buckmaster, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Viscount Haldane, J. Alfred Shender, editor of the Westminster Gazette; Right Hon. Charles Masterman, Sir John Simon and other salient personalities of official Liberalism. On Friday Mr. Meighen will receive the freedom of the city, when it is expected he will make an important pronouncement.

SEND BACK BONUS BILL

Goes to Finance Committee of Congress for Further Consideration.

Washington, July 13—The soldier bonus bill, probably will be recommitted today to the finance committe for further consideration. The vote will be upon a motion of Senator Penrose, chairman of the committee, offered after President Harding's appeal in person to the senate yesterday that action on the bill be deferred because of the condiion of the treasury.

When Senator Penrose offered his motion for recommittal yesterday, opposition, principally on the part of Democratic senators, prevented a vote, but it was said a vote probably would be reached today with recommittal assured by a wide majority.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, July 13—The opening of the local stock exchange this morning was again very quiet. Abitibi was a quarter of a point weaker at 25½; Brazilian was down a half at 25½; Laurentide was unchanged at 7¼.

PRINCE OF WALES HAS COLD AND IS KEPT TO ROOM

London, July 13.—(Canadian Associated Press.) — The Prince of Wales cancelled a dinner engagement yesterday. He is confined to his room with a cold, which, however, is not serious.

BRUSSELS STREET CASE RESUMED

Sergt. Detective Power Testifies About Crowd in Street Car Incident — Comment from Bench.

Another hearing was given in the police court this morning in the case of Simon Guetin, charged with being a member of a disorderly crowd. Sergeant-Detective Power gave evidence and was cross-examined by L. McC. Ritchie, counsel for the accused. The case was adjourned until next Tuesday at 10.30.

This case arose out of the street car disturbances in Brussels street on Sunday. The testimony of Sergeant Power was materially the same as that given by Detective Biddiscombe on Monday. It dealt with events leading up to the arrest of the accused and of the finding of a small stone in his pocket.

Cross-examined by Mr. Ritchie, he said he had noticed only one window broken in the car and saw no stones going through the windows from one side to another. When walking up Brussels street he was about eighteen feet behind Biddiscombe. Three policemen were present and about 300 persons. He saw the policemen asking the crowd to move back, but not attempting to make any arrests.

At the time Biddiscombe seized the accused the car was in motion, and he did not see it stop until it reached the corner of Richmond street. The accused was standing near the car track when he saw him. He pulled the accused's hand out of his pocket and then found the stone there, though the stone did not come out when he removed the accused's hand. He did not see the accused make effort to throw the stone and did not hear his shouting nor see him acting in a disorderly manner. The crowd was shouting to the operators of the car and the way was clear for the car when he saw the accused. He had not seen him previous to the time of arrest. He had seen as big crowds at the head of King street, but not such disoderly ones. The accused was about twelve feet from the car, which was moving very slowly. The crowd was shouting "scab," but he did not hear the accused using the word. The three policemen were following the crowd up the street.

To the magistrate he said that on the car he saw one man in uniform and one without. The names of the three policemen were Dykeman, Lewis and Orr.

The magistrate said that at this time people should be very careful about congregating in the streets. He called attention to an act passed in 1861, which made it illegal for three or more persons to gather in the street, and said the police would only be doing their duty if they dispersed every group of three or more persons who stood talking. He also warned people regarding the use of the word "scab" and like terms, as they were especially provocative of trouble at this time. He referred to the time of the plumbers' strike in the city when the use of the word "scab" led indirectly to the death of a young man, and he appealed to all right-thinking people to do their share in maintaining peace and preventing further trouble. He adjourned the case until next Tuesday morning.

A. J. BALFOUR ON THE LEAGUE

London, July 13— A. J. Balfour, lord president of the council, speaking on the League of Nations before the Imperial Conference on July 8, his speech, however, not being given out for publication until after yesterday's meeting of the conference, said:—

"If the League of Nations were to dissolve, a new peace treaty would have to be framed and new machinery would have to be divised for carrying out the duties with which the league has been entrusted. The most serious differences between the league as it was planned and as it exists is the absence of the United States and Russia."

Mr. Balfour expressed the hope that Germany would soon become a member. There were other embarrassments, among which he cited reluctance of members to subscribe money for the schemes advocated by the league, but he asserted that the league has accomplished in some cases what the old diplomacy would have failed in.

B. C. MILL IS FIRE VICTIM; LOSS HEAVY

Port Alberni, B. C., July 13—Fire last evening completely destroyed the Gilroy-McKay lumber mill, with a loss in plant alone estimated at $75,000. A million and a half feet of lumber was lost.

The Canadian Voyager was berthed at the mill loading 550,000 feet of lumber for Quebec points. Both cargo and vessel were saved .

SETTLEMENT OF BOYS' STRIKE AT MINE IS MADE TEMPORARILY

Sydney, N. S., July 13.—A temporary settlement of the boy drivers' strike at New Waterford has been effected and the miners of No. 12 colliery have resumed work. A permanent settlement will be reached by a conference.

RUTH MADE TWO MORE YESTERDAY

With 34, is Far Ahead of His 1920 Record.

British Boxers Win from Americans in Bouts in Toronto —Many Horses for Fredericton Races — Late Sport News.

Chicago, July 13.—Babe Ruth had seven more home runs when the Yankees faced St .Loui stoday than he did at the end of the game in which he played on July 13, 1920. Babe's two homers yesterday brought his total for the season to thirty-four, while it was one year ago today that he made number twenty-seven of his 1920 string of fifty-four homers.

Ruth's home run off Kerr in the White Sox game on Monday, the first he had made against any White Sox pitcher since June, 1920, seemed to serve as an impetus to the swatter. He went to St. Louis yesterday with the Yankees and made two circuit smashes off Davis, the Brown pitcher.

The White Sox pitchers all have admitted that they were trying to get through the season without letting the Bambino knock the ball out of the lot, but after Monday's game Kerr had no excuse to offer and did not attribute the homer to the "lively" ball.

New York, July 13.—Arriving from England on the S. S. Olympic today were many notables of the sporting world, including Wm. T. Tilden of Philadelphia, world's singles tennis champion; Zenzo Shimideau, Japanese tennis star, and the Oxford and Cambridge track teams.

Fredericton Races.

Fredericton, N. B., July 13—The Fredericton Park Association this morn made a formal application to the Fredericton exhibition management for the use of forty stalls on the fair grounds adjoining the race track for taking care of the overflow of horses that will be here for the circuit races on July 19, 20 and 21. Accommodations in all for 110 horses and their rigging must be provided, and horses like Calgary Pearl, 2.02¼ and John R. Braden, 2.02 3-4, expect a suite.

Toronto, July 13—U. S. tennis players again excelled in yesterday's play for the dominion lawn tennis championships, winning al their games in the open doubles and singles. The Australian quartette who will compete for the Davis Cup showed that they are very high class players, winning all thefr games. Letson, New York, defeated McDonald, New Glasgow, 7-5, 6-3 Levy, California, defeated Rice, Sydney, 6-2, 6-2.

The Ball Scandal

Chicago, July 13.—The third venire of 100 men has been cancelled for today in an effort to obtain a jury to try the indicted White Sox players and alleged gamblers in connection with the 1919 world series. Prospective jurors were ordered out of the court room yesterday by Judge Friend, so they could not hear the excuses of predecessors and learn reasons why they would not have to serve.

British Boxers Win.

Toronto, July 13—It was a great night for the British Empire at the boxing matches here last night when all four of the boxers representing the empire won from their American opponents. In the main bout between Freddie Jacks of England and Dick Loadman of Lockport, the British boy outboxed his opponent all the way through and had a wide margin at the end.

With an exhibition that showed that he has regained his old time form, Fighting Dick Atkins won by a comfortable margin over Freddie Daly of New York, in the semi-final.

Eddie Beattie, who claims the welterweight championship of Scotland, knocked out Jack Walsh of New York, in the first round. Tiger Smith applied the same medicine to Joe Phillips of Buffalo.

In the curtain raiser Kid Rose obtained the decision over Harry Stone in a six round affair.

MUCH DAMAGE BY HAIL STORM

Nobleford District of Alberta was Hard Hit Yesterday.

Lethbridge, Alta., July 13.—A terrific hail storm struck the Nobleford district, eighteen miles northwest of here, yesterday. The area covered was three miles wide and some eight or ten miles long. The storm was accompanied by a high wind and some two-thirds of an inch of rain.

Damage done in this area runs from slight to total obliteration; possibly fifty per cent. on an average over the whole section was hit. About 800 acres in the big Noble farm lay in the track of the storm and was damaged to the extent of about sixty per cent.

A FORMER ST. JOHN PASTOR.

Rev. S. W. Anthony, formerly minister in the Congregational church in this city is now in Brighton, Mass. He was overseas three years in Y. M. C. A. work. His church in Brighton was burned last year and a new one is being erected of brick, colonial design. The building fund was over-subscribed by $10.000. His old friends will be glad to hear of his continued success in the ministry. Mr. Anthony was given a very hearty reception at last week's convention in Yarmouth, N. S.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I was thinking last night about the advantages of education. It enables you to have wider interests. You are less moved by trivial things. You are a citizen of the world."

"Yes, sir," said Hiram—"that's so. Now you take right here in St. John. Some folks is watchin' every day to see if Lloyd George an' President Hardin' an' them other big men is goin' to git peace fer the world. At the same time some fellers thinks the biggest thing in the world is fer them to smash a winder or tear up a rail in the middle o' the night. It's a matter o' schoolin'. I mind once when I was a little boy marchin' with other kids I thought everybody was lookin' at me an' I was the hull show—an' the' wasn't nothin' like it in the hull world. I thought them days the Settlement was the biggest place in the world—yes, sir. I hed to find out it wasn't even a speck on the map—an' I was ony a little critter that hed to look spry to git a livin'. I aint got as much learnin' now as I'd like to hev—but I'm learnin, yit—yes sir—I'm learnin' yit. An' the more I learn the more I see that the world could git along fust rate if I wasn't in it at all—By Hen!"

BARBADOS RATIFIES THE AGREEMENT

Imports From Canada Now Given a Preference of at Least 50 p. c.

Ottawa, July 13—(Canadian Press)—The department of trade and commerce announces receipt of a cablegram from the governor of Barbados stating that the Canada West Indies trade agreement had been ratified and that the new tariff became effective as from July 1.

Imports from Canada into Barbados are now given preference of at least fifty per cent. over imports from any foreign country.

It is also announced that a bill has been introduced in the legislature of Antigua, the purpose of which is to give effect to the provisions of the Canada-West Indies agreement so far as they affect that colony.

STILL CONFERRING ON PAY CUT ON THE RAILWAYS

Montreal, July 13—Conversations between representatives of the various railway unions and the representatives of the C. P. R., Grand Trunk and C. N. R. with regard to an all around wage reduction of about 12 per cent are being carried on in an amicable fashion, but no decision has been arrived at as yet.

The conferences are expected to last for some days and not until agreement or rejection of terms is reached will any definite statement be given out.

EXCHANGE TODAY.

New York, July 13—Sterling exchange weak. Demand 3.63 3-4; cables 3.64½. Canadian dollars 12¼ per cent discount.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure continues remarkably unfirm over the greater portion of the continent. Showers have occurred very locally over the western provinces and Lake Superior. Otherwise the weather in the dominion has been fair and continued very warm in Ontario and the greater portion of Quebec.

Fair and Warm.

Maritime—Moderate winds, mostly south and southwest, generally fair and warm today and on Thursday.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh southerly winds, generally fair today and on Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

New England: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature; light avriable winds.

Toronto, July 13—Temperatures:

	8 a. m.	Yesterday	Lowest Highest during night
Prince Rupert	..	58	..
Victoria	50	62	50
Kamloops	58	..	56
Calgary	42	68	40
Edmonton	50	74	46
Prince Albert	56	76	54
Winnipeg	66	78	60
White River	..	90	..
Sault Ste. Marie	74	92	68
Toronto	80	90	72
Kingston	78	86	76
Ottawa	78	90	70
Montreal	78	86	70
Quebec	74	86	70
St. John, N. B.	55	72	54
Halifax	70	74	64
St. Johns, Nfld	72	78	48
Detroit	78	90	74
New York	70	80	68

BUSH FIRES IN THE PROVINCE WORSE TODAY

Several New Ones Reported to Department — An Inquiry Into Charges in Quebec.

Fredericton, July 13—(Special)—New forest fires were reported this morning but details are lacking and it is impossible to state definitely whether or not they are serious. Calls for additional aid were received from Millstream last night, and the report received at the same time from the inspector in charge was to the effect that the fire covered more than 1,000 acres and was still considered serious. The fire which is burning between Prince of Wales and Spruce Lake on the Shore Line Railways is also still considered serious.

A fire has broken out on the south side of Second Eel River Lake and fifty men were sent in last evening. There is a serious fire in the parish of Havelock, Kings county, near Thorne's Brook. Additional men have been sent in to aid those already on the scene.

The Rogersville fire is still reported as serious, but as yet no buildings have been burned and every effort is being made by those engaged fighting the blaze.

The country is still very dry and the wind, which has been blowing more of late than previously during the dry period, makes the labor of the fire fighters very difficult in some localities.

The people are requested to be extremely careful of anything that might give rise to a fire, and should report a fire at the earliest possible moment to headquarters in this city, or to a ranger or warden.

A telegram received from Campbellton reporting a fire at Mile 62 on I. N. R. It was promptly extinguished. So far Restigouche county has been entirely free from fires. All things considered conditions are worse today than yesterday.

In Cape Breton.

Sydney, N. S., July 13—Forest fires continue to keep local fire departments on the qui vive, although no extensive damage has yet been done except to timber lands. Late yesterday afternoon Glace Bay firemen responded to a call to fight a fire which threatened buildings near Birch Cove, and colliery and town brigades were also busy at Steel's Hill and Number 24. At one time the dam and pulp house from which the reserve collieries get their water were in danger, but the timely arrival of a fire engine kept the flames in check, and guards were maintained all night to protect the dam. Most of the burned timber is second growth of future potential importance, but of little present commercial value.

Quebec Inquiry.

Quebec, July 13—(Canadian Press)—The forestry branch of the Quebec crown lands department is investigating the origin of several forest fires which broke out at different points throughout the province within the last few weeks.

One of the first cases which will be taken up is that of a settler at St. Eleuthere, Kamouraska county. It is alleged that he started burning slash in a clearance on July 5, in spite of warnings, and that when the forest rangers went to combat the fire the settler threatened them with an axe and prevented them from fighting the fire.

THE PROVINCIAL CIVIL SERVICE

Annual Meeting of Association was Held in Fredericton Last Night.

(Special to The Times.)

Fredericton, July 13—The first annual meeting of the Provincial Civil Service Association was held here last evening. This organization is composed of employes of the provincial government, and it had its birth just one year ago.

Last nights' meeting was opened by an address and report from W. A. Loudonn, vice-president. The chief cause, it is said, for the organization of the civil service employes was the inability for them to carry on with salaries on a pre-war basis.

The membership at present numbers eighty-one. The work of the executive for the year was reviewed and approved and a vote of thanks was extended to the members. A resolution of sympathy was passed, and is to be extended to Frank S. Sadler on account of his recent illness.

Correspondence has been carried on between the provincial body and the federal association regarding the linking up of the associations all over the dominion, but nothing definite has as yet been decided.

The officers elected for the ensuing years are: President, W. A. Loudonn; vice-president, Dr. G. C. Melvin; secretary-treasurer, W. E. McMullin; board of control, Dr. T. C. Allen, C. L. Sypher, C. A. McVey and J. H. King; auditor, J. H. Maxwell.

MORE THAN HALF.

Ottawa, July 13.— (Canadian Press) The naval department announce that certificates of proficiency in radio telegraphy have been granted to twenty-nine out of fifty-two men who sat for examinations during June. The subjects include sending and receiving at twenty words a minute, in which one hundred per cent. proficiency is required, also arranging of sets, arranging the message, charging and routing. Among those granted certificates were W. Gunn and A. A. Purcell, both of Halifax.

TRAIN WRECK IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Sydney, N. S., July 13—A locomotive and three passenger cars were derailed, but no one was hurt, in a wreck on the Reid-Newfoundland Railway about two miles east of Miller's Junction, Nfld., yesterday. News of the accident was brought by the S. S. Kyle, which arrived seventeen hours late with sixty-three passengers who were on the train.

TRURO TRACK RECORD BROKEN

Corwin Hall Does It in Free-for-All on July 12.

Truro, N. S., July 13.—Thirty-one horses started in yesterday's programme at the Truro Speedway in the free-for-all, 2.28 and three-minute class races. The track record was broken in the first heat of the free-for-all ,the time being 2.16. The racing was close and spectacular and was watched by more than 2,000 spectators.

Summary:—

Free-for-all, Trot and Pace, $400.

Corwin Hall, J. P. Smith, Kinora, P. E. I.	1	1	2	1
Plucky Dillard, W. Moore, Kentville	5	5	1	3
Belle MacGregor, J. Fraser, Truro	3	2	5	2
P. K. Junior, Wales Currie, Truro	2	3	3	4
Silver Foam, A. L. Pelton, Kentville	4	4	4	ro.
Chimes Hal, Dr. Cavanaugh, Truro	dr.			
Lady Kip, Dr. Purdy, Amherst	dr.			
Mother's Boy, Wm. Muir, Truro	dr.			

Time—2.16 (track record); 2.19; 2.18; 2.22.

2.28 Class, Trot and Pace, $400.

Colonel Watts, J. P. Smith, Kinkore, P. E. I.	1	1	1	
Helen Constantine, H. Fulton, Upper Stewiacke	4	2	2	
Freddy Stratton, Harry Hallett, Brookside	3	3	3	
Baron Britt, T. Munroe, New Glasgow	5	ds.		
Maurice Bell, F. P. Mann, Moncton	dr.			
My Colonel, J. Logan, Truro	ds.			
Batonetta, Dr. Johnson, Great Village	2	4	ds.	
Lord Wallace, Dr. Johnson, Great Village	dr			
Howard Aubrey, Al Smith, Truro	dr.			
Kylo Todd, Colin McKenzie, Truro	ds.			

Time—2.21 ¼; 2.21½; 2.22.

Three-Minute Class, Trot and Pace, $400.

Miss Elbridge, J. P. Smith, Kinkore, P. E. I.	1	6	3	1	1
Maurice Bell, F. P. Mann, Moncton	3	1	6	2	2
Helen B., W. Moore, Kentville	5	3	1	4	3
Howard Aubrey, Al Pelton, Kentville	2	2	5	3	ro.
Princess Pat, A. L. Pelton, Kentville	ds.				
Hugh Aubrey, A. L. Pelton, Kentville	ds.				
June Tell, H. Fulton, Upper Stewiacke	dr.				
Queenie B., E. Wardrope, Truro	dr.				
Circus Girl, Dr. Cavanaugh	dr.				
Teddy Mac, Parker MacKenzie, Truro	dr.				
Helen T., Waldo Currie, Truro	ds.				
Billie Wilton, J. B. L. Nugent, Moncton	dr.				

Time — 2.18½; 2.22; 2.25½; 2.24; 2.28.

OBJECT TO CHOICE OF MAYOR MADE BY GOVERNOR

Further Clash in Mexican Village Where Catholics Resisted Radicals.

Mexico City, July 13.—Efforts on the part of the governor of the State of Michoscan to impose a mayor of his own choice upon the village of Jacona were met yesterday by armed resistance. Several persons were reported wounded.

Catholics residing in the village objected to the mayor chosen by the governor, and it is said they were still in control of the place.

Jacont was recently the scent of a radical demonstration, and Catholics protested against the alleged desecration of their churches. In fighting between the two factions there were several casualties.

DUMBELLS' PROGRAMME.

Will Entertain at Several American Summer Resorts.

New York, July 13—The Dumbells, Canadian soldier-actors, concluded their New York engagement at the Ambassador Theatre last Saturday. Previous to August 15, when they will commence the new season at Boston, they will appear at various summer resorts and present "Biff Bing Bang" for the benefit of charitable organizations. Their first appearance for this purpose will be Southampton, July 16, following which they will entertain at Newport, Narragansett Pier, Lenox, Glencover, Lakewood and Atlantic City.

SCOTTISH CATHOLIC SOCIETY IN CONVENTION IN NORTH SYDNEY, N. S.

North Sydney, N. S., July 13—The third annual convention of the Scottish Catholic Society of Canada, is in session here. The conference was formally opened with high mass, celebrated by Father MacKinnon in the church of The Immaculate Conception.

FIRST MEETING RE IRISH PEACE THURSDAY AT 4.30

Lloyd George and De Valera at 10 Downing Street.

Truce Observed, Except in Belfast—Earl of Bandon, Who was Kidnapped, is Returned to His Home— A Speech by Ulster Premier. mier.

London, July 13—Final preparations for the meeting of Eamonn De Valera, Irish Republican leader, and Premier Lloyd George, here tomorrow, were being made by the government and the Irish delegation today. The first conference will be held in the cabinet room at No. 10 Downing street, at 4.30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, but the procedure to be followed had not been announced early today.

British officials who have been closely associated with Irish affairs during the recent past were said today to be prepared to join in discussions with the Sinn Fein delegation headed by Mr. De Valera and it was thought possible that Gen. J. C. Smuts, premier of South Africa, would play a very definite role in the negotiations. General Smuts has been considered the man chiefly responsible for the rapid developments of peace moves in Ireland, and late last night, it was said he might act as temporory chairman of the coming conference.

Reports from Ireland indicate the truce arranged, which became effective at noon on last Monday, was being observed. The observance of "Orangemen's day" in Belfast yesterday was not attended by any violence, and it would appear that both sides in the bitter strife in the Emerald Isle were resolved not to embarrass their leaders in arranging a possible peace.

SPEECH BY SIR JAMES CRAIG.

Belfast, July 13—Sir James, speaking at Finaghy yesterday, gave his reasons for accepting the invitation of Lloyd George.

"First," he declared, "if we did not go to the conference we would be misrepresented behind our backs. We would have nobody to say a word for us.

"Second, we are a small community on the face of the earth, and foreign countries, as well as our own dominions would misconstrue Ulster if she stepped aside. She would be condemned in her absence and told 'you would not go to the conference; therefore, you must be ruled out of court.'

"Third, it gets into the minds, even of some of our friends, that we have something to give away. While I and my colleagues are there, there will be nothing to give away. Therefore while it is distasteful to many of us we are not going to flinch from what we consider our duty to the well being of our own people in the North."

Another reason given by the Ulster premier was that it would have "created a bad impression if we did not accept the prime minister's invitation after the king's speech on Ulster soil."

Sir James said he had tested the minds and feelings of people worth knowing during his recent visit to London and that they believe the Ulster parliament t obe sascroscent in the eyes of those who brought it about." That is something gained," he added.

Pointing out that the whole situation has changed since July 22, Sir James declared:

"I am no longer James Craig, except to my friends but to those who would tamper with Ulster rights I am prime minister of Northern Ireland. The way of peace is in our own hands and their own hands only. The way of peace is impossible without these murderers first coming to their senses and stopping murder. All the onus lies upon them."

EARL OF BANDON IS BROUGHT HOME.

Cork, July 13—The Earl of Bandon, who was kidnapped by Sinn Feiners early on the morning of June 21, was brought back to Bantry last night by his captors. The aged earl, for whose safety there had been some concern, at various times, was uninjured.

Belfast Still Troubled.

London, July 13—Rioting occurred in Vere street in Belfast this afternoon, says a Central News despatch from Belfast. Two constables were injured and three civilians were taken to a hospital suffering from gunshot wounds.

Message From De Valera.

London, July 13—In a message issued to the English people on his arrival here yesterday, Eamonn De Valera said: —"There is no reason why the people of these two islands should continue at enmity. It is simply a question of recognizing justice as a necessary foundation for peace."

Oppose Conference.

Belfast, July 13. — At an Orange demonstration at Hillsborough, near Lisburn, attended by 20,000 persons, yesterday, a resolution was passed calling on Sir James Craig and his government "to disassociate yourselves from the action of the imperial government in trafficking with traitors and setting a premium on disloyalty, murder and outrage."

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL IS SIGNED

Washington, July 13—The annual naval appropriation bill was signed yesterday by President Harding. It carries approximately four hundred and ten millions dollars. The bill represents a decrease of about eighty six million dollars in the original figures and an increase of about 14,000,000 over those first advocated by the House.