

PEACE COMMITTEE ENDEAVORING TO PATCH UP DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WARRING FACTIONS IN THE DAIL

Disruption Threatened Thursday's Assembly Because of Happenings Attributed to Members of Republican Army Opposed to Treaty—Two Resign from Dail Because They Oppose Treaty While Their Constituencies Favor It—Freeman's Journal Denounced for Scathing Editorials.

Dublin, Jan. 5.—The Dail Eireann, which met this morning, with disruption threatened, adjourned tonight in the hope that a basis of agreement might be reached between the supporters and opponents of the treaty. The peace committee, which is trying valiantly to patch up a convention between the two factions, is meeting again tonight and will report at a private session of the Dail tomorrow morning.

The announcement of the existence of a Peace Committee was the chief feature of the day, and a thrill was given to the general situation by the revelation that armed men, assumed to be Irish Republican army opponents of the treaty, had kidnapped the correspondent of the London Times and carried him off to Cork. Word has been received, however, that the correspondent was rescued by agents of Michael Collins and is returning, unharmed, to Dublin.

Two Resign From Dail Notwithstanding the many resolutions sent to the members of the Dail from their constituencies, urging them either to support the treaty or resign, only two of the 120 deputies so far have responded to this pressure. They are P. J. Maloney, of Tipperary, whose resignation Speaker MacNeill announced, and Alderman Broghan, Mayor of Clonmel, who resigned because he opposed the treaty while his constituents approve it. The greater part of the public proceedings today was occupied in a discussion regarding the attitude of the press toward the Dail Eireann. Many of the members were eager to take action against the Freeman's Journal by expelling its representative from the Chamber, as punishment for the attack in its editorial columns on Mr. De Valera and Erskine Childers. Action was postponed pending an apology, but, although the deputies were agreed in condemning the attack, some of the most prominent members, including De Valera, Childers, Griffith and Collins thought that such attacks should be ignored in the interests of the freedom of the press, which, in their opinion, should get the widest latitude. Mr. Griffith and others pointed out that the supporters of the treaty had been abused in the newspapers as well as Mr. De Valera, but they preferred to ignore it. This discussion gave Desmond Fitzgerald, Minister of Propaganda, the opportunity, which in the morning, he had sought in vain, to call attention to the kidnapping of the Times correspondent, which he described as an act of some criminals.

Mr. De Valera himself again referred to the suggestion in that paper that he had acted as an autocrat in declaring his intention to follow his own procedure. He appealed to the memory of his colleagues, for testimony that in all his dealings he had never acted autocratically, and explained that his decision to follow his own procedure had resulted only from his failure to secure an agreement with the other side regarding the course of the proceedings.

Gov't Considered Possible Means of Taxation Were Enlightened on the Subject by Prof. Kierstead of U. N. B. Fredericton, Jan. 5.—The January session of the Provincial Government, which closed tonight at a late hour, had some of the time devoted to consideration of possible means of taxation. Dr. W. C. Kierstead, of the University of New Brunswick, a recognized authority on assessment and accounts on general as in lengthy conference with the government.

LIBERALS DESERVE CREDIT FOR RESTORING PARTY GOVERNMENT Montreal, Jan. 5.—There is one thing for which the Liberals deserve credit, said Hon. Robert Rogers who is staying here to the end of the week. "The Liberals deserve credit for restoring party government in Canada." The former Minister of Public Works in the Borden Government is especially keen on the subject of a Conservative convention. He has met partisans from Toronto, St. John and Halifax in this city who have expressed themselves as favorable to the idea. Mr. Rogers said the formation of the Union Government had caused the old party organization to cease functioning. On the other hand, the Liberals had maintained their organization and strengthened it by the Ottawa convention. The result was complete organization on one side, and lack of it on the other. Judging by that experience, Mr. Rogers believes that a Conservative convention would restore the old party to its former strength.

BELGIANS OPPOSING ANY MOVE THAT WOULD ENDANGER PRIORITY CLAIM

Canne, Jan. 5.—Reparations were discussed by the reports here today, the Belgians stoutly opposing any modification in the schedule of payments that likely would compromise their priority of the 2,500,000,000 gold marks due from Germany. The French delegation is backing the Belgians on this point, but is inclined to make concessions to the British viewpoint which would reduce payments to 500,000,000 gold marks annually and the balance in kind.

Participation by Germany in the eventual international economic conference here is now taken for granted, but the presence of Russian Soviet delegates would raise the question as to whether this would not mean recognition of the Bolshevik regime.

It is understood that Premier Lloyd George has agreed to the French contention that the agenda of the conference should be strictly laid down in advance. It is probable that this will be the first question to be discussed when the Supreme Council meets here tomorrow.

POWERS AGREE TO WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS FROM CHINA

This to be Done When China Can Give Assurance That the Lives and Property of Foreigners Will be Afforded Full and Complete Protection.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The text of a resolution adopted today by the Far Eastern Committee of the Washington Conference, with respect to withdrawal of foreign troops from China, follows: "Whereas, the Powers have, from time to time, stationed armed forces, including police and railway guards, in China to protect the lives and property of foreigners lawfully in China; and

"Whereas, it appears that certain of these armed forces are maintained in China without the authority of any treaty or agreement; and "Whereas, the Powers have declared their intention to withdraw their armed forces now on duty in China without the authority of any treaty or agreement, whenever China shall assure the protection of the lives and property of foreigners in China; and "Whereas, China has declared her intention and capacity to assure the protection of the lives and property of foreigners in China; "Now, to the end that there may be clear understanding of the conditions upon which in each case the official representatives of the Powers may directly, dependent on the grant by China of any special concession, favor benefit or immunity, whether political or economic."

C. N. R. Line From Antigonish To Sydney Now Clear Halifax Express, Stalled Since Tuesday, Shovelled Out of Snow Yesterday. Sydney, N. S., Jan. 6.—After being blocked for nearly three days by huge drifts in and around Antigonish, the C. N. R. line was cleared this afternoon and the Halifax express, which had been held up for over seventy-two hours, continued its journey towards Sydney, and is expected here shortly after midnight.

Colonel Winter Retires As Ass't Adj't General Ottawa, Jan. 5.—After 41 years of military service, Colonel C. F. Winter, a very popular officer with a distinguished career, is retiring from his position as Assistant Adjutant General, and has been granted the honorary rank of Brigadier General. He was military secretary to both Sir Sam Hughes and Sir Edward Kemp.

Appeal To Canadians To Help Save The Starving Children Montreal, Jan. 5.—An appeal to Canadians to help save the starving children of Russia was conferred by a gathering of Protestant clergy here today, and it was decided to ask one of their number to approach Premier Mackenzie King with a request to have the Government make an appropriation to be devoted to British and other relief organizations.

Bandits Rob House of Ex-Chief of Dom. Detectives Montreal, Jan. 5.—The house of Georges Savard, ex-Chief of the Dominion Bureau, at 979 St. Hubert St., was last night broken into and filled with valuables to the extent of \$1,500. No body was at home at the time, and the thieves took advantage of the fact to make a haul in the front door. A number of revolvers, handkerchiefs, etc., were among the articles stolen.

Oldest Resident of British Columbia Dead At 110 Years Kamloops, B. C. Dec. 5.—Mrs. Mary Ann MacAuley, the oldest resident of British Columbia, and probably of Canada, died at the home of her granddaughter here today, aged 110 years. Daughter of an Indian Chief, Mrs. MacAuley was born at Savona, B.C., in 1811, and at an early age married Donald MacAuley, a Hudson Bay employee. She is survived by four children, eight grand children and twenty-three great grandchildren.

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FIVE MURDERED IN FIGHT FOR ANOTHER'S WIFE

All Happened Among the Copper Eskimos of the Frozen North Land.

GRUESOME STORY REACHES OTTAWA

R. C. M. P. Busily Engaged in Investigating the Tangled Mess of Circumstances.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—The details of the gruesome murder of three men, a woman and a child, and the serious wounding of another man in the frozen regions of the North, and seventy-five degrees north latitude, have just come through to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who are investigating the case. The report is forwarded from their Arctic sub-division at Tree River, which is not far from Coronation Gulf, and details of investigations being carried on there by Corporal Donk of the Mounted Police.

The story told Corporal Donk by a Copper Eskimo woman, centres about the desire of one man for another man's wife, and took place about thirty miles east of the Hudson Bay Company's post in Walker Bay, Kent Peninsula.

Everybody Starving. The report says that two consuls, Hannak and Gagin, lived in that district with Ipkavak, the father of the latter. Otto Binder, Hudson Bay Company trader at Tree River, had taken Ikal Gagin's wife to live with him. His father, Ipkavak, and his cousin, Hannak, were therefore anxious to get a wife for Ikal. For that reason Hannak shot Anaigvak, seriously wounding him, and wanted to take the latter's wife for his cousin, Hannak. Tatanagook, partner of the wounded man, then tracked Hannak to his tent and shot him dead. Eskimo Pagnana, a cousin of Hannak's, seeing Ikal's wife running to get his rifle, shot him dead, fired at Pagnana, but missed, and the latter shot his dead. Pagnana is then supposed to have shot and killed Hannak's wife, also called Pagnana. The latter's partner, a girl named Okolitta, a girl aged four years, were dead, the natives strangled her and have since then disappeared.

Female Now Sought. Owing to the rigorous climate, the R. C. M. P. explain, it was the custom, until recently, for the Eskimos to expose females to the elements, not wishing to take the trouble to bring them up, since only those who were most useful in the community were permitted to live. Since then there has become a shortage of women, with the result that they are greatly sought after.

MRS. STILLMAN PUTS UP GAME FIGHT TO CLEAR HER NAME

Plunges Into Canadian Wilds in Search of Witnesses to Aid Her in Establishing Her Innocence of Charges Lodged Against Her by James Stillman, Banker, in Divorce Suit—Commission to Take Evidence in Montreal January 11.

Three Rivers, Que., Jan. 5.—(Canadian Press Staff Correspondent)—Anne U. Stillman, who registered last night at the Hotel St. Louis in this city, intends to leave tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock for Grand Anse, accompanied by Fred K. Beavrais, correspondent in the Stillman divorce suit; Philip O'Brien, her lawyer and adviser and Jean Crete, Mayor of Grand Anse. The latter claims to have in his possession important documents which will prove the absolute innocence of Mrs. Stillman. The Stillman camp is situated at Grand Anse, where the party intend to collect some more evidence bearing on the case and to gather around some thirty witnesses, who will testify before the Commission in Montreal on January 11.

The cold spell that prevailed during the last few days has broken, and the temperature is much milder, so that it is expected that Mrs. Stillman will enjoy a splendid trip to the remote Stillman camp. It was intended at first that couriers would be sent to Grand Anse, La Tuque, Riviere Aux Rats and other northernmost points to gather the evidence and the witnesses needed, but Mrs. Stillman changed her mind and decided today to go herself with her advisers in view of her better supervising the organization of her defence.

Sen Stands by Mether Bud Stillman, her son, has arrived tonight at Grand Anse, coming from Grand Anse and will spend the night at the home of Mayor Jean Crete in Grand Anse. He is expected in Three Rivers tomorrow morning by a few days up the St. Maurice River and will leave La Tuque on Tuesday morning, Jan. 10, by special train, bringing along with her all her witnesses and advisers for Montreal, where she should arrive in the afternoon of the same day. Mrs. Stillman has left her room today for a few moments, resting most

Montreal Has Another Murder Mystery To Solve Italian Restaurant Keeper Found With Bullet Hole in Head. Montreal, Jan. 5.—Found dead with a bullet wound behind the ear, in a chair with his head leaning on the table, Tricolli Vicenzo, 40, Italian restaurant keeper of 196 Demontigny street, in the East End of this city, was found by a constable who had been told of a shooting affray at that address this afternoon.

Provincial Gov't Sessions Closed Legislature Will Not Convene Before February 23 — No By-Elections This Month. Fredericton, Jan. 5.—Premier Foster will proceed to St. John Friday morning to take part in a conference there in the afternoon with representatives of the City of St. John relative to hydro-electric development and the current requirements of St. John. On Wednesday the members of the New Brunswick Power Commission were at Saint John, estimating the requirements of that town and vicinity in the event of the construction of a transmission line from St. John to Moncton.

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