WAS CROWNING TRIUMPH FOR LLOYD GEORGE

Brilliant Success on Eve of Irish Disaster.

King's Congratulatory Telegram Expresses the General Feeling in England—The Scene at Downing Street as the Great News Became Known.

(From our own correspondent.)

London, Dec. 8.—The king's congratulatory telegram to the prime minister on the Irish settlement, which must, of course, be applied to all who engaged in the Irish negotiations, well expresses the general feeling in England. But no one doubts that the Irish concordat, almost a miraculous achievement in the light of past and present history, is the prime minister's crowning triumph, because the genius of his personality has guided the whole negotiations. Never can statesmen have lived through a more intensive strain. I believe Lloyd George is almost overwhelmed with relief. At the very last moment a brilliant success was snatched on the ominous verge of disaster. He is the very first to pay warm tribute to the policy and temper displayed, not only by his colleagues but also by the amazing personalities who voiced Sinn Fein. The agreement does not very materially differ from that sketched after Ulster rejected the All-Ireland Parliament. The Irish Free State, which Ulster is free to join with or stand aloof from as sentiment or practical politics may dictate either now or in the future, becomes a dominion power with complete control of her own affairs, including finance, but formally accepts communion with the empire and fealty to the king, while conceding such naval rights to Great Britain as are vital to our sea strategy.

Really Final

On very high authority I am able to say that the settlement terms now arrived at and which bear the signatures of the Sinn Fein plenipotentiaries fresh from Dublin as well as of the prime minister and his cabinet colleagues concerned in the negotiations, may safely be taken as final.

The House of Commons will not seriously question them. Even the "Die-Hards" can have no grievance where Ulster has none, and presumably Ulster will not question a form of Irish allegiance which pleases King George V.

Irish Manoeuvres

In spite of all the slings and arrows of outrageous political fortune, the big men concerned in the Irish negotiations, by whom one means to indicate chiefly the prime minister, the Lord Chancellor, Arthur Griffith, and Michael Collins, have all along remained personally in a mood of buoyant optimism. However gloomily they might talk or however despondent they might look, they were still distinctly hopeful. The London newspapers made unheard-of efforts to secure inside news about the negotiations, but both sides have exercised almost superhuman self-restraint, and there has been practically no loose chatter. It may be remembered that Mr. Churchill is discretion itself in such matters, but he is a brilliant talker and gets about in fashionable drawing rooms, or dining rooms, more than most of his cabinet colleagues. Mr. Chamberlain is a regular sepulchre of official secrets. Lloyd George never gossips unless he wants to do a little subtle propaganda, and the lord chancellor is a lawyer accustomed to the habitual reticences of his profession. As for the Sinn Feiners concerned in these negotiations, they have held their tongues outside the council chamber.

The Drama

A little group of Irish journalists shared a wonderful vigil on Monday night with an impassive policeman and a night watchman who slumbered peacefully outside the fateful portals of No. 10 Downing street. None of those who watched and waited for the great news, conscious all the time of the intensive workings of Destiny inside the sacred house with the lighted windows, will forget the ordeal. It was a long and weary wait, but it had dramatic episodes and the denouement was one of sensational elation. Everybody knew that the issue of a wonderful peace or a peculiar disastrous war was at its extreme hazard. The prime minister's long sufferance of the king in the morning, the meeting of the full cabinet at noon following the prime minister's consultation after seeing the king, with his colleagues engaged in the negotiations, the long sitting of the Sinn Fein and cabinet delegates in the afternoon, the knowledge that a last eleventh hour proposition has been submitted, the Sinn Fein deliberations at their own headquarters, and their almost volcanic return to Downing street half an hour before midnight, were fraught with all the drama of momentous portent. Whitehall and Downing street had a ghostly silence after midnight, but the prime minister's house, historic No. 10, wore the aura of historic crisis. The first portent came about half-past one in the morning.

The Denouement

The doors of No. 10 opened, and the familiar figure of the government's chief draughtsman stepped briskly forth. That was correctly interpreted as a favorable omen. The remarkable personalities who made up the protagonists in the cabinet chamber within might still be wrestling deliberately with fate and history, but they were at all events engaged in formulating terms. At 2:30 on a rather bitter morning, after the lights on the ground floor of No. 10 had been lowered and then mysteriously turned on again, the Sinn Feiners issued. Their appearance entirely misled the journalistic amours. Doubtless it was the reaction after a strenuous week-end of mid-channel collision, sleepless nights, and desperate, long-drawn crisis, but certainly they looked like men in gloomy despair. Even that rollicking figure of dare-devil Irish romance, Michael Collins, was grave and curt. They were whisked away in their motor, and the doors of No. 10 swung again. This time it was the handsome, athletic figure of the young lord chancellor, in very crumpled evening dress, but still, even amid the clash of crisis, smoking the now traditional long cigar. "The news is good." Lord Birkenhead told his journalistic friends, and his voice had a ring in it. A moment later Winston Churchill appeared, incidentally smoking the twin brother of the Woolsack cigar, and the two ministers, after a somewhat anxious scrutiny of the press on the long ordeal, announced the glad news. Perhaps it was the gaslight that made their faces look pale and not excitement as Lord Birkenhead announced: "An agreement has, in fact, been reached."

Straws

The first news of the Irish settlement was given to me exclusively long before the protracted midnight conference at Downing street at which the terms were actually hammered out, by a west country farm friend—and I did not believe him. This worthy agriculturist, the prop of farmers' "ordinaries," the best judge of good cider in Great Britain was quite sure about his facts. He based his prescience entirely on the appearance and demeanor of the king, whom he had seen and conversed with at the Agricultural Hall when His Majesty visited the cattle show yesterday. He noticed that the king was simply "too happy for words," and, knowing about the Irish crisis, and especially that the prime minister had had a long audience of His Majesty in the morning just before the king went to the show, the west countryman shrewdly drew his own conclusions and poured scorn on the gloomy valuations of the daily press. He was quite convinced that everything was going beautifully, otherwise it was simply impossible to account for His Majesty's exceptional élan of spirits. The king and Prince Henry good-humoredly posed twice for the press photographers at the cattle show, and the king himself, displaying those qualities of broad-mindedness and cat-olicity which stamp the Young Tory group as something by itself in the welter of present-day political creeds.

Chelsea Member's New Post.

His selection for this post may recall to mind the part he played in the "Golovin affair," a ridiculous trumped-up attack on Mr. Churchill by the Labour party. Sir Samuel Hoare then acted as intermediary between the Russian general and the then minister for war, laid bare in it coming as a surprise to those who did not know his deep concern for the unhappy victims of Bolshevism. His interest in them was, and still is, purely humanitarian, and arises from the natural horror of a cultured man at the thought of many thousands of men and women of his degree being driven to the extremities of menial labor and abject begging by people of the Lenin and Trotsky type.

This post of deputy high commissioner which he has accepted will be no sinecure. All over Southeastern Europe the wretched Russians are scattered today, swarming in the filthy streets of Constantinople, herded in insanitary internment camps on the Gallipoli peninsula, and aboard ships in eastern harbors. We get few enough accounts of their sufferings, but if anyone wishes to get some idea of the flotsam of war and revolution, let him read Stephen Graham's latest book, "Europe—Whither Bound?" which is far better stuff than this article might suggest. The vast majority of the Russians are the remains of Wrangel's ill-fated expedition, who put their trust in the promises of France, but are now paying the penalty of failing in an impossible task by being forgotten. It is to our credit that Britain did her best to discourage that futile attempt to upset the Soviet power; but our credit lies feeling pleasure in the fact that the League of Nations has asked an Englishman to assume the burdensome task of helping bay mare recently purchased from Thomas Hayes, of St. John.

PLOUGHSHARES AND PRUNING HOOKS?

The forward guns of H. M. S. King George V., which is among the list of British dreadnoughts to be scrapped.

TOO MUCH HOME BREW ON P. E. I.

Charlottetown, Jan. 10—The grand jury today found true bills against K. McKinnon, Ernest Essory and George Purse for breaking into and stealing from Reddin Bros. store last October, and no bill against George Moore for alleged attack on a five-year-old girl, last summer. The grand jury recommended that the provincial government co-operate with other maritime governments with a view to establishing a home for delinquent boys.

The chief justice in his charge to the grand jury touched on the temperance situation, declaring that there had been a steady advance towards sobriety on the Island during the past half century, and today the manufacture of home brew and the use of various poisonous extracts constitute a menace to the younger generation. The recent tragedy at St. Mary's road where a man was found dead after indulging in "moonshine" illustrated the need of taking steps to remedy these conditions.

SOCIAL EVENING FOR THE ART CLUB

The annual conversazione of the St. John Art Club, held last evening in the Natural History Society rooms in Union street, was a delightful social event and was enjoyed by a large attendance. A pleasing programme was presented and refreshments were served. R. T. Hayes was the chairman of the evening and, in his introductory remarks, told of the successful amalgamation of the Art Club and the Natural History Society for the winter's programme of lectures, and of the opening of the art class in the Market building. There were, at present, twenty pupils enrolled in the classes, he said, and an exhibition of their work was being planned for June. He spoke also of the concert that the society is intending to hold as a means of raising funds to buy a picture.

The numbers of the programme were as follows: Piano duet, Miss Frank and Miss Hunt; reading, Miss Nan Powers; song, Miss Mildred Britain, with Miss Louise Knight as accompanist; song, Chester Bourne, with Percy Bourne as accompanist. Each number was warmly applauded.

Refreshments were served by a committee of which Mrs. W. F. Hatheway, Mrs. H. A. Powell, Mrs. C. McGivern and Mrs. T. H. Estabrooks were members. Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Hatheway presided over the pouring of the tea and coffee at the prettily arranged table which had many branching candelabras as attractive decoration.

H. A. Powell greatly amused the audience by relating anecdotes of different nationalities, and in concluding he spoke of the praiseworthy ideals of the Art Club to raise the standard of culture in the community.

There were elected as new members of the club last night, Mrs. B. Porter, Miss E. Cox, Miss B. Camden, Miss L. Conn, Mrs—F. S. Sawaya, Miss Gretchen Skinner and Miss Alicia McCavour.

TWENTY LASHES AND TWO YEARS FOR C. STEEVES

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 10—(Special)—In the county court today Curtis Steeves, charged with a serious offence, pleaded guilty to the second count of the indictment and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary with twenty lashes, ten to be given at the beginning of the sentence and ten at the expiration. His victim was a girl of tender years residing in Centreville. Sheriff Foster leaves with the prisoner in the morning for Dorchester.

HIBERNIA LODGE, F. AND A. F., OFFICERS

The officers for the ensuing year for Hibernia Lodge No. 3, F. and A. M., were installed last evening in the Masonic Temple by LeBaron Wilson, deputy grand master, assisted by a full staff of grand lodge officers. J. S. Bentley acted as director of ceremonies. After the ceremonial, the members repaired to the banquet hall where a light luncheon was served. An orchestra played during the luncheon. Later, a programme of songs and speeches was carried out. The officers installed last evening, are as follows: W.M., Stanley M. Wetmore; S. W., Hiram C. Lemmon; J.W., Bayard Stillwell; chaplain, Dr. Thomas Walker; treasurer, J. V. McLellan; secretary, Robert Clerke; S.D., Albert C. Lemmon; J.D., Ronald K. Miller; S.S., Harry D. Hopkins; J.S., W. H. Brooks; director of ceremonies, Charles A. Cromwell; I G., Herman E. Sullivan; organist, T. C. Cochrane; tyler, George T. Hay.

A KING'S REFUGE

The Moseley Hall estate, near Wolverhampton, lately offered for sale, includes the Old Hall, a typical Elizabethan manor house, with many secret hiding-places which make sad pencilling. It was here that Charles II., took refuge after his battle of Worcester. In the adjoining Parish Church of St. Mary is a mural monument to his host on that occasion.

WELCOMED PASTOR'S FAMILY

Rev. J. A. Swetman, pastor of the Waterloo street Baptist church, arrived in the city last evening accompanied by his wife and two boys, Hubert and Gerald. They were met at the depot by John W. Mott and F. Coggin who accompanied them to their new home, 358 Union street. On entering the house, to the surprise of Mr. and Mrs. Swetman, the ladies of the church had formed themselves into a welcome committee to meet the new pastor's wife. Mrs. J. W. Mott introduced the ladies to Mrs. Swetman. Miss Florence Kierstead furnished music for the occasion. The entire gathering then sat down to a bountiful repast provided by the welcome committee of the church. A social time was spent during the early part of the evening.

Fast Ones in Sussex

(Kings County Record.)

Maple Avenue speedway was the chief attraction in Sussex on Monday afternoon. A large crowd of interested spectators lined the street and railway crossing to see the "speedy ones" in action. There were several finely exhibited heats. Dr. McAllister held the ribbons behind the old and reliable "Victoria," and Fred Cameron had "Fern Hal," Bert Fenwick drove his handsome colt, "Melton Pat," and George Patterson drove "Alice Mac," a cracking good outfit, a

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SPORT NEWS OF A DAY; HOME AND ABROAD

HOCKEY.

Sussex Defeats Fredericton.

Sussex got away to a good start in the western section of the N. B. and P. E. I. League last evening by defeating Fredericton by a score of 5 to 4. The game was played in Sussex and was witnessed by over 700 fans.

Moncton Defeats New Glasgow.

Moncton defeated New Glasgow last evening in an independent hockey fixture by a score of 5 to 4. The game was played in Moncton and was witnessed by over 1,000 fans.

Abegweits Defeat Dorchester.

The Abegweits of Charlottetown defeated Dorchester last evening by a score of 11 to 4 in the eastern section of the N. B. and P. E. I. League. The game was played in Charlottetown.

BASEBALL

Peckinpaugh to Senators.

Harry Frazee, president of the Red Sox, announces that Roger Peckinpaugh has been traded to Washington, where he will be a playing manager, and that Joe Dugan, recently acquired by the Senators from Philadelphia, will go to the Red Sox in addition to shortstop Frank O'Rourke of the Washington club. Phil-delphia gets outfielder Ed. Miller and pitcher Acosta of the Washington club in exchange for Dugan.

SKATING.

Moore and Jewtraw.

An article published in the New York Herald about the races held in Binghamton, N. Y. recently says that Joe Moore, international champion lost a title he coveted greatly by an alleged foul committed against Paul Forsnian in the 220 yard final when he cut in front of The Tremont rink skater. Moore was one yard ahead and at the time and therefore brought a disqualification on himself when victory was in sight. Had he won second place he would have clinched the championship, with third place tied Jewtraw for the premier honors. The meet fully illustrated the sprinting qualities of Jewtraw and the endurance and ability of Moore.

The closest and most exciting race of the afternoon was the half mile event in which Jewtraw nosed out the international champion by a margin too minute to describe. Moore and Jewtraw trailed the field for the first few laps. Moore laying back in fifth position and Jewtraw following him closely. They kept these positions until two laps were left to skate, when both started a sprint that brought them 100 yards from the tape on even terms. The spectators were in a frenzy, cheering as the two champions came down the home stretch. Bending every effort to nose out his rival, Jewtraw came through with a rush five yards from the line that gave him a victory by inches. Both skaters crossed the finish line with Moore's head overlapping Jewtraw's speeding form.

It was expected the finest of the most exciting race of the afternoon. More than 5,000 persons lined the rink and filled the grand stand for the events.

NEW RULES FOR HORSE RACING

Stewards of Grand Circuit Arrange a Schedule and Make Recommendations.

Cleveland, Jan. 11—The stewards of the Grand Circuit yesterday adopted a schedule for 1922 harness racing, opening the season at North Randall track, Cleveland, the week of July 3, and closing at Atlanta, Ga., the week of October 16. The application of Kenilworth Park, Windsor, Ont., for a date was not granted. Other Grand Circuit dates were awarded the same as last year. The stewards appointed Secretary Henry Sheppard of Columbia, Ohio, to present to the joint rules committee of the American and National Trotting Association meeting in Columbus on next Friday and also to the rules committee of the Union Trotting Association the following recommendations regarding heat races, to take immediate effect:

"In all races conducted under the three heat plan, any horse winning a heat shall take a win-race record.

"All racing should be conducted under the two-in-three system, except handicaps or dashes."

On scoring violations the stewards recommended the following to both rules committees:

"A rule to be made whereby a starter by consent of the presiding judge may punish unruly drivers in scoring by substituting a driver for that race, or day; or fine, or suspension from one to seven days, or by disqualifying horse and refunding entrance fees."

Regarding three-in-five heat racing, the stewards made the following recommendations to the rules committee:

"In all heat races the time-in-five heat plan races shall end at the conclusion of the fifth heat and purses be divided according to summary. This rule to be applied with members who race on the three-in-five heat plan."

The stewards announced that the Grand Circuit as a body advocates the handicap system of racing for fast trotters, records to include time, heat and win race record. It was recommended that each member of the Grand Circuit try out the system of fast record horses and the majority of the members pledged themselves to do so.

The present officials of the Grand Circuit were re-elected.

ROMANCE IN POLITICS

Boston, Jan. 11—Michael A. O'Leary, former chairman of the Democratic State Committee, and Gertrude F. Hayes, vice-chairman of the committee, have filed notice of their intention to marry. The romance developed from an acquaintance begun in political organization activities.

FASTIDIOUS CUBS.

Chicago, Jan. 10—Harry ("Slim") Sallee, the veteran left-hand pitcher and a National League star for many years, has been secured by the Toledo club of the American Association this season, according to an announcement made here by Roger Bresnahan, president of the Toledo club.

POWER BOAT CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

A large and enthusiastic gathering of members attended the annual meeting of the St. John Power Boat Club, held last night in the club rooms in Cedar street. The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed that the club was in a splendid position financially and had a membership of more than 400. The care of the harbor and railway committee, the house committee, the entertainment committee, and the gasoline committee were read and discussed, and prospects for a successful year in boating in 1922 were felt to be very bright. It was decided to have an honor roll of the members and their sons who served overseas, and Rear Commodore Ronald McAvity kindly offered to donate this to the club. The offer was very gratefully accepted.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Honorary commodore, John C. Chesley; commodore, Dr. J. H. Barton; vice-commodore, Edwin Brown; rear commodore, Ronald McAvity; secretary, Robert J. Adams; treasurer, George M. Palmer; members of the executive, Frank Pidgeon, Fred Roberts, George Rogers, William Edgett, John Kiervan; sailing and racing committee, Edward Bagnall, Robert Roberts, James Gorrie, K. J. MacRae, H. L. Turner, Walter L. Jones, Percy Warner; measurers, W. Stanley Harrison; pointed fleet captain, and Rev. Craig Nichols, chaplain.

IS AUDACIOUS BUT FEASIBLE SCHEME

London to Capetown Without Changing Cars a Possibility.

Tube 24 Miles Long — Geologic Study of Sea's Bed Indispensable as Conditions in Part of the Straits are Inadequately Known.

London, December, 10—(By Mail)—To be able to travel or to send goods from London to Capetown, South Africa, without changing conveyances at any stage of the journey—to do this by means of a tunnel under the sea would link up Europe with Africa at the Straits of Gibraltar—may strike the imagination as a conception impossible of realization, yet the construction of such a tunnel is an old project and regarded as practicable. In conjunction with a tunnel under the English Channel, which engineers regard as a trivial undertaking in comparison with the Gibraltar tunnel, the latter would make it possible for the Capetown passenger to go through in the car in which he started.

"The conception is audacious, but it is technically sound," writes a Paris correspondent of The Observer. The Gibraltar tunnel, he says, at its lowest level would be 1,284 feet below the surface of the sea, a much greater depth than would be required for the English Channel tunnel. The work would be prodigious, but it is believed both in Spain and France that the scheme is practicable. The shortest crossing which is considered in the Straits, having regard to the character of the sea bottom, is about twenty-four miles, but this is not the narrowest part of the Straits.

A tube of about six yards in diameter is proposed. There would be a single line, with three stations at which the line would be doubled to permit the passage of trains in opposite directions. The entrance of the tunnel on the Spanish side would be ten of twelve yards above sea level, but it would be necessary to make the opening on the Moroccan side only seven yards above sea level. The slope is estimated at one in forty at maximum. Some of the difficulties of the task will be understood when it is stated that, the weight of the water on the tunnel would be tremendous, and the matter of ventilation would be a big problem. However, it is said the ventilation question has been solved. It is estimated that the temperature would be about 80 degrees Fahrenheit at the lowest level.

Methods of Protection.

The congealment of the soil, injections of cement and protecting plates, methods well known to, engineering science, and it is held that the procedure adopted for the tunnel under the United States and elsewhere would be sufficient. The danger of the infiltration of water is to be feared, but there are today enormous pumps which would overcome that peril. Nevertheless, it is evident that a geologic study of the bed of the sea of the most profound character is indispensable, for there are parts of the Straits which are inadequately known, and there may be terrible surprises in store for the hardy pioneers, unless much closer investigation than has hitherto been made is undertaken.

A point to give pause to the gigantic project, the correspondent admits, is the possibility of a catastrophe through some ignorance of the conditions which exist. He recalls that the earthquake of Messina in 1908 revealed the presence of fissures which had not been suspected; when in 1886, plans were prepared for a tunnel between Sicily and Italy. "It would be too late after the work has been begun, he adds, to discover some insurmountable obstacle. "It is necessary then," he says, "to make important reservations, but, apart from such a possibility, in theory the project is held to be perfectly good, and there is a desire in many quarters to take immediate steps to carry out the scheme.

The French have always regarded forming part of their own continent, the correspondent states. A direct railroad, say, from Paris to Tangiers, and from Tangiers to point after point to the African continent—probably, with the various schemes now under consideration are executed and co-ordinated, to Capetown—he says, would help the people concerned to realize how the continents are inter-related.

KING GEORGE TAKES CHANCE AT HURDLES

Has entered Horses for Jumping Races This Season.

London, Jan. 11—Disappointed by his lack of success on the turf during the flat-racing season, King George is breaking precedent by taking a strictly commercial view in setting a number of his three and four-year-olds to "earn their winter's keep" at the less profitable sport of hurdle-racing.

Owing to their superior breeding the royal recruits should do well, as "class" is usually lacking in the entrants for these events. Hurdle-racing started November 28 and lasts until the third week in March.

While steeplechasing and hurdling is extremely popular here, very few owners are willing to risk the legs and necks of high-priced animals "over the stick" and the prizes are small compared with those offered for flat races. Hence it has been considered, hitherto, distinctly "infra dig" for the sovereign to participate in the smaller events over obstacles. King Edward ran a few intended "cast-offs" over hurdles with a view to raising their selling price in the event of success, but they were soon disposed of, and generally speaking the royal purple and scarlet livery is rarely seen in cross-country events.

The royal candidates for the "jumping game" include the well-bred Prince disappointing colts, Will Somers, Perfect Knight and Bravos, animals which set up a bleach record at the last race. Dick Marsh, the popular royal trainer, has given them a good schooling over obstacles.

King has no intention of giving up racing, but he cannot afford to keep well-bred animals who are unable to win. It Will Somers and Co. win a few hurdle races they will have another year's ease of life at the Egerton House stables, Newmarket. If not the horses will be sold.

Royal patronage will give an immense impetus to the winter sport and a number of leading owners have decided to throw down the gauntlet, regardless of the risk of accidents to valuable animals.

RED SOX TO START MARCH 2

First Squad Going to Hot Springs on That Date.

Boston, Jan. 11—The advance guard of the Red Sox, comprising pitchers and catchers, will leave for their spring training quarters at Hot Springs, Ark., on March 2, it was announced today. The remainder of the team, led by Manager Hugh Duffy, will leave here March 9.

The team will play a series with Pittsburgh at Hot Springs. The camp there will be abandoned on March 31. On the homeward trip the Red Sox will engage in eight or nine exhibition games against teams not yet announced.

IGNORE COLUMBUS'S RACE

K. of C. Don't Care Whether or Not He Was a Jew.

The Knights of Columbus don't care whether or not Christopher Columbus was a Jew, as has been stated by the Right Rev. Mgr. Rey Soto, who recently arrived in New York from Spain.

"The Knights of Columbus have never considered the patronage of Columbus from a racial angle," said Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty. "The two indisputable facts that Columbus was a Catholic and that he discovered America are the basis upon which his patronage of the Knights of Columbus rests.

"If it were finally proved—and the proof is not yet acknowledged by many experts—that Columbus was Jewish racially, it should disconcert nobody, least of all the Knights of Columbus. The first Pope was a Jew—St. Peter. It is religion and not race that we honor in Columbus."

Mr. Flaherty said it was probable that a monograph on Christopher Columbus prepared by experts in possession of all the known facts regarding him, would be issued by the Knights of Columbus History Commission.