

# BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS GONE TO THE UTMOST LIMIT IN THE IRISH AGREEMENT

### Impossible Now to Reopen the Discussion, Declares Lloyd George, Who Says Delay in Ratification by Ireland Was Holding Up Work of Committee in Arranging Evacuation of British Forces in Ireland and Settling Terms of Amnesty.

London, Dec. 28.—A statement from Prime Minister Lloyd George was issued here today to the effect that the government had gone to the utmost limit in the Irish agreement, and that it was impossible to reopen the discussion. The delay in ratification in Ireland, the statement said, was holding up the working of the cabinet committee appointed to arrange the evacuation of the British forces in Ireland, settle the terms of amnesty and transfer executive responsibility to the Irish provisional government.

Following is the text of Premier Lloyd George's statement: "No British statement could go further than we have gone; no British statement could consider any proposal involving Ireland being out of the Empire. "The treaty places Ireland on an equality with the other states of the Empire, and gives Ireland the same status as membership in the League of Nations, and every right that Canada has in law, fact and constitutional practice; and not merely rights, but also the right to be treated as an equal, and not as a subject, under the same law and the same administration. "The British Government has gone to its utmost limit in the treaty, and to re-open the discussion, which was closed only after the most exhaustive consideration of every point, would be a fruitless proceeding and is impossible."

### Ready To Act

"A committee, consisting of British ministers, presided over by the Colonial Secretary, has been set up to deal with the evacuation of the British forces, the settlement of the terms of the making of all necessary arrangements on the British side, and transferring full executive responsibility to an Irish provisional government. The work of this committee, which had been in continuous session up to Christmas, and had proposed to sit through the Christmas holidays, is now unavoidably held up, pending approval of the treaty; but on approval, it will be carried through with the utmost dispatch.

### Montreal Clamor For More Adequate Police Protection

Ex-Services Men's Welfare Assn. Offers to Organize Auxiliary Force.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Claiming that banks, financial institutions, insurance companies, public bodies and the citizens of Montreal in general, as well as the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce, had repeatedly complained of the lack of police protection in this city, a delegation of officers of the ex-Services Men's Welfare Association waited upon Chief of Police Belanger here this afternoon, and stated that they were in a position to organize an auxiliary force to cooperate with the city police at short notice.

### Prominent Liberals Again Flocking Into Ottawa

Prime Minister Has Received No Notice When Incoming Ministry Will Be Ready.

### Further Incidents Of Lawlessness Occur at Belfast

Belmont, Dec. 28.—There were further incidents of lawlessness this evening. Several shots were fired and a bomb was thrown. Nobody was reported to have been injured, but several shopkeepers were held up by armed men and their cash drawers looted.

### Oscar F. Fellows Dies at Bucksport

Bucksport, Me., Dec. 28.—Oscar F. Fellows for several years counsel for the United States on the international St. John River commission, died at his home here today after a long illness. He was a former president of the Maine State Bar Association and a former speaker of the House of Representatives.

### York Municipal Council Preparing Estimates For 1922

Special To The Standard  
Frederickton, N. S., Dec. 28.—The Board of Health of the York County and district met here this afternoon to discuss the estimates for 1922. The estimates for the coming year are being prepared for the annual meeting of the York County Municipal Council, which will be held Friday next. It is expected that the estimates will not be in excess of what they were last year, \$60,000.

### Prize Money Received

Prize money for the Dominion Standard was received by the Dominion Standard office here today. The prize was for the best newspaper published in the Dominion during the year 1921.

# DEPLORABLE IS STAND TAKEN BY FRENCH GOVT

### British Statesmen Regard Action as Most Unfortunate Happening of Arms Conference.

### FRANCE PLACED IN BAD LIGHT

Can Be No Limitation to British Craft for Anti-Submarine Purposes.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Surprise was expressed by British delegates tonight over the developments in today's meeting of the armaments conference naval committee, and it was stated that the French refusal to accept the proposition to limit the activities of submarines as well as to analyze the possible result of the French refusal to limit the tonnage of submarines. "It is deplorable that any nation should have taken such a position as we have seen taken today. There can be no limitation on the number of craft that we must build for anti-submarine purposes. "It was fortunate for Great Britain, he continued, if there was to be unlimited submarine construction, that she possessed a great fleet of trawlers and other anti-submarine craft which could be used for anti-submarine purposes, so that she would not have to build to the same extent as other nations.

### In Sympathy With Root

The British were in hearty sympathy with the resolution proposed by Mr. Root today regarding the use of submarines, but he said a plan to restrict submarine attacks on naval vessels would have no effect upon Great Britain, he said, as no nation could be trusted to abide by such rules when its back was against the wall. The British case would fully be set forth at the next plenary session, whenever that is held, he said.

### Workman Meets Horrible Death

Caught in Gears of Steam Pump, Stripped Naked and Life Beaten Out.

### Canadian Mail Robbers Held By Detroit Officers

Obtained Securities and Currency from Mail Wagon, Valued at \$25,000.

### Prince Dedicated Victorian Memorial At Calcutta

Ceremony Carried Out Amid Scenes of Splendor in Presence of Great Crowds.

### Special Meetings Held in Dublin To Consider Treaty

Several Resolutions Passed Urging Upon Daily Acceptance of Anglo-Irish Pact.

### To Prosecute Jewish Hide Dealers At Fredericton

Special To The Standard  
Frederickton, N. S., Dec. 28.—Prosecution of Jewish hide dealers of Fredericton will be soon started by the police in connection with enforcement of the Game Act. The action will be taken because of rumors of late of game hides and for finding by the police several hundred pounds of the same in the possession of the defendants. The case was closed for the defendants.

# ABRUPT ENDING OF EFFORTS TO LIMIT NAVAL STRENGTH OF POWERS IN SUBMARINES

### French and British Delegates in Plain, Outspoken Words Over Possibilities of Future War Between France and British Empire—France Openly Declares It Will Remain Free to Build a Submarine Fleet Three Times as Great as She Now Possesses — Balfour Delivers Few Hot Shots.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Efforts to limit the naval strength of the powers in submarines and auxiliary warships came to an abrupt end today after they had drawn the French and British arms conference delegates into a plain spoken exchange over the possibilities of a future war between France and the British Empire.

### EXTREMISTS FAILED TO RULE INDIA CONGRESS

Resolution Adopted in Favor of Maintaining Existing Creed of Non-Violence.

Admission, British India, Dec. 28.—An attempt to force the adoption by the Indian National Congress today of a motion providing that complete independence from the British Empire should be attained by "peaceful and proper means, instead of by 'legitimate and peaceful means,' was frustrated by Amantia Jinnah the Nationalist leader, who warned the Congress against alienating the sympathy of the British.

### Worthless Cheque Artist Operated In North Sydney

Carried on With Nimble Fingers, But Finally Landed in Police Net.

### Man Located By Sister In Boston

His Sudden Disappearance Without Notifying Wife and Parents Caused Anxiety.

### Special Officers Are Annoying Striking Miners

Seeking to Intimidate Miners by Too Promiscuous Use of Firearms.

### Man. Legislature Will Convene On January 12

Premier Norris Will Again Meet Assembly With a Minority of Members.

### Several Injured When Train Turned Over

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.—More than a dozen persons were injured, as a train derailed, when a freight train derailed on the tracks here today.

### Must Raise Tax Rate of Administrators Without Improvements and Let Things Slide

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Falling money rates, the city of Montreal is faced with the alternative of raising the city tax 10 to 15 per cent, or the alternative of letting the city go bankrupt. The city council will meet tomorrow afternoon to discuss the matter.

### STEEL PLANT OPENS

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 28.—The new steel plant which has been closed for a week's Christmas holidays is now open for business. It will be the largest steel plant in the Dominion.

### HALIBUT CATCH

Prince Rupert, B. C., Dec. 28.—The halibut catch here for the month of December is reported to be the largest ever recorded here.

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