

### IRISH PACT IS SURE TO CEMENT THE EMPIRE

Will Remove Constant Challenge to British Prestige and Strength.

London, Dec. 15.—Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, in an article appearing in Sunday's edition of the Weekly Despatch, says, "Achievement, not humiliation, is the note of the treaty of peace for Ireland for the Irish race throughout the world." His article deals with a review of events leading up to the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

"It will cement our Empire, make Anglo-American friendship permanent and remove from international affairs a persistent challenge to British prestige and strength," says Sir Hamar.

The government's policy of a united cabinet and the stand taken by a majority of the present Parliament, which "never adopted the pro-war attitude toward Ireland," are assigned by the writer as the chief factors in the success of the conference.

"Michael Collins," he says, "was the moving spirit of the Irish republicans, and the conference happily concluded was between men representing the reality of fighting forces. His colleagues and himself were the young Ireland, the real Ireland of the South and West. Both sides knew the alternative to the treaty was more bloodshed.

The Prime Minister and the Cabinet considered it perfectly obvious that peace was to be made with Ireland. Therefore, the Dail was allowed the selection of representatives without suggestions being made, as some timid people wished, that the leaders of the Irish republican army should be excluded.

Calling attention to the fact that he was the last Chief Secretary for Ireland and that he was a Canadian by birth, Sir Hamar says he always was an out-and-out home ruler. "I believe all the fears about the future of Ireland are groundless," he says. "The history of Canada and South Africa will be more than realized in our new Free State."

He says that when Mr. Lloyd George appointed him, the Prime Minister said: "Hamar, I want you to go to Ireland. It is a tough job. Face the reality. You may fail. You may get shot. You may win. Talk it over with Lady Greenwood."

Sir Hamar says "The Irish policy from start to finish was that of the whole Cabinet," adding that the establishment of the Parliament of Northern Ireland was "an indispensable preliminary to a settlement of the whole question and to the ultimate unity of Ireland."

He praises Sir James Craig's courage in making "one of the first gestures for peace," in meeting Eamon de Valera in Dublin last May. He describes Sir James as "an outstanding Irishman who may yet be Prime Minister of all Ireland."

"With reference to the first meeting to London with the Irish delegates," he says: "I am bound to admit that my immediate interest was in Michael Collins. I had never seen him before. For many months he evaded capture, and his escapes constitute a thrilling chapter of his life. Now he sat opposite at a table of peace. We were face to face at last with the man who really represented the faith and aspiration of Southern Ireland and who alone could make an effective and lasting peace."

"Our greatest task," said Sir Hamar in conclusion, "was to ally suspicion, a work of magnitude that called for tremendous patience. The Prime Minister was a dominating and decisive figure. He concentrated all his energies toward the erection of a peace based upon trust and good will. The signing of the treaty was, think, the greatest personal achievement in his career."

"It now remains for the Irish people of the South and the North to settle among themselves the future of their own country."

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### Jeweller Victim of Foppish Crook

Robbed of Tray of Gems on Which Thief Had Paid \$1000 Deposit.

New York, December 15.—Wearing a smart black overcoat, his fingers and shirt front gleaming with diamonds valued at more than \$1,000, a young man entered the jewelry store of Michael Johnides at 2362 Broadway, near Seventy-eighth street, today, and posed a revolver at the head of the proprietor.

"This is a matter of business," he said without emotion. "Make no outcry for two moments and it will be much better for you. Please hand me those jewels."

Mr. Johnides did—\$5,000 worth which he held in a tray. The gentleman said "Thank you," repeated his warning and walked out. When Mr. Johnides composed himself, he found a revolver, and went into Broadway, the polished stranger was nowhere in sight.

The shrewd crook, according to the jeweller, had arranged his call exceedingly well. He had gone to the store on Friday to ask about jewels valued at \$5,000. There were four unset diamonds and a lavalliere which he said he would take. He deposited \$100 with Mr. Johnides, saying he would call with the remainder on Saturday. He explained he was John Reedy, an insurance broker of 80 Broadway and the jeweller did not doubt him.

On Saturday however, the young man did not appear, but Mr. Johnides still suspected nothing against his failure to appear, deservingly of the West Sixty-eighth Street station, believe was because he had been engaged at nearby vantage points watching the movements of customers and clerks going in and out of the store, studying his problem.

The detective says he concluded correctly that the time intervening between the opening of the store and the arrival of Mr. Johnides' clerk was the psychological moment.

The gentleman's entrance was impressive, according to the jeweller. He approached, taking off his tan gloves. He hooked his stick over an arm. He unbuttoned his coat, revealing a suit of expensive fabric, and announced that he had called for the jewels. He had.

### British Lord Wishes Ex-Kaiser in Berlin

London, Dec. 15.—Pleas for former Emperor of Germany and Austria-Hungary were made in the House of Lords recently when Lord Newton, raising the question of the exclusion of the Hapsburg dynasty from the Hungarian throne, said that the Hungarian people evidently desired to have a king.

"Why," he asked, "should the Hapsburgs be excluded any more than any other dynasty that we still allowed to rule?" How could the attitude of the great Powers be reconciled with the principle of self-determination? It was, he added, a grave and intolerable interference with the government of a free nation.

Lord Orammore and Browne regretted that Britain had agreed to act as mediator for the ex-emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary and had become responsible for sending him to a new St. Helena.

Lord Phillimore, an eminent lawyer, asked what authority the Powers had for telling the people of Hungary who should be their king or queen, or whether they should have a king at all. He protested against any interference in Hungary's internal affairs.

He thought it was a mistake to have deposed the Hohenzollerns, because, he said, "with a chastened Emperor on the throne we would have had a sturdier Germany and would have stood much better chance of getting our money back."

The Earl of Crawford, replying for the government, said that he could not discuss the question of the restoration of dynasties.

### INSPECT THE HYDRO DEVELOPMENT WORK

The hydro development work at Musquash will be inspected today by D. Shepherd, of Toronto, of the firm of C. H. & P. H. M. Mitchell, who have been retained by the Provincial Government as consulting engineers in the hydro development work being carried on by the Government in New Brunswick.

Mr. Shepherd states that the development of power through recourse to the "white coal" is being widely resorted to in other parts of the Dominion as well. In the Chippewa development work it is expected that water will be turned into the big canal this month, and the first unit, developing some 200,000 horsepower, will be installed some time in January. This development will aggregate about 450,000 horsepower when completed.

### American Birth Rate Takes A New Spurt

Washington, Dec. 14.—The American birth rate advanced 1.4 per cent. in 1920, as compared with 1919, the Census Bureau announced today.

The birth rate was 23.7 per cent. per 1,000 population last year, as compared with 22.3 per cent. in 1919, according to the bureau's figures. The rate last year, however, was 13 per cent. below the rate of 1916, which the bureau declared may be looked upon as a more normal rate, as it preceded the influenza epidemic and the entrance of the United States into the war.

The highest birth rate for the white population last year was reported for North Carolina, with 21.7 per cent., and the lowest for California, with 18.3 per cent. The highest rates for the "colored" population, which in the bureau's classification includes negroes, Indians, Chinese and Japanese, were 39.5 and 39.3 per cent. for Washington and California, respectively.

### AUSTRIANS ARE PLACING BLAME ON AMERICANS

The Only Nation Refusing to Postpone Lien on the Relief Debt.

Vienna, Dec. 15.—It is more than a week since the first riot occurred. The city now is quiet and a semblance of order has been restored. Many of the shops and cafes still are closed in order to make repairs, which is greatly embarrassing to foreigners who are hard put to find places to eat. Controversy was caused by the announcement that shopkeepers and hotel proprietors intend to demand full indemnity from the Government, while those shopkeepers whose property was not injured are taking up collections to aid those who were attacked.

The Government is holding conference with labor leaders who are demanding a revamping of the whole Government fiscal policy and the substitution of a social democratic scheme which would first, the gradual abandonment of Government food substitutes in the place of the present plan for elimination of all subsidies by January 1; second, the securing of the gold supplies, and, third, the seizure of all foreign holdings and the establishment of state control of the money market.

The writer is informed the Government will concede most of the demands and this possibly is causing great consternation in industrial circles, many industries being largely dependent on foreign holdings in order to purchase raw materials.

Significant is the feeling arising in some circles where America is held responsible for being the only nation refusing to postpone the lien on the Austrian relief debt, thus preventing the release of credits for Austria. Industrial Americans are bringing pressure to bear on the Department of State to obtain immediate postponement of the lien. No well-informed person believes the disturbance is over. The condition of the masses, the attitude of labor and the sympathy among the equally miserable middle class for the seizure of the gold fresh outbreaks inevitable unless there is speedy amelioration.

General Strike Unlikely. A persistent rumor prevails here of a pending strike. Although the majority are against it, a more radical body, particularly the metal workers are likely to start a wire strike similar to the demonstration of the telephone and telegraph mechanics Tuesday, which absolutely isolated Vienna from the outside world as well as severing international communications for the entire day.

The strike was against the abolishment of the 5,000 kronen monthly food subsidy from the Government. Sporadic riots concentrated almost entirely against food shops, continued all week though the police were strongly reinforced since the riots and now have the situation seemingly well in hand.

The growing bitterness of one section of the population against the other manifests itself in many ways. Just now the butchers are the main point of attack from the population because of the sudden and enormous rise in meat prices, but the butchers are blaming the middlemen for the acute food situation, which is greatly enhanced by the appalling housing conditions. Eighty-two thousand Viennese homes are living in one or two rooms because of no available lodgings. A mass meeting held a few days ago adopted a bitter resolution against foreigners, demanding their expulsion and threatening direct action if no Government measures were taken by the end of this month.

Exodus of Foreigners Continues. The exodus of foreigners continues steadily, some hotels even urging their guests to leave the city. Vienna is sure to feel the adverse effects of the exodus for while it is true they constitute a parasite class driving up the price and furnishing exasperation in contrast to Vienna's misery by their display of wealth, they are the only buyers of the Austrian kronen and the chief market for Viennese luxuries which unfortunately are the city's chief industry.

No official announcement of the result of the Government negotiations with the Socialists and industrial leaders has yet been made, this adding to the general unrest. The only rays of hope this week come from America in the announcement that the Government is urging Congress to pass

### Provincial Gov't Meeting Closes

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 15.—The monthly meeting of the Provincial Government came to a close this evening. Nothing but routine business was transacted this afternoon. Premier Foster and the majority of the members of the Government left for their homes by night train.

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Embarrassing Moment. Podger (to new acquaintance)—I wonder if that fat old girl is really trying to flirt with me? Cooler—I can easily find out by asking her—she is my wife.

The Mellon bill, permitting America to renounce financial claims on Austria and also the announcement that America will participate in the international economic conference to stabilize the exchanges.

### What Prisoner Could Be Fined

\$8 for Drunkenness, \$80 for Drinking in Public, and \$200 for Taking Liquor from Stranger.

In the police court yesterday morning, one man, charged with being drunk, was remanded after being warned that he could be fined \$8 for drunkenness, \$80 for drinking in public, and \$200 for taking liquor from a stranger.

Elizabeth Poulter, charged with the theft of \$302 from Mrs. Robert McAdam, pleaded not guilty and was remanded. Police Matron Ross brought the girl from St. George on Wednesday night. A few days ago Mrs. Mary Poulter, mother of the accused, was arrested on a similar charge, and it is alleged that they acted together in stealing the money while working for Mrs. McAdam a few weeks ago.

### U. S. Bill To Give Free Trip To War Graves In France

Washington, Dec. 15.—Parents and wives of former service men who died overseas and whose bodies have not been brought back to this country would be furnished free transportation to Europe by the Government if they wish to visit the graves of dead members of their families under a bill introduced today by Representative Fish (Republican), New York.

Members of the good old days when St. John was widely known as a world port, and native ellipser ships plied the seven seas, will be recalled by a splendid model of a full-rigged ship now being shown in the store of F. H. Holman, King street. The model was formerly in the museum of the Mechanics' Institute, whence it was loaned to the Natural History Society Museum. The model is complete in every detail. It has been in "drydock" for repairs for a few days and will be returned to the Natural History Society Museum.

One of our customers will invite relatives and friends an Xmas Day to help eat the giant turkey now in our show window. May be you're the lucky one! Call and get the details. The Phonograph Salon, Ltd. 19 King St. (Opposite Imperial).

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Prince Iyeyasu Tokugawa, one of Japan's delegates to the arms conference, in an address at the Church of the Government, (Freemethodist) today, asserted that the injection of American idealism into international affairs "is the most refreshing thing in the modern world."

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BERLIN HOPES FIRMLY SET ON MORATORIUM

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The attention of Berlin newspapers again centres on the hoped-for moratorium, or even to the report that the Berlin Government has officially informed the Entente that it is unable to pay the reparations installment of 500,000,000 marks due on January 15. In connection with this situation the attention of a competent member of official Berlin circles was called to the idea of Jean Finot, French politician who advocates allowing a reduction in German reparations corresponding to the value of her colonies lost to England. The German official stated above declared he was of the same mind.

"For example," he said, "the value of German East Africa could be deducted from the reparations figures. England could pay this estimated value to France naturally, by deducting it from the French debt. France could return to Germany Togo and the Cameroons. We could build railroads and roads in France or the Allies in Africa. At the same time we could bring our own raw materials from there, thus avoiding a further drain in the market due to the purchase of foreign raw material."

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**Strength**

Strength of muscle does not indicate strength of nerves. On this account many people who look healthy enough suffer from nervous troubles and cannot understand what is ailing them. Sleeplessness and irritability are among the early symptoms. Indigestion and tired feelings soon follow.

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