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SINN FEINERS REACH PEACE AGREEMENT

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THREE MONTHS BEFORE IRISH ELECTION

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Dublin, Feb. 22.—With dramatic suddenness a peace agreement, reached at the eleventh hour between Free State and Republican leaders, was sprung on the Ard Fheis, or National Fianna Fail convention, today, and the huge gathering of delegates impatiently sat and waited, might endanger the treaty with Great Britain if it was not supported by a majority of the nation's railroad employees in the miners' strike, proposed for April 1. The alliance does not call for a sympathetic strike, however.

The result of the two days' meeting of the Ard Fheis is to insure that no election will be held in Ireland for the next three months and, when it is held, the same will not be held against the treaty. But to determine the judgment of Ireland people on the actual terms of a constitution in which the treaty will be embodied.

Differences of Opinion.

Supporters of the Free State contended throughout that the treaty enables Ireland to frame for herself a constitution, giving all the essentials of freedom, but the Republicans have denied this and have quoted interpretations placed upon the treaty, in speeches by Prime Minister Lloyd George and other British Cabinet Ministers.

All the objections to the agreement remain on the floor today and Dr. Eamon De Valera has announced his term of emanated from prominent Republicans, and despite Mr. De Valera's assurance that he had carefully considered every point and was quite satisfied with Arthur Griffith's emphatic declaration that no election must be forced upon the country during the coming three months, the Republicans decided to hold a meeting tonight in Dublin to insist upon clarifying certain points which they considered dubious. So far as was known late this afternoon no similar meeting was contemplated by the leaders of the other side.

TORONTO OFFICIALS RESENT STATEMENT

Piqued at Unfavorable Comparison of Financial Positions of Montreal and Toronto.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—Mayor Maguire and Finance Commissioner Ross, of this city warmly resent an unfavorable comparison of the relative financial positions of Montreal and Toronto made in a local morning paper. The comparison was in connection with a statement that \$5,000,000 City of Montreal bonds had been purchased by three Toronto houses and the paper said that in some respects Montreal's bonds were more expensive than Toronto's even though in Toronto a larger proportion of the bonds were more revenue-producing than was the case in Montreal.

"It's untrue—false," declared Mayor Maguire. "It is unfair and misleading. Toronto's credit is higher than that of any other municipality in the Dominion of Canada."

"The article is misleading," was Finance Commissioner Ross' comment. He further said the group of capitalistic opponents, being a private citizenship city, naturally had considerable debt outstanding for privately owned enterprises. "The net debt in what we call the talk" Mr. Ross said. He pointed out that Montreal's sinking fund is only \$50,000,000, as against Toronto's \$90,000,000.

WILL HUNT SEALS WITH AIRPLANE

Martinside Plane to Act as Scout for Steamers Engaged in Chase.

St. John's, N.B., Feb. 22.—The Martinside plane, with which Major Fulton planned to make an aerial mail trip to Halifax, N.S., will be used this evening in connection with the seal hunt. She will act as a scout, reporting the location of the seals to the coast guard commandant in the hope that during the last few days special portions of the Newfoundland coast have been laid up by ice and many the airfield has been employed carrying mail and passengers from St. John's to various other ports. The plane has also been used to communicate with the coast guard commandant to the rescue of Lemire, a retired policeman, who had recently come to the city to help to save the women stranded by the recent Victory bond to the value of \$50,000.

LEADERS OF RAILROAD AND MINERS UNION VOTE ALLIANCE

By Such Alliance U. M. W. Would Receive Full Support of Rail Workers

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Leaders of mine and railroad labor unions in a joint session today voted to form a protective alliance through which the United Mine Workers and the American Railway Association, "the full support" of a majority of the nation's railroad employees in the miners' strike, proposed for April 1. The alliance does not call for a sympathetic strike, however.

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