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De Valera Again Voices Sinn Fein Claim For The Separation of Ireland

SAYS ONLY GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED WAS MINISTRY OF THE DAIL EIREANN

Released Prisoners Are Among 130 Members Present—Account of Peace Negotiations Tomorrow—Hope for Settlement Still Entertained—St. John Lady Speaks in Montreal—Troops Recalled from Leave.

Dublin, Aug. 16.—In opening the Dail Eireann at its first public session here today Eamonn De Valera, the Republican leader, reiterated the Sinn Fein claim for separation from Great Britain and claimed the only government the people recognized was the ministry of the Dail Eireann, the Irish Republican "parliament."

There were 130 members present, including those who had been released from prison to admit of their attending the session. A great audience crowded the galleries and floor as Eamonn De Valera led the members into the chamber.

Prayer was offered in beginning the ceremonial and then the Sinn Fein oath was administered to all the members en masse.

PROF. JOHN McNEILL, SPEAKER

John T. Kelly was re-elected speaker, but he declined the office and Prof. John McNeill was chosen.

After the formalities had been concluded and Mr. De Valera, as head of the Irish Republican government, had addressed the assemblage, the parliament adjourned.

Mr. De Valera in his address said he would tomorrow give an account of the negotiations with Mr. Lloyd George, after which the reply to the British premier's offer would be considered in private session.

The members in attendance included half a dozen women, among whom were Countess Markievicz.

He and his colleagues, the head of the Republican cabinet said, had adopted towards Great Britain the principle laid down by Cardinal Mercier of Belgium towards Germany, the principle that authority was unlawful.

The cabinet, Mr. De Valera declared, did not think the British proposals were just. Mr. De Valera said that "virtually impossible conditions" surrounded negotiations with the British government, for the position, he said, was that of a man unarmed facing a man pointing a pistol.

There were people who wanted to negotiate to save their faces, he continued, but the Sinn Fein would not negotiate to save faces, but to save, if possible, bloodshed, and for right and principle.

Mr. De Valera asserted that Ireland had at the elections virtually declared by plebiscite for a Republican government, not because the people were republican doctrinaries, but because Irish freedom and independence could not at present by realized in any other way.

Dublin, Aug. 16.—Great crowds gathered about the Mansion House in this city early today in the hope of witnessing some phase of the opening session of the Irish Republican parliament, upon which has devolved the duty of shaping the future destiny of Ireland. The work of this assembly today was expected to be principally organization, and it was not believed any action relative to acceptance or rejection of the British government's offer in settlement of the Irish problem would be formally taken before Thursday.

Eamonn De Valera, the Republican leader, was to speak today, and will probably make another address tomorrow. Executive sessions, at which the parliament will frame its reply to the British offer of dominion status for Ireland will follow. It is understood today that decision as to future relations with the United Kingdom, or as Premier Smuts of South Africa described them, with the British empire, would be reached before the end of the week, but that formal consideration of the British government's offer would not be begun until Thursday.

It was said that it was possible that this programme had been arranged so that Harry J. Boland, Sinn Fein agent in the United States, might participate in the debate. Mr. Boland sailed for Europe from New York last Saturday, and it was said that, as the Sinn Fein in Ireland was greatly influenced by the Sinn Fein organization in the U. S., a decision might be delayed until Mr. Boland could appear before the "parliament."

There were one thousand seats for spectators in the assembly hall of the Mansion House, and upwards of ten thousand applications were made for them.

Rays of Hope.

While the situation today was admittedly graces, there was a note of optimism to be found, and the earnestness which was evident yesterday when members of the parliament gathered in this city appeared to indicate they were determined to study carefully the situation before reaching a final decision.

No Change in Ulster.

Belfast, Aug. 16—After a meeting of the Ulster cabinet, which was held today, an official report was issued stating that the general situation was carefully reviewed and that there was absolutely no change in the position, so far as Ulster was concerned.

Montreal Meeting.

Montreal, Aug. 16—That Ireland is on the verge of obtaining her freedom, and that the regime of the Black and Tan cannot be reverted to, were the predictions made by Neil MacLean, labor member of parliament for Glasgow, Scotland, and Dr. J. J. Guerin, ex-mayor of Montreal, who were the principal speakers at a meeting of the Self-Determination for Ireland League held in this city last night. Armand Lavergne and Lindsay Crawford, who were scheduled to speak, did not reach the city, but a lengthly message was received from Armand Lavergue, in which he indicated his belief that the British empire could not any longer exist without the good will of the dominions.

St. John Lady Speaks.

The meeting was presided over by Alderman T. O. O'Connell and among those on the platform were Katharine Greeny, organizer for the league in the maritime provinces, who also addressed the gathering.

Dr. Guerin referred to De Valera as "our leader" and told the audience that it was not for people on this side of the Atlantic to advise the Irish people, but that it was for the Irish people themselves to decide what form of government they wanted.

Mr. MacLean told of the labor commission which had visited Canada and of which he was a member, and said that it was as a result of that commission the labor movement of Great Britain had put itself on record "to grant and concede to the Irish people that form of government which the Irish people themselves, by clear majority voted for."

American Views.

New York, Aug. 16—(Canadian Press)—Varying expressions regarding the recent Irish negotiations are printed by the New York newspapers. The consensus of opinion is that the terms offered the Sinn Fein by Mr. Lloyd George contain the basis for a peaceful settlement.

The World says that the most striking fact about the situation is that "the doors of discussion remain open and that neither side threatens to disturb the existing truce."

It says further: "England endangered the empire and weakened her moral prestige as long as she attempted to subdue a race that will not be subdued.

"Ireland has within her grasp so much of what she has fought for that to refuse it and go on battling against impossible odds could not be sensibly contemplated.

"A reopening of hostilities would damage England, but it would be more disastrous to Ireland. It would not only lead to a devastating war but there is no foundation for a belief that it would shake the imperial government's determination to hold Ireland to her allegiance. If the question were one of abstract right and wrong the Irish would have the better of the argument. The use of force to hold one race in unwilling subjection to another is always difficult to defend. But the question is one of political expediency, as Lloyd George frankly admits. England cannot offord to turn Ireland lose, and therefore will not."

BRITISH SOLDIERS' LEAVE CANCELLED

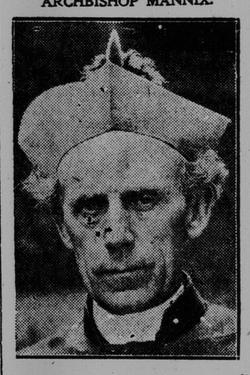
London, Aug. 16—All soldiers on leave from Ireland in Aldershot and Farnborough have been ordered by telegraph to return to their regiments immediately.

Belfast, Aug. 16—It is reported here that the military authorities in Ireland have cancelled all leaves of absence for both officers and men, and that all officers and men who are away on holidays have been recalled. It is stated this step was taken merely as a precaution against surprise and has no other significance.

NEGRO LYNCHED

Groesbeck, Texas, Aug. 16. — Alex. Winn, negro, was hanged yesterday at Dutura, near here, by an armed mob, following an attack upon a white girl, according to word received here today from the justice of peace at Dutura.

ARCHBISHOP MANNIX.



Who has just returned to Australia from a trip around the world, and has now expressed his willingness to take the oath of allegiance to the king.

TRINIDAD WANTS VOICE IN THEIR GOVERNMENT

Ask Secretary of State for Permission to Elect Three Unofficial Members to the Executive Council.

Montreal, Aug. 16. — The Canadian Gazette has received the following cable from Port of Spain, Trinidad:—

At a large and impressive public meeting of the inhabitants of Trinidad, held at Princess building, Port of Spain, on August 11, the mayor presiding, it was unanimously decided to send a resolution to Right Hon. Winston Churchill, secretary of state for the colonies, declaring:

"That the time has come when the inhabitants of this colony should have a voice in the government thereof by electing three unofficial members of the executive council."

MAN ARRESTED LAST NIGHT FREED

Found He Had No Connection With McAuley Case—No Further Progress Today—Wolfville Suspect.

There were no new developments this morning in the McAuley murder case. The detectives continued their elimination process and made some progress. They interviewed a number of children said to have been picking berries in the park on the day that little Sadie McAuley was murdered, but their efforts failed to reveal anything not already known.

Last evening Sergeant Detective Power received a telephone message from Wolfville, N. S., saying that the authorities there were seeking a man said to answer the description of the murderer. No further word was received this morning.

Allowed to Go.

The young man who was arrested last night by Policemen Quinlan and Downey on suspicion of being implicated in the crime was allowed to go, as it was proven beyond a double that he was not the man. The arrest was made as a result of remarks he was alleged to have made in a house in Coldbrook. A report that the murderer had been apprehended spread throughout the city and interest was quickly re-awakened.

FIRE ON STEAMER WITH SMUTS ABOARD

London, Aug. 16—The steamship Saxon, on which Jan C. Smuts, premier of the Union of South Africa, is proceeding to Cape Town, has reported a fire in two of her bunkers, and is proceeding to Sierra Leone, being accompanied by the British ship Waipara. The report states that all passengers on board are well and that the ship is under full control.

UNDERTAKERS MEET AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 16.—The thirteenth annual convention of the Nova Scotia Funeral Directors' Association opened here today. Prayer was said by Rev. Archdeacon Armitage, Halifax. Mayor J. S. Parker welcomed the delegates to Halifax. Other speakers were J. B. Olive, president, Truro; John Snow, Halifax. Professor Worsham, Chicago, lecturer and demonstrator in embalming, was introduced.

DECIDE AGAINST INCREASE IN HONORARIUM OF $300 FOR OTTAWA ALDERMEN

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—Ottawa aldermen's honorarium will remain at $300, city council decided last evening. when the board of control's recommendation for a $200 increase was defeated by a vote of twelve to nine

As Hiram Sees It

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam and the Times reporter were sitting in a fence corner, beside a field of oats that had just been cut. A squirrel flashed into view near a stone-pile, pluck-a raspberry, mounted a stone, squatted on its hind legs with its head erect, and began to whirl the berry in its fore-paws, eating all [illegible] sometimes sees a child do with an apple.

"That feller," said Hiram, "is hevin' a reel good time. A lot o' folks aint got as much sense as squirls. The's tons an' tons o' wild berries fallin' off to rot on the ground that folks might jist as well hev preserved for next winter—but they wont take the trouble to pick 'em."

"The question just occurs to me," said the reporter—"where are all the wild things that found shelter in the forests that have been burned?"

"Some of 'em," said Hiram, "is dead. Some of 'em kep' ahead o' the fire. Mister—we orto think o' what it means to the Lord's creeters that aint human when we let a fire git goin' in the woods."

"Yes," said the reporter, "we ought to save them to shoot—and then cook them to our own taste."

"That," said Hiram, "is what I'd call a cold crack—By Hen!"

ZUKOR TAKES OUT $5,000,000 POLICY

Said to be Largest on Record—Mary Pickford, Charlie Chaplain and Douglas Fairbanks Insured for $1,000,000 Each.

New York, Aug. 16—Adolph Zuker has taken out a life insurance policy for $5,000,000 in favor of the company of which he is the head, a prominent agent announced today. This is regarded as the largest policy ever taken out by an individual to protect a business. The previous record is said to have been a policy of $1,500,000 on the late Thomas L. Shevlin, which was in favor of the lumber corporations which he headed. Mary Pickford, Charlie Chaplin and Douglas Fairbanks are insured for $1,000,000 each in favor of the companies with which they are connected. The New York American League Baseball Club has a $200,000 policy on Babe Ruth.

Y. M. C. I. ENTRIES.

Many enttries have been received by W. E. Stirling, physical instructor of the Y. M. C. I., for the provincial track and field sports to be held Saturday afternoon on the East End grounds. From Moncton the following names were received this morning: R. N. Wise, for the mile and three-mile run and the mile walk; B. E. Reardon, for the sprints; Duncan Brace, 1920 maritime champion in the mile walk, entered for that event and the three-mile run; and B. F. Hutchinson, for the boys' 100-yards dash.

G. P. Cooper of the Halifax Wanderers has sent in his entry for the mile and the three-mile runs.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis — Local showers have occurred in Alberta and Saskatchewan, where it has turned somewhat cooler, and it is showery in the lower St. Lawrence Valley this morning. The weather has been warmer in Manitoba and the Lake Superior region, while it has been mostly fair and cool in eastern Canada.

Forecasts:

Mostly Fair.

Maritime—Moderate fresh west and southwest winds; a few local showers, but mostly fair, with higher temperature, tonight and Wednesday.

North Shore—Moderate to fresh southerly to westerly winds; a few showers, but mostly fair, with higher temperature, today and on Wednesday.

New England—Fair tonight. Wednesday, increasing cloudiness, probably followed by showers; not much change i ntemperature; moderate west shifting to south winds.

Toronto, Aug. 16.—Temperatures:

Stations.	8 a. m.	Highest during yesterday.	Lowest night.
Prince Rupert	56	64	54
Victoria	40	62	50
Kamloops	58	84	56
Calgary	54	80	52
Edmonton	40	74	40
Prince Albert	60	86	56
Winnipeg	58	82	58
White River	58	70	40
Sault Ste. Marie	60	72	52
Toronto	63	77	54
Kingston	64	74	60
Ottawa	62	74	52
Montreal	64	68	56
Quebec	56	64	48
St. John, N. B.	62	66	48
Halifax	60	68	46
St. John's, Nfld.	56	68	48
Detroit	62	76	60
New York	70	76	62

WILL BE FORMED INTO FOUR GROUPS

New Schemes for Administration of British Railroads.

Will Save £25,000,000 in 7 Years, Says Sir Eric Geddes—Same Scheme Refused by Government Few Years Ago—The National Wages Board.

London, Aug. 16.—(Canadian Press.)—The greatest interest continues to be manifested in the emergence of British railways today from government control.

No immediate general reduction of passenger and freightage charges is possible, although the remainder of the holiday season will witness a further revival of excursions.

The most far-reaching outcome of the new schemes is the eventual compulsory amalgamation of all the railways into four great groups, displaying a curious reversal of parliamentary opinion, inasmuch as only a few years ago sanction was refused a similar voluntary grouping of three railways.

Sir Eric Geddes, minister of transport, declares it is possible to save £25,000,000 in working expenses within seven years, which sum many regard as a visionary figure. The cost of labor, now based on the cost of living, was recently reduced £17,000,000, but the total cost of railway labor had risen £120,000,000 since the opening of the war.

Hope in Wages Board.

Careful critics are of the opinion that the great hope of the future lies in the smooth working of the national wages board. J. H. Thomas, leader of the railwaymen's organization, who invariably counsels moderation, gives the opinion that the new system will mean economic management and will be good for everybody. As far as the men are concerned, says Mr. Thomas, they have no intention of breaking their agreement, and he refused to believe that the companies would be less honorable.

SPANISH MAKE PROGRESS IN A NEW OFFENSIVE

Now Command Entrance to Melilla Peninsula—General Navarro Wounded in Leg, Taken by Moors.

Madrid, Aug. 16.—Spanish forces in Morocco have begun an offensive against the Moors. An official statement issued here last night says that they have occupied the town of Sidi Amaran, and have dominated positions which command the entrance to the peninsula on which Melilla is situation.

Melilla, Aug. 16.—The Moors have taken General Navarro, who was in command of the Spanish troops besieged on Mount Arruit, to Alhucamas, on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, a short distance west of Melilla. He is wounded in the leg.

A Spanish doctor, who had been sent to Morocco to treat the sick and wounded, accompanied General Navarro.

WITHDRAWAL OF JAPANESE ARMY FROM SIBERIA

Tokio Believes Matsushimo is Empowered to Make an Agreement With the Chita Government — British Precedent.

Tokio, Aug. 16.—The disposition of the Japanese government to settle the question of the evacuation of Siberia before the opening of the Far Eastern conference at Washington gave a special interest to the mission of Hajine Matsushimo, of the foreign office, who recently went to Vladivostok. It is understood that he is empowered to take up actively all questions pertaining to a working agreement with the government at Chita, which would include as one of its provisions the withdrawal of the Japanese army from Vladivostok and the adjacent country. In an interview en route, Mr. Matsushimo was quoted as saying that the question of evacuation as a result of the recent military and diplomatic conference at Tokio had now reached the stage of execution. Great Britain, he said, by her conclusion of a commercial agreement with the Soviet government had set a precedent in connection with negotiations with the Chita government by Japan.

IMPROVING SLOWLY.

Rev. A. J. MacDougall, in charge of St. John the Baptist church, received a letter from the pastor, Very Rev. A. W. Meahan, saying that he was improving slowly.

SISLER CAME NEAR BIG LEAGUE RECORD

Ten Straight Hits, One Behind Speaker's Mark—Davis Has a Good Pitching Streak—Late Sport News.

New York, Aug. 16—Ten hits in succession, one less than the major league record, had been made by George Sisler, St. Louis American star first baseman before he went out in his second time at bat yesterday. The record is held by Tris Speaker, of Cleveland, who set it last year.

Eight successive hits have been made by Konetchy, Philadelphia National first baseman, with a possibility of increasing the total today. Konetchy had a run of ten hits last year just before Speaker set his record.

No hits had been made in 141-3 innings off Pitcher Davis, of St. Louis, until the Tigers made the first of their three hits in the sixth inning.

Last Tuesday when Davis pitched the full distance in a 19 inning victory over Washington, he held the Senators hitless in the last nine innings.

National Tennis Champs.

Forest Hills, N. Y., Aug. 16—Suzanne Lenglen's first match in America, against Miss Eleanor Goss, of New York, was the outstanding feature of today's women's national tennis championship card on the courts of the Westside Club. The match was scheduled for 4.15 o'clock.

The French champion also was listed with Mrs. Molla Mallory, U. S. champion, to meet Miss Margaret Grove and Miss P. Walsh in a double match at five o'clock.

Miss Lenglen in a brief practice session with Sam Hardy, U. S. Davis Cup team captain, displayed a scintillating form that left her gallery eager to see her in a real match.

Some Big Purses.

Philadelphia, Aug. 16—With eighteen events, including special races for a total of more than $25,000 in stakes and purses, on the programme the fifth annual Grand Circuit meeting for trotters and pacers was scheduled to open this afternoon at the Belmont mile track at Narbeth, Pa.

Four events were on the card for this afternoon, the feature being the Bull's Head stake of $2,500 for 2.14 trotters, with Jeanette Rankin, Princess Etawah, Betty Taylor, Galli Curie, Hila Fletcher, Main Lick, The Great Miss Morris, Vera Brook, Vozeta, Topsy King and Taurida named to start. The Mathews $1,000 for 2.10 trotters, the Directors, $1,000 for 2.17 trotters and the mile and 100 yards dash, $500 for 2.12 pacers complete the card.

SHOE DEALERS MEET IN MONCTON

Canadian Manager Says Business Improved—Predicts a Shortage for Fall and Winter Trade.

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 16.—Members of the Maritime Wholesale Shoe Association are gathering here to attend their semi-annual meeting this afternoon.

One of the questions to come before the meeting will be the proposed organization of a national wholesale shoe organization.

S. Roy Weaver, Toronto, manager of the Shoe Manufacturers' Association of Canada, will attend the convention and speak on the possibilities of association work.

Mr. Weaver, who arrived in Moncton last night, expressed the opinion that there would be a serious shortage of boots and shoes for the fall and winter trade. He said:

"There can be no question but that business conditions, so far as the shoe manufacturing industry is concerned, are much improved. Many of the companies are operating at capacity, and, for the industry as a whole, orders are very much larger than was the case at this time a year ago."

ITALIAN VICTIM OF BOOTLEGGER WAR

Witnesses Fear Results and Will Disclose Nothing—Twenty Casualties in Last Three Months.

New York, Aug. 16—Joseph Sileo was reported by the police today to be dying with sealed lips, a victim of a bootlegger war in the Italian quarters which has rolled up a casualty list of twenty in the last three months.

The attack on Sileo was made in the midst of a crowd of fifty picnickers at New Dorp Beach, Staten Island, but detectives were unable to gain a single clue as to the assailant's identity.

Terror of the "Camora" they said had so chilled the hearts of the witnesses that none could be found who would admit even having seen the men who emptied three chambers of a pistol into Sileo's body. Two of Sileo's brothers, who were nearby, professed to be entirely mystified.

Eleven of the nineteen shootings that preceded Sileo's took place at or near the corner of Grand and Christie streets, in the lower east side. This corner, the police say, is the scene of a secretly conducted bootleggers' "curb market."

LOOK FOR RECORD WHEAT HARVEST

Northern Saskatchewan Reports Forty Bushels to the Acre.

Oats Seventy-five and Barley Forty—It is Not Expected, However, That Whole Province Will Show Up So Well.

Prince Albert, Sask., Aug. 16—Ideal harvest weather prevails over the northern area and wheat cutting is becoming general. In same cases the yield is expected to run over forty bushels per acre for wheat, seventy-five for oats and forty for barley and the general average is expected to be well above last year's yield and equal to or better than former years.

Damage in Saskatchewan.

Regina, Sask., Aug. 16—Rust and saw fly, together with wind and rain lodging the grain, has done a considerable amount of damage to the wheat crop of the province. This is the general tenor of a crop report issued yesterday by the department of agriculture. At some points where brighter conditions prevail yields as high as thirty bushels are expected. This, however, is not the general situation the province over.

Potato Crops.

Montreal, Aug. 16—A fair trade continues to be done in new crop potatoes and the tone of the market is firm with sales at $3 to $3.25 per bag of eighty pounds. The prospects are that the crop this year will be much smaller than previous years and the indications are that prices will rule higher later on in the season.

BODY OF AGED MAN FOUND IN RIVER

Was Inmate of York County Municipal Home — Many Attempts to Escape.

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 16—James Ivey of North Lake who since May 11 has been an inmate of the municipal home of the County of York at Nashwaaksis, was found drowned on Saturday in the St. John River, a short distance below the mouth of the Nackawick Stream. He was seventy-two years old. The body evidently had been in the water some time as it was decomposed to such an extent that identification was difficult it was accomplished chiefly by means of a piece of beefsteak which was found in his pocket. This had been given him by a lady from whom he had begged a meal. The sum of twelve dollars was found in his pocket.

Dr. J. G. Owens of Hawkshaw, Coroner, viewed the body and decided that an inquest was not necessary. Burial took place at once. There were no indications of foul play.

Since being placed in the Municipal Home last spring, he proved a most troublesome inmate and evidently was of unsound mind. He was unwilling to enter the home and after being placed there, escaped eight times.

FRANCE ACCEPTS U. S. INVITATION

Premier Briand Will Represent Republic at Washington Conference.

Paris, Aug. 16—The official acceptance on the part of the French government of the invitation extended by President Harding to the conference on disarmament and Far East questions was forwarded to Washington last night. Premier Briand, who yesterday told Myrot T. Herrick, the United States ambassador here, that he would attend the conference, notified Washington that he would be present.

FOUR KILLED IN EARTHQUAKE ON AFRICAN COAST

Rome, Aug. 16—Serious earthquake shocks are reported from the Italian colony of Eritres, on the African shore of the Red Sea. A telegram from Asamare, the seat of the governmental residence of the colony, says four people have been killed and a score injured at Massowa on the Red Sea coast. Several houses have collapsed and others have been damaged in that town, while other casualties are reported from nearby places.

SCRAPPER III IS DISMASTED

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 16—Scrapper III, F. W. Baldwins' new Owen designed sloop, which recently sailed from Baddeck for Halifax to participate in the Coronation Cup yacht races next week, has been dismasted off Green Island, St Peters, Cape Breton, according to a telegram from Mr. Baldwin, received here by officials of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron. The spar will be spliced, the message adds, and the yacht expects to arrive here before the end of the week.