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CORRESPONDENCE
RE ULSTER OUT

Bitterness in Belfast is Intensified.

Some Evidence, Though, of Cleavage Between Political Leanings and Business Interests—A Summary of the Letters.

(Canadian Press Cable)
London, Dec. 14.—Bitterness against the British government, already serious at Belfast, has been intensified by the publication of the correspondence between Sir James Craig and Lloyd George relative to Ulster's part in the Irish settlement, so it is declared by the Morning Post's correspondent at the Ulster capital.

He remarks that if the Sinn Fein had known of the exchanges between London and Belfast before the Irish treaty was negotiated, "the Sinn Fein leaders would have played against each other the conflicting elements in Ireland." He says they "would have resented the correspondence so much that the negotiations would have been jeopardized."

A "prominent member of the Ulster parliament" is quoted by the correspondent as comparing Lloyd George to a "card sharper" who keeps an extra ace up his sleeve and produces it as the "necessity of the game demands."

The opinion held in Belfast, it is declared, is that although the premier and King George had promised Ulster she could stay out of an all-Ireland government until she chose to come in, her position at present is that she is "automatically included in such a government until she chooses to come out."

Lloyd George argued that two dominions in Ireland was undesirable. Eventually two alternatives were offered to Ulster, the one that she retain her existing powers with additional guarantees if she entered the Irish Free State; the other that she retain her present powers, but in respect to all other matters not already delegated to her, share the rights and obligations of Great Britain with the province, however, in the latter case, that her boundary would be subject to revision.

ARRESTED IN LIQUOR CASE
One Taken in Boston Said to Have Been Former Canadian Officer.

Boston, Dec. 14.—Captain Rudolph Giroux of Montreal, said to be a former Canadian army officer, and Oscar A. L. Johnson, a Boston chauffeur, were arrested here yesterday charged with smuggling liquor from Canada with a party which included three men captured near St. Albans, Vt., early yesterday after a chase in which two men were wounded. They were held in \$10,000 bail each for a hearing.

BAXTER AND MACLACHLAN PROBABLY WIN
Sydney, N. S. Dec. 14.—With returns far from complete, United Mine Workers headquarters last midnight conceded re-election of President Robert Baxter and Secretary Treasurer Jas. B. MacLachlan, in the annual polling of the 12,000 miners of District 26, which took place yesterday. For the vice-presidency there were five candidates, William Delaney of Glace Bay has a substantial lead, but a second election for the office may be necessary.

C. P. R. SHOPS IN WEST TO CLOSE FOR 20 DAYS
Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Notice was posted in the C. P. R. shops at Weston yesterday, that the shops where about 1,800 men are employed, will close on Dec. 15 and remain closed until Jan. 4. It is said that this is the longest period of idleness ever ordered for these shops.

THIRTEEN DEAD IN FLOOD IN WEST
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 14.—The death toll reached thirteen yesterday as the result of flood conditions in more than a dozen towns in western Washington, partially inundated since Sunday by rains. The property damage was estimated at more than \$200,000. Flood waters were reported to be slowly receding.

CONDENSED NEWS
Considerable shooting took place in the old Park road, Belfast, last evening. Three persons were wounded.

Dail Decision On Thursday

DeValera Raises Question of Conference Delegates Exceeding Powers by Signing Without Consulting Parent Body—Secret Session Follows Opening Proceedings.

(Canadian Press Cable)
Dublin, Dec. 14.—The Dail Eireann was convened in special session at the noon hour today for consideration of the treaty with Great Britain establishing the Irish Free State.

The proceedings were opened by Eamon de Valera, after the still in Gaelic and then broke into English.

The Dail after its preliminary proceedings went temporarily into secret session, with the public session to be resumed on Thursday.

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Paris, Dec. 14.—France is willing temporarily to forego cash reparations payments from Germany, so a high official in the French foreign office today told the Associated Press. He said there was a general recognition by the press and in French officialdom that Germany must be aided, and possibly compelled, in setting her financial house in order if future indemnity payments were to be forthcoming.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram" said the Times reporter, "the winter is upon us."

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Irish Matter Sole Business

In Speech From Throne at Opening of British Parliament King George Hopes to See Strife of Centuries Ended and Ireland's National Ideals Fulfilled.

(Canadian Press Cable)
London, Dec. 14.—The special session of parliament called to consider the Irish peace settlement was opened at noon today by King George.

In his speech from the throne he said: "It is my earnest hope that by the articles of agreement now submitted to you, the strife of centuries may be ended."

"My Lords and Members of the House of Commons: I have summoned you to meet at this unusual time in order that the articles of agreement which have been signed by my ministers and the Irish delegation can at once be submitted for your approval."

"It was with heartfelt joy that I learned of the agreement reached after negotiations protracted many months, and affecting not only the welfare of Ireland, but of the British and Irish races throughout the world."

"It is my earnest hope that by the articles of agreement now submitted to you the strife of centuries may be ended and that Ireland, as a free partner in the commonwealth of nations forming the British Empire, will secure fulfillment of her national ideals."

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RATIO MATTER ABOUT ADJUSTED

Japan Wants to Keep Her New Battleship.

British and U. S. Opposed, But May Give Way on a Compromise—Not So Good Progress Relative to Shantung.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Settlement of "one very small point" was said to remain as the only condition to Japan's final acceptance of the "5-5-9" naval ratio as the naval "big three" of the arms conference prepared to hold another meeting today to consider the matter.

With the ratio question thus brought to a decisive stage, the conference also was prepared today to press its discussion of questions relating to China at another session of the Far Western committee.

Japan's conditional acceptance of the ratio basis of the naval limitation plan was communicated by Admiral Kato informally yesterday to Mr. Hughes and Mr. Balfour. It was coupled with a request, however, to substitute the battleship Matsu for one of the old 12 inch gun ships specified for retention under the Hughes proposal.

As the situation stood today, both British and U. S. groups, it is indicated, are opposed to Japan's retention of the Matsu or any change in the ships specified to be retained. They are expected, however, to substitute the battleship Matsu for one of the old 12 inch gun ships specified for retention under the Hughes proposal.

Shantung.
Meanwhile in another branch of the conference negotiations, that relating to Shantung, progress seems to have been arrested, temporarily at least, by misunderstanding between the Japanese and Chinese delegates as to their respective positions regarding financial matters involved in Japanese withdrawal from the Kiaochow leasehold.

The question, however, which will be taken up at another session of the Shantung conference today, is not regarded by other delegates as likely to prove a cause of serious delay in the negotiations.

A counter proposal of China for the purchase of the Kiaochow leasehold from Japan in Shantung province has been called to Tokyo by the Japanese arms conference delegations throughout England showed that members of the Church of England gave only one per cent of their incomes to God.

VARIETY TODAY IN THE POLICE COURT
Michael Driscoll, Charles Thomas, Douglas Conway, and William Ryan, pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk and creating disturbances last night on the C. G. M. ship, Canadian Voyager, to which they belong.

FOR RECIPROCITY
President Hutton's Suggestion That Canada Seek a More Favorable Trade Arrangement.

Regina, Dec. 14.—A suggestion from President Hutton of the Western Canada Live Stock Union, that Canada at this time seek a more favorable reciprocal trade arrangement with the U. S., featured the opening session of the organization's annual meeting last night.

HAVE POLITICAL CONFERENCE IN FREDERICTON
Frederickton, N. B., Dec. 14.—A. B. Copp, M. P. for Westmorland, is expected to arrive here today. It is understood he is to be in conference with Premier Foster and other New Brunswick Liberals to discuss the political situation in the province.

A Western Rumor.
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 14.—The Province publishes a rumor from Prince Rupert that Fred Stork, member elect for Skeena riding, is pressed to resign his seat in favor of Hon. John Oliver, provincial premier, and that Col. C. W. Peck, V. C., defeated candidate, would not contest the return of Mr. Oliver as prospective cabinet minister in British Columbia.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—The Ontario Liberal executive met here yesterday "to close up the office business connected with the general election." A new Liberal organization covering the whole province is contemplated soon.

ULSTER MEANS TO STAND ALOOF

London, Dec. 14.—Ulster's intention to stand aloof from the Irish Free State provided for in the treaty between Great Britain and Southern Ireland was expressed in a letter being sent to Lloyd George today from Sir James Craig, Ulster premier, according to a Belfast despatch to the Evening Standard.

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LIKELY SUNK WITH ALL HANDS

Lunenburg Schooner Viola, With Nine of Crew—The Swan Wrecked.
Sydney, N. S., Dec. 14.—Wreckage bearing a ship's name, picked up near Cape Race, makes it practically certain that the schooner Viola, which left North Sydney on November 28 with coal for St. John's, Nfld., went down with all hands in last week's great storm.

The Viola carried a crew of nine and was owned in Lunenburg. The schooner was captained by Robert Swan, a craft well known in Sydney, was among the vessels wrecked in the recent storms on the east coast of Newfoundland, according to a despatch reaching here today. The crew escaped to shore.

PRINCE GOES OUT AFTER BIG GAME
Benares, India, Dec. 14.—The Prince of Wales arrived here yesterday morning to sign the agreement with the natives, which was announced in the papers. He was accompanied by a large party of sportsmen and a large number of animals.

LEGER'S MAJORITY IN KENT CO. 1,513
Richibucto, N. B., Dec. 14.—Declaration proceedings for Kent county were held at Richibucto on Tuesday. Legger, Liberal, was elected, with a majority of 1,513 over A. Doucet, Progressive. Westmorland declaration will be on Friday.

FOR ECONOMIC CONFERENCE
London, Dec. 14.—The Daily Chronicle, which is regarded as being especially close to government sources of information, prominently displays a special article concerning the proposed financial conference to follow on the occasion of the conference in Washington. In its editorial columns it says:

"The views prevailing in Europe at the moment are in favor of the Washington conference has done for the Pacific."

FIGHT FOR SALE OF BEER IN HOTELS
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 14.—Local hotel men have announced their intention to fight to a finish for the right to sell beer in hotels. The clubs are prevented from selling beer in hotels.

BOARD OF TRADE.
The secretary of the Board of Trade has received a copy of a resolution passed by the Vancouver board asking for the continuance of the reciprocal trade conference with the United States in the matter of steamship inspection. He also received this morning a telegram from the secretary of the Canadian Fisheries Association in regard to a suggestion that the fisheries department be separated from the marine department.

An inquiry was also received from a man in France who wants to know what agricultural societies there are in this province.

speech last night at Manchester in favor of the Irish agreement said the agreement was a good one, but that he did not regard it as an offer at all, but as a treaty, and only in that light could peace and good will be brought about between Great Britain and Ireland.

London, Dec. 14.—Temperatures:
Highest during 24 hours:
8 a.m. yesterday night:
Prince Rupert . . . 36
Victoria . . . 36
Kamloops . . . 34
Edmonton . . . 22
Winnipeg . . . 30
Saskatoon . . . 24
Regina . . . 24
Ottawa . . . 10
Montreal . . . 18
Quebec . . . 18
St. John, N. B. . . 30
Halifax . . . 36
St. John's, Nfld. . . 48
Detroit . . . 28
New York . . . 46

NOT SO MUCH LIQUOR GOING OVER BORDER
Regina, Dec. 14.—The flow of whiskey across the international boundary is diminishing, according to a report covering November operations issued by the Saskatchewan Liquor Commission.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET
Chicago, Dec. 14.—Opening: Wheat December 105 3/8; May 111 7/8. Corn December 46 1/2; May 52 5/8. Oats December 31 7/8; May 37 1/2.

MANY WOMEN AT MURDER TRIAL

Court Room in Newcastle Crowded—Widow of Victim and Prisoner's Wife Present.

Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 14.—At the opening of the supreme court this morning in the Stewart murder case, Sheriff Cassidy was called for the panelling of the jury and some letters from the attorney general were introduced.

Mr. Mallin, K. C., for the defence, then moved that the panel be quashed on grounds of illegal empanelling and he challenged the jury on the same grounds as no order had been issued to summon forty jurors instead of the regular panel of twenty-one.

The case went on and Hon. W. F. Jones opened for the crown. Dr. W. S. Loggie was the first witness and was on the stand at adjournment for lunch.

Among those present were many women. Mrs. Rees, widow of the murdered man, and her three children, and Mrs. Stewart, wife of the prisoner, and her four children were there. Stewart has failed considerably since his arrest in August.

BOMB KILLS 100 IN PALACE
Brussels, Dec. 14.—The Sigurnia Palace at Bolzano, near Turin, has been wrecked by a bomb, according to a despatch from Bucharest. One hundred soldiers and police on duty within the palace were killed. The bomb was thrown, it is believed, by one of a group of conspirators.

Judge's Strictures in the Case Over Victory Bond Club.
London, Dec. 14.—(Canadian Press)—Horatio Bottomley, M. P., and proprietor of "John Bull" was severely criticized yesterday by Justice Sargent for his management of the Victory Bond Club in which he interested a large number of investors. The judge's strictures arose during the proceedings in the chancery court in which two bondholders sought a winding up order against the club.

His Lordship granted the petitioners' request for a complete and searching investigation into the financial state of the club, of which Bottomley was declared trustee.

The judge ordered Bottomley to pay the costs of the court, refusing to allow the costs to be defrayed from the club's funds on the ground that the disclosure in the plaintiffs' statement of claim, was of the greatest negligence and also the clearest breach of trust by Bottomley. Bottomley listened carefully to the judge's remarks but made no comment.

GOOD PRICES AT SALE OF HORSES
Chicago, Dec. 14.—(Canadian Press)—Horses sold by the Chicago Horse Sale Company yesterday brought a greater aggregate amount than for any previous sale ever conducted by the organization. One hundred and thirty head brought \$53,870. Exlla Silk, a Nebraska yearling owned by the Midway Stock Farm, was purchased by A. S. Rodney of Redville, Mass., for \$2,550, said to be a record price for a yearling at a Chicago sale.

A noted sire, General Watts, seventeen years old, was sold for \$7,000, said to be the highest price ever paid for a sire of that age. The purchaser was F. G. Warden, of Des Moines, Ia. Twenty-two head went to European buyers.

Canadian buyers last night bought four horses, South Dakota Maid, Flaxy Bergen and William H., being auctioned off to L. O. Charlesworth of Wheatley, Ont., while Earl Brooks was sold to W. J. Harvey of Saskatoon. The sale will close tonight.

Frederickton, Dec. 14.—Pius Michael, M. P. elect for Restigouche-Madawaska, is here today. Declaration proceedings at Dalhousie yesterday showed Michael, Liberal, 8,463; Montgomery, Conservative, 1,753, a majority of 6,740. This is said to be the largest proportional majority given in Canada.

Weather Report
Issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries.
Forecast:
Cloudy; Snow.
Maritime—Fresh to strong northeast to northwest winds, cloudy and rather cold with occasional light snow tonight and Thursday.
Gulf and North Shore—Fresh to strong northeast to northwest winds, cloudy and cold with light local snow today and Thursday.
New England—Generally cloudy tonight and Thursday. Probably light snow. Not much change in temperature. Moderate to fresh north and northwest winds.
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