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Irish Agreement Reached as Hope Seemed To Be Lost

British and Sinn Fein Agree On Settlement Terms

GO TO PARLIAMENTS AND BE MADE LAW AT SPECIAL SESSION OF HOUSE OF COMMONS

Ulster Comes Under New Irish Government—Agreement Declared Satisfactory to King—Ireland Independent State, is Report—Form of Allegiance Determined—Consent of Ulster Not Necessary to Make Settlement Effective.

(Canadian Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 6—Britain and Ireland awoke this morning from a troubled sleep of despondency over the Irish situation to learn the joyous news of a sensational and wholly unexpected agreement reached between the British and Irish conferees in today's small hours.

The negotiations for a settlement were considered yesterday to have definitely collapsed, and the compromise achieved in Lloyd George's sombre little home in Downing street after a night-long struggle seems likely to be chronicled as the most momentous event in the history of Anglo-Irish relations.

While the agreement must still be submitted to the Dail Eireann and the British parliament for ratification, there was a disposition in all quarters in London this morning to regard the outlook as of the brightest.

Although the terms of the agreement had not officially been made known up to this afternoon, some of the principal points are unofficially understood to be:

Recognition of Ireland as an independent state with a formula on the question of allegiance satisfactory to both sides.

Inclusion of Ulster within the scope of the new Irish government, with the option of withdrawing within one month, reverting then to her present status within territory fixed by a boundary commission.

Satisfactory arrangements regarding control of Irish ports by the navy.

Withdrawal of military forces from Ireland under safeguards insuring peaceful conditions.

London, Dec. 6—The agreement reached by the British and Sinn Fein delegates this morning binds both sides to recommend it to their parliaments. It is a formal, detailed and conclusive document and its terms prevent the necessity for further negotiations.

Should the Dail Eireann agree to the document—and a disagreement is not looked for, as it meets satisfactorily the points raised by the Sinn Fein—it will be embodied in a bill and submitted to the British parliament, which is expected to be called in special session to consider it.

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The consent of Ulster is not required to make the new Irish agreement effective. Sir is given the option of withdrawing in a month, reverting then to her present status within territory to be decided by a boundary commission.

SOME OF TERMS OF SETTLEMENT.

Meanwhile a provincial government will be formed in Southern Ireland. Ulster does not require to give the option of contracting out within one month after the passage of the act, but if she exercises that option she must submit to a boundary commission and receive no more powers, financial or otherwise, than she has at present.

While the agreement has been sent to Sir James Craig of Ulster, the further proposals for an Irish peace settlement which are subject to the action of the British parliament and the Dail Eireann, was immediately despatched to Sir James by special messenger.

The agreement, after a session which lasted more than three hours, came as a sudden and unexpected justification of the feeble hopes expressed last night following a day of conferences, during which it was at one time understood that the negotiations had definitely broken down, and that only questions of continuing the truce in Ireland remained to be considered.

Nothing has thus far been learned as to the exact modifications in the government's terms, but it is inferred that some formula concerning question of allegiance to the crown—to which the Sinn Feiners have hitherto refused to accede—has been discovered.

It is pointed out that the Dail Eireann cabinet refused the government's terms only three days ago, and that the modifications must indeed be promising from the Sinn Fein point of view, for their delegates to present them to their parliament.

Rumors as to Terms. London, Dec. 6.—The Evening Standard says that the government's proposals for an Irish settlement, upon which agreement was reached this morning, provide for an Irish free state, withdrawal of all military forces from Ireland and safeguards which will insure peaceful conditions there.

London, Dec. 6.—Definite promise of allegiance to the empire by the Sinn Fein is provided for in the Irish peace terms, the Central News states. The agreement, it says, is satisfactory to the king within that area at this moment are

LYOYD GEORGE GIVES UP WASHINGTON TRIP TO COMPLETE IRISH SETTLEMENT

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London, Dec. 6—Lloyd George has abandoned his intended visit to Washington owing to the early meeting of parliament to act on the Irish settlement, it was stated this afternoon. It had been hoped earlier in the day that the Irish settlement would give him his long desired opportunity to attend the Washington conference, but this hope has now been abandoned.

Canada Today Elects Its 14th Parliament

Fine Weather Expected to Bring Out Record Numbers—No Great Rush in City Though, in Morning Hours—Jottings From All Over the Country.

A partial survey of the polling situation between twelve and one o'clock today seemed to indicate that between one quarter and one-third of the voters had cast their ballots up to one o'clock. The several sections of the city showed varying averages; the north end seemed not to have polled so large a percentage of its votes as the city proper.

The beautiful sunny weather today made the business of leaving the indoors on a trip to the polling booth a rather pleasurable excursion. The women voters were not out in large numbers this morning but they were expected to put in an appearance this afternoon when they would be more free of household duties. The men who voted this morning considerably outnumbered the women.

All parties were well represented around the polling booths. The available automobiles at the disposal of the agents to bring out the voters were kept busy. In some sections of the city there was an early morning rush at the polls and numbers lined up awaiting the opening of the booths, and in one or two cases polling was delayed nearly half an hour after the scheduled time.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—(Canadian Press)—Canada today elects her fourteenth parliament. From all over the dominion, with the exception of a few localities, weather conditions are reported as being excellent. Roads are good. This coupled with the spectacular nature of the contest, recent restrictions of the franchise to women and the close fighting—should mean the casting of a record vote.

For the first time, women vote on the same basis as men. Last election certain females made their return to the polls, but they were not counted as voters.

Nearly 4,000,000 Voters. It has been estimated that four million voters will be entitled to cast their ballots today. While returning officers have not yet made their returns, it is thought in official circles that the four million figure is an exaggeration—that the actual number is between three and three and a half millions. The total votes cast in the last election totalled 1,885,229.

The Party Claims. Organizations in the field are fully confident of the days outcome. On behalf of the Conservatives, it is claimed that there has latterly been a decided swing in their favor which will ensure a government victory. Liberals expect to carry the maritime provinces, to secure sixty seats from Quebec, and sufficient support in the other provinces to ensure a majority in the largest group in the next house. Progressives, no less optimistic, expect to sweep the prairie provinces, to carry at least one half of the eighty-two seats of Ontario and two seats in Quebec, and to carry the Maritime Provinces.

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As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Homburg, "are you wildly excited?" "Me?" said Hiram. "I sleep well last night. I got up an' fed the stock an' had a good breakfast of pork and pancakes—an' I went an' voted. No, sir—I'm feelin' just-rate."

"In view of all that is at stake today," said the reporter, "I rather expected to find you worrying somewhat."

"Over this election?" said Hiram. "No, sir—I ain't. I done my dooty as a citizen of this country, an' I'm willin' to let it go at that. I done some canvassin' an' I voted. If things don't go my way, I'll keep right on workin' an' lookin' after the stock. Apples 'll grow agin whether one party or the other wins today. I hev my idee about what's best for the country, but I ain't the hull shootin' match. If we all thought alike this 'ud be an awful tame world—an' I wouldn't care to be in it. An' you kin gintally trust the people in the end. They make mistakes—but takin' 'em all together they mean well-yes, sir."

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Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 6.—The library of Bishop College and Reading was filled with an interested audience last night to listen to the debate between Loyola College and Bishop's College on the subject "Resolved that a substantial reduction in Canadian tariff should be made by the incoming dominion parliament." The affirmative was taken by Bishop's representative by Messrs. Mequien and Savage, while the negative was upheld by Messrs. Phalen and Walsh of Loyola, the judges being Mr. A. J. DeLoe, Mr. J. G. McLean. The decision resulted in the affirmative side being awarded the laurels, so far as winning the case.

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British Cabinet Unanimous For The Agreement

Approves Draft of Irish Settlement—King George Telegraphs His Congratulations to the Premier—Ireland to be Known as "The Irish Free State."

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London, Dec. 6.—The British cabinet at its meeting today unanimously approved the draft agreement with the Sinn Fein and congratulated Mr. Lloyd George and the members of the delegation in the Irish conference on the success of the negotiations.

King George telegraphed Mr. Lloyd George this afternoon the royal congratulations on the reaching of the Irish agreement.

IRISH FREE STATE. Birmingham, Eng., Dec. 6.—Ireland hereafter will be known officially as "The Irish Free State" under the agreement reached at last night's London conference, it was announced by Lord Chancellor Birkenhead in an address here today.

ANNIVERSARY OF HALIFAX EXPLOSION

Four Years Today Since Collision Cost Lives of 2,000 and Caused \$30,000,000 Property Damage.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 6.—Today is the fourth anniversary of the death of 2,000 Halifax citizens and property destruction totalling \$30,000,000 caused by the blowing up of the munition ship Mont-Blanc after collision with the Belgian relief ship, Imo, on Dec. 6, 1917.

LIQUOR PIRATES THREATEN BANNON

Say That They Will Testify Against Him in Whiskey Theft Case—Some Sensations Expected in Windsor Whiskey Affair.

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ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE HOLDS CHIEF INTEREST

Arrangements Expected that Will Widen Agreement.

Report of Four-Power Treaty is Not Credited—Borden Working on Chinese Tariff Problem.

Washington, Dec. 6.—(By Ben Deacon, Staff Correspondent of the Canadian Press)—In default of important developments in the Washington conference, the newspaper "experts" here are extremely busy today arranging imaginary settlements of a number of important questions.

The Anglo-Japan alliance, which has been the subject of informal discussions in the conference for the past week, is still the local point of public attention. Widely varying opinion regarding this question are expressed again today.

One Washington writer declares the abrogation of the alliance is one of the "four prime objectives" of U. S. delegation in regard to Far Eastern questions. He states that from the U. S. point of view this is necessary to the full fruition of the conference.

British spokesmen here declared that the alliance question must be definitely settled at the present international meeting. The general view is that arrangements are now well under way to replace it by a wider agreement which will include other nations having interests in the Pacific. The point in doubt today is just what form that agreement will take.

A report which came from what is considered an authoritative source, last night that a four power treaty has been drawn up does not appear to receive much credit in U. S. circles, where it is declared such an arrangement would not be satisfactory to the U. S.

The Chinese Tariff. Sir Robert Borden today continued work in connection with the Chinese tariff problem. The suit committee appointed to deal with this, of which Sir Robert is a member, is understood to be still considering some of the very complicated details involved and it will likely be several days before its members will be in a position to make recommendations to the full commission on the Far Eastern questions.

EDDY DIVORCE CASE CONTESTED

Husband Denies Allegations in Wife's Complaint—The Case Now in New York Court.

New York, Dec. 6.—(Canadian Press)—Trial of the suit for divorce, brought by Mrs. Ethel Eddy against Ezra Butler Eddy, grandson of the founder of the E. J. Eddy Co. of Hull, Que., and Ottawa, was begun yesterday before Justice Lyden.

The Eddys were married in Ottawa, twelve years ago and have one son ten years old, who now lives with his mother in Babylon, Long Island, according to testimony given at the trial, the two were on good terms although separated for about seven years until Mrs. Eddy was told that her husband was attending to another woman who believed he was single. Then the suit for divorce was commenced. Summons and complaint were served on the husband while he was dining with his wife in a well known restaurant.

He later served an answer in which he denied the allegations in his wife's complaint and claimed he was a victim of circumstances and never had been guilty of misconduct of the sort which would justify divorce.

WIRELESS NEWS FROM STEAMSHIPS

(Shipping reports by wireless from the Red Head Direction Finding Station), December 6.

1.40 A. M. S. S. Empress of France passed in (Shine arrived).

12 noon, S. S. Canadian Victor, for New York, 75 miles south.

1.30 P. M. S. S. Wabana, for Halifax, passed outward.

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