

EAMONN DeVALERA GIVES UP HIS POST AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

HIS STATEMENT IS CONFLICTING

May Continue in Office Providing the Peace Treaty is Rejected--Would Be Willing to Negotiate With the British Authorities for a New Treaty--A Vote Likely Today

Dublin, Jan. 6.—Eamonn De Valera today before the Dail Eireann resigned his post as president of the Irish republic.

Later, however, he was understood to say that he would postpone his decision to leave office pending a vote on the peace treaty with Great Britain if the vote was taken within forty-eight hours. He coupled his resignation with the statement that whatever happened he would retire to private life, but almost in the same breath he spoke of selecting a new cabinet if he was re-elected chief executive.

From these conflicting assertions the inference was drawn by those attending the session of the Dail Eireann that if the treaty was rejected Mr. De Valera would remain in office and endeavor to negotiate a new treaty with British government on the basis of his alternative proposal, but that if the Dail accepted the treaty he would definitely retire from public life.

The Dail adjourned this evening at 7 o'clock to meet again tomorrow for further discussion of the treaty. Several of the members told The Associated Press tonight that a vote on the treaty undoubtedly would be taken before 7 o'clock Saturday evening.

On the assembling of the Dail Eireann yesterday Mr. De Valera defined his position in a speech of considerable length. He described his position as one of preserving the balance between Cathal Brugha (Charles Burgess) the Sinn Fein minister of resistance, who surrendered the military leadership to him, and Arthur Griffith, who surrendered the political leadership. He was, he declared, a sort of connecting link between the two sides.

Union Essential.

This was successful for four years. A union of three forces was absolutely essential to national success. There could be no question of asking the Irish people to enter into any arrangement making them subject to the crown or to require allegiance to the British King, Mr. De Valera said. If war was attempted the speaker continued, the people would face it, and the Irish delegates were told this and were informed that the sooner the British cabinet realized it the better.

The document brought from London Dec. 6, was inconsistent with that position.

Arthur Griffith, he said, declared he would not break on the principle regarding the crown. It was made clear that this would involve a split in the country. A promise accordingly was given that a document involving the making of Irish citizens British subjects would not be signed until submitted to the Irish parliament.

He was so certain that this prom-

OVERTIME PLAY IN EASTERN SECTION

Sackville Defeated Dorchester 3 to 2--New Glasgow Beat Amherst In Independent League

Moncton, Jan. 6.—Playing seven-teen minutes overtime at Dorchester tonight, Sackville defeated the Dorchester team in the second game of the eastern section of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Hockey League, the score being 3 to 2.

New Glasgow, 3; Amherst 2.

New Glasgow, N. S., Jan. 6.—New Glasgow hockey team defeated Amherst 3 to 2 in the Independent Hockey League here last night.

The Wanderers Win.

Halifax, Jan. 6.—In the opening game of the City Hockey League series here tonight, Wanderers defeated Crescents 4 to 2.

Campbellton Too Good.

Campbellton, N. B., Jan. 6.—Shediac was defeated by Campbellton in the third game of N. B. and P. E. I. Northern Section, by a score of 9 to 3. Shediac was outclassed in both speed and combination by Campbellton sextette.

Week Of Prayer.

The week of prayer service last night was held in the Presbyterian church. The speakers were Rev. G. M. Young and Mr. R. B. Wallace. International relations and world peace was the theme and was discussed in a forcible and interesting manner. This evening the closing meeting of the series will be held in the Salvation Army barracks. The speakers will be Rev. G. C. Warren and Rev. P. J. Trafton.

ise would be fulfilled, Mr. De Valera said that when he heard an agreement had been reached he said "we have won." But when he saw in the newspapers that the agreement reached was one absolutely consistent with the Irish tradition and against that a practically irrevocable step had been taken.

Continuing, Mr. De Valera said that on his resignation the cabinet went out with him. If re-elected he could have a new cabinet but if the people re-elected him he must have full use of all the resources of the republic to defend the republic. He then could offer the British people and the peoples of the states of the British commonwealth terms of peace as set out in his proposal.

The people in Ireland would deny the right of the British parliament or the British crown, or any other foreign government to legislate for Ireland and would use all the means they could to prevent Great Britain holding Ireland by military force or otherwise.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT GENOA IN THE EARLY PART OF MARCH

Definite Action Has Been Taken for the Rehabilitation of Europe—Germany and Russia Will Take Part—Lloyd George Tells Allied Supreme Council That Decisive Action Must Be Taken.

Cannes, Jan. 6.—Definite action looking to the rehabilitation of Europe from an economic standpoint, was taken at the first session of the Allied Supreme Council here today when unanimous approval was given for the calling of an international financial and economic conference in which Germany and Russia are to have a part. Some time during the first two weeks of March has been set for the momentous gathering, and Genoa, Italy, has been designated as the place where it shall be held.

An invitation to the United States to participate has been extended through the United States ambassador to Great Britain, George Harvey, who is here as official observer for his government.

Russia's participation in the Genoa conference is conditioned upon acceptance of several conditions, namely, that she cease Bolshevik propaganda abroad; that she undertake not to attack her neighbors, and that she recognize all the honorable obligations entered into by preceding Russian governments.

LYDD GEORGE'S ADDRESS.

Premier Lloyd George of Britain took the most prominent part in the deliberations, speaking for an hour. In his opinion a place for decisive action had been reached if the economic structure of Europe was to be saved. Describing the present meeting of the supreme council as the most important since the armistice, he declared that public opinion of the world demanded that the Allies take wider responsibilities to revive Europe.

The premier sounded a warning that the Allies themselves must solve the problem of rehabilitating Europe economically and he appealed to them to forget their prejudices and co-operate with this end in view.

Mr. Lloyd George made sharply pointed references to the French claims growing out of the war. He said the British were equally entitled to put forth claims, since their taxes, as a result of the war, were twice as heavy as those of any other country.

The remark of the British prime minister that most impressed the delegates was his reference to the prejudice that might exist against entering into relations with the Soviet government, because it had blood upon its hands. "But," he declared, "I know a country which quite recently took the hand of an assassin in the Near East."

The passage was immediately translated for M. Briand, who first smiled at the reference to the Angora treaty between France and the Turkish Nationalists and then retorted: "Yes, but we made his acquaintance in London."

MRS. STILLMAN PAYS VISIT TO WILDS OF QUEBEC PROVINCE

Montreal, Jan. 6.—According to latest advices, the decision of Mr. Judge Morschauser to allow Mrs. Stillman \$7,500 expense money for the Canadian hearings in connection with the divorce suit brought by James A. Stillman, is sufficient to warrant her in continuing her enquiries with a view to securing defence witness in this province. Phillip O'Brien, representative of the firm of lawyers acting for Mrs. Stillman, is not perturbed at the action of Mr. Stillman's lawyers and affirms his intention of continuing to gather testimony for hearing by the Canadian commission which he is convinced will open its sessions here as scheduled on January 11.

Mrs. Stillman and her legal advisers and friends are so little perturbed at the prospect of the commission being unable to sit that they have left Three Rivers tonight for La Tuque, where they will remain until Monday, and where they are going with the view of obtaining further important evidence for the hearings here next week.

HON. MR. GRAHAM WILL NOT BE OPOSED BY CONSERVATIVES

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 6.—Conservatives of South Essex at a largely attended meeting held at Essex yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution to offer no opposition to the candidacy of Hon. George P. Graham, who returns to the constituency next week for endorsement. A Liberal convention has been called for January 10 and a Progressive gathering had been summoned for the day after. J. D. Arnew has been spoken of as a probable Progressive candidate.

JOHN S. SCOTT APPOINTED COUNTY SECRETARY TREASURER BY LARGE MAJORITY VOTE

JUNIOR BANNER FOR CHAUTAUQUA AWARDED HERE

Fredericton Juniors Warmly Congratulated on Showing in 1921--Presentation Last Night

The Swathmore Chautauqua Association writing to W. M. Clark of this city says that Fredericton was again awarded the Junior Chautauqua Banner for 1921.

The letter says: "Your boys and girls are certainly to be congratulated in winning out on the following four points:

1. Excellence in Junior Town Meetings.
2. Excellence in Junior Pageant.
3. Behaviour at Junior Meetings.
4. Number of Juniors who earned their own tickets.

Your citizens will be pleased to know that out of 375 towns competing for the banner, Fredericton was one of the winners.

The Junior Officers for the year are as follows.

Mayor, Sarah Burpee.
Town Clerk, Gertrude Davis,
Commissioners, Ralph McKee, Magdeline Scott, Kathleen Baird, Irene Fitzpatrick, Marguerite Irvine, Lloyd Machum and Albert Murray.

Boosters' Committee: Ralph McKee Chairman, Helen Taylor, Secretary.

The awards were made up at the end of the year and the banner was presented to Miss Sarah Burpee the mayor last evening by George A. Inch President of Fredericton Chautauqua. The presentation took place at the home of W. M. Clark.

Passed The Exams.

Among those listed in the Canada Gazette as having been declared eligible for permanent appointment as letter carriers are the following from this city: F. W. Costin, Roy N. Kierstead, Herbert Endall, Chipman Heron Brewer has been declared as eligible for the position of clerk.

Important Meeting.

The annual meeting of Agricultural Society for District 34 will be held in the city council chamber on Thursday January 12th, at three o'clock. As business of great importance is to be transacted it is hoped that every member will make it his business to be present. Make no other engagements for the afternoon of Thursday next.

Mrs. Charles E. Scott is seriously ill at her home here and her recovery is dispaired of.

Mrs. J. F. VanBuskirk is seriously ill at her home from an attack of la-grippe and is under the care of a private nurse.

Miss Ada Schleyer is confined to her home by illness.

SALARIES OF OFFICIALS REMAIN AT SAME FIGURE

Municipal Council of York County Concluded Session at Noon Today--Assessment for 1922 Totals Forty Thousand and Dollars Which Is Heavy Public Health Estimate 6,000

The Municipal Council of York County concluded its session here shortly after noon today. One of the last matters attended to was the appointment of county officials. There was a contest for the office of Secretary Treasurer. John S. Scott was appointed receiving twenty votes. Mrs. Agnes O. J. Glen who formerly held the office received nine votes. C. D. Richards, M. P. P. was appointed County Solicitor and Robert Carter, County Auditor.

The assessment for 1922 was passed at a total of \$40,706.54. That included six thousand dollars for Board of Health purposes. The total is a heavy one.

Miss Groom has been appointed night supervisor.

The Council resumed at 10 a. m. Saturday.

At the suggestion of Coun. Grant the minutes relating to a discussion concerning arrears in tax-collections in Kingsclear were read and confirmed. Secretary Treasurer Scott made an explanation of an item in the auditors report.

Coun. Allen presented the report of the Committee on bylaws. The report was adopted.

Kingsclear Matter

On the motion of Coun. Kitchen seconded by Coun. Doherty, the Parish of Kingsclear for the purposes of taxcollection was divided into two districts No. 1 to comprise Polling District No. 1 and No. 2 to comprise Polling District No. 2 and No. 3

County Officials Appointed

The Council proceeded to elect county officers.

Coun. Inch seconded by Coun. Doherty nominated Mrs. A. O. J. Glen as County Secretary Treasurer

Coun. Whipple seconded by Coun. Greenlaw nominated John S. Scott.

Voting by ballot took place John S. Scott the present incumbent receiving twenty votes and Mrs. A. O. J. Glen who was given leave of absence after a long period of efficient service received nine votes.

Robert Carter the present incumbent was nominated as County Auditor by Coun. Allen seconded by Coun. Doherty. There was no other nomination and Mr. Carter was elected.

Charles D. Richards, M. P. P. the present incumbent was nominated as County Solicitor by Coun. Seymour seconded by Coun. Gaynor. There was no other nomination and Mr. Richards was elected.

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E STERN NOVA COTIA HAS BEIN HIT BY A FIERCE STORM

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 4.—After an all-day battle with the sleet left by the recent storm, the Sydney and Louisburg Railway got its line opened through from Sydney to Glace Bay today and telegraphic communication between the two centres was also restored.

Forty passengers caught by the storm spent Monday night in a street car at Reserve Junction, and then made their way on foot to Glace Bay, eight miles distant.

During the worst of the blizzard, a transformer house burned at Reserve causing serious interference with the two collieries there.

The last train into Sydney arrived at midnight Monday and another is not expected until Friday night. Nevertheless there is no shortage of food supplies.

BOY WAS INJURED BY A CIG RETTE LOADED WITH GUNPOWDER

Moncton, Jan. 6.—Henry Bernard, a young lad between the ages of ten and eleven years, was brought to Moncton this morning for medical treatment as the result, it is said, of the act on Thursday evening of an older boy.

Young Bernard lives at or near Canaan Station and on Thursday evening was offered a cigarette by another boy, which was loaded with gunpowder. When the cigarette was exploded Bernard's right eye was severely injured and his left eye received light injury.

Dr. R. L. Botsford, Alma street, was consulted on arrival of the lad in Moncton, but the case was immediately turned over to an eye specialist, who is endeavoring to save the injured optics.