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## NEW HOME RULE BILL GIVEN A FAVORABLE RECEPTION BY THE NEWSPAPERS OF LONDON

### WILL BE REJECTED BY THE IRISH PEOPLE

The Fourth Home Rule Measure to be Presented to the British Parliament—Feeling Prevails That It Deserves to be Considered and Given a Fair Trial—Will Give Ireland a Greater Degree of Autonomy, it is Thought.

London, Dec. 23.—Aside from one or two irreconcilable anti-home rule journals, London newspapers this morning give, on the whole, a favorable reception to the government's new scheme for Irish self-government. None, however, express genuine expectation of the success of the plan.

While it is recognized that such a bill as Premier Lloyd George outlined yesterday, the fourth home rule measure to be presented to parliament, will be absolutely rejected by a large section of the Irish people and regarded with suspicion and distrust by others, it is contended it deserves to be fairly considered and tried. The Daily News, perhaps the most thorough champion of home rule of the London newspapers, and a severe critic of Premier Lloyd George and the coalition government, says:

"The government bill gives Ireland a greater degree of autonomy since it sets up an Irish parliament, and it manifestly contemplates the probability of a united Irish parliament. In the desperate situation in which Ireland now stands, this offer, so far as Englishmen can judge, should not be rejected out of hand, assuming it to be honestly put forward."

Belief that the bill offers the only possible way out of the Irish tangle, is expressed by the liberal-chronicle, which says on the whole the measure appears nearly everywhere in Ireland largely because "none of the contending factions is really willing to be fair to any of the others," the newspaper says:

"The government the British people and the British parliament must recognize and discount these oppositions in advance. Only in such a way can any change which is either just or workable be achieved in Ireland."

## RUMORS OF A SECRET TREATY

Brussels, Dec. 22.—The Nation Belge today prints a rumor that a secret treaty has been signed by Great Britain and Holland by which the integrity of Dutch territory is guaranteed.

## A BONUS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

Quebec, Dec. 23.—The Quebec government has authorized the payment of one month's salary as a bonus for Christmas to all civil servants earning less than \$1,600 a year.

## FRUIT YIELD IN NOVA SCOTIA IS AWAY AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

Halifax, Dec. 23.—Correspondents from every county of Nova Scotia report an increase in the apple yield of from 50 per cent to over 250 per cent, as compared with 1918. For the larger fruit producing counties the average estimate is about 225 per cent ahead of the previous year. This represents from the fruit shipping counties a gross yield of at least 1,500,000 barrels. During 1919 the total acreage under crops, exclusive of apples, was 2,023,633 acres.

## COMMERCIAL MEN HOSTS AT A BANQUET

Hon. F. B. Carvell One of the Speakers—Made Reference to Recent Wreck on the C. P. R.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Speakers last night at the annual banquet of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association, held at the Windsor Hotel, were Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, Hon. W. G. Mitchell Provincial Treasurer Ernest Lapointe, M. P. for Quebec East, Hon. F. B. Carvell, chairman of the Dominion Railway Commission, and others.

Mr. Doherty thought ten minutes was too short a time in which to speak of the sins of parliament and preferred to refer to the recent amnesty and in general to the glories of parliamentary government. Mr. Lapointe insisted on honesty as the best policy in public life. Mr. Mitchell said the French-Canadian when they drink their two per cent beer or six per cent wine no longer say "Salut" or "Bonne Chance" but "poor Ontario."

Mr. Carvell made a reference to the recent train smash and thought that trains did not run into one another without someone being responsible.

## AMNESTY FOR DEFAULTERS

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Announcement is expected today of a general amnesty to all defaulters under the Military Service Act.

## MARYSVILLE HAPPENINGS

Marysville, Dec. 22.—Mr. George M. White who is studying medicine at McGill College, Montreal is the guest of his father Mr. G. Milburn White for the holidays.

Mrs. Judson Bettle of St. John is the guest of her parents the Mayor and Mrs. Stafford for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Titus of Milltown are visiting relatives here.

A dance will be held at the Dawson Club Rooms this evening instead of Friday evening when the returned men are to be entertained.

Miss Edith Dennison of the teaching staff of the Campbellton school is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Dennison.

Miss L. Lovely of Florenceville was a visitor in town yesterday.

Mr. Paul Dennison of Milltown is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Berton Dennison.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper of Milltown are visiting relatives here.

The choir of the Olivet Baptist Church sang at the morning service at Penniac yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Collett and children are spending Christmas with Mr. Collett's parents at Dover, N. H.

Miss Laurestine Bailey of Acadia University is spending the vacation at her home here.

## MEMBERS OF THE U. S. SENATE TRYING TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON TREATY RESERVATIONS

Leaders of Both Parties, Released from Legislative Duties, are Endeavoring to Get Together—Senator Lodge Confers With Prominent Western Democrat—Modifications of Language Have Been Suggested.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Compromise efforts for ratification of the peace treaty moved forward with increasing impetus yesterday when the leaders of both parties in the Senate, released from legislative duties by the holiday recess of congress, came actively into the negotiations for an agreement on reservations.

Notable in the day's long series of conciliation conference was a meeting between Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts the Republican leader, and Senator Underwood, of Alabama, a prominent Democratic advocate of a speedy compromise. They are said to have discussed the whole range of possibilities for bringing together on a common ground enough Senators to insure ratification.

### PLAN FOR A GENERAL CONFERENCE AFTER THE HOLIDAYS OF THOSE FAVORING RATIFICATION

Meantime the acting Democratic leader, Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, canvassed sentiment on both sides of the controversy and arranged during the coming week to see every republican Senator who remains in Washington over the holidays. As soon as congress re-assembles, he plans to have a general conference of those who favor ratification with or without reservations.

In his talk with Senator Underwood, Mr. Lodge had before him the views of the mild reservation group of Republicans, who presented to him at a conference yesterday a plea for support of the compromise negotiations that have been proceeding ever since the treaty failed of ratification at the last session of congress.

Modifications in the language of the reservations as agreed upon by the Senate majority are understood to have been suggested by the mild reservationists, although it was stated the question of the language to be adopted would be left open for the movement.

## SAYS THE DICE HAVE BEEN LOADED IN THE COAL STRIKE SETTLEMENT

Chairman of Senate Committee Declares There Must Have Been Some Sort of a Secret Deal Made in Addition to the Signed Statement.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Entering into the controversy raging about the government's proposal for settlement of the coal strike, Senator Frelinghuysen, Republican, New Jersey Chairman of the Senate Committee investigating the coal situation, in a formal statement last night, declared that in the government's negotiations "there must have been some sort of a secret deal made in addition to the signed statement."

The new Jersey Senator characterized the settlement proposition as put forth by Attorney-General Palmer and accepted by the miners "as a loaded dice for the American public."

Attorney-General Palmer in a statement last night denied the assertions made Sunday by the operators whose position he characterized as "the merest quibble and quite unworthy of the representatives of a great industry."

### THE POSITION OF OPERATORS

The operators, the Attorney General said, from the beginning, had been clamoring for arbitration and had stated repeatedly their willingness to conform to any plan which the President might suggest.

"Their allegation now," continued Mr. Palmer, "that they were not consulted about the form of the memorandum which was submitted to the miners' conference is absurd."

The settlement proposal, as accepted by the miners, the Attorney General further declared, was submitted to representatives of the operators in Indianapolis, who in turn communicated it to their representatives in Washington.

"No objection was made," added Mr. Palmer. "The operators remained absolutely silent until after the men were back in the mines. Then for the first time they begin to object."

## WHALE MEAT FOR XMAS

New York, Dec. 23.—A consignment of five thousand pounds of whale meat from Alaska was offered at markets on the East side today as a substitute for expensive holiday fowl. Several consignments received a year ago totalled 25,000 pounds and sold at an average of 36 cents. The principal purchasers then were Japanese to whom the meat was no novelty.

Irkutsk, Dec. 22.—Tomsk evacuated by the Siberian troops of the Al-Russian government.

## THE TIGER MAY BE PRESIDENT

Paris, Dec. 23.—That Georges Clemenceau may be the next President of the French Republic is the consensus of opinion in the Chamber of Deputies. Despite the Premier's vote upon his candidacy several members of the Chamber are resolved to place his name to the fore, and are positive they can count upon the support of 450 members of the Chamber and 150 Senators.

Mr. Robert Sullivan is spending Christmas with his parents in this city.

## LITTLE CHANCE FOR RATIFICATION OF PEACE TREATY BEFORE END OF THIS YEAR

### CURRENT RATE OF EXCHANGE AND CUSTOMS

Finance Minister Drayton Confers With Council of the Montreal Board of Trade.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Sir Henry Drayton yesterday met the council of the Montreal Board of Trade to discuss the question of the provisions of the currency act respecting the rate of exchange so far as they affect the valuation of import goods for duty. The council are of opinion that the current rate of exchange should be accepted by the customs authorities as the basis of valuation for duty. Letters were submitted from leading manufacturers embodying the views of the council and pointing out that Canada's excellent export business should not be endangered by any step which would enable countries with debased currency to compete in our markets.

Sir Henry promised full consideration, but made no definite announcement.

## TURKEY STILL HELD AT 75C. IN MARKET

A good sized Christmas market was collected this morning at Phoenix Square with produce of all kinds. One dollar was asked for eggs by the dozen but was not paid. Turkeys commanded the market guarding all the approaches and holding up buyers for 75 cents a pound. Chickens and fowl were plentiful as ever and sold for 40 to 50 cents a pound. Geese ranged in price from \$3.50 to \$4.00.

Some splendid apples, Pippins and other varieties sold for \$2.50 to \$4 a barrel. Potatoes sold for their usual price and \$3.50 was coaxed from the pockets of several buyers without much trouble. Carrots sold for \$1.25 a barrel and turnips for 65 cents.

The prevailing prices were:  
 Butter, 60 to 65 cents per lb.  
 Eggs, 80 cents a dozen.  
 Veal, 12 to 16 cents per lb.  
 Lamb, 17 to 23 cents per lb.  
 Mutton, 12 to 17 cents per lb.  
 Pork, 19 to 26 cents per lb.  
 Beef, 12 to 18 cents per lb.  
 Potatoes, \$3.50 per barrel.  
 Turnips, 65 cents per barrel.  
 Apples, \$2.50 to \$4 per barrel.  
 Carrots, \$1.25 per barrel.  
 Chickens, 40 to 50 cents per lb.  
 Fowl, 35 to 40 cents per lb.  
 Turkeys, 75 cents per lb.  
 Hay per ton, \$24 to \$27.  
 Another big market is expected tomorrow.

## ALL MISSING ACCOUNTED FOR

Montreal, Dec. 23.—All the missing in the wreck on the C. P. R. at Onawa on Saturday have been accounted for, according to advices to the company's offices here. One body remains to be found, that of Engineer Bagley. The death list has been finally set at 25.

## COALITION UNIONIST WON A BY-ELECTION IN OLD COUNTRY

London, Dec. 23.—Lieut. Colonel Freeman, coalition Unionist, was elected to parliament for the St. Albans division of Hertfordshire, in the by-election held on December 10, it was announced today. Lieut. Col. Freeman had a plurality of 713 votes over the next highest nominee, receiving 9,621 votes to 8,908 for J. W. Brown, the labor candidate. Milner Gray, Liberal, received 2,474 votes. At the last general election Sir F. Hildred Carlisle, Coalition Unionist, was returned unopposed.

### HUN DELEGATES RETURNING HOME

Must Consult With the Government on the Latest Allied Communication—Their Departure from Paris Not a Rupture of Negotiations—Text of Allied Reply to the Last German Note is Decided Upon.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Exchange of ratification of the German peace treaty before the end of the year is considered in French official circles as impossible. This opinion was formed today when the heads of the German delegation here announced that they would be obliged to return to Berlin to consult with the government on the latest Allied communication, which was in reply to the German note of December 15th.

Herr Von Lersner, the chief member of the German delegation, expressed a desire to lay emphasis on the fact that his leaving Paris at this time was in nowise a rupture of negotiations.

The heads of the Allied delegation met last evening and decided upon the text of the reply of the Allies to the last German note concerning clauses in the armistice which have not been carried out, and the compensation demanded for the sinking of the former German fleet in Scapa Flow.

The note is firm in tone and makes known to Germany precisely what the Allies will require of her. It will be presented today.

## NEW HEAD FOR AIR MINISTRY

London, Dec. 22.—Major George Tryon, Unionist member of parliament for Brighton, has been appointed to succeed Brig.-Gen. John E. B. Seely, as head of the Air Ministry.

General Seely resigned his position as head of the Air Ministry last month and took a seat on the opposition benches in the House of Commons. Major Tryon is a son of the late Vice-Admiral Tryon.

## A STEAMER IN DISTRESS

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—A wireless message received by the Marine Department here this morning from the British steamer Mesaba, stated that at six a. m., she was standing by the British steamer Kamarima, which reported herself in distress off St. Johns Nfld. yesterday, and that she would make an effort to get a tow line aboard at daylight.

### TERRORISTS EXECUTED.

Budapest, Dec. 19.—Joseph Czerny, and thirteen other terrorists, accused of excesses during the Bela Kun regime, were executed here today.