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Plan to Summon Commons

The Dail includes some members from northern Ireland and excludes four elected to the southern Parliament from Trinity College. The idea is that after the Dail approves the treaty, which it is expected to do by a comparatively small majority, the ratifying body named in the treaty shall be summoned to meet. The Dail members are dissatisfied with the treaty and do not attend this gathering, it is pointed out, and thus their colleagues, plus the Trinity members, might ratify the document unanimously. The Dail could still function as Ireland's only recognized elected parliamentary assembly.

A provisional government would be formed under the treaty, and the Dail Eireann could act as a check on its functions. It will take many months for the new Irish constitution to be put into working order and in the mean time the differences between the Sinn Fein leaders might be accommodated. There is, however, a possibility that Mr. de Valera, Australian minister, and E. J. O'Connell, Children's act, Dr. De Valera has said, regard the new provisional government as a usurpation and campaign against it.

Some of Mr. de Valera's most influential and valued friends outside the Dail have seen him and urged the desirability of accepting the treaty. They are said to have come away convinced that on the ground of principle he is entirely uncompromising and will fight the matter out, whatever the consequences.

Country's Attitude Plain

The country's opinion on acceptance of the treaty is in doubt. Even the members of the Dail Eireann who carry more than a very small proportion of their constituents with them, have a mixed feeling. The Sinn Fein secured undisputed control of all the great municipal and county governing bodies over most of Ireland. These bodies are now being asked to influence their representatives in favor of the treaty, and county after county is adopting resolutions urging their members in the Dail to vote approval.

Thus far there has been no instance of any public body adopting resolutions against acceptance, although at most of the meetings there has been a minority holding that view. A remarkable feature of the resolutions favoring the treaty is the general lack of enthusiasm for its terms. It is accepted mainly with an accompaniment of criticisms regarding its deficiencies, but the view is practically that, such as it is, it should be accepted.

For the moment there is a lull in the controversy, as it was agreed that the holiday was not to be utilized for propaganda, but the line of argument is that Mr. de Valera had ceased to start on the fixed rock of republicanism and that the issue is really between two forms of compromise.

Official Boards Favor Treaty

The O'Fallon County Council, in the constituency of Dr. Patrick MacCartan, at the last election of the Sinn Fein in the United States, to-day adopted a resolution in favor of ratification of the treaty. The resolution carried with it an amendment appointing the Dail Eireann to act on the treaty in whatever decision it should take.

The corporation of the town of Sligo was among the other bodies to-day which passed resolutions supporting ratification.

The official organ of the Irish Volunteers, "The Irish Volunteer," (Continued on next page)

Hope Revived for Curb On Submarines; British Would Pledge 5 Powers

Briand Defends Policies in Senate; Talks Too Much, Poincare Suggests

PARIS, Dec. 29 (By The Associated Press).—Premier Briand reiterated in the Senate debate on the foreign affairs budget this afternoon France's naval policy and reviewed reparations and the Angora Treaty.

The Premier insisted upon talking, although M. Poincare suggested that he gave confidential information to the commission on these subjects. To this M. Briand replied: "I do not wish to hear further that I am carrying on in obscurity a policy dangerous to my country."

The Premier explained again how France reduced her claim for capital ships, but had refused to sacrifice cruisers and submarines. "Therefore," he declared, "we remain true to our policy, which is to seek only security. We maintain our position on that point."

For the present the French government is unable to see its way to any recession from the attitude taken by its representatives at Washington on the submarine question, it was said in official circles earlier in the day.

The submarine question involves other considerations than the tonnage allotted to each nation, it was said, and inasmuch as the countries represented at Washington were not the only ones able to build undersea boats, an arrangement among these countries alone would have to be considered an insufficient way of dealing with the problem.

Flames Drive Thirty Families From Homes

Comrades Rescue Fireman Who Volunteers to Cut Off Gas in Flooded Cellar

Thirty families were driven from their homes in the vicinity of Sixth Avenue and Fifty-eighth Street early this morning by a fire which swept through the fourth floor of a ten-story building at 97 Sixth Avenue and spread to the top floor of 95 Sixth Avenue.

Fireman Conley, of Engine Company 23, volunteered to enter the cellar of 97 Sixth Avenue and turn off the gas, which was escaping in great volume from melted pipes and rendering the work of the firemen perilous.

He was overcome by the gas and the smoke and fell in the street. A fire which was in the cellar. Other members of his company found him and carried him out. Dr. Harry M. Acker, of the Fire Department, revived him and turned up a cut in his right hand, and Conley stuck to his post.

Michael Farrell, a patrolman attached to the Sixth Street police station, who lives at 97 Sixth Avenue, discovered the fire when he got home about 1:30 o'clock. He aroused his own and the neighbors in the house and fled.

Those who were driven to the street in their night clothes found shelter first in taxis, which were lined up at the tenth Street, near the street, and later in the Northern Hotel. They were taken in by neighbors. Two homes were burned in.

Police Capture 2 Bandits in Street Fight

Chinese Sound Alarm on Whistle After Hold-Up in Brooklyn Restaurant With Patrons Looking On

Thieves Active in Holidays

Furs and Gems Valued at Over \$100,000 Taken in Middle West Side Raids

Two masked men, each with a revolver in his hand, stepped into Charley Kee's Chinese restaurant on the second floor of 803 Broadway, Brooklyn, about 2 a. m. to-day. One of them stationed himself in front of Charley Kee and the cash register. The former's hands went up automatically.

His fellow bandit swept the half dozen persons sitting at the tables with the muzzle of his revolver and remarked: "Hands up, everybody." The unanimous clatter of falling forks and crash of breaking crockery testified to the prompt obedience of his audience.

Forks laden with chicken chow mein, chop suey and other delicacies were relinquished half way to mouths. Cups were dropped, tea and oil, the bankers' hands shot toward the ceiling. The hold-up man kept his revolver swinging from one to another of them until his companion turned at bay and fought. Then both of them backed out of the place.

Their feet still were clumping on the stairs when Charley Kee snatched a pistol and fired. He hit the bandit and dived to the window. Throwing up the sash, he kept a shrill lament which brought Patrolmen Bode, Ellis and the driver of the Vernon Avenue public station on the run.

Fugitives Fight Policemen

They were in time to see two men racing down Broadway and gave chase. The fugitives turned and fired four shots at the pursuing police and the patrolmen returned the fire. Neither thickened pace to take any, however, and all the bullets went wild.

After a chase of about two blocks a patrolman overtook the fleeing men. He held them up and searched them. They were charged with being implicated in taking \$15,000 worth of goods from the establishment of W. E. Baid & Co., 23 West Forty-sixth Street, on December 22.

Three of the men were arrested early yesterday morning at Forty-seventh Street and Third Avenue while riding in an automobile which they described themselves as Joseph Bernstein, Bertram Boerner and Benjamin Gatti, and were held in additional bail of \$2,000 each on a charge of appropriating the car.

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