

FEAR LLOYD GEORGE MAY BE ATTACKED

Scotland Yard Active as Premier Prepares Home Rule Announcement.

IRISH TO GET CONCESSIONS

Plan Provides for Two Parliaments Modelled on U. S. Congress.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Precautions are being taken by the Scotland Yard officials against possible attempts to attack Premier Lloyd George or prominent members of the Irish Office in London. On Monday there will be a careful scrutiny of persons entering the House of Commons to prevent the possibility of trouble on the occasion of Premier Lloyd George's announcement on the Government's home rule measure.

The idea will be to give a large amount of autonomy to each section of Ireland, with thoroughly easy machinery providing for their combination as soon as they desire to unite, the bill being intended to give the road for elimination of the idea of the partition of Ireland. To a combined Ireland, it is indicated, even greater powers may be given than are proposed for the separate sections.

It is expected that the Premier's announcement will be most conciliatory and comprehensive in outlining what he hopes will be an acceptable plan. The new scheme of government differs considerably from the plans previously discussed and carries concessions on various questions much further. The Government, in framing the bill, is understood to have kept before it as primary points, first, that the secession of Ireland and the establishment of an independent Irish republic cannot be tolerated, but that, on the other hand, the present system of government cannot be continued and that it is impossible to ignore the fact that there are two great sections of Ireland, each of whose claims must be considered.

The bill is understood to provide for granting the fullest possible freedom to the two Irish legislatures, administering their own affairs, with powers similar to those held by the States in America. When questions affecting the empire arise they would come under the consideration of the Imperial Parliament, in which Ireland would have a voice.

SEARCH DUBLIN FOR FRENCH ASSAILANTS

Authorities Shadow Friends of Slain Sein Feiner.

DUBLIN, Dec. 20.—In spite of strenuous exertions on the part of the police and military authorities to discover the perpetrators of the attempt to assassinate Viscount French yesterday it was generally reported that no arrests had been made up to noon to-day. Officials are absolutely reticent regarding the progress of the investigation. The public feeling is calm and there has been no demonstration.

Inquiry at the vice-regal lodge this evening elicited the statement that Viscount French was "quite well and never had been better."

The authorities are scouring the city to apprehend the assassins of Viscount French and also are closely investigating the associates of Savage, who was killed while running from the scene of the attempt on the Viscount's life, in the hope of finding a clue to the identity of the assassins.

IRISH CAUSE HURT BY ASSASSIN'S ACT

Sinn Fein Attack on Viscount French Arouses Many.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun from the London Times Service. Copyright, 1919, all rights reserved. LONDON, Dec. 20.—With the Irish pot of troubles boiling over the wanton attack on the life of Viscount French, the Lord Lieutenant, has brought matters to a crisis and it now remains to be seen what effect the attempted assassination will have on the plans of the British Government concerning self rule for Ireland. Premier Lloyd George intends to outline the plans in the House of Commons on Monday.

From oral expressions of the Premier's thoughts outlined in the Government organs it is indicated that the real cause of self-government has not been injured by the outrage. In the meantime all shades of opinion, regardless of party, condemn the would-be assassins as being beyond the pale of violent political controversy. They are called criminals of the foulest nature.

As has been pointed out several times recently in The Sun events in Ireland were heading inevitably to some outrage of this nature. It presents a sinister parallel to the notorious Phoenix Park murder in 1882, when in the same locality Lord Cavendish and Mr. Burke were slain, but it is difficult to discover how the cause of the Sinn Fein can benefit by the attempt on Lord French's life or how the Sinn Fein leaders can have thought that their cause would be benefited.

The majority of the British people, who regard the Irish question either indifferently or with a lurking sense of sympathy, have now been alienated. The enemies of Ireland will now have a sharp point for their argument against reform and justification for a continuation of repression.

The Daily Mail sees in the attempted assassination a serious warning to both warring factions, the Ulster coercionists on one hand and the Sinn Fein extremists on the other. The Times warns the Sinn Fein leaders of the unfavorable effect on American opinion. The Unionist Daily Graphic urges that Great

Britain must be firm in the face of this latest affront and make the Sinn Feiners realize that they will gain nothing through crime. Even the Socialist Herald condemns the outrage. This most anti-Government of all British papers says: "Violence never proves anything. However harsh the tyrant may be, you don't convict him of tyranny by attacking him physically; nor do you prevent a worse tyrant from arising in his place. That is the answer to those who advocate political assassination. We are opposed not only to assassination but to all forms of violence."

D'ANNUNZIO ANNULS FIUME PLEBISCITE

Poet Fighter Declares He Will Remain Personally in Command of City.

Fiume, Dec. 15 (Delayed).—The plebiscite that was to have been held here to determine whether the proposals made by Gen. Badoglio, the Italian chief of staff, for the settlement of the Fiume dispute, involving the withdrawal of the D'Annunzio forces and the occupation of the city by regular Italian troops, had been abandoned.

D'Annunzio made public announcement to-night that the plebiscite had been annulled. He declared he would himself remain in command of the city.

The foregoing despatch does not make it definitely clear whether D'Annunzio has decided against acceptance of the Badoglio proposals. A Fiume despatch on Wednesday reported that strong pressure was being exerted in some quarters against the proposals and that other elements were demanding stronger guarantees of the ultimate annexation of Fiume to Italy and insisting that the present garrison be maintained there as a regular Italian garrison under the command of D'Annunzio. The foregoing despatch may mean that D'Annunzio has decided upon this latter course pending developments.

DRAMATIC SCENES IN NEW FIUME CRISIS

D'Annunzio Hailed as Savior, but Judicious Grieve.

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National Council of Fiume approving the agreement reached with the Italian Government, D'Annunzio ordered church bells to ring, ships in the harbor to whistle, flags to be produced, and called together the people in the main square. When this was thronged D'Annunzio harangued the crowd. He recalled the days of the thirteenth century, when the free peoples and free communes of Italy used to decide freely and directly their destinies.

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In other words, not to accept ultimately any other solution than annexation. Second—That there should be no discontinuity of territories between Fiume and the mother country. Third—That there should be a period of transition when Fiume would be occupied exclusively by Italian troops, while the local militia were retrained. Fourth—That in the same period no infringement of the territorial integrity or sovereign rights of Fiume should be tolerated. Other clauses referred to financial aid, resumption of work on the harbor, the currency question, etc.

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The same evening D'Annunzio informed the council that he was not content with their decision; he required a plebiscite. In the agreement that had been concluded the Italian Government pledged itself: First—Not to accept any solution of the Fiume problem contrary to the will expressed by the city in October, 1918.

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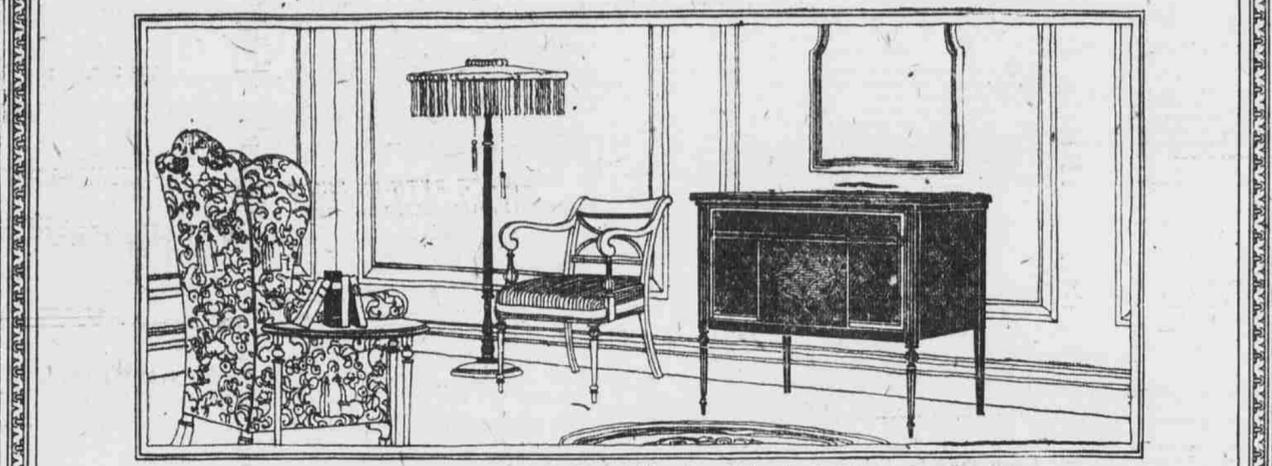
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