

IRISH SETTLEMENT INVOLVES CANADA

DOMINION EVOLUTION THROUGHOUT EMPIRE IS FILLING CANUCK MIND

Organization of New Government Must Deal With Lot of Questions Raised by Creation of Free State at Dublin; May Bring Call for Constitutional Convention to Outline Status of Commonwealths; Right of Secession Raised.

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(Canada is watching the Irish settlement, believing that it may have an important bearing on the future status in all British dominions. Canada also is having some difficulty in organizing her new government. As in the United States, the progressives in politics come from the west. Those progressives are now being sought for a coalition with the liberals and are demanding many progressive reforms. The Canadian farmers are suffering from the same conditions which are felt in the farming districts of the United States. Mr. Stevenson, a noted correspondent at Ottawa, sends an interesting dispatch on the Canadian situation.)

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—Canada is watching the Irish debate with keen interest, for the outcome of the Irish settlement is likely to have a pronounced effect upon the dominion, as well as on the other British commonwealths.

Already there is a demand among a considerable political element for pressure on the imperial government at London for a constitutional conference to define the exact status of the dominions.

Canada's constitutional position has been taken as the basis of the Irish settlement, but, as a matter of fact, in some respects the relations between the dominions and Great Britain are very indeterminate and if the Irish settlement comes to full fruit, they will have to be accurately defined.

Right of Secession Arises
The late government here agreed to postpone the accurate definition of the various British states, but the new government is likely to urge the constitutional conference which is being demanded by the progressives. One very important question involved is the right of secession. Can any of the dominions sever their connection with the British empire? Legally the answer is No, but an affirmative reply was given such a question in the British house of commons on March 30, 1920, by Mr. Bonar Law, when he asserted that the right to secede was inherent in the dominion's present status. This would be good news, undoubtedly, to some of the Irish elements just at this time, but authorities as high as General Jan Smuts have cast doubt on the validity of this.

Religious Elements of Weakness
Christians find Canada in difficulty in the organization of her new government. The defeated Highchurch government is still in office and William Lyon Mackenzie King, the liberal leader, is still uncertain about the character and composition of his cabinet. Mr. King is well known in the United States through his connection with the Rockefeller foundation and his work as an industrial mediator during the war years.

The new leader has found that his position has many weaknesses. His

main support is from the French Canadian Catholics and he evidently senses the quite probable danger that at the next election the Protestant party for their support and has proposed an alliance on the basis that a large part of the progressive program will be carried into effect and certain seats in the cabinet allocated to progressive leaders. But public opinion in the province of Quebec, which furnishes the chief strength of the liberal party, is not prepared for such a radical program as the progressives are demanding as the price of their co-operation and Mr. King may expect a number of bolters.

May Cause Party Real Arguments
What apparently he aims at is the transformation of the liberal into a radical party and the negotiations which are now taking place may have important results in determining the future course of Canadian politics. Among other things they may well promote the revival of conservative party, whose fortunes are at a very low ebb, for the liberal elements who dislike an alliance with the progressives are likely to secede and join Mr. Meighen, the outgoing premier, who will be provided with a parliament seat in the near future.

Acute Depression Chief Factor
The chief motive urging the progressives to contemplate an alliance is the acute depression now prevailing in many farming communities, especially in the west. The seriousness of the present conditions is without parallel. Not only are thousands of farmers unable to meet their obligations to the banks, mortgage companies and storekeepers, but large numbers are unable to purchase the bare necessities of life.

A movement is now on foot to obtain federal credits which will carry over the struggling farmers until the next crop and the activities of the American finance corporation are cited as a precedent.

Heels Didn't Touch Street in Four Days Visit to New York

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.
New York, Dec. 25.—John Cosgrove of Santa Fe, N. M., arrived in New York this week, stayed four days, attended a series of business conferences, did his Christmas shopping and departed without crossing a Gotham thoroughfare or denting a sidewalk with his high-heeled boots.

Mr. Cosgrove arrived at the Grand Central station and went at once to a hotel, which he reached by a shuttle train and west side subway without ascending to the street level.

The conferences he came to attend were held at another hotel which he reached by shuttle train and subway.

His shopping was done at a department store which opens directly on the Astor place subway station and he departed from the Pennsylvania station without coming up for air.

He was asked how he liked New York.

"I didn't see it," he replied.

CANNES PARLEY NOT CALLED TO SLICE WAR FINE

Briand Tells Deputies Lloyd George Did Not Ask French Sacrifice.

Object of International Conference Will Be to Head Off Taxes.

Paris, Dec. 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—Official of the London discussions of France abandoning the guarantees given by the Versailles treaty for the payment of reparations by Germany, Premier Briand declared in the chamber of deputies Saturday afternoon, replying to an interpellation by Louis Klotz, the former minister of finance.

Debs Leaves Prison; Off for Washington to Call on Daugherty

Atlanta, Dec. 25.—Eugene V. Debs, several times socialist candidate for president, was released from Atlanta penitentiary at 11:30 Sunday morning, the balance of his ten-year sentence for violation of the espionage act having been commuted by President Harding.

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Washington, Dec. 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—Officials of the postoffice department left their desks Saturday night, convinced that the American people had begun to practice "mail early for Christmas."

While the nearly one-third million persons in the postal service staggered under a load which appears, when viewed as statistics, to be the largest volume of Christmas mail in history, reports from several thousand divisional and minor offices showed plainly, it was declared, that the mails had been moved smoothly and with dispatch and above all without the usual "back."

Dr. Hubert Work, first assistant postmaster general, declared this was due to the "fine cooperation of the people and the splendid efficient service of the employees."

"The response to Postmaster General Hayes' appeal for an early mailing of Christmas packages was more hearty than we could have hoped," Dr. Work said.

The indication of a great increase in the Christmas mail was viewed as significant by many government officials who declared it showed a betterment in the nation's economic condition.

19 Bandits Bite Dust in Fight With Troops
Buenos Aires, Dec. 25.—Nineteen bandits were killed and many wounded when a group of more than 250 outlaws clashed with cavalrymen in Matapera, territory of Santa Cruz, according to official dispatches published by the government organ La Epoca. The reports add that 136 bandits were made prisoners by the troops, who also took 2,000 horses.

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WEATHER
Reported for The Tribune by the United States Weather Bureau at Helena.
Observations taken at 6 p. m., Dec. 25, for preceding 24 hours:

	High	Low	Prec.
Great Falls	24	10	—
Calgary	24	10	—
Chicago	22	4	—
Havre	20	—	—
Helena	18	5	—
Kalispell	18	10	—
Miles City	16	—	—
New York	28	—	—
St. Paul	18	—	—
Seattle	38	—	—
Winnipeg	18	—	—
Los Angeles	52	44	—
Spokane	39	16	—
Portland	38	—	—
San Francisco	60	—	—

Weather Conditions Pacific Slope, Northwest and Canadian Northwest: Moderate high pressure and temperatures below zero prevail along the boundary from the Rockies eastward toward the upper lake region. There has been light precipitation over British Columbia and southern Saskatchewan and a low pressure area center in southwestern Oregon is causing rain in California and snow over the middle Rockies. Temperatures are still below normal over the entire northwest.

Montana Forecast
Generally fair Monday and probably Tuesday, except snow Monday in south portion; not much change in temperature.

Divers take more time in ascending than in descending to prevent injuries from changing pressure.

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