

PEACE WAVE BREAKS RANKS OF SINN FEIN

South of Ireland Conservatives Rallying to Free State Treaty.

DE VALERA MAY QUIT

Feeling Is Intensified That Dail Eireann Will Accept Terms.

LONDON IS SANGUINE

Visit of Craig to Lloyd George Gives Further Hope of Ratification.

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In their solid front against De Valera and the extremists, the Irish peacekeepers have been reinforced by a tremendous wave of conservative feeling in South Ireland. This conservative sentiment, which was kept down so long by terrorism, to-night seems quite capable of overpowering the Eamon de Valera faction and of succeeding in winning acceptance of the settlement terms when the Dail Eireann meets on Wednesday.

The consternation which followed Mr. de Valera's break has been followed by a rallying of forces by both sides and it is apparent that the delegates are getting the advantage with sounder and saner opinion. The feeling now is that the terms will be accepted.

The fight has developed rapidly into a clash of personalities, with Mr. De Valera almost alone among the prominent Sinn Fein lined up against Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins. All the London delegation is solidly with Mr. Griffith. Richard Mulcahy, who was first reported to be with the extremists, is now understood to be swinging to his old campaign partner, Michael Collins, which will bring to the moderate faction one of its strongest men.

The Irish Republican Brotherhood is divided, for, while Mr. De Valera has great influence in this circle, Mr. Collins is one of its most active members.

Break Not Unexpected.

This break in Sinn Fein ranks was not unexpected. Although Mr. Griffith has been in the background, it has been known for some time that he has a tremendous following, which is only now able to make itself heard. Mr. Collins occupies a somewhat different place in the hearts of the Irish people, and he has now returned home a bigger man than he ever was before. With him definitely on the side of the so-called conservatives, the breach has widened quickly.

Friends of Mr. de Valera point out that he had no alternative but to reject the terms, since they do not provide for a republic. He was elected President of the "Republic." If a Free State is formed he must automatically quit office and much of his prestige will be lost. But he has chosen a bad time to make a clear cut distinction and statements of his aims in view of the sudden boom in the popularity of the signers of the settlement terms.

It is agreed here that even should Mr. de Valera win his case in Ireland he would never again be as strong as he was before this rupture, which fact is proving a sound argument with those who are hesitating.

In London official circles there is pronounced optimism, largely because of the faith that is held here in the Irish delegates to the conference.

Craig Talks With Premier.

The visit to-day of Sir James Craig, Premier of Ulster, to Prime Minister Lloyd George gave further hope of an ultimate triumph of the settlement. He remained with Mr. Lloyd George for three hours, saying as he left the Prime Minister: "The situation is not materially altered." But the nature of his

PACIFIC DOMINIONS GREET FREE STATE OF IRELAND

Premier Massey of New Zealand Looks for New Era in Irish History, and Hughes of Australia Calls Settlement One of Greatest Achievements.

By WILLIAM F. MASSEY, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

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To THE NEW YORK HERALD: New Zealand naturally welcomes any settlement of the long standing differences between the Government of Great Britain and the people of Southern Ireland that bids fair to preserve the rights of the minority and to place matters on a better basis than has prevailed during the unhappy experiences of the last five years.

Englishmen, Scotchmen, Irishmen and Welshmen have lived happily together under the British flag in this dominion, each loyally bearing their part in its Government, and we see no reason why a similar state of affairs should not obtain in Ireland, where probably too much has been made of racial and religious differences to permit of the welding together of the people of Northern and Southern Ireland as a harmonious whole.

We look hopefully forward to a new era in Irish history and to the new dominion taking its place as a member of the free nations composing the

visit has given cause to suspect that he may now be in a position to recommend to the Northern Ireland Parliament acceptance of the settlement. His conversation with Mr. Lloyd George was understood to have been mainly of a financial character and it was reported that several points were referred to financial experts. It was stated to-night that no further meetings have been necessary and Mr. Lloyd George is leaving early to-morrow for Chequers Court, the Prime Minister's country home.

Lord Birkenhead, Lord Chancellor; Austen Chamberlain and Winston Churchill joined in portions of the conference, but the Ulster Premier also had a long talk with the Prime Minister alone.

The day's developments have given rise to the opinion that not only will the terms go through, but, perhaps, that it is best that they be well discussed by all sides now, rather than any doubts arise later to block the smooth operation of the settlement.

Two or three officials suggested that Mr. De Valera would appeal to his American followers to try seriously to bring in outside influences, which, it was declared, would be regrettable. As to talk of a possible plebiscite of the Irish people, it is asserted that a great majority would vote for the treaty.

The treaty has already found support among all classes and creeds in Ireland, and the outspoken words by the Bishop of Killaloe, whose diocese is Mr. De Valera's own constituency, and also

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ARMY SAID TO FAVOR IRISH-ANGLO TREATY

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Sinn Fein Parliament next Wednesday to insure ratification of the agreement by a substantial majority.

The headquarters staff of the Irish Republican army is supposed to be behind Michael Collins' also a signer of the agreement, in which case a majority for ratification would be certain, since a large proportion of the Dail members are men who at some time have belonged to the army.

Should a considerable majority support the motion for ratification and thus vote against Eamon de Valera it is thought probable that he will "stand aside" and let Mr. Griffith make the best of the situation.

De Valera in announcing the fact of the treaty between Great Britain and Ireland would come up next Wednesday in the Dail Eireann on the question of ratification, issued the following statement:

"To prevent misunderstanding the public should realize, first, that the treaty signed by our plenipotentiaries must be ratified by the Dail Eireann, no less than by the British Parliament. In order to take effect, and, second, that the usual course would be for the Cabinet to introduce the treaty agreement as a Cabinet measure.

"In the present case, owing to the fact that in the later stages of the negotiations the views of the plenipotentiaries differed from those of certain members of the Cabinet, this course cannot be taken. The motion for ratification will now be introduced by Arthur Griffith as chairman of the delegates."

Mr. de Valera added that he hoped it would not be necessary for him to make any further public statement until he makes it at the coming session of the Dail Eireann.

The extent to which Dublin was surprised by De Valera's opposition to the terms of the Irish agreement cannot easily be exaggerated. Although his sentiments were generally known it was not believed he would openly differ at the last moment with the decisions of the Sinn Fein's accredited plenipotentiaries.

In political quarters here the feeling to-day seemed to be that the Dail Eireann would support Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, who stood by their signatures of the agreement against all arguments of the opposition, and it is stated that if plenipotentiaries were again needed in London the same men would go again.

BELFAST, Dec. 9 (Associated Press).—The 1,600 interned men in the Ballykinnor Camp were released to-day under the amnesty proclamation and left for their homes amid scenes of enthusiasm. Diverse opinions were expressed among

Doctor's Dose and Lid Too Much, Kills Self

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WHEN a doctor gave William King a prescription and directed him to take twenty-one pills a day and to abstain from smoking and alcohol, King wrote on the prescription blank: "It cannot be done; I might as well be dead and out of it." Then he hanged himself.

The men on the new turn of the Irish settlement given by Eamon de Valera's statement in opposition to the treaty.

In Belfast an opinion widely expressed is that the liberation of the interned men at this juncture will react unfavorably on the peace chances.

By 3 o'clock this afternoon practically all the interned men in Ireland had been liberated.

HARVEY CALLS IRISH PEACE A TRIUMPH

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Associated Press).—George Harvey, the American Ambassador, in a letter to Premier Lloyd George congratulating him upon the Anglo-Irish settlement, said:

"My hearty congratulations. Yours is, indeed, a triumph of genius and patience such as the world has seldom, if ever, beheld. How much it may mean to both our countries and to all mankind."

Mr. Lloyd George said in reply: "Your letter of congratulations has touched me very much, and I thank you warmly for it. I trust that this settlement will remove forever an old misunderstanding which has hampered all the great human causes which your people and ours have so closely at heart."

REGRETS DE VALERA OPPOSES IRISH TREATY

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 9.—"It was and news for millions in America," former Governor Martin H. Glynn said to-day in commenting on the Irish situation, "that De Valera and two of his Cabinet Ministers have opposed the terms of settlement. De Valera's opinion, however, must be weighed against the opinions of Michael Collins, Arthur Griffith, Gavan Duffey, Robert C. Barton and Eamon J. Duggan."

"The proposed settlement is good enough for these men and it is good enough for Cardinal Logue. Looking 3,000 miles across the sea it would seem as if the leader who tries to defeat a treaty approved by these men is undertaking a herculean task."

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