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## IRISH DELEGATES EXCEEDED POWER

### Pact Should Have Been Submitted Before Signed Says de Valera

Dublin, Dec. 14.—The question of ratification or rejection of the Anglo-Irish agreement by the Dail Eireann has been postponed until Thursday, when a public session will be held and the deputies will debate the matter and come to a decision. This was decided upon at today's meetings of the Dail, called to consider the agreement.

Meanwhile, the Dail in secret session, was this afternoon discussing the disputes between the delegates to the London conference, who were the signers of the agreement, and Eamon de Valera, the Republican President, and his adherents on this issue, as to whether the delegates had the power to conclude the agreement.

Reveal Acute Difference. In the public session of the Dail today—public so far as the press and a few selected persons were concerned—this point was raised by Mr. de Valera. It revealed the acute difference existing between the Republican President on the one side and Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, the leaders of the plenipotentiaries, on the other. In the argument, during the hour's public session, Mr. de Valera asserted the delegates had not obeyed the instructions of the cabinet—a charge which both Collins and Griffith resented.

It was a question of whether the delegates had failed to report to the cabinet before signing the agreement. Mr. de Valera insisted this was an important point, but Mr. Griffith claimed it was not a material one, for while he and colleagues had power to sign an agreement they had no authority to conclude one.

Called Traitor, Says Collins. The representatives of the Dail and of the British Cabinet were in an identical position, he pointed out, and they had each to refer the treaty to their respective legislatures for ratification.

This question was to form the subject for the secret session, but it appeared from remarks that were dropped that certain of the deputies desired to learn something about the Sinn Fein's financial and military ability to resume warfare before casting their votes, and they asked for reports in private on these points.

One of the latest moments of the debate was when Michael Collins declared emotionally: "I have been called a traitor. Let the Irish people decide whether I am or not."

The only sign of hostility in the vicinity of University College, where today's meeting was held, was a Sinn Fein flag draped with crepe which some one had hoisted on a telephone pole in front of the college. The proceedings were opened by Eamon de Valera after the roll had been called. He spoke a few words in Gaelic and then broke into English. He said the proceedings would be conducted in English, as some of the members did not understand Irish. Alluding to the agreement pending before the Dail, he said that division of opinion in the cabinet was not extraordinary.

Pact Not Submitted to Cabinet. President de Valera explained at some length the circumstances under which the plenipotentiaries of the Dail who met the British representatives for the negotiations in London had been appointed. On October 7, he said, the plenipotentiaries had received instructions, the most important of which was that the complete text of the treaty should be submitted to Dublin and a reply awaited. That, he said, had not been done. It was always understood also, he declared, that ratification by the Dail was essential.

He invited a question with regard to the conduct of the negotiations. He said the question must be considered on its merits and should not be influenced by the mere accident of a difference of opinion in the cabinet or by other extraneous matters.

Cannot Recommend Treaty. Reviewing the circumstances leading up to the appointment of the plenipotentiaries, Mr. de Valera said he had made it clear at the meeting of the Dail that the plenipotentiaries

should have full plenary powers, but that whatever arrangement was reached would be submitted to the Dail for ratification. The cabinet, he declared, would not have sent any five men to negotiate a treaty which would bind the nation without some larger body representing the nation having an opportunity of criticizing and reviewing it.

Mr. de Valera said his idea was that when the plenipotentiaries had arrived at an agreement in principle and had a rough copy of the document they were prepared to sign they should have sent it to the cabinet. He could only say that when he did see the final text he could not see his way to sign or recommend it. This was a case of a difference of opinion between two bodies which would naturally arise, and he was anxious that the difference of opinion should not interfere with the discussion of the treaty.

After Mr. de Valera had concluded Arthur Griffith, head of the delegation to London, who with Michael Collins and the other plenipotentiaries signed the peace agreement, rose to ask whether it was alleged that the plenipotentiaries had exceeded their instructions.

Instructions Not Followed. Mr. de Valera explained that the treaty was signed in the small hours of the morning after alterations had been made which the cabinet had not seen. To that extent, he said, the instructions had not been followed.

Michael Collins then asked that the final document agreed to in Dublin by the united Dail cabinet should be put side by side with the document signed in London by the plenipotentiaries. They did not sign that document as a treaty, he said, but on the understanding that all the signatories would recommend it to the Dail for acceptance.

Dr. White then moved a private session. Mr. de Valera said he thought the general question must be debated in public, but that the matter referred to ought to be discussed in private. Statements had just been made by delegates which were not facts, he said.

Other members argued that the whole proceedings, with the exception of those touching upon military or financial secrets, should be made public.

Reads Original Credentials. Mr. Collins protested against what he characterized as the unfairness that lay in submitting one document without submitting the original credentials. He read the credentials of himself and his colleagues, signed by de Valera, authorizing them to negotiate and conclude on behalf of the Republic of Ireland with representatives of His Britannic Majesty a treaty or treaties of settlement, association or accommodation between Ireland and the community of nations known as the British Commonwealth.

The Dail, he continued, had full power of rejection and could relieve him of responsibility.

President de Valera in responding said the credentials quoted by Collins had not, he believed, been accepted. He would be glad to hear, he said, that the Prime Minister had received the acceptance.

President de Valera argued that the treaty should not have been signed without its having been referred to Dublin. One reason why he had not sent a delegate himself he explained, was that an opportunity for delay might be afforded. He did not say that if they had seen the final document it would have mattered.

## QUILT TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

The Ladies' Aid of the Wesley Chapel, M. E. Church, Noreek, has placed and completed a nice quilt which is to be sold at public outcry at the Courthouse door tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon at 2 o'clock. The names of 527 parties, who donated to the quilt fund are inscribed on the quilt. Proceeds of the sale to be devoted to the extension of church work by the society.

## "SOME" TOBACCO—THIS

W. S. Brown of Route 1, Centertown, reported to this office that he grew one acre of tobacco during the past season that made the total weight of 2,460 pounds, for which he received the sum of \$499. An average slightly better than \$16.66 per cwt.

There were 1,076 sticks of the tobacco after being cut, or 4,289 plants.

## KANSAS TROOPS TO STOP WOMEN'S RIOT

### Mine Workers May Be Protected By 2,000 Guardsmen.

Topeka, Kans., Dec. 14.—Notices were sent today to all National Guard organizations in the State, comprising about 2,000 men, to put themselves in readiness to entrain for the Pittsburg coal field.

Col. Milton R. McLain, in charge of the Adjutant General's office during the absence of Adj. Gen. Charles I. Martin said orders will go out today for a movement of five or six companies to the coal field. No order for movement had yet been issued, Colonel McLain said at 9 a. m.

Pittsburg, Kans., Dec. 14.—Three companies of the Kansas National Guard are being mobilized for entrainment to Pittsburg for duty in the coal field.

Orders for the mobilization of the companies followed a call from Sheriff Gould to the Governor this morning.

While the State military authorities were mobilizing companies of the National Guard, the militant women of the Kansas mining field adherents of Alexander Howat, were engaged in the most ambitious campaign they had so far attempted in their programme by stopping, by violent activities, the operation of coal mines by men who responded to the call of the international union for men to man the mines.

Following insistent reports that a mob of women marchers was headed toward Pittsburg and that the seizure of Van A. Bittner, representative of the international miners' union here, was planned, a squad of former service men was hastily formed for duty at a hotel which is headquarters for Bittner. In the lobby was a stack of rifles.

Sheriff Gould was besieged by miners who wanted to work and who sought protection from the hordes of women relatives and friends of striking coal miners who for two days have overwhelmed workers and peace officers about mine shafts, preventing men from going into the mines and beating some miners. The Sheriff himself was pummeled with bread and butter yesterday.

The women again were active this morning. More than 1,000 of them marched up to mine No. 49 of the Central Coal & Coke company. Except for beating one man, there was little violence, however. The string of motor cars bearing the women to the mine shaft was more than a mile long.

Sheriff Gould was at the 49 mine but, with his small force of deputies, was powerless.

The three National Guard companies to be sent to Pittsburg will total about 400 men.

The mines of the Sheridan Company at Mulberry did not work today. These mines had been selected for attack today by the women marchers.

## LADIES TO GIVE BAZAAR AT BEDA

The Ladies' Aid of the Beulah Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Beda, will give a bazaar at the church tomorrow, the 17th. A lot of useful and attractive articles will be on display for sale, the proceeds of which are to accrue to the benefit of the church.

A program will be rendered and the Beda String Band will furnish music for the occasion. All are invited to attend.

## HARTFORD JUNIORS WHIP CENTERTOWN

The Hartford School team, junior five, played the Centertown School quintette on the local court Tuesday night of this week and got away on the long end of a score of 36 to 26. The local boys, while not having had any games this season, showed the result of good coaching and considerable practice. The visiting aggregation was much heavier than the locals, but have not had the practice necessary to develop team work and goal shooting.

The same team played yesterday evening at Centertown, but too late to report the result herein.

## IRISH TREATY LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT

### Boy Statesman Knocks De Valera Out In Dail Eireann

London, Dec. 14.—In a scene which is likely to prove a landmark in English history, the Irish treaty was today presented in the Imperial Parliament for ratification, while the Dail Eireann at Dublin indulged in heated debate, turning on Eamon de Valera's charge that the Irish plenipotentiaries exceeded their powers in signing the treaty without further reference to Dublin.

Neither the Commons nor the Dail Eireann, however, has yet come to grips on the actual decision respecting ratification, which has been postponed until tomorrow.

A feature of the debates in Westminster was a bitter attack on the government by Lord Carson in the House of Lords, and Captain Charles Craig, Irish Unionist in the House of Commons. Lord Carson especially showed not the slightest diminution in his old-time denunciation of any accommodation with nationalist Ireland. He dared the government to do anything to stir Ulster against the empire, and exclaimed: "Because Ulster is loyal you think you can kick her as you like."

"I promise you," he continued, "that she will keep out of this agreement. You have tried to make her position impossible. I believe you told the Sinn Fein delegates to do so. Why has the Sinn Fein in this treaty been given an army. If not to invade Ulster? Was it to invade America, or the Channel Islands?" The tone of his whole speech was one of unrelenting hostility to a settlement.

### George Defends Treaty.

Premier Lloyd George's speech, in the Commons was less of an oratorical display in defense of the treaty, which had been expected, than a careful exposition of the agreement and its implications, with a view to putting the complete mind of the government on the settlement. He forestalled attacks by the argument that the treaty had received unstinted praise from the king and the British dominions, and could not be regarded as inimical to the country's interests.

Ulster's official reply has also been delayed until tomorrow, but it is known that it rejects the invitation to enter the Irish free state.

Dublin, Dec. 14.—Michael Collins, devil-may-care boy, youngest member of the Dail Eireann, dominated the whole proceedings at the meeting today to consider the treaty which he and Arthur Griffith and the other delegates signed with Lloyd George and the British cabinet.

Collins flashed up when de Valera launched an attack upon the plenipotentiaries. He was sitting with Griffith talking quietly. Suddenly he jumped to his feet and made a spottering reply that squelched the president.

The effect on the Irish parliament was electrical. Collins was in one corner of the room and de Valera in the opposite corner. It might have been Dempsey and Carpentier. But Collins was Dempsey and the battle went just as it did in Jersey City on July 2.

Everybody thought that de Valera would win the combat, and that with his training he would knock Collins out in the first few rounds. Griffith was in the corner with Collins, but did not speak through the proceedings Collins listened for a few minutes without flinching. Members in the back of the hall began speaking.

Collins finally jumped up, accusing de Valera of not giving the full instructions.

"Why don't you read our original instructions," he demanded. "I have here the original. I will read them."

### De Valera Loses Temper.

Then he proceeded to read. De Valera, losing his temper, interrupted. Collins listened to de Valera for a moment, and then appealed to the speaker.

"I did not interrupt Mr. de Valera. All I ask is some hearing."

From that moment, after the speaker, Professor McNeill, had ruled de Valera out of order, Collins

took charge of the proceedings. If there were any doubtful votes in the Dail they will go to Collins, because a moment later gave an indication as to how the Dail will vote upon the ratification of the treaty.

"I am accused of being a traitor," he shouted. "I am accused of letting the cause down, but (addressing de Valera) I do not acknowledge you as my master, nor do I acknowledge the Dail members as the final court, but I will bow to the Irish people."

"Will they say that I am a traitor?" he demanded, his eyes flashing fire. "Am I a traitor?"

### Bedlam Breaks Loose.

When a regular bedlam broke loose the members plainly indicating where they stood. Even Dick Mulcahey, Sinn Fein army chief, shouted "no" with the great chorus of the members of the demand of Collins for an answer to his question.

From then on Collins was the hero of the hour. He read the original document reciting the instructions to the London delegates and kept up the fighting and the worrying of the President of the republic until de Valera gave up and sat down, beaten.

### TURNER—HOLBROOK

Miss Kathleen Turner and Mr. Harold Holbrook gave their friends quite a surprise Wednesday of last week, when the announcement of their marriage was made, as taking place in Calhoun. Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook have returned to Hartford, where they are to make their home.

The Republican extends congratulations and best wishes for their success throughout life.

### INFANT'S TRAGIC END

Inez, three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rush Midkiff, of Sunnydale, died at 10:30 last Saturday night, of burns sustained at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of that day. The child's mother had been rendering aid adjacent to the dwelling, and leaving the spot for a few minutes to attend to other duties was recalled by screams of the little girl, to find her clothing in a mass of flames and her body burned to such an extent that medical attention given was of no avail.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Wilcox at Marvin's Chapel and the remains buried at Sunnydale Monday.

### YOUNG GIRL SAID TO BE NEAR DEATH

Miss Virginia, 15 years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Leach, of Hartford, was suddenly stricken with appendicitis at her home Saturday. She was reported to be near death's door yesterday evening at the time of going to press.

The young girl was conveyed to the Owensboro City hospital Tuesday where an operation was performed but it developed that the appendix had previously ruptured, making her recovery extremely doubtful from the first.

### CHANGE IN BUSINESS AT COOL SPRINGS AND WYSOX

Hallie Elliott, who has been a partner with Joe Shultz, in the mercantile business at Cool Springs for some time, has purchased the interest of Mr. Shultz, and the latter has purchased the real property and merchandise business of Walter P. Bennett at Wysox.

Mr. Bennett and family moved to Owensboro during the present week, where Mr. Bennett contemplates entering business in the near future. Mr. Bennett is a good citizen and a distinct loss to the community from which he goes.

### A BOUNTIFUL FEAST

In life's mad rush for fame and fortune, we are oftentimes so busy we pass unnoticed many of our dear old people until we are told that death has claimed them, but on December 11th the many friends of Mrs. Sallie Barrett, who on that day had reached the 77th milestone on her journey through life, met to pay her homage.

It was a pleasant surprise when 72 of her friends with well-filled baskets filed in, and the table fairly groaned beneath its load of good things to eat.

A most enjoyable day was spent by all present and many happy returns of the day were wished for Mrs. Barrett.

MRS. HORACE TAYLOR.

## BRITAIN MAY ACT ON WORLD DEBTS

### Call For Economic Conference By British Premier Predicted.

Washington Dec. 13.—Some of the foreign diplomats in attendance at the arms conference have received word which they interpret as indicating that David Lloyd George, British Prime Minister, is preparing to take the initiative in world economic matters, having become convinced by inquiry here that the American Government does not intend to call an international economic meeting, at least not in the near future.

Mr. Lloyd George's plan, according to the information in the hands of these diplomats, contemplates the cancellation of all war debts owing to Great Britain by Italy, France, Belgium, Russia and the smaller Balkan Allies, amounting with interest to upward of 2,000,000,000 pounds sterling.

### Won't Renew Plea to U. S.

Mr. Lloyd George, it is recalled, proposed to President Woodrow Wilson that all Inter-Allied debts, including those owing to the United States, should be canceled, but his present design, according to the understanding, does not include the renewal of that suggestion to the United States.

He is said to intend to annul the debts of other countries due Great Britain subject to conditions, one, it is understood, being that France should forgive the debts of the Allied countries to it, amounting to about the equivalent of \$2,000,000,000, and another being a reduction of German reparations due to France by 12,511,000,000 francs.

This is the amount the French Government borrowed from England during the war, and is about as large a sum as that loaned to France by the United States, which was 15,285,000,000 francs at the exchange then used of 5.45 francs to the dollar.

### Continent Facing Crisis.

The idea of the British Government acting independently of the U. S. in the cancellation of debts, according to foreign officials here, appears to have originated with Austen Chamberlain when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer.

When Sir Robert Horne succeeded to the Chancellorship he objected to striking off from among the British assets so large a sum as the 1,500,000,000 pounds sterling due with accrued interest.

Mr. Lloyd George is understood to have been allowing the matter to rest until the present, but the approaching crisis in the finances of several continental countries, particularly Germany, has led to the preparation of a plan by Worthington Evans and others which, it is expected by the foreign diplomats, Mr. Lloyd George would present at an economic conference if one should be called on his initiative.

### W. D. GRAY DEAD

William D. Gray died at his place of residence in Owensboro, Sunday, Dec. 11. Mr. Gray was a civil war veteran, near the age of 80 years and a highly respected citizen. His remains were brought to this County and buried in the Cemetery at Union Grove church, near Taffy, in the community where the larger portion of his life was spent. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Savage of the Christian church and pastor of the Hartford Christian church.

### MOONSHINE MAKES THE HOT DOG WILD

New York, Dec. 14.—The secret of what makes the hot dog wild is out, New York's frankfurter-taste always has been strong, but recently police on duty at Madison Square Garden during the six-day bicycle race were unable to understand why certain vendors had no trouble in disposing of their entire kennels at 30 cents a dog without even serving the conventional mustard.

The authorities were considering some means of stamping out this profiteering, when one blue-coat purchased a pound and punctured it. Pure moonshine!

Now the coppers are casting a mean eye at every hot dog in town.