

OUTLOOK FOR IRISH PEACE HELD BRIGHT

Hopes Center in Efforts of
Premier Smuts.

KING KEENLY INTERESTED

Proffer of Buckingham Palace for
Proposed Conference Counted
an Effective Move.

LONDON, July 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Irish peace movement on the surface made no further progress today, but hopes remain high, mainly because General Smuts, premier of South Africa, is taking such an active part in the negotiations with an evident purpose to translate into practical politics the king's message and exhortation for forebearance at the opening of the Ulster parliament.

The king's serious interest in bringing about peace is also a strong factor. His proffer of Buckingham Palace for the meetings of the proposed conference points toward repetition of the police effort of 1914, when the home rule conference assembled in the palace.

It is believed that if an independent chairman were appointed to the conference now contemplated, such as General Smuts, who is trusted by the Irish people, there would be a far greater chance of success. It is probable, however, that nothing will develop definitely pending tomorrow's Dublin conference between the Irish republican leader and the southern unionists. General Smuts will not attend this conference.

According to latest information, Mr. De Valera is maintaining the republican claim, but is willing to give the Irish people a full opportunity to decide on any serious proposition.

PREMIERS MOVE CAUTIOUSLY

Neither Smuts Nor Craig to Attend
Dublin Meeting.

DUBLIN, July 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Neither General Smuts, South African premier, nor Sir James Craig, Ulster premier, is expected here for the conference in which Eamon de Valera and other Irish leaders will participate. Though nothing has transpired regarding the negotiations, Mr. De Valera is known to maintain the republican principle, his attitude being that he was elected with a republican mandate, which only the Irish people can vary.

It is declared that if really large proposals were made, he would submit them for the determination of the Irish people. It is considered improbable that De Valera or his colleagues will go to London in response to premier Lloyd George's invitation unless the basis of the proposed conference there is improved.

The Irish Bulletin tonight contradicts statements in the London press alleging a cessation of reprisals and an easing of the government pressure since Lloyd George's letter. The Bulletin says regular warfare has continued without abatement, as well as aggression against Irish republicans, and adds: "Other forms of military terror are in full blast."

This Bulletin prints a list which includes 34 persons killed, 100 wounded and ten properties destroyed between June 24 and July 6.

Mr. De Valera in his conference with Earl Middleton, is said to have objected to the form of the proposed London conference and it is considered very probable that he may have asked for General Smuts as chairman.

TWO STEAMERS DISABLED

SABOTAGE ON ALASKA LINERS
CHARGED.

Emery Said to Have Been Put in
Machinery Bearings—Thefts
Also Are Reported.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, July 7.—On the arrival here today of the steamship Alameda of the Alaska Steamship company, which arrived from Seattle, it was reported that the vessel was helpless for 30 hours, near Hinchbrook island with machinery trouble, and that when repairs were made in a cove a bottle of emery was found in the bearings.

The charge was made that the machinery had been tampered with between Seward and Anchorage.

Passengers alighting from the ship also complained of numerous thefts of valuables en route.

HOUSE STANDING FIRM

APPROPRIATIONS FOR PACIFIC
AGAIN REFUSED.

Senate Amendment Authorizing
Construction of Two Carriers
Rejected 141 to 4.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 7.—The house refused today to agree to senate amendments to the naval appropriation bill, authorizing the acceptance of a tract of land at Sand Point, Wash., as a site for a navy aviation base and appropriating \$300,000 toward development of such a base.

The house also reaffirmed its disagreement to senate items carrying \$500,000 for a pier extension at the Puget sound navy yard and \$30,000 for a rifle range there.

Previously the house had rejected all amendments to the senate, insisting that they be agreed to, sent

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the bill back for another vote on the provisions.

The house also stood firm in its opposition to the senate amendment authorizing construction of two airplane carriers, voting 141 to 4 to further insist upon its disagreement to the item.

Heated debate developed over the amendment. Representative Mann, republican, Illinois, declared that he would rather have one airplane carrier in the navy than ten battleships, while Representative Mondell, republican leader, and Chairman Butler of the naval affairs committee contended that authorization for a carrier should not be carried in an appropriation bill.

The house concurred in a number

WHAT CONGRESS DID AS ITS
DAY'S WORK.

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HARDING SUPPORTS IRRIGATION OF WEST

President Backs McNary
\$250,000,000 Measure.

OREGON SOLON EXPLAINS

Concern of Nation's Chief Executive Over Amendment Brings Details on Reclamation Fight.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., July 7.—The president Harding has the development of the west by the reclamation of its arid lands uppermost in his mind as he brought out today in his luncheon conversation with Senator McNary, author of the \$250,000,000 reclamation bill, intended to put water on all reclaimable land in 16 states beyond the Mississippi river.

Much to the Oregon senator's surprise, the president referred to the news carried by morning newspapers that McNary's reclamation bill had been offered as an amendment to the farm-aid provision of the soldiers' bonus bill. Mr. Harding manifested just a little concern over this development and expressed the hope that the reclamation scheme should not become tangled with any other question in such a way as to injure it.

Amendment Idea Explained.

Senator McNary told him that the introduction of the reclamation bill yesterday as an amendment to the soldier bonus bill was merely strategic. He explained that several other reclamation amendments had been offered to the bonus bill and that it was desirable that his bill be before the senate as well as the others to afford the basis of a fight for those senators who favor only the most comprehensive irrigation programme for the entire west.

Without something of this sort on which to base a fight, he told the president, the advocates of a general reclamation programme might be compelled to sit by and see adopted as a part of the bonus measure a bit of piecemeal legislation which would be of small consequence in developing the west, but which at the same time would stand in the way later of securing the enactment of the larger scheme.

Harding Backs Plan.

Mr. Harding said he was convinced the reclamation of the west is an immediate need and that he desired no more to be made which might obstruct the passage of a sweeping programme for all of the west at the next session of congress.

He said that ever since his conference some time ago with the western governors he had been turning the question over in his mind and was able to see a great constructive work to be accomplished through the government putting water in reach of

Simultaneously Charles W. Gomper, president, and W. H. George, secretary of the builders' exchange, appeared in the police court to be arraigned, on a charge of conspiring to obtain control of all building materials for the sole benefit of open-shop contractors. Their cases were continued.

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Omaha Plant to Enlarge.

OMAHA, Neb., July 7.—Preliminary work on a new plant to house the Omaha Wool Pulling company, to cost approximately \$250,000, will begin at once. J. K. Hyde of Columbus, O., announced today. Mr. Hyde, who formerly was superintendent of the Rosenthal Wool Pulling company of Columbus, together with two other men, purchased the plant of the Rosenthal company and is bringing the machinery here for installation in the new plant. Removal of wool from sheep pelts and preparation of hides for tanning is the work to be done, said Mr. Hyde.

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the millions of acres of arid but fertile soil in the west.

Arizona Fire Under Control.

ROOSEVELT, Ariz., July 7.—The forest fire which has been burning over 2000 acres in the region of Maximal peak, 40 miles north of

here, was reported under control today by Forest Supervisor Goddard. No official estimate of the damage to standing timber was made today.

Balloon Falls Into Bay.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—An army observation balloon fell into the bay

off Angel Island today with Captain Ivan B. Snell and two sergeants of the air service, but all were rescued and the balloon moored after drifting for 20 minutes.

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