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Another Conference to Be Held With Premier.

ULSTERITES IN LONDON

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LONDON, July 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Eamon de Valera's proposal and the nature of Sir James Craig's conversations with Premier Lloyd George today remained closely guarded secrets. There was no conference between the British prime minister and the Irish republican party leader today. Mr. de Valera will visit Mr. Lloyd George probably Monday afternoon, and in some quarters it was predicted that a round-table conference may be held Tuesday.

Three members of the Ulster cabinet, H. M. Pollock, E. A. Archdale and C. M. Andrews, together with the secretary, Colonel Spender, arrived in London today and tonight conferred with the Ulster premier in preparation for the meeting of Sir James Craig with Mr. Lloyd George on Monday.

Propaganda Minister Freed.
The Sinn Fein delegates were joined tonight by Desmond Fitzgerald, Sinn Fein minister of propaganda, who has just been released from an internment camp.

"The slightest indiscretion or misinterpretation," said Sir James Craig, "may easily cause incalculable harm. What will best aid the attainment of peace is for everyone concerned to withhold comment outside of official consultations."

Of the principals in the conference Mr. Lloyd George is spending the week end in his country home, where members of the cabinet probably will be called.

De Valera Views Paintings.
Mr. de Valera and his colleagues went this afternoon to view the exhibition here of Sir John Lavery's paintings, which include pictures of the trial of Sir Roger Casement and of the funeral procession in London of Lord Mayor Macdonnell of Cork, and a portrait of Archbishop Mannix of Australia.

IRISH FREEDOM FORECAST

Sinn Fein Member of Commons Sees Bright Outlook.

BELFAST, Ireland, July 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sir James Craig, Ulster premier, in a message to a war memorial meeting in Castle Dawson County Londonderry today, declared that the British empire, for which the soldiers in whose honor the meeting was held, made the supreme sacrifice, would never be weakened by any action of his.

J. R. Cunningham, Sinn Fein member of the British house of commons, after the east division of Wicklow, acknowledging today the congratulations of the Westford county council on his return to that country, said none of those with whom he was associated liked secret negotiations, but that they were considered a necessary preliminary.

He declared he would say nothing regarding the outlook except that the country was never in a stronger position than today and that whatever the immediate result might be, the complete freedom of Ireland was coming.

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PACIFIC COAST CONVENTION AT DEL MONTE BOOSTED.

Representatives From Large Cities Gather Here for Session to Promote Industry.

More than 100 members of the Pacific Coast Gas association attended the dinner held at the Multnomah hotel last evening, which took the place of the third get-together meeting of the body for the purpose of planning and boosting the annual convention to be held at Del Monte, Cal., September 20-22.

Representatives were present from Seattle, Tacoma, Aberdeen, Centralia, Salem, Portland and San Francisco. Charles A. Dickey, president of the American Meter company, Baltimore, Md., was a guest of honor.

The principal address was made by Judge Robert G. Morrow, who spoke on the improvements the gas industry was making to keep pace with the demands of the public for labor-saving devices and along the trend of public service.

The address of welcome was made by W. M. Knap, president of the association, and Henry Postwick, vice-president, San Francisco, extended greetings to new California members.

W. M. Henderson, secretary, outlined the program for the convention in September and urged attendance.

The visitors arrived early yesterday morning and were taken for a trip over the Columbia river highway during the afternoon.

BOOSTERS FROLIC TODAY

2000 Expected to Attend Picnic of Greater Clarke Association.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 16.—(Special.)—About 2000 persons expected to attend the picnic to be given tomorrow at Battle Ground lake of the Greater Clarke County association, an organization of county boosters. Many business men of Vancouver, Camas and Washougal expect to attend and a large percentage of all the growers in Clarke county, with their families, will be on hand.

D. G. O'Shea, president of the National Land bank at Spokane and head of the twelfth district of the federal farm loan system, will be the principal speaker. B. F. Irvine, Portland editor, will speak also.

The music for the occasion will be furnished by "Daddy" Draper's band of youngsters from the Children's home at Des Moines, Ia.

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