

FREE STATE TREATY IS RATIFIED BY DAIL

Majority of 7 Bigger Than Best of Hopes.

DE VALERA RESIGNS POST

Tense, Strained Silence Prevails During Vote on Pact—Then Comes Gasp of Relief.

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was the executive until the people disestablished it.

Nobody Issues Challenge. Nobody was disposed to challenge this proposition, for the general opinion had been that during the transition period Ireland must keep her representative assembly until the treaty was converted into an act of parliament and the Irish would have an opportunity to elect a legislature to replace the Dail.

Michael Collins followed De Valera. He said he did not regard the result in any spirit of triumph. He claimed that the men representing the Dail would be responsible for taking over from the British government control of the Irish. He said that the Dail should get a fair chance in every country what mattered most was public order and he appealed to the other side to appoint a joint committee to carry on the government. Mr. Collins declared President de Valera held the same place in his heart as ever.

Woman's Speech Violent. Then followed a violent speech by Mary McSwiney, denouncing the result as worse than the betrayal of Ireland in the days of Castlereagh, viscount Castlereagh, marquis of Londonderry, who as chief secretary for Ireland in 1798 was instrumental in carrying the union act.

Mr. de Valera rose again, supposedly to reply to Mr. Collins' overture. However, he took no notice of it and merely appealed to all his supporters to meet him at the Mansion house tomorrow. This evidently hurt Mr. Collins very much, but he quietly said: "If the visible presence of myself and colleagues is so distasteful there might at any rate be some accommodation between the parties for the purpose of public order."

Burgess Makes Retort. Minister Burgess immediately retorted "I will take care that the discipline of the army is preserved." The assembly then separated to meet Monday. No agenda was indicated and the motion in the speaker, Professor Macneil, affirming in general terms Ireland's independence and sovereign status for which all sections of the Dail might unanimously vote.

The public was completely bewildered regarding De Valera's intention. During the meetings today leading to the ratification, Charles Burgess, minister of defense, and Michael Collins, who has been known as head of the republican army, Griffith had been asked regarding the position of Collins in the army and whether he ever took an active part or fired a shot at the enemy.

Mr. Collins called Substantiated. Mr. Collins said he thought they were discussing the treaty, not personalities. Deputy Brennan remarked that it things were said about Collins by the minister of defense, he would be a lot to say about other people.

Burgess declared Michael Collins was merely a subordinate in the chief of staff's office, and that the staff, with one exception, did its work without notoriety. But Mr. Collins had been asked by the press correspondents.

Burgess defended Erskine Childers against attacks he said Childers had done as much as any man and more than most men to arm the Irish people. Mr. Griffith in private session had asked him to repeat in public what he had said to Mr. Griffith on December 3, when delegates were returning to London.

He (Burgess) objected to the oath in the treaty on the ground that it was an oath of allegiance to the king. He also objected to allowing England to defend the Irish case. He explained Mr. de Valera's alternative plan, which he likened to the plan of one business firm going with another for a specific purpose.

The Irish delegates had agreed to their instructions, which were that they were to sign no treaty without first submitting it to the cabinet. They had been broken for more than a month before the treaty there were 40 conferences confined to their five delegates, and that made him suspicious.

He challenged Mr. Griffith why these sub-conferences had been held and asked who arranged them, and Mr. Griffith replied that it was the British government. When he asked who picked the two, Griffith and Collins, and the answer was the British government. The British government knew these two men were the weakest of the team.

IRISH FREE STATE ACCEPTED NOW BY BOTH BRITISH AND DAIL

The regime for Ireland has now been approved both by the British parliament and by the Dail. Creation of the Irish free state is provided for in the treaty signed last month in London, after prolonged negotiations for a settlement of the Irish problem.

Ireland shall have the same constitutional status in the British empire as the dominion of Canada, the commonwealth of Australia, the dominion of New Zealand and the union of South Africa.

Ireland shall be known officially as the Irish Free State, with a parliament having powers for the government of the country and a legislature responsible to that parliament.

A provisional government is to be set up, to function until an Irish parliament and a government of the Irish Free State shall be constituted, but not longer than 12 months at the outside.

The treaty stipulates that a representative of the crown shall be appointed for Ireland in the same manner as the governor-general of Canada.

Ireland is given control over all governmental affairs and is entitled to an army, which shall, however, not be larger in proportion to Ireland's population than the British army is to the population of Great Britain.

One of the first steps by virtue of ratification by the Dail will be the withdrawal of the British forces from Ireland.

Ulster is included within the scope of the treaty, but provision is made for her to declare herself out within one month after an act of the British parliament ratifying the treaty and to continue under the present regime as provided in the government of Ireland act in 1920.

In that case, however, a boundary commission to be named to determine the boundary between northern Ireland and the rest of Ireland.

The Irish Free State will assume what may be decided by agreement or arbitration as a fair and equitable proportion of public debt of the United Kingdom and is to afford harbor facilities to British naval forces under terms to be fixed by a convention, between the two governments.

Safeguards are provided for freedom of religion and education within both the Irish Free State and northern Ireland.

Formal ratification by Ireland, it is provided by the treaty, shall be by a majority of the members elected under the government of Ireland act, to sit in the house of commons of southern Ireland. These members, with a few exceptions, are the same as those who met in London last month.

The British parliament approved the treaty December 16 by adopting the reply to the speech from the throne requesting such approval. Various formalities of formal ratification, however, still remain to be complied with in order to conform to the terms of the document.

name of Michael Collins" he exclaimed. Defending the treaty he said if the delegates were guilty of treason against the republic let them be tried for it. He termed the point raised by the opponents regarding the oath "damnable hypocrisy."

He admitted that the treaty had faults but declared it was the best that could have been drafted that would have been acceptable to the British government. He declared his opponents were trying to reject the treaty without giving the Irish people a chance.

He referred to Abraham Lincoln and said the American martyred president used to say he would always consult the will of the people, not only those who elected him but those who opposed him.

Heatedly resented repeated attempts to interrupt him during his address, Mr. Griffith cried: "There is no power in this junta to intimidate me, any more than Dublin castle could."

IRISH IN AMERICA ROUSED Friends to Continue Support of Republican Party.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Continued support of the republican party in Ireland regardless of the Dail's ratification was pledged by the Friends of Irish Freedom in an official statement issued tonight on behalf of the friends by Diarmuid Lynch, national secretary.

The position of the organization was outlined as follows: "Expressly disavowing the intention to interfere with or dictate decisions of the people of Ireland as to the form of government under which they may live, we retain as American citizens our unalterable faith in the republican institutions of liberty as established in the United States.

Our belief remains unchanged and unchangeable in the blessings to accrue from the establishment in all lands of forms of government modeled on the government of the United States and we pledge to such republican party in Ireland as may carry forward the traditional struggle for liberty a continuance in full measure of that hearty support which we have given in the past. Our position as expressed was unanimously endorsed by 2750 delegates assembled in convention less than a month ago.

"Even if the Irish republic be now abandoned by a majority of the present spokesmen for the Irish people, we of Irish blood refuse to accept for our race a position of subservency to any other race on earth."

LOT HOLDERS TO MEET Affairs of Riverview Cemetery Association to Be Probed.

A meeting of the lot holders of the Riverview Cemetery association will be held at 3 P. M. tomorrow in room A of the Central library to hear a report of the committee which has been examining into the affairs of the Riverview Cemetery.

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Posthumous Honors Conferred by Regent in Name of Emperor.

Honolulu Gets News.

HONOLULU, Jan. 7.—A report that Marquis Okuma is still alive and that the news of his death given out yesterday from Tokyo was erroneous, was contained in a Tokyo cablegram received here late today by the Japanese language newspaper Nippon Jiji.

Attending physicians were quoted in the cablegram as saying: "The marquis, officially declared dead yesterday, regained consciousness today and was still breathing slightly when the cablegram was filed. His physicians announced that a state of coma into which the marquis had fallen had been mistaken for death."

Posthumous honors had been bestowed on the marquis by the regent, Prince Hirohito, in the name of the emperor.

It was recalled that a somewhat similar case arose in connection with Field Marshal Terauchi, who, like the marquis, was officially pronounced dead but regained consciousness a few days later. He died soon afterward.

The news of Okuma's death was not announced in Honolulu until several hours after he had sunk into the state of coma.

MASONS PLAN TEMPLE

Doric Lodge of St. Johns Expect to Erect Modern Building.

Members of Doric Lodge of St. Johns, Masonic, are discussing tentative plans for the erection of a bungalow-type temple to be devoted entirely to Masonic meetings and affairs.

The Masons now own two halls and a piece of business property located a short distance west of the Peninsula National bank.

The new official roster of this lodge reads: John M. Blair, worshipful master; Ross Walker, senior warden; C. B. Russell, junior warden; W. S. Ormandy, senior deacon; D. H. Knowles, junior deacon; E. P. Borden, senior steward; C. C. Curtis, junior steward; P. P. Drinker, treasurer; A. W. Davis, secretary; R. H. Knowles, marshal; D. M. Burson, Tyler; R. Graden, chaplain.

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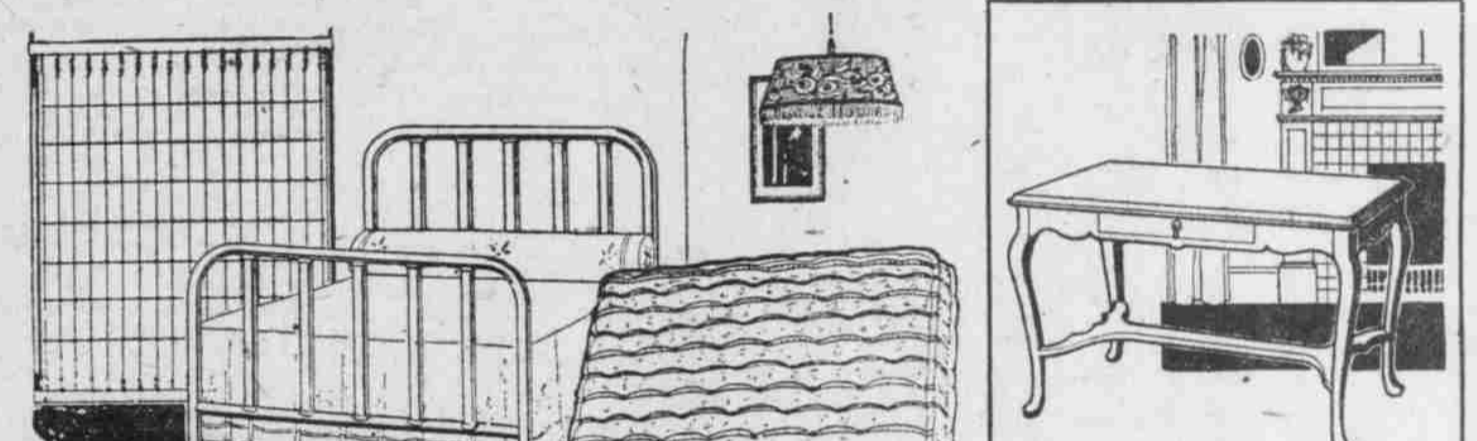
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