# OLD IRELAND AT LAST SECURES HER FREEDOII 

## Unexpected Agreement Is Reached With England When Hope Had Fled <br> VICTORY WITHDEFEAT APPARENT

## Erin Is Declared a Free State and Sinn Fein Promi Boundary Line Dividing Fignored-Will Fiz

LONDON, Dec. 6.-England and Ireland awoke this been reached early this morning between the English and Irish conferees, after thed
were considered collapsed

The Dail Birean and the British Parliament are ex pected to ratify the agreement, which makes Ireland
free state. With
giance to the Empire, the agreement is reported as satisfactory to the king, because it assures Ireland's continfactory to the king, because it
ued association with the Empire.
The consent of Ulster is not necessary to make the agreement effeetive. She may
verting to her present status.
factional elements is to be fixed by a commission. Ireland hereafter will be known officially as
"Irish Free State," Lord Chancellor Birkenhead has nounced.
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