

HOME RULE ADDS FUEL TO THE IRISH FLAMES

Both North and Southern Ireland Are Split Up Into Contenting Factions

DUBLIN, Jan. 30.—(Correspondence Associated Press).—British determination to apply the newly-enacted home rule bill has injected new complexities into the Irish imbroglio.

The big questions of the hour are whether conditions in southern Ireland are too chaotic to permit the experiment of an election and whether the politicians in that section will refuse to vote.

An important problem in Ulster is whether the nationalist minority will refuse to accept the home rule act and thus give full sway to unionists, of whom Sir Edward Carson has long been leader (since succeeded by Sir James Craig).

These are the dominant issues on which the whole country is speculating.

Preparations for the application of the act in northern Ireland are in an advanced stage. There it is to come into force at the earliest possible convenient date. The splendid Belfast city hall will be placed at the disposal of the new northern parliament, eliminating any delay for erection of a parliament house. It is assured that the Carson adherents will have a working majority in which the nationalists in northeast Ulster, dissatisfied with its severance from the rest of Ireland, go to the polls.

If they vote in proportion to their numbers, they will form somewhat less than half of the membership of the new body. The Carsonites will be given virtual carte blanche if the nationalists boycott the election. Refusal of the nationalists to vote will not prevent the parliament from functioning.

In the south, there are two main currents of opinion in official and unionist circles. The one, which is predominant, is in favor of letting the south make a trial of the act at the same time as the north. The other view is that in the south the time for attempted application of the act is inopportune.

From several sources, "feelers" are being put forth in the endeavor to bring out candidates for the southern parliament. Men of moderate opinion are being asked to offer themselves. The letter of Lord Decies, announcing his candidature, is considered likely to stimulate willingness among moderate home rulers to accept office.

The Farmers' union has announced that it does not intend to put forward any candidates. But individual farmers have renounced its claim to speak for the general body, and contend farmers should take advantage of the opportunity offered them.

The old Irish parliamentary party has made no move, and its members seem indispensed to run counter to Sinn Fein sentiment.

The home rule act provides that it shall come into operation on "the appointed day" which is defined as "the first Tuesday in the eighth month after the month in which the act is passed, or such day, not more than seven months earlier or later, as may be fixed by order of his majesty in council." This leaves a wide margin, varying from about the present time to 15 months hence.

The main principle of the act is the establishment of two equal parliaments, one in Dublin for southern Ireland, and one in Belfast for the six northeastern counties, with a central connecting council.

The act even provides that local parliaments may, if they choose, abolish themselves altogether and turn the central council into one parliament for all Ireland. This single parliament, if it is ever constituted, would exceed in importance and functions the home rule parliaments contemplated by Parnell and Redmond. Meanwhile many, if not most, of the powers they contemplated were not exercisable by each of the local parliaments in its own area.

USE FORD OUT WEST TO CLEAN UP GRASSHOPPERS

Here is something new from A. J. Montgomery, a western Ford owner: "I want to tell you of a new use we are making of your car in this country."

Fighting grasshoppers with poison was too slow and laborious, so we had a trough of sheet iron made 10 1/2 feet long, 14 inches wide and 4 inches deep with some divisions in it. In this we put a kerosene oil on top of it, and we hung the trough in front of the car by swinging two 12-foot scantlings under the axle, letting them extend out in front so there is room to crank the car and steer it. On the back of this trough is a wire screen for a cork stop.

"In one evening after the hoppers went to roost, we caught ten bushels of them. We would get the trough nearly full every trip around a field of six acres of meadow, and we are going to go through our wheat fields in the same manner. Our neighbor, Mr. Fitzcorn, got 20 bushels of his wheat through this method."

QUIT MEAT WHEN KIDNEYS BOTHER

Take a Glass of Salts Before Breakfast If Your Back Hurts or Bladder is Troubling You

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poison from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

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NO MORE CONCESSIONS TO GERMANY, DECLARE FRENCH

Former Premier Rene Viviani Says That France Looks to London Conference for Strengthening Rather Than Lessening the Reparations Terms—French Ministry and Chamber Oppose Any Further Discussion

BY RENE VIVIANI (Special Cable to The Star, Copyright, 1921)

PARIS, Feb. 14.—France hopes that the conference between the allies and Germany in London will improve upon the Paris agreement with respect to reparations.

France is at the end of the rope so far as concessions are concerned and the cabinet will refuse to yield any more. That is why the entente will oppose the reopening of the discussion which the Germans will seek at London by offering counter-proposals. We shall soon see whether history's greatest crime is to be explained by its authors. This is what the French chamber demands, and the British why the British ministry received a vote of confidence last week in anticipation of the London conference.

Allied Bonds Tightened

The Paris conference lightened the bonds of Anglo-French friendship. This fact underlies the general satisfaction in France over the result of the meeting, but we must admit that the reception by the chamber of deputies was not as enthusiastic as the attitude of the press led us to expect. The praises showered on the document which, despite its good qualities, represents further sacrifices of French credits, regarded by the chamber as somewhat excessive. The means of compulsion provided are satisfactory in appearance, but we doubt if they are workable and the apparently concerted protests make Frenchmen wonder what the morrow will bring forth.

Public opinion finds too many sacrifices and insufficient guarantees in the new agreement. Despite the ruins with which France is covered, her men are moderate enough to accept, in the interests of world peace, a moderate arrangement, curtailing credits and spreading the payment of reparation over many years. They will even accept the 12 per cent export tax, whose yield obviously is hypothetical, because Germany's exports are calculated.

They would even accept all that if they were sure of getting it. But it is pointed out that the agreement no longer accords with the treaty. Germany pays during 42 years, but if we gradually abandon the left bank of the Rhine within 15 years in accordance with the treaty, what guarantee will we have after 15 years have passed if Germany suddenly ceases her payments? Noting, however, that the first payments are calculated naturally so as not to crush Germany, and that later on the annual amounts are increased, we have this paradox: We must abandon our legitimate means of pressure—our army on the left bank of the Rhine—at a time when our largest payments are due, and also when Germany is re-strengthened and will, after exhausting trickery, try by force to dodge her obligations.

Figuring in Billions

Also, be it noted that the first three annual payments are 520 million francs, 1,500 million francs, and 2,200 million francs, respectively. But what is the use of that when we must pay four billions of francs annually in pensions and 10 billions if we desire to restore devastated areas? A budget deficit can easily be calculated, but how can the money be raised? It is impossible to forego foreign loans, for our foreign debt is 53 billion francs and it is impossible to increase it. From the purely national viewpoint, interior loans can evidently be raised if we rely upon our power of production and savings and the labor and patriotism of our country. We can also rely on formidable taxes with which we already are burdened and which amount to 20 billions annually—20 billion francs paid by a nation with a million and a half dead, a million cripples deprived of all physical and professional activity and with our 10 richest districts still in ruins.

This situation is the harder on France because, looking on the other side of the Rhine, we perceive this demoralizing spectacle: Germany has imposed no taxes and is contracting a

million-dollar deficit by charging everything to running expenses. She has placed all the sub-officers of her army, numbering 380,000 as supernumeraries on the railroads, and while she votes taxes she does not collect them.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED

Wilmington Plays a Winner On 25th of Month

(Special to The Star)

CHAPEL HILL, Feb. 17.—Managers of 22 eastern teams which have entered the contest for the state high school basketball championship series, meeting in Raleigh, arranged dates for elimination games to decide the eastern championship. E. R. Rankin, secretary of the university committee in charge of the contest, and W. McK. Fetzer, director of athletics at the university, also a member of the committee, were present, but the managers themselves made their own schedules.

According to the present arrangements, two games will be played February 21, at Red Oak, and February 22, at Durham. The first game will be Cary vs. Stem at Durham; Benson vs. Clayton at Smithfield; Sanford vs. Fayetteville; Wilson vs. Fremont at Goldsboro; New Bern vs. Greenville at New Bern; Elizabeth City vs. Belhaven at Belhaven; Philadelphia vs. Mason's Cross at Mason's Cross, Wilmington and Rocky Mount drew no opponents in the first round.

In the second round the winner of the Roxboro-Chapel Hill game will play Rocky Mount; the Cary-Stem winner; the Elm City-Red Oak winner vs. the Benson-Clayton winner; the Sanford-Fayetteville winner vs. the Philadelphia-Mason's Cross winner; the Wilson-Fremont winner vs. Wilmington; the New Bern-Greenville winner vs. the Elizabeth City-Belhaven winner. All these games will be February 25, except the Durham-Raleigh vs. Cary-Stem contest, which will be February 26.

So many contingencies were involved that the managers did not attempt to carry the series further and another meeting will probably be called.

BROTHER SHOTS A NEGRO WHO HAD ATTACKED SISTER

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 17.—Will Bowling, a brother of a young woman attacked here last night, shot Arthur Hendrix, one of two negroes held for the crime, in the street, on the way to the preliminary hearing this afternoon. Hendrix was wounded in the arm and Sheriff Arthur Wells grazed by a bullet. Preliminary trial was waived and the negroes safely taken back to the county jail.

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Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Clay street 290 feet northwardly from the northern line of the Market street road leading from Wilmington to Scotts Hill, running thence eastwardly and at right angles to Clay street 97 8-10 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with said street 50 feet; thence westwardly 97 8-10 feet to the eastern line of Clay street, said line being parallel to the first call herein; thence south along said line of Clay street 50 feet to the point of beginning, the same being lot No. 31 in block No. 4 of the Fox subdivision according to a map or plan recorded in Map Book No. 1 at page No. 3 of the records of New Hanover County.

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