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ACTION GIVES IRELAND GOVERNMENTAL RIGHTS SIMILAR TO CANADA'S

VOTE ON RATIFICATION OF THE ANGLO-IRISH TREATY WAS 64-57; DAIL ADJOURNS UNTIL MONDAY

Eamon De Valera Announces His Resignation As President of The Irish Republic Immediately After The Vote on The Treaty Is Announced; Summons Some of His Supporters To Meet With Him Today in The Mansion House At Dublin; Provisions of Treaty Under Which Ireland Becomes a Free State.

Dublin, Jan. 7.—The treaty creating the Irish Free State was ratified tonight by the Dail Eireann. By a majority of seven votes, 64 to 57, the Dail gave its approval to the document signed by its delegates at London.

Coincidentally, Eamon De Valera announced his resignation from the presidency of the Irish republic.

The news was received with greatest enthusiasm, and the patient crowds which had waited for hours outside the University building in anticipation of a decision, burst into cheering, even before the official figures were announced.

Intense Excitement.

Ratification of the treaty came after a day of intense excitement and heated controversy. Although the result was as had been expected, the majority in favor of the agreement was greater than had been counted on almost up to the last minute.

A tense, strained silence prevailed while the vote was being taken, and a gasp of relief went up from the supporters of the treaty when the result was announced. A dramatic scene ensued when De Valera stood up and in broken voice which vibrated with emotion, declared that "the Republic" must be carried on.

De Valera Breaks Down.

Eventually he broke down so completely that he was unable to proceed. The Dail Eireann, with one accord, applauded and cheered him.

The situation at the adjournment of the Dail appeared to remain chaotic. The Dail will meet on Monday and there is no disposition revealed by De Valera and his followers to abandon the factional struggle. The future control of the Irish Republican army is tonight the subject of anxious speculation, as Charles Burgess, who strongly opposed the treaty, is the minister of defense. So far as the public is concerned, Dublin seems delighted over ratification. Arthur Griffith and his colleagues on emerging from the parliament were wildly cheered and the city tonight is in jubilant spirits.

Means New Regime.

The new regime for Ireland has now been approved both by the British parliament and by the Dail Eireann. 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 problems. Its provisions in substance are:

Ireland shall have the same constitutional status in the British empire as the Dominion of Canada, 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 an executive responsible to that parliament.

Provisional Government.

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 any army which shall, however, not be larger in proportion to Ireland's population than the British army is to the population of Great Britain.

Withdrawal British Forces.

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

Uster 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 event, however, a boundary commission is to be named to determine the boundary between Northern Ireland and the rest of Ireland.

Assumes Public Debt.

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

MR. WEEKS SAYS FORD'S OFFER IS PICK OF LOT

Wilmington and San Francisco Offers Not in Competition—Ford's Complete—Auto Maker's Proposition Only One That Would Take Over the Plant and Operate It Privately.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Henry Ford's offer for the lease and operation of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, nitrate and water power projects was characterized today by Secretary Weeks as the only "comprehensive proposition before him which included both the construction of the project and the manufacture of fertilizers."

The offers of Frederick Engstrom, of Wilmington, N. C., and C. C. Tinkler, of San Francisco, were held to be "not in competition" with that advanced by Mr. Ford.

The plans of these two, it was explained, related almost entirely to construction and did not provide for the manufacture of fertilizers by private enterprise.

Tinkler Sees Weeks

Washington, Jan. 7.—C. C. Tinkler, president of a San Francisco construction company, conferred today with Secretary Weeks on the offer of his concern for the completion and operation of the Muscle Shoals, Alabama, nitrate and water power projects on a semi-governmental basis. F. C. Hitchcock, engineer adviser, accompanied Mr. Tinkler.

Before entering the conference room Mr. Tinkler and associate spoke in high praise of the properties at Muscle Shoals which they had inspected this week.

In Good Condition

"The entire outlay is in splendid condition and should be completed," Mr. Tinkler said. "The development no matter to whom entrusted by the government, should be pushed to completion. The value of development passes almost into unknown quantities when it is considered in connection with the improvement it will give to the country surrounding, industrially, commercially and from a business standpoint."

Mr. Tinkler said his offer was complete in every detail.

At the conclusion of the conference with the war secretary watch lasted almost an hour. Messrs. Tinkler and Hitchcock were requested to give the army engineers all the information they possessed on the technical phases of their offer. Major General Beach, of the engineer corps, and Brigadier General Taylor, assistant chief, were visited next and will be called upon later by Secretary Weeks for advice concerning the proposal with particular reference to its technical provisions.

DEATH OF MRS. BEN F. WILDER

At the home of her mother, Mrs. Frances Mitchner, near Franklinton, whom she was visiting, Addie Mitchner Wilder died Jan. 1st, at three o'clock, after a short illness of pneumonia, in her thirty-second year of age.

On Monday afternoon the funeral services were conducted by her former pastor, Rev. M. Stamps, to whom she was very much attached, and her present pastor, Rev. J. A. Hudson, of Wake Forest. In the midst of a large gathering of sorrowing relatives and friends, she was tenderly laid to rest in the cemetery of Perry's Chapel, of which church she was a devoted member, beneath a mound of beautiful floral tributes.

Her life was fittingly described, by the two verses of Scripture selected and read by her former pastor, "That they teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good obedient to their husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

She is survived by her husband, two little girls, Louise, aged seven, and Ruth, aged twenty-seven months. Her mother, one brother, Hubert Mitchner, and five sisters, Mrs. C. N. Sherrod, of Louisville, Mrs. R. B. Gill and Misses Belle, Florence and Marguerite Mitchner, of Franklinton.

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between the two governments.

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

Formal ratification of the pact on the part of Ireland, it is provided by the treaty, shall be at a meeting summoned for the purpose 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 of the Dail Eireann.

The British Parliament approved of the treaty last 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 completed with in order to conform to the terms of the document.

TO ELECT DELEGATES MONDAY, JAN. 16th

ALL MEMBERS OF COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION ENTITLED TO VOTE.

To Ballot in Louisburg

In accordance with an order of the Organization Committee of the Cotton Growers Association held in Raleigh last week all members of the Association are hereby informed that an election will be held on Monday, Jan. 16th, 1922, between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock for the purpose of electing delegates to the District Convention, who will, together with delegates from other counties, elect the Director for the Association. On account of having the address of all members available it will be impossible to mail out the ballots. Therefore it will be necessary for you to come to Louisburg and cast your vote. Do this without fail and have your neighbor come also, if he has signed, otherwise get him to sign and bring him. Remember the date, Jan. 16th, at Louisburg, N. C. at the FRANKLIN TIMES office.

J. A. MITCHNER, President.

A. F. JOHNSON, Secretary.

FISHING IN FLORIDA.

The following letter has been received from Mr. J. R. Williams, who is on a fishing trip to Florida:

I write you a few lines and if you publish same it will answer for letter to my friends as I cannot write to all of them. Some of them may want to know how I am. We are at Stuart, Fla., East Coast fishing in the St. Lucie River. It is a large river near the coast, good fishing especially sheepshead, they are so large that we have to take a hatchet to cut them up.

We came down the Indian river bank for hundred and fifty miles, fishing all along the way. I don't feel like I will ever want any more fish to eat but still have the desire to catch them. We are traveling with two Ford's using tents to sleep in, do our own cooking, the cost very light so far. We have traveled over a thousand miles with not a minute of car trouble. We camp in a free camping ground prepared for tourists with water, electric lights and wood free. Beef steak and pork, we buy at 35 and 40 cents pound, oysters 50 cent quart, fish, we catch them.

We came through the finest Orange and Grape section in the world in our trip down Indian river. The campers range from tramps to millionaires going and coming all the time.

We are only about 35 miles from Palm Beach and Miami. We will go down and visit the millionaires in a few days, but they say they don't want poor people there so we won't tarry long. We are still in the Orange and Grape section with Cocoanuts hanging over the sidewalk, pineapple and bananas are growing here also. Oranges are free if you go to the farm after them, near town they are 50c bushel. Cocoanuts are free also some good and sweet but you have to take an axe to get the hull off. Snap beans are being shipped from here in large quantities. I expect to eat fresh beans for dinner tomorrow.

My wife, Henry, Sidde and Bettie Gray compose our party. We have met some people from Henderson, the only Tar Heels we have met. All but myself are out with the Henderson man on his launch sight-seeing. This is a fine climate, little too hot in the day, cooler in the early morning, but the water is bad sulphur. You have to pump it then let it cool before you drink it, but they say it is healthy.

We have been well since here, wife doesn't complain of Rheumatix any more. I am feeling fine. I will close hoping everything and everybody in Louisburg are getting along fine.

CAPTURES STILL.

Deputy Marshall B. H. Meadows, Constable J. E. Thomas and Special officers Ernest Raines and D. Richardson, of Raleigh, report the destruction of a still plant and the capture of a complete still outfit near Bobbitt on Monday. In the first instance three large box fermenters with a capacity of about one thousand gallons of beer were destroyed, while at the latter place in addition to seizing an eighty gallon still, they destroyed about five hundred gallons of beer, and about three gallons of whiskey.

NO SUCH STATEMENTS

Made To Insurance Commissioner That Fires Started in Louisburg to Collect Insurance.

Relative to the statements published in the Raleigh Times on Thursday of last week to the effect that Mr. O. C. Hill, Chief of the Fire Department of Louisburg, made a report to the Insurance Commissioner that the fires in Louisburg were set by parties seeking to secure the insurance on the buildings, as given out by the Insurance Commissioners office, of which were untrue and a gross injustice to Mr. Hill, Mr. Stacy W. Wade, has written Mr. Hill as follows:

My dear Mr. Hill:—

I took up yesterday afternoon with the Times the matter in which the report of your fires were given publicity by this Department. I exceedingly regret that the reporter did not quote me correctly. It is as you say in your statement yesterday, the first part is correct and the last part was added to by the reporter. I gave it to him as you gave it to me and did not mention in any instance that the fires were started with the intention of securing the insurance money, and specifically stated to him that it was the work of Fire Bugs.

I trust this explanation and the explanation made by the Times last night will be sufficient and will not cause you further embarrassment. I am enclosing you, herein, the clippings taken from the Times on the 5th and 6th.

I was talking with Capt. Scott last night over the phone and he stated that he has, so far, secured very little evidence in connection with these burnings.

With best wishes,
Yours very truly,
STACEY W. WADE,
Insurance Commissioner.

My dear Mr. Hill:—

Further replying to your request for investigation of the burnings in your city, I desire to state that you nor any other person ever reported to this Department or any one else that I know of that these fires were started or the buildings burned with the intent of securing the insurance thereon.

Our local paper has assumed absolute responsibility for the error in the statement appearing in the Times and did correct the statement in its next issue.

Personally I regret this error, and assuring you of my co-operation, and with best wishes, I am
Very truly your friend,
STACEY W. WADE,
Insurance Commissioner.

In addition Mr. Wade has published in the Raleigh Times the following signed statement:

January 10th, 1922.
In regard to the statement coming from Louisburg saying that the fire chief reported that people were burning the buildings for the purpose of collecting the insurance, I want to say that O. C. Hill, Chief of the Louisburg Fire Department, has never made any such report to the State Insurance Department.

STACEY W. WADE.

The Raleigh Times also published a correction, which, together with the above letters completely exonerates Mr. Hill.

MR. K. W. PERRY DEAD.

His many friends in Franklin county will learn with much sorrow of the death of Mr. K. W. Perry, which occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. Y. Baker at Zebulon on Saturday. Mr. Perry was in his eighty-third year and leaves two daughters, Mrs. J. R. Williams, of Louisburg, and Mrs. L. Y. Baker, of Zebulon, and one son, Mr. A. A. Perry, of Dunns township, besides a large number of friends and relatives. Until a few years ago when his health gave way Mr. Perry was one of the most popular progressive and substantial citizens in Franklin county and was a friend and neighbor that will be greatly missed in his community. His remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground at his home on Sunday in the presence of a large number of friends who had gathered to pay a last sad tribute.

MOULTON ITEMS.

Miss Mamie Breedlove has returned from Rocky Mount, where she has been visiting her cousin, Miss Alice Champion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith of Gold Rock, spent the day Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Preston Breedlove.

Mrs. T. C. Champion and daughter, Miss Alice Champion from Rocky Mount, spent the day Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Preston Breedlove. X.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET.

The January meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held on Tuesday afternoon, January 17th, at 3:30 o'clock in the James Club. All members are requested to be present.
MRS. GARLAND A. RICKS,
Commander.

The 200,000 quarts of champagne drunk in Paris Christmas didn't come up to our sham-booze.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mr. E. H. Malone visited Raleigh this week.

Messrs. O. C. Hill and J. E. Thomas went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. R. A. Peake is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. A. Tucker at New Bern.

Mr. F. W. Wheelless left the past week for a trip to the Northern Markets.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ruffin returned the past week from a visit to New York.

Supt. J. C. Jones spent Sunday with his wife, who is visiting her mother in Warrenton.

Miss Lucy Young has returned to her school in Pine Ridge after spending the holidays at home.

Mrs. F. O. Swindell left Wednesday night to visit her father who is receiving treatment in a hospital in Baltimore.

Miss Elizabeth Morton has just returned from Virginia, Va., where she was the guest of Miss Pleasants, of Louisburg College.

Mr. H. H. B. Mask, of Raleigh, was in Louisburg Tuesday to attend a meeting of members of the Cotton and Tobacco Growers Cooperative Marketing Association.

CASTALIA ITEMS.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drake, of Elm City, on Sunday last, Rev. Mr. Glenn, of the South Rocky Mount Methodist church performing the ceremony, their attractive daughter, Miss Lizzie, became the bride of Mr. J. J. Edwards, the new, efficient and popular mail carrier on Route No. 1, from this office. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards motored home Monday and are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Smith in Franklin.

Because Gill was rather respectful to Balem Arrington's wife, and when ordered to make his visits less frequent, hot words were exchanged when Buck Gill put a load of shot in Arrington's leg. Whereupon Arrington made for his gun and shot Gill twice, each load taking effect in Gill's face and shoulder, putting out one eye. The wounds were not of a very serious nature and both negroes will recover. The shooting took place over in Cedar Rock last week and the victims were brought here for medical attention.

The following, who were with their parents for the holidays, have again taken up their studies: Miss Vera Burnette, Trinity; Miss Evelyn Bartholomew, St. Mary's; Miss Myrtle Drake, Louisburg; William Boone and Hurley Braswell, Wake Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Buck, after a pleasant stay with parents at Winterville, have returned, and with his splendid corps of assistants have resumed the Spring term of school here.

Cupid is at work in the hearts of some of our young people and Madam rumor says because of his irresistible powers some of his victims will kneel at Hymen's Altar.

At an approximate cost of 200,000 one of the most magnificent Court Houses in the State is finished, and on the 23rd of this month this handsome structure for the first time will be opened with fitting and appropriate ceremonies for a term of Civil Court.

Politics is assuming some proportions in this County, and more than one has flung his hat in the ring for starters. And regardless of what will be the results, Mr. T. W. Bartholomew former Deputy Marshall, is asking to be made Sheriff, while Mr. Henry Leonard, a farmer, wishes to handle the County's finances as Treasurer. Plain Tom.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM THURSTON MATTHEWS.

The Death angel has again visited the Piney Grove neighborhood and taken little William Thurston the sweet little Babe of Mr. and Mrs. W. Turner Matthews. His time here on this earth was very short, he lived only six weeks, just a tiny bud here but gone to bloom in Heaven. Everything was done for him that loving parents and friends could do for him but God knew best and called him on to glory to be forever with him and to glory save to his parents and loved ones, don't grieve for him but try to live in such a way that you will be prepared to meet your darling on the other side. His funeral services were conducted by the beloved pastor, Rev. N. F. Britt and he was tenderly laid to rest in the Corinth cemetery. Messrs. Spencer Matthews, Arthur Matthews, James Spencer, Alfred Lassiter were the pallbearers.

—By One Who Loved Him.

Value of the U. S. capitol is only \$26,000,000 and more money has been spent on it than on any other piece of ground.