

SINN FEIN TO CONFER WITH BRITISH CABINET; FIVE THOUSAND HOMELESS IN SAN ANTONIO; MANY ALREADY DROWNED WHEN BRIDGE COLLAPSES

CONFERENCE AT INVERNESS SET FOR TWENTIETH

Final Settlement of Age-old Problem Brought a Long Step Nearer. EPOCH-MAKING STAGE TO BUILD THREE ROADS

Public Opinion Views the Irish Acceptance With Deep Satisfaction. BY EARLE C. REEVES, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

London, Sept. 10.—Emmon de Valera, on behalf of the Sinn Fein people and parliament, late today accepted Premier Lloyd-George's offer of a new conference on peace in Erin, to be held at Inverness, Scotland, on September 20. The dispatch reporting this momentous development, which again throws wide open the door to peace that had been almost slammed shut during the past week, added that the affirmative reply of the Sinn Fein chiefs to the British Prime Minister's communication of Thursday has already been dispatched to Lloyd-George, who is still at the Scottish resort.

The news was the signal for the outpouring of conflicting and confusing reports and comments, the keynote of most of them being that Sinn Fein's acceptance of the British offer means that the Irish Republicans have resigned to the inescapable and abandoned their insistence upon Ireland's separation from the British Empire.

Careful examination of the facts, however, showed to the more conservative observers that the Irish answer means the thing hoped for by every body; namely, that the negotiations are to be resumed. Moreover, even in these conservative quarters, the view prevailed that a final settlement of the age-old Irish problem has been brought about by this communication.

Public opinion in London and throughout the United Kingdom greeted the Irish acceptance with deep satisfaction, and though, as has been pointed out, there was tonight a strong tendency toward a mistaken, super-optimistic interpretation, it was admitted even by the skeptics that a new epoch-making stage has been reached.

HARRY DAUGHERTY TO LEAVE THE CABINET?

New York, Sept. 10.—That Attorney General Harry Daugherty's complaisant behavior toward President Harding's Cabinet is reported in a special Washington dispatch to The New York Herald today. The dispatch says that an announcement is expected soon and that it is reported that Daugherty intends to become a candidate for United States Senator from Ohio, a post he cherishes.

MECKLENBURG IS TO GET 52 MILES OF PAVED ROADS

State's Money Was Allocated Here Saturday to Two New Projects. TO BUILD THREE ROADS

Charlotte-Statesville Highway is to be Among the First Undertaken. Mecklenburg county virtually harvested 52 miles of hard-surfaced roads at Saturday's conference between Chairman Frank Page, State Engineer Upton and District Commissioner Wilkinson, representing the North Carolina Highway Commission, and members of the Mecklenburg Highway Commission with its attorney, J. Lester DeLaney.

It was definitely agreed; first, between these two commissions that the Mecklenburg end of the Charlotte-Statesville road, a distance of 22 miles and a project over which there has been an interminable haggling over the matter of which of the commissions should assume obligation for rights-of-way, will be hard-surfaced just as soon as waivers are signed by property owners holding both commissions immune from liability for damages.

In addition to the progress thus made on this project, Commissioner Wilkinson succeeded in making an agreement with Chairman Page by which a sufficient sum of the State's highway funds should be allocated to Mecklenburg county to place a bit of asphalt surface on the Charlotte-Mount Holly road and the Pineville road the entire distance from Charlotte to the South Carolina line.

The mileage involved aggregates 52 miles. The road from Charlotte to the Irrell county line is 22 miles. The road from Charlotte to Mount Holly is 13 miles and the road from Mount Holly via Pineville to the South Carolina road is 17 miles. The distance on these two latter roads will be maintained in view of the fact that, under the terms of agreement with the State Highway Commission the present macadam base will be used and a tarvia form of binding will be attached, making these roads as good as a newly-finished city street.

The Statesville road will be built almost outright in view of the fact that the present route will not be strictly followed. The best estimates which can be furnished of the probable cost of this road indicate that the amount of money which the State will spend on it will be between \$500,000 and \$600,000. The work on the other two roads will not be quite so expensive per mile, but the aggregate sum involved in the total of 52 miles will, perhaps, be less than what the Statesville road will cost, indicating that only slightly less than \$1,000,000 worth of new, hard-surfaced highways are to be placed immediately for Mecklenburg county.

POLISH CABINET HAS RELINQUISHED POSTS

London, Sept. 10.—The Polish Cabinet has resigned according to a dispatch from Warsaw today.

MORE NAMES ARE SUGGESTED FOR SUPREME COURT

Believed Governor Will Select Man from Central or East Section. MANY POSSIBILITIES. One Suggestion Would Make Manning Justice and Clarkson Att'y. General.

BY JULE B. WARREN, Staff Correspondent of The News. Raleigh, Sept. 10.—The only development today in the appointment of a new associate justice to succeed Judge William R. Allen was the addition of a number of new names to the prospective list and the growing impression that the Governor will make an effort to secure some man from the Central or Northeastern part of the State for this place. While Governor Morrison has made no statement about the situation other than that he has the matter under serious consideration and doesn't know just when he will make up his mind about it, the impression that he wants to preserve the territorial division on the Supreme Court is gained from sources close to the administration.

Should the Governor adopt this line of reasoning and course, it would eliminate Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte, the home of Associate Justice Platt D. Walker and Judge Ben Long, of Statesville, who is in the same general section of the State, which also has Associate Justice Hoke, of Lincoln county. The Governor would like to see either Mr. Clarkson or T. C. Guthrie, of the Charlotte bar on the bench, but endorsement by the Charlotte bar of either one of these men would put the executive in a rather embarrassing position.

Judge Adams endorsed. Judge W. J. Adams, of Carthage, is being seriously considered for the place, but Judge Adams is not a resident of the South-central part of the State, as assigned to the Western district, and the same objection lies there, except in smaller degree, that holds against the Mecklenburgers and the Statesville jurist. Judge Adams will perhaps get many endorsements from all parts of the State, and he is being seriously considered by the Governor.

Northeast section. The Northeastern section of the State has Judge Walter Clark on the bench, but he has lived in Raleigh so long that he is considered a Wake county man. From that section suggestions have come for Tasker Polk, of Warrenton, Judge Gustave of New Bern, N. J. Rouse, of Kinston, candidate for the Supreme Court in the last primary and Judge F. D. Winston, of Bertie county. It is understood that the name of the former Lieutenant Governor and Superior Court judge from Bertie will be formally presented to the Governor some time in the near future if a decision is not reached soon.

Whether or not the Attorney General would be interested is not known, for he has been out of the city all the week, appearing for the Hardaway construction Company against the Duke interests in one of the biggest suits ever instituted in the State. He is attending the Mecklenburg session of Superior Court. The Governor was retained as attorney in this case, but when nominated asked Judge Manning to take his place in the suit. Judge

THIRTY OR MORE ARE PLUNGED TO DEATH IN RIVER

Hundreds Crowd on Bridge to Watch Rescue of Boy in Water. LOAD IS TOO HEAVY. Hundred and Fifty People Are Hurlled Into Swiftly Moving Stream.

Chester, Pa., Sept. 10.—Thirty-four identified bodies lay at the morgue and 12 seriously injured persons were at hospitals shortly before midnight—victims of the collapse at about 7 o'clock tonight of a fifty-foot section of an iron bridge spanning Chester river which plunged a crowd of at least 150 men, women and children into the swirling high tide.

A fifty-foot section of the bridge gave way as a throng, conservatively estimated at 150, watched the attempt of a man to save a drowning Italian boy, and the crowd of men, women and children disappeared as if swallowed by a trap door. Within 35 minutes after the crash 25 bodies had been recovered. The rescue work is still in full swing.

Other crowds are besieging the shores of the Chester river, aiding in the rescue or inquiring for relatives. The town is staggered by the catastrophe. Thousands, many of them in negligence are lining the shores of the Chester river, aiding in the rescue or inquiring for relatives. The town is staggered by the catastrophe. Thousands, many of them in negligence are lining the shores of the Chester river, aiding in the rescue or inquiring for relatives.

Story of eye-witness. "I heard the crash and thought the peculiar noise was made by the beating of drums. At first I made no effort to even look as I have heard enough drum music to last me a lifetime, being a veteran of the war.

"As I reached within several feet of the bridge I could hear the screams of the drowned.

The Exposition In Tabloid

Name: Made-In-Carolinas Exposition. Place: Charlotte, N. C. Purpose: To impress upon the people of North Carolina and South Carolina particularly the quality, diversity and quantity of the products of Carolina manufacturers. Number of exhibitors: 200; products displayed, more than 3,000. Opening date: Monday, September 12. Closing date: Thursday, September 29. Daily program: 10:00 a. m.; close, 11 p. m.; musical, concerts, 3 p. m. and 8 p. m.; address of the day, 3:30 p. m. Doors open at 1 p. m. on opening day only. Location: On West Palmer street, one block west of McNinch street.

Impending Cabinet Changes Add To Problems Of Harding

Secretary of Treasury Mellon is Expected to Resign From the Cabinet Very Soon While Movement to Consolidate Departments Will Cut Off Others.

By ROBERT T. SMALL, Staff Correspondent of The News. Copyright, 1921, by News Publishing Co. Washington, Sept. 10.—With the completion of President Harding's first half year in the White House, reports have come of impending Cabinet changes reports which have the merit of plausibility if not official verification.

UNEMPLOYMENT IS ON THE WANE

Business is Coming Back More Rapidly Than the Optimists Thought.

By HARDEN COLFAX, Staff Correspondent of The News. Copyright, 1921, by News Publishing Co. Washington, Sept. 10.—For the first time since the beginning of the industrial crisis, the Government is taking a census of the unemployed. That census covers the men actually out of work through no fault of their own in every city of more than twenty-five thousand inhabitants—231 cities in all. It will be completed next Wednesday, passed on to the President and used in the forthcoming conference on unemployment. Many reports from many industries already are at hand.

1. That business is coming back more rapidly than even optimists thought it would. 2. That unemployment is decidedly on the wane; that a steady trend back to work in factories, mills and mines is general. 3. That labor has liquidated largely its war-time wage excesses and that few more material cuts are in immediate prospect.

MANY HOUSES SMASHED TO BITS IN RAGING FLOOD

Twenty Square Blocks in Business Section Almost Total Loss. HUGE PROPERTY LOSS. Thousands of People, Warned by the Police, Failed to Heed the Warning.

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 10.—With 41 bodies recovered and with scores of persons missing as the result of the cloudburst and flood which swept through sleeping San Antonio early today, the city was settling down tonight to a full realization of the horror of the mud-raging waters.

The narrow, shallow San Antonio River, fed by a seven-inch fall of rain tore from its bank and swirled through the business district in the western part of the city where the waters swept torments, causing \$15,000,000 damage. Most of the bodies are those of women and children—helpless victims of the deluge.

Some 20 square blocks of the downtown stores almost a total loss from the 12 feet of water, which so weakened the walls of the building left standing that they will be razed. Dirt from the hills has been left in the business district as a deep mud that will have to be dug away. Stocks stored in basements are ruined.

DEATH TIDINGS COME WITH DOG

Strange Canine Visitor Reappears and News of Death Follows:

A woman in deep black entered the local rooms of the Charlotte News Saturday night, and as she paused in the door, an expression of horror was seen on the faces of The News' local staff— for behind her in the darkness of the corridor gleamed two red eyes under a white cross.