

IRISH PEOPLE AT LARGE FAVOR RATIFICATION OF PACT WITH GREAT BRITAIN

Meeting of Farmers in Many Counties Call Upon Daily Eireann to Ratify Treaty-Irish Parliament Convenes After the Holidays.

(By The Associated Press.) DUBLIN, Jan. 3. — The Daily Eireann last night after reopening today following its holiday recess in plunging again into sharp debate on the Anglo-Irish treaty. It had before it once more an order of the day calling for consideration of both Arthur Griffith's ratification motion and Eamonn de Valera's alternative proposals.

O'Connor asserted that the campaign, since the Daily's adjournment, had in reality hurt the treaty, declaring it had been waged by people who had never done any good work for the country and were now "howling at us."

He attacked the Southern Unionists, saying the people of Ireland would have none of them in the Irish free state.

O'Connor was interrupted several times during his address, notably by Michael Collins, who resented his attack on resolutions favoring the treaty passed by meetings of farmers and other public bodies.

A review of the attitude taken by the Irish people at large would seem to indicate overwhelming sentiment in favor of ratification of the compact.

The peace agreement had been under consideration by the Daily since December 14. Many members looked for the vote on Thursday night or Friday.

Just before the Daily was called to order a buzz of excitement was caused by the distribution of an order of the day similar to the one circulated before adjournment, calling for Arthur Griffith's motion for ratification of the treaty and Eamonn de Valera's alternative proposal.

Art O'Connor, deputy for South Kildare, and Daniel Minister, an opponent of the treaty, was the first speaker at today's session. He argued that those outside "howling at the Daily to support the treaty" were men who had never done anything for the country.

Michael Collins interrupted the speaker, saying: "The farmers have a right to speak; their houses have been burned all over the country."

Mr. O'Connor retorted that many of those who had passed resolutions were not farmers.

McMillin takes blame for loss of game. Dallas, Tex., Jan. 3. — The Centre College football team today was en route back to Danville, Ky., smarting under its only defeat of the season, a 22 to 14 loss yesterday to Texas A. & M. College.

Charles Moran, head coach of the Centre team, said today that he had been in the same shape as we were for the Harvard game. I am confident we would have won."

GERMAN FLAG ONCE MORE IS FLYING IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. —Germany's flag today reappeared among those of other nations which fly from the tall buildings of New York's financial and shopping districts. It was unfurled from the same flagpole, a top number 11 Broadway from which it was hoisted down in the spring of 1917, and marked the location of the re-established consular offices of the new German republic.

For more than a week representatives of Consul General Karl Lang — temporarily charge d'affaires of his Government in Washington — had been preparing for a re-opening of the offices.

LOCAL BANKS PAID OUT \$77,500 IN DIVIDENDS DURING YEAR JUST ENDED

Gastonia's banking institutions have mailed out their semi-annual dividend checks, totalling \$38,000. The Citizens National Bank paid a semi-annual dividend of six per cent on its capital of \$300,000 or \$18,000. The First National Bank paid five per cent on its capital stock of \$250,000 or \$12,500.

WOODMEN TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS THURSDAY NIGHT

Providence Camp No. 382, N. C. Woodmen of the World, met in regular session in their hall on the third floor of the Craig & Wilson Building, on December 28, and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Consul commander, Bismarck Capps; adviser, lieutenant W. B. Vickers; banker, J. R. Delinger; clerk, E. L. Wilson; board of auditors, E. K. Whitener, W. Lyle Smith and Roscoe Douglas.

All Sovereigns of the other camps in the county, and especially all officers, who are in good standing in their respective camps and who are in good standing, financially and otherwise with the organization, are invited to be present and participate in the installation exercises.

The officers-elect will be installed at the first meeting night (Thursday night, January 5th, 1922), which exercises will be held in the new quarters of the camp over the 5 and 10 cent store on Main Street.

WOULD ASK FRANCE TO PAY WAR DEBT. (By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. —The Administration would be directed, under a resolution introduced today by Representative Reavis, Republican, Nebraska, to demand re-payment by France of money loaned to her by the United States during the war.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. —Naval experts of the arms conference delegations continued today their study of technical details remaining to be settled in connection with the naval limitation agreement, while other naval and far eastern questions formed the subject of informal conferences for many of the delegates.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. —The comparative lull in activities of the conference proper served to hold in prominence today the charges of the unofficial delegation from the Far Eastern republic at China of a secret understanding between the French and Japanese governments wherein the former had agreed to support Japanese aims for a protectorate over Siberia.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. —Five bandits escaped from the police station at Montrose, Pa., today after a pistol battle. The men were arrested in a motor car for failing to account for its ownership.

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WASHINGTON, N. Y., Jan. 3. —The Washington and Jefferson College and the University of California, which battled here yesterday to a scoreless tie, today were reuniting from the annual East-West clash.

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TRINITY COLLEGE STUDENTS AND ALUMNI GATHER AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET

Principal Addresses Made by Prof. W. A. Lambeth and Prof. R. L. Flowers—Pledges of Loyalty and Devotion to the Old College—Mr. J. H. Separk Heads Gaston County Alumni Association.

Trinity men and women of Gaston county, some fifty or more strong, gathered in annual banquet Tuesday evening at the Country Club, as the guests of Mr. J. H. Separk, president of the Gaston County Trinity Alumni Association.

The principal talks of the evening were made by Rev. W. A. Lambeth, pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist church, High Point, and Prof. Robert L. Flowers, of the Trinity College faculty.

Rev. Mr. Lambeth set forth four principles that should guide the Trinity College alumnus in his life after he has left the old college.

Following Mr. Lambeth, Messrs. H. B. Gaston and Stonewall Durham made short talks, after which Prof. R. L. Flowers, was introduced.

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MAY BE GERMAN'S AMBASSADOR TO U. S.



Dr. Hermes, according to reports, may be the German Ambassador to the United States. Dr. Hermes is the present German Minister of Finance.

CHICAGO BANK MERGER MAKES THE FIRM SECOND LARGEST IN AMERICA

Continental and Commercial Bank Absorbs the Fort Dearborn Interests, Making it the Institution Largest West of New York and Second Biggest in Country.

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Jan. 3. —The Continental and Commercial National Bank and the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank today formed the second largest banking institution in the United States and the largest west of New York.

The merger was announced late last night after an all-day session of the Chicago Clearing House Association and its member banks.

The clearing house banks guaranteed the Continental and Commercial against possible losses to the extent of \$25,000,000, and the Fort Dearborn stockholders made a further guaranty of \$1,000,000.

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WHITE HOUSE IS AGAIN SCENE OF A BRILLIANT NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION

Doors Thrown Open to Public For First Time in 9 Years—Over 6,000 People Attend—President and Mrs. Harding Met and Shook Hands With All of Them.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. — President and Mrs. Harding threw the White House doors open to the public today for the first New Year reception held there for nine years.

The President and Mrs. Harding met and shook hands with all a physical feat of no mean magnitude and one from which they showed more than a few signs of strain at four o'clock when the last person in the line had passed.

The official section was received from 11 to 1 o'clock, and there were approximately 2,000 participating in it, army and navy officers, and the higher officials of the government establishments.

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REPORT OF ROAD WORK IN GASTON COUNTY FOR 1921 AND THE OUTLOOK FOR 1922

County Engineer Struthers' Report Shows Seventy-Six Miles of Clay and Macadam Roads Roads Constructed and Rebuilt and 20 Miles of Hard Surface Road - 45,000 Tons of Rock Crushed in County - Contracts For New Roads To Be Let - Fourteen New Bridges Built.

The following is a report of road work done in Gaston county in 1921, together with a forecast of what is proposed for 1922, as submitted by County Engineer Struthers to the board of commissioners at their regular January meeting Monday:

Hard Surface Roads. The Cherryville-Bessemer City road completed 1.7 miles.

The road is divided into six townships and each township has a road supervisor in order to facilitate the handling of work in each township and also so that each township may have a supervisor to supervise and maintain the roads in the immediate vicinity in such a manner that any road desired in a certain vicinity or any road that needs repair in a certain vicinity has a man whose sole duty it is to take care of these projects.

The work will be taken up as follows: by townships, hard-surface highways built in the County, crushing of stone for the construction and maintenance of highways, work contracted for to be built during the ensuing year and surveys made and plans being prepared to contract for work in 1922.

The new roads built in the townships have been clay roads with top soil and besides building new roads, all drainage, bridges, culverts and everything pertaining to the construction of a new road has been done, as well as the maintenance and upkeep and repair of all bridge structures in the said townships.

South Point Township. Working over 2.5 miles of old macadam road from Belmont to the South Fork bridge.

Working over 2.6 miles of old macadam on the New Hope road. Construction of the Kelly Key and George Armstrong road 1.3 miles.

Total of 5.1 miles old macadam road worked over and 7.5 miles of new road constructed. All drainage completed also.

River Bend Township. Construction of the Perfection Mills to Mt. Holly brick yard, Belmont Junction road 1.5 miles.

Construction of Glover road 2.0 miles. One bridge with concrete abutment on that road.

Construction of Old Providence road 3.0 miles. Extended Lucia road from hard surface to County line 2.0 miles.

Construction of Mt. Adenville to Mt. Holly road 2.0 miles. Total of 10.5 miles new road, 2 bridges one with concrete abutment.

Dallas Township. Construction of Clouger road 3.0 miles. Alexis-Dallas road 6.0 miles.

Construction of Bessemer City 5.5 miles. Maggie Gumble road 2.0 miles.