

WIOLENCE MARKS STRIKE OPENING

Irish Peace Agreement Is Reached

Government Ministers and Sinn Fein Delegates Agree On Modified Proposals For Settlement.

Night Session Is Held

By The Associated Press. London, Dec. 5.—The conference between the government ministers and Sinn Fein delegates reached an agreement at an early hour this morning on the new proposals, which represent certain modifications for Irish settlement.

After a session which lasted more than three hours, from 11:15 last night until 2:20 this morning, the meeting of the government ministers and Irish representatives separated and a member of the cabinet, replying to a question as to how things stood, said: "The news isn't bad; an agreement in fact, has been reached, the terms of which will be communicated to the press."

The delegates looked tired and grave as they left the premier's residence. Asked whether he had anything to say Michael Collins, the Sinn Fein finance minister answered sharply: "Not a word."

The big questions at issue between the British government and the representatives of the Irish republican parliament have been: Shall Ireland become entirely independent, or if it remain within the British empire, shall there be two separate governments in Ireland, one for Ulster and one for the rest of the country?

Prime Minister Lloyd George has refused to consider any proposal which would put Ireland outside the empire.

The Sinn Feiners refused to admit that Ireland should be split in two parts. Ulster refused to unite in one parliament with the Sinn Feiners. It has organized a parliament of its own under the Government of Ireland act.

The Sinn Feiners refused to set up a parliament for the south of Ireland, as proposed in that act. They adhered to their own Irish parliament, called the Dail Eireann, which they had set up independently as the governing body of the Irish republic.

King George Intervenes. That was the situation when the king began last July, after the king had made a conciliatory speech at the opening of the new parliament in Ulster.

The purpose of the negotiations now in progress, as defined by Lloyd George and accepted by the Sinn Fein representatives is "to ascertain how the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British empire may be best reconciled with Irish national aspirations."

The conference began in July. Both sides have at times entertained higher hopes of final and satisfactory settlement probably than at any time since the Irish question became a thorn in the side of the British empire, but there have been several crises when the negotiations seemed doomed to failure.

The first of these occurred when Lloyd George offered to de Valera at consultation in London a form of self-government in Ireland something like that prevailing in the British dominions. The Dail Eireann utterly rejected this proposal on the ground that it did not afford even genuine dominion rules. For a time it seemed that a deadlock had been reached.

Agree on Differences. Lloyd George endeavored to resume negotiations but this move seemed likely to be balked by de Valera's insistence that the Irish delegates to such a conference must be accepted as having derived their authority from a free and independent Ireland. The British premier refused to concede that point, as he said, it would constitute a recognition at the very outset of Ireland's claims for separation from the British empire.

This obstacle was overcome by the two parties agreeing upon Lloyd George's formula that the purpose of the conference should be to ascertain how Ireland's association with the empire might be best reconciled with Ireland's national aspirations.

Under that formula, meetings have been in progress since early October. The proceedings have been secret. It has been reported, however, that British representatives submitted a plan to give Ireland a status of "association" with the empire and to allow her an almost complete measure of self-government to be exercised by separate parliaments in Ulster and south Ireland, respectively, and by a central council jointly chosen.

Ulster Brought In. This brought Ulster again into the negotiations and compelled Premier Lloyd George to defer his trip to the Washington conference on limitation of armament so that he could devote his time to an effort to overcome Ulster's hesitation or objection to co-operate with the south of Ireland in any form of common government.

Never Let Husband Learn How to Cook, Says Admiral Tsai

Boston, Dec. 5.—Admiral Tsai Ting-Kan, senior adviser to the Chinese arms delegation, in an address today suggested that a woman who would keep her husband never should permit him to learn to cook or mend his clothes.

A woman, he said, loses one of her matrimonial props the moment her husband learns the art of frying an egg.

"It makes the husband independent of the wife, and that is fatal," he said. If the sewing on of buttons or the repairing of rent garments is left to the housemaid," he added, "be aware of the housemaid. She may take care of the things too well. The wife may discover missing buttons led to a missing husband and a missing housemaid."

Admirers Lavish Auto, Diamonds On Craig Girl

Witnesses at \$50,000 Heart Balm Suit Against Joseph Leopold, Tell of \$7,000 Car and Others Gifts.

Gertrude Craig had a \$7,000 automobile, diamonds and furs lavished upon her by adoring admirers, according to testimony given in the trial yesterday of the \$50,000 heart balm suit she has brought against Joseph Leopold, wealthy grain-broker and club man.

The crowd was so large that District Judge Day was forced to announce that all allies and the entrance to the court room would have to be vacated. As the result 100 or more persons congregated in the corridor outside the court room.

Virginia Craig, sister of Gertrude, who was for a time employed at the Leopold grain company, but who now works for Gray & MacFarland, attorneys, for her sister testified that she has been a typist for 14 years.

Seek More Witnesses. To obtain more witnesses for both sides Judge Day adjourned court until 9 today. One of the witnesses is Fred Palming, city detective, whom the defense alleges "dined with Miss Craig at Dublin Inn."

Virginia testified on direct examination that although she knew of the relations between her sister and Leopold she pleaded with both of them to part, but Leopold refused to obey her objections.

Judge Day overruled a motion of Attorney McKinzie that the case be taken from the jury and be dismissed for lack of evidence.

Edward Kauff, grain dealer of Minneapolis, testified that he first met Gertrude Craig in Chicago when Leopold was in the navy at the Great Lakes in 1918.

Tells of Dinner Party. "I later dined and wined Gertrude in a local hotel," Kauff stated on direct examination. "We had four or five whiskey highballs."

Russell Williams, automobile mechanic, the next and last witness of the afternoon, stated that he delivered the \$7,000 automobile which was given to Miss Craig by a "Mr. Phelps."

Attorneys for Leopold say the "Mr. Phelps" was a candy dealer. Williams also stated that Phelps paid all the garage bills and told him that he bought a big diamond and furs for Miss Craig.

While on the stand Miss Craig stated that Phelps did give her the automobile, but denied that he gave her a diamond and furs.

15 Dead, 25 Hurt in Collision of Trains

Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—Fifteen persons were killed today and 25 or more injured in a head-on collision between two passenger trains on the Newton branch of the Philadelphia & Reading railway about 16 miles north of Philadelphia in a deep cut.

Fourteen bodies were recovered and one of the injured died in a hospital. Most of the victims perished in fire, which broke out in the wooden cars almost immediately after the crash.

Rescuers were obliged to stand helpless at the top of the cut while the victims, enmeshed in the wreckage, shrieked as the flames tortured them.

Picketing Rules Are Outlined

Supreme Court Holds Method Of Unions Cannot Be Carried to Point of 'Importunity and Dogging.'

One Picket Sufficient

Washington, Dec. 5.—Picketing in connection with a labor strike is unjustifiable if carried to the point of "importunity and dogging," the supreme court ruled today.

Decision as to whether specific instances of picketing come within the court's inhibition must be left for determination on the facts in each such case, it was declared, but the court suggested that pickets should have the right of "observation, communication and persuasion," and might further be limited to "one representative for each point of ingress and egress."

The opinion of the court, which was read by Chief Justice Taft, was approved by all of the justices except Mr. Clark, who did not state the grounds of his dissent.

Appeal of Unions

The case arose out of a strike at the American Steel foundries plant at Granite City, Ill., where 1,600 men were normally employed. After shutting down, it resumed operations as an open shop with about 350 men, about one half of whom belonged to labor unions. The Tri-City Trades Council, upon the refusal of the manager of the plant to negotiate, declared a strike and established pickets. There was considerable violence until the courts intervened and restricted the picketers' activities. The council thereupon contested the authority of the courts to interfere.

"In going to and from work, men have a right to a free passage with out obstruction as the streets afford," the supreme court held, "consistent with the rights of others to enjoy the same privileges."

While attempts to influence another's action cannot be regarded as aggressions or a violation of the other's rights, the court continued, "importunity and dogging become unjustifiable annoyance and obstruction which is likely soon to savor of intimidation."

Threats are forbidden. In this case "all arguments advanced and all persuasion used were intimidation," it was declared, adding that pickets should not "be abusive, libelous or threatening," nor "approach individuals together."

This rule, the court explained, might "be varied in other cases." The courts must, however, "prevent the inevitable intimidation of the presence of groups of pickets, but to allow minorities."

The action of the council in calling the strike under consideration on direct examination. "The strike became a lawful instrument in a lawful economic struggle or competition between employer and employees," the chief justice stated, "as to the share or division between them of the joint product of labor and capital. The principle of the unlawfulness of maliciously enticing laborers still remains and action may be maintained therefore in proper cases, but to make it applicable to local labor unions, in such a case as this, seems to us to be unbecomable."

Woman Who Shot Man To Protect Husband Is Acquitted by Jury

Scottsbluff, Neb., Dec. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—A district court jury this afternoon declared Mrs. Paul Tacina not guilty of first degree murder in connection with the shooting of Fred Reibseck, farmer, on the Tacina homestead near Minatare, July 17.

Mrs. Tacina, mother of four small children, admitted shooting Reibseck three times with small caliber gun, but said she did so to protect her husband from his assault and because the county attorney had told her to do so.

Underwood Called From Capital by Mother's Death

Washington, Dec. 5.—Senator Underwood of Alabama left here today for Birmingham, where he was called by the sudden death of his mother. Up until last night Senator Underwood had received favorable reports regarding his mother's illness.

One Killed, Four Injured In Refinery Explosion

Roxana, Ill., Dec. 5.—One man was killed and four others are in serious condition as the result of an explosion which occurred in the Roxana Petroleum company plant here this evening, when some new refining apparatus being tested for the first time, gave away.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Borrows Coat in Japan

New York, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., one of the world's richest men, today confessed he had had to appear before the emperor and crown prince of Japan in a borrowed frock coat that fitted him "only pretty well."

Watch Out for Men In Dress Suits Have Anything

Gloom is in store for Omahans planning to welcome the new year as in former times.

Enforcer, federal prohibition enforcement officer, with his trusty deacons, disguised in dress suits, intends to mingle with the merry throngs on New Year's eve with eagle eyes, searching for scents of liquor on lip or hip. He plans to seize both the liquor and liquorer and send the latter off to prison.

Those who bring their liquor with them will be charged with transportation, according to the sleuth.

Plans of the intended coup leaked out yesterday, much to the chagrin of Mr. Rohrer.

Farm Aid Body Seeks Requests For More Loans

Decks Cleared With Approval Of Applications Totalling \$633,000—State Bankers Meet Here Today.

The War Finance corporation, which could bring \$2,000,000 a week to Nebraska between now and June, is waiting for applications for loans.

At an all-day meeting of the state committee, Sunday, applications for \$633,000 from 42 banks were approved. This cleared the decks, and J. M. Flannigan, secretary of the War Finance corporation, is now waiting for further requests from country banks that seek to aid the farmer.

"With the co-operation of the bankers, Nebraska should receive at least \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 for agricultural purposes in the next seven months," said E. W. Thomas, chairman, yesterday. He spoke confidently of the meeting of bankers from all over the state which is to be held in Omaha today. Final plans are to be made at the meeting for the organization of what will be called the Nebraska Agricultural Finance corporation, with power to obtain \$10,000,000 to be loaned Nebraska live stock growers. F. H. Davis will act as chairman of this meeting, which will open at 10 a. m. in the Hotel Fontenelle.

Congress Opens 67th Session; Awaits Message

Washington, Dec. 5.—Congress re-assembled today with the usual formal ceremonies and with its legislative course fairly well charted. The opening program was routine; interest in general was subordinated to President Harding's address which will be delivered at 12:30 tomorrow. His recommendations were expected to deal principally with tariff revision, governmental economy and development of the federal budget system.

Unusual interest in the president's appearance was manifested in view of the assured attendance of arms delegates and attaches. The president today devoted himself to work on his address.

Man Slays Wife, Shoots Himself, Dying in Hospital

Amelia Cornell, 23, is dead and her husband, Harry Cornell, 25, will die before morning, physicians say, as the result of a shooting affray at the Ak-Sar-Ben hotel, 1611 Howard street, about 9 last night.

Cornell, a carpenter, and his wife had been living at the hotel until two weeks ago, when Cornell is alleged to have beat her over what was described as a trivial matter. At this time the proprietor of the hotel, Mrs. Frank Apfelbeck, ordered Cornell to leave.

At this time the wife separated from her husband and was about to institute divorce proceedings. Last night Cornell came to the hotel and inquired if his wife was in. Persons replying said she was in her room.

Ed Hoffman, a roomer at the place who was left in charge of the hotel during the absence of Mrs. Apfelbeck, followed Cornell upstairs, remembering that he had been ordered from the place and that he would probably attack his wife.

As Hoffman reached the third floor, the woman's room which is located immediately to the left of the stairs, was occupied by Cornell, who was busily pouring over some of the woman's letters. Hoffman immediately notified Mrs. Cornell of her husband's action, and as she entered the room she was confronted with a revolver by her husband.

Hoffman, who interceded, was ordered downstairs by Cornell at the point of the gun. He started down and had reached the landing when the shooting started.

Mrs. Cornell had gone to the telephone when threatened by her husband, and was engaged in calling the police when her husband followed and fired four times in rapid succession. She fell backward, instantly killed.

Movies for the Conference



This picture might be shown with good effect.



Here is one that would make warlike nations think twice.



A picture of the villain discredited and shorn of his glamour would have beneficial results.

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The fire was discovered by Clarence Borgard, who lives above the room where the fire started. Firms in the building were: Cloyd F. Greene, undertaking and wall paper; Westen Sisters, millinery; United Fruit and Grocery store; Lewis C. Larson, hardware, and B. F. Wylie, produce station. The last two were not very badly damaged, except the hardware stock in the basement was flooded.

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First Clash Of Walkout At St. Paul

Several Hurt in Fight Between Commission Men and Pickets—Train With 300 Strike-Breakers Halted.

Try to Break Union Lines

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 5.—Violence marked the opening of the strike at the South St. Paul packing plants here today. Several persons were slightly injured when a group of commission men clashed with pickets in an unsuccessful attempt to enter the Swift & Co. plant.

Earlier in the day strike sympathizers stopped a train carrying 300 strikebreakers to the packing districts, and forced them to flee under a fusillade of missiles.

Sheriff J. J. Waddell announced he would break the picket lines tomorrow to enable strikebreakers to enter the plants. This statement brought from J. P. McCoy, local secretary of the Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's union, the declaration that union "will fight to the finish."

"Strikebreakers positively will not be allowed to pass the picket lines," he said. "Passes will be issued by the union, however," he said, "to women and male office workers."

16 Union Officials Appear in Court

Kansas City, Dec. 5.—Sixteen officials of the five Kansas City, Kan., locals of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen appeared this afternoon before the Kansas industrial relations in Kansas City, Kan. The union officials who ignored summonses of the industrial court Saturday, presented themselves upon orders issued by the district court of Wyandotte county.

Both Sides Lay Claim to Success

Very wide divergences between statements of packers and strikers on the extent of the walkout marked the opening of the strike of packing house workers which began this morning on the South Side.

Jacob H. Davis, president of District Council No. 5 Amalgamated Association of Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, declared in a statement issued through Robert K. Hunter, chairman of the strikers' press committee, that 90 per cent of the workers are out; that 95 per cent will be out by tonight and 100 per cent by Wednesday night.

He said 4,500 out of approximately 5,000 workers are on strike. The packers claim that not more than 1,200 to 1,500 are out. And these will soon be back, they say.

Picketing Organization. A picketing organization including at least one woman in each group of pickets was perfected at a meeting of the strikers' executive committee this afternoon.

While packers were giving out statements today that the strike was not as effective in other cities even as it was in Omaha, strikers' headquarters declared that it was even more effective in other cities.

"In Sioux City, 98 per cent of the workers are on strike and determined to stick," was one bulletin at strike headquarters.

Police Commissioner Dunn today asked City Attorney Van Deusen for an opinion regarding the status of the picketing, law passed by the last legislature.

Mr. Van Deusen replied that, as a petition has been filed with the secretary to state, asking a referendum (Turn to Page Two, Column Three.)

Small Asks Embezzlement Charges Be Quashed

Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 5.—Governor Len Small and Vernon Curtis, Grant Park, Ill., banker, today opened their fight against trial under the conspiracy, embezzlement and confidence game indictments returned at Springfield by the Sangamon county grand jury last July.

Appearing in the court of Judge Claire C. Edwards they asked that the indictments be quashed as illegal and insufficient.

Maryland Representative Would Permit Sale of Beer

Washington, Dec. 5.—Sale of beer and light wine would be permitted in congressional districts in which voters expressed approval under a bill introduced today by Representative Hill, republican, Maryland.

The measure, which provides a manufacturers' tax of 20 cents a gallon on beer and 40 cents a gallon on wine, was referred to the ways and means committee.

War Finance Corporation Allots Nebraska \$150,000

Washington, Dec. 5.—Approval of 50 advances for agricultural and live stock purposes, aggregating \$2,813,000, was announced by the War Finance corporation. Nebraska received \$150,000; Utah, \$1,374,000; Iowa, \$217,000; Washington, \$10,000, and South Dakota, \$160,000.

By Henry C. Rowland Starting Sunday In The Bee