#### Sir James Craig Is Ulster Leader Of Parliament

Election of Knight as First Premier Means Virtual Retirement of Sir Edward

Carson.

Belfast, Feb. 4 .- (By The Associated Press.)-The Ulster unionist over the council session.

as the first premier of the new Ulster trated on Mrs. Harding. l'arliament means the virtual, Edward Carson from his long standing leadership of "the loyal people of the six counties of Ulster."

Sir James has been in the imperial Parliament since 1906. He was the right hand man of Sir Edward during the home rule crisis, which was suspended by the dramatic intervention of the war.

Sir James, who was made a baronet in January, 1918, for war services, was born at Strandtown, County Down, on January 8, 1871. He served in both the South African and world wars. He was treasurer of the royal household in 1917-18. In 1919-20 he was parliamentary secretary of the ministry of pensions. and later succeeded to the financial secretaryship of the admiralty, hich post he still holds. Physically, Sir James is big, bluff and cheery, and is extremely popular in social

Big Decline in Meat Prices Since September Reported

Chicago, Feb. 4.-Wholesale prices of meats in the large consuming centers have dropped 15 to 40 per cent since last September and retail prices have declined 11 to 40 per cent, according to statements issued by the institute of American Meat by the institute of American Meat Packers and by the United Master Butchers of America.

"Sixty ceats now will purchase meat which cost \$1 five months ago," said the retailers' statement.

#### Mrs. Harding Center Of Attraction During Matinee Performance

New York, Feb. 4.-Smiling into the glare of a spotlight flashed upon her theater box, Mrs. Warren G. Harding received a noisy greeting from several thousand matinee spectators at the Hippodrome this

All of her other trips outside her hotel suite were so closely guarded that few recognized the future first lady of the land, but attention focussed upon her when Madge Loomis of Cincinnati, one of the council today elected Sir James leading dancers at the theater, appeared in Mrs. Harding's box bex the new Parliament, to be set up tween acts with a huge bouquet of for Ulster under the Irish home rule scarlet carnations, the state flower of act. Sir Edward Carson presided Ohio. She presented them as the gift of 40 Ohio girls in the cast, The orchestra began playing "Beautiful The election of Sir James Craig Ohio" and the lights were concen-

Overlooking her box were 80 orthough voluntary, retirement of Sir phan children from Jersey City, each munching a box of chocolates which she had sent them.

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