

Ireland Becomes "Free State" By Final Agreement

Momentous Document Is Accepted by British and Sinn Fein After Break Appeared Certain.

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While the agreement must still be submitted to the Dail Eireann and the British Parliament for ratification, there was a disposition in all quarters in London to regard the outlook as of the brightest.

May Call Parliament.

Should the Dail Eireann agree to the document—and a disagreement is not looked for, as it meets satisfactory points raised by the Sinn Fein—it will be embodied in a bill and submitted to the British Parliament, which is expected to be called in special session to consider it. The consent of Ulster is not required to make the new Irish agreement effective. It is given the option of withdrawal in a month, reverting then to its present status within territory to be decided by a boundary commission.

The agreement was signed for the government by Prime Minister Lloyd George, Austen Chamberlain, Lord Birkenhead and Winston Spencer Churchill, and for the Sinn Fein by Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins and Robert C. Barton. The condition previously insisted upon that there must be free trade between England and Ireland is said to have been dropped by the government and Ireland is given freedom regarding tariffs. The delegates of the Dail Eireann, however, explained that it would be to Ireland's advantage to have free trade between the two islands and that it would adopt this voluntarily.

Premier Sir James Craig of Ulster has before him the Irish peace settlement proposals which he announced last week he must receive by today or declare the peace parleys at an end.

In Harmony With Principles.

Dublin, Dec. 6.—The Freeman's Journal, commenting on the agreement reached in London, says that Ireland needs no assurance that the peace terms are in harmony with the principles for which it stands. Ireland was aware from the first, the newspaper says, that these principles contained no menace to the real interests of Great Britain and that this fact appears at last to be clear to the British statesmen.

Abandons Trip to U. S.

London, Dec. 6.—(By A. P.)—Prime Minister Lloyd George has abandoned his intention to visit Washington owing to the early meeting of Parliament to act on the Irish settlement, it was stated this afternoon.

Defeat for Ulster.

Belfast, Dec. 6.—(By A. P.)—Official circles today showed a disposition to reserve comment on the reported Irish agreement until the terms became known. Political leaders, however, are said to regard any compromise between the British and Sinn Fein delegates as defeat for Ulster.

Questions at Issue.

The big question 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.

land, 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 truce began last July, after King George had made a conciliatory speech at the opening of the new parliament in Ulster.

State Farm Aid Body Organized in Omaha

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put Nebraska at the top of the list for future loans, Congressman Jelferis announced, for the reason that the bankers were slow in appreciating the possibilities of the government agency. He praised the movement to enable the holding of surplus products from the market, saying, "You've got to get the real value out of the sale of farm products before any big improvement can come to business conditions."

He emphasized also the necessity for lower freight rates and urged support of the St. Lawrence waterway as one way of bringing cheaper transportation. He warned against the efforts of the railroads to compete between the east and west coast with the Panama canal, and said that the middlewest should insist on a new method of establishing freight rates, based on a central point in the interior rather than on a sea-to-sea haul.

Plenty of Many Available.

N. B. Updike was called upon to tell the bankers about the corn belt advisory board, of which he is a member, and which plans to link the War Finance corporation more closely with the corn growing section. "What we have done is not much, but what we want you bankers to do is a great deal," he said. "We want you to fix it so farmers can borrow money to keep their grain on the farm. The War Finance corporation does not think this country is in such bad shape as plenty of money is available. You can get all the money from Washington that you send in paper for."

Chatel mortgages are favored.

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H. C. Nicholson of the Packers' National bank told of the successful operation of a similar statewide loan association in Wyoming, which he declared had saved the farmers and cattlemen.

F. W. Thomas, local chairman of the War Finance corporation, promised that with the help of the bankers \$30,000,000 could be brought to Nebraska before summer. There have been only two rejections of all the loans that have been asked," he said. "No one leaves our office with a flat turndown. In the last week \$1,170,000 has been lent in Nebraska, and this week's total will reach \$3,000,000. There is no reason why the weekly average should not be brought up to \$2,000,000. The amount of help received from the War Finance corporation depends entirely on the bankers asking for it."

Dairying Is Advocated.

Among the aims of the Nebraska Agricultural Finance corporation will be to enable the range to be stocked, to prevent the shipment of immature stock, and to finance live stock feeding as a way to dispose of the corn crop.

John C. Daugherty of the First National bank at Greeley is one banker advocating dairying. He hopes to finance the farmers of his community with a few cows and let their cream pay the bills. He stated that already \$432,000 in cash and approved loans had been granted Greeley county by the War Finance corporation.

The organization papers for the new state loan association were drawn up by J. L. Kennedy, Dan V. Stephens, H. S. Freeman and C. H. Cornell. A board of 15 directors was chosen as follows: E. H. Davis, Walter W. Head, W. J. Coad, Ford Hovey, Fred W. Clarke, Fred Hamilton, E. F. Folds, J. L. Kennedy, all of Omaha; R. M. Hampton, Alliance; O. J. Shellenberger, Imperial; J. S. Donnell, Kearney; C. C. Neumann, Oakland; C. H. Cornell, Valentine; E. E. Burnham, Norfolk, and H. S. Freeman, Lincoln.

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