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IRISH PEACE ASSURED

Peace with Ireland Arranged in Conference Between Sinn Fein and British Government

LONDON, Dec. 6.—It is officially announced that an agreement has been reached between the British Government and Sinn Fein which it is expected will finally settle the Irish difficulty and ensure lasting peace between the two countries. The terms of the agreement will be submitted to the British Parliament and will undoubtedly meet with ready acceptance. It will also be submitted to the Dail Eireann at Dublin, and acceptance there is confidently expected. A copy of the agreement has also been sent to the Ulster Government.

Sinn Fein delegates were in session until 11 o'clock last night, occasionally telephoning Downing Street in connection with difficulties that arose. At 11:15 the British ministers called a meeting with Sinn Fein, which lasted until 2:30 o'clock this morning, and the delegates then retired home exhausted, stating that an agreement had been reached.

PARTICULARS OF THE AGREEMENT.
The agreement reached early this morning by the British and Sinn Fein representatives binds both sides to recommend it to their respective parliaments. It is a formal, detailed and comprehensive document, and the terms prevent the necessity for further negotiations.

The consent of Ulster is not required in order to make the agreement effective. Ulster is given the option of withdrawing from the agreement and reverting to her present status within territory delimited by a boundary commission. Should Dail agree to the agreement, and disagreement is not expected, it will be embodied in a bill and submitted to the British Parliament.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT.
The Evening Standard says the Irish agreement provides for the free state, the withdrawal of all military forces from Ireland and safeguards which will ensure a peaceful condition.

A definite promise of allegiance to the Empire by Sinn Fein provided for in terms, says the Central News Agency. The agreement is satisfactory to the King in that it involves Ireland's association with the Empire.

Premier Lloyd George has abandoned his intention of visiting Ireland to take part in the armament conference owing to the early meeting of Parliament which will be called to act on the Irish settlement.

CONGRATULATIONS OF KING.
LONDON, Dec. 6.—The British Cabinet this morning unanimously approved the draft agreement Sinn Fein. King George VI telegraphed his royal congratulations to Lloyd George.

IRISH FREE STATE.
BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 6.—Ireland hereafter will be known officially as the "Irish Free State" under the agreement reached at the London conference, Lord Chancellor Birkenhead announced in an address today. He declared that a solution of the Irish question seemed to have been reached.

CHANCE GIVEN TO GERMANY

Good Authority Says Will Be Given Three Years Breathing Spell.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—It is understood on good authority that Germany will be given a three year breathing spell in making cash indemnity payments. France and Great Britain have reached the conclusion that this will be necessary. The details of the deferred payments only remain to be worked out.

THE PRINCE OF WALES LEAVES FOR INDIA ON THE RENOWN



The photograph shows the luggage of the Prince of Wales going on board the Renown at Portsmouth, prior to his sailing for India, where he will spend considerable time. The "tars" carrying the baggage are picked men and wear valor decorations.

HEAVY POLL IS EXPECTED HERE

Up to 12:45 Noon 745 Votes Had Been Cast by Prince Rupert Federal Electors.

The taking of votes here for the federal election is progressing smoothly and quietly but a large poll is being recorded. Up to 12:45 745 votes had been cast at the Black Building, corner of Seventh Street and Second Avenue, where the local poll is being held with Returning Officer R. W. Cameron and Election Clerk C. A. Ewert in charge. This being a few minutes less than half the duration of the poll, which closes at 6 o'clock this evening, it is expected that about 2000 votes will have been recorded before the doors close and the count commences.

A feature of the voting this morning was the large number of women who presented themselves, many for the first time of a federal election.

The employees of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company were this morning given between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock to vote. This including clerical and mechanical staffs both, it is likely that the most of the employees of these companies have already voted.

Election Officers.

The list of election officers is as follows:
Deputy Returning Officers—L. Dewhurst, Norman Short, W. J. Sloan, James Jackson, John Kilgus, Jack Flint, E. Unwin, John Clouston, Lester S. Davies and Benjamin Ferguson.

Poll Clerks—James S. Wallace, C. S. Archer, William Allen, E. M. Jacobs, T. Roberts, Harry Haggerty, Archie Ironsides, David Gray, F. Hemmons and Joseph F. Quinn.

Stock Scrutineers—J. D. Lockwood, J. N. Kelly, James Field, J. Munro, D. Millen, T. McKenzie, C. D. Baisdon, H. Fraser, J. J. Mulligan and K. Hicks.

Peck Scrutineers—W. R. Love, C. C. Westaway, H. Ward, S. B. Johnson, J. A. Allen, J. Prescott, F. Salter, H. Breen, George Delgarno, J. A. Curtis, G. O. Rowe and W. S. Ackroyd.

INDICATIONS POINT HEAVY VOTE BEING CAST ELECTION TODAY

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—Canada today elects its fourteenth parliament since Confederation. Weather conditions generally are reported excellent and this, coupled with the spectacular nature of the contest and the extension of the franchise to women generally, should mean the casting of a record vote. It is estimated that between 3,000,000 and 3,500,000 votes will be polled.

WATCH RETURNS COME IN TONIGHT

The Liberal Committee has arranged to have the returns thrown on the screen tonight at the

EMPRESS THEATRE

commencing at 7 o'clock. The latest bulletin service will be given throughout the evening and everyone is welcome to sit in comfort and see the election figures from all parts of Canada.

Big Plugging Scandal

H. M. STEVENS, MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE



Is candidate in Vancouver Centre against Mayor Gate.

Alleged Conspiracy to Stuff Ballot Boxes for H. S. Clements in Comox Alberni; Campbell Graham Arrested

FIRST WIN AT HOCKEY VANCOUVER

Millionaires Defeated Metropolitans Last Night by two to one.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 6.—The Vancouver Millionaires defeated the Seattle Metropolitans by a score of two to one in the first game of the Pacific Coast Hockey season which was played here last night in the Arena. There was a big crowd in attendance and the play was fast and furious.

Skinner and MacKay scored for Vancouver and Walker from Morris tallied Seattle's one score. The new penalty was tried for the first time in a league game and it was saved by Lehman. Both goalies were in splendid shape.

CANADIAN ROVER WAS AGROUND IN STRAITS NEAR CAMPBELL RIVER

VICTORIA, Dec. 6.—After being aground eleven hours near Campbell River, the C. G. M. S. steamer Canadian Rover, bound from Vancouver to Ocean Falls to load paper for San Francisco and San Pedro, was floated on the rising tide this morning and proceeded to Ocean Falls undamaged.

For words of flattery usually "there's a reason."

VANCOUVER, Dec. 6.—An alleged pluggers' list written in Graham Campbell's handwriting in pencil on House of Commons stationery was one of the sensational exhibits seized in connection with a Comox-Alberni election scandal which was brought to light last night. An alleged conspiracy to plug votes for H. S. Clements, Government candidate in Comox-Alberni, culminated this morning in the arrest here of Graham Campbell and Woodford A. Bird.

With the pencilled list was a certified list with a declaration signed by Frederick Gosby, deputy returning officer at Gambier Island. Among the names of the plan and flaunted the ballots before others.

Campbell Graham was arrested at his home while sleeping preparatory to leaving for the scene of operations at Gambier Island. It is claimed that of 245 names on Gosby's list for Gambier Island there are only 50 bona fide residents.

The plan allegedly was to send hundreds of men from here to the various parts of the constituency by boat transportation etc. furnished free.

Stamped Ballots.
A wholesale seizure was made of stamped ballots bearing the stamp of the returning officer. Most of these, 1200 in all, were in possession of Graham Campbell when arrested.

At first it was thought the ballots were genuine numbered ballots issued in books numbered from 1500 upwards and bearing the name of a Vancouver printing firm.

Some telegrams between H. S. Clements and Graham Campbell have also been seized.

This morning Returning Officer George Buscombe, said to be an office partner of Clements, was closeted with his solicitors, Burns & Walker.

Flaunted Ballots.
A humorous angle of the story is that until last night it looked as if nothing of the plot would be discovered until one of the men in the scheme while under

RAILWAY OFFICIALS INSPECTING DOCK

Party Arrived on Sunday and Are Returning East by Tomorrow's Train.

A party of Canadian National Railway officials are in the city looking over the dry dock with a view to recommending a plan for its future operation by the railway company. The officials arrived by special car on Sunday night and will return East again tomorrow.

The party comprises: A. H. Eager, general superintendent of rolling stock, Winnipeg; R. Mitchell, right-of-way agent, Toronto; D. Robertson, assistant general storekeeper, Winnipeg; G. C. Briggs, engineer of rolling stock, Winnipeg; C. J. Quantie, master mechanic, Vancouver; R. W. Hannington, general attorney, Vancouver, and P. W. Baldwin, local auditor, Vancouver.

'Tis a well-baked cake that has no burning.

ELECTION IS PROCEEDING

Winnipeg and Kinn at Ottawa While Crerar Awaits Returns at Mother's Home.

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—Campaigning by the federal election, which is proceeding today throughout Canada, concluded last night. All parties are confident of success.

Premier Meighen spoke at four meetings yesterday concluding last night at Windsor. He arrived here at noon today to vote and await the result.

Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, leader of the opposition, spoke at seven meetings in the Montreal district and returned to Ottawa late last night.

Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the Progressives, is awaiting the result at the home of his mother-in-law in Russell, Manitoba.

Indications are that the poll throughout the country will be heavy.

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LIBERALS LEADING AND CONFIDENT OF GETTING MAJORITY

Reports from the Liberal committee rooms this afternoon are to the effect that the Liberals so far have a good lead, and they expect to have a considerable majority when the polls close at 6 o'clock this evening. They find many who have been listed against Stork are today voting for him.

WINNIPEG TRIBUNE SAYS PETER MARTIN TO GET SENATORSHIP

WINNIPEG, Dec. 6.—The Winnipeg Tribune says that the last remaining vacancy in the senate will be filled today with the appointment of Peter Martin, ex-M.P. for Halifax. He will succeed Senator Power, of Halifax.

FIRST STEAMER FOR IRISH PORT SAILS

Cunard-Anchor Line Assyria Passed Out for Londonderry With 400 Passengers.

BOSTON, Dec. 6.—The first steamer to sail for an Irish port since October, 1914, the Cunard Anchor liner Assyria left here for Londonderry today with 400 passengers.

LENS GERTSMAN TO MEET JOCK SMITH

TORONTO, Dec. 6.—Lens Gertsman, the Belgian wrestler who is to compete with George Walker, will also meet Jock Smith in Fort William or Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clapp and their sons, Eddie and Chester, are sailing on Thursday night for San Diego, California. They have not decided how long they will remain in the south.