

IRISH PACT FRIENDS LOSING OPTIMISM

Opponents of Ratification Believed to Have Made Gains Today

VOTE HIGHLY UNCERTAIN

By the Associated Press. Dublin, Dec. 22.—The optimism with supporters of the Anglo-Irish peace treaty has been displaying for the last two days appears to be diminishing. When the Daily Freeman published its editorial this morning, it was generally held that the agreement had lost some ground in the morning session, and that the result of the vote now was highly uncertain.

All observers agree that when the vote on the treaty is reached the majority either way will be small. The supporters of the treaty appear to be more confident than the opposing faction, but the vote may be very close.

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Mulcahy's speech was the feature of the session. This was a moment of defeat for Ireland, he declared, but even if it were secured, it would not rise to the full height of their aspirations.

Considering the possibility of a renewal of warfare, the chief of staff said Ireland would enter it with little hope of success. He said the military forces were inadequate.

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Marse Henry's Sayings Both Virile and Witty

The Courier-Journal has said and will continue to say, "To hell with the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs."—July 21, 1915.

"If that one of the Caesars who goes by the name of Nero was insane, Theodosius, Emperor, aspiring to a imitation of Caesar, is insane."

"I was hoping I might find in Wilson another Tilden. Wilson is rather a schoolmaster than a statesman."

"A glass or two are good for a man. But, if you take too much that you'll be afraid to go home to Mary Jane. Don't lie to her. Just tell her you've been out with the boys. But in any matter that relates to women, let me caution you to be persistently, efficiently and all the time."

"The London hotels are a 'high falutin' and a high walin' set, as the orator of a Harp of a Thousand Strings remarked of the 'Piscopolitans.'"

"The son-of-a-gun from Boston has been ever held indispensable to a good show. He is a styled editor, a good man from a Kentucky, the term 'son-of-a-gun' is a term of endearment."

Henry Watterson Dies in Florida

Continued from Page One. township of the Rev. James Boidexter, at McMinnville, Tenn.

For two years following his return home Watterson edited a paper called the New Era, which he styled "on his own hook," and which, after his withdrawal, continued a prosperous career as a weekly. Then the young man, who was only eighteen—went to New York, where he wrote for Harper's Weekly, the Times and other papers, and in 1859 he became associated with the States, published at Washington as the organ of Stephen A. Douglas, for whom he had a great admiration.

In later years he was fond of recalling his friendship with that distinguished Democrat and with General Lewis Cass, who had been his party's candidate for President and a cabinet member. Among his associates on the States was the pugnaeous Roger A. Pryor.

Becomes Confederate Colonel

Although his father was a local Union man when secession plunged the country into a war of preservation, young Watterson espoused the cause of the South, went back to Tennessee, where he became an assistant editor of the Nashville Banner, subsequently obtaining a bit of military experience and his military title on the staff of the Confederate General Forrest; but his political and editorial activities were not abandoned.

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Snyder Political Aide Gets \$10,000 Extra

Continued from Page One. Federal Auditor General Snyder by Mr. Snyder really were.

Here, again, is obfuscation and mystery. A lack of documentary evidence or explanatory correspondence concerning these fees, the largest on the list, paid to political Lieutenant of Mr. Snyder by Mr. Snyder.

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Japan Opposes Opening of 21-Demands Question

Washington, Dec. 22.—(By A. P.)—Japan will formally oppose any discussion of the validity of the 21-demand treaty of 1915 if the matter is brought up by China, as expected, in tomorrow's meeting of the Far Eastern Committee of the Armament Conference. It was announced today in responsible Japanese circles.

In State funds to Lieutenant Governor Biddleman for "services not shown." The payment was authorized by Charles A. Snyder, then Auditor General.

The Lieutenant Governor and the Auditor General are chosen by the people. The Governor said, "and they do not necessarily come under my jurisdiction. If I do or am put out of office, the Lieutenant Governor fills in."

"I will not say whether or not either one of these gentlemen is in the right or in the wrong in this check case. They would feel somewhat indignant at any comment from me, since they do not come under my jurisdiction."

The Governor was in Washington last night to attend a dinner given by Vice President Coolidge in honor of President Harding.

Governor Sproul read the check story going down on the train from Philadelphia. He left friends in Washington under the impression he would look into it further upon returning home.

They received the further impression that if the Lieutenant Governor should be found to have capitalized his public office for personal profit, even though collecting the money in the form of legal fees, Biddleman might have to "stand on his own feet," and do his own explaining to the public.

More than a little significance was attached in Washington to the circumstance that Governor Sproul did not at once refer to the defense of Biddleman. He volunteered no expression as to the validity of the \$5000 payment or the ethics of serving the State in a legal capacity while holding a high position in the State government, collecting fees which apparently exceeded his salary and expenses as a public official.

The Governor's silence on this point was eloquent in itself, in the view of those who talked with him.

WHALE ELUDES 'OLD SALTS'

Veteran Seamen Fail to Capture Mammal Off New York Shore. Southampton, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Two boatloads of veteran seamen made an unsuccessful attempt yesterday to capture a monster whale that straggled close to shore and was trapped, apparently, behind Southampton's outer bar. They gave up the hunt at dusk because of the extreme cold.

The whale was sighted by coast guard observers Tuesday off Waterman's (two miles east of here). Yesterday hundreds of persons gathered on the beach, hoping to sight the sea mammal. A party of seamen, led by Captain Evesley Edwards, whose father was a famous sperm hunter, set out from Amagansett in an old-time whaler and a power boat and maneuvered for several hours.

They sighted the whale three times but were unable to get close enough to use the harpoon gun, a modern whaling weapon.

VAN NESS ACT APPEAL ON

Highest New Jersey Court Hears Test Cases Today

Trenton, Dec. 22.—The Court of Errors and Appeals, the highest tribunal in New Jersey, sat today in special session to hear an appeal from the Supreme Court, which, in an opinion written by Justice Minturn, upheld the validity of the Van Ness Act. The hearing on the appeal has been hastened because about 300 contributions under the act are pending in the court, awaiting the final test of the constitutionality of the law. As in the Supreme Court, three cases, representative types of alleged violations of the act are before the Court of Errors today. These are Emanuel E. Katz vs. Henry H. Eldridge et al.; August Carroll vs. John W. McCarthy and the State vs. Dominick.

The Supreme Court upheld the Van Ness act in all its sections and declared the law to be a valid exercise of the legislative power. One of the chief grounds of attack upon the Van Ness act is that it denies the right of an accused person to a trial by jury and, therefore, is violative of the Federal Constitution, Justice Minturn said with respect to this objection.

"The Legislature in this instance has deemed it expedient to create out of the act of violating this law the offense of disorderly conduct, and the legislative power in this respect not only cannot be gained, but must be recognized as a constant acknowledgment of legislative power and precedent."

Bed Afire, Man May Be Blinded. Nelson Seawell, Negro, thirty-two years old, 511 South Twentieth street, will probably lose his eyesight as the result of being severely burned this morning when the bed clothes caught fire to the fire was started by a lighted cigarette. He is in the Polyclinic Hospital.

City Treasurer's Report. The City Treasurer's report for the week ending yesterday shows a balance of \$18,332,472.93. Receipts for the week amount to \$502,690.06, while payments made were \$2,214,273.70.

Whether they come from bruises or overwork, sore muscles will quickly yield to the soothing effect of Absorbine, Jr. Rub briskly into the muscles a few drops of Absorbine, Jr., and the inflammation which caused the pain will quickly disappear, and with it the sore muscles.

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