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Pact Between Ulster and Free State Leaders Applauded in London

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By the Associated Press London, March 31.—Signing of an agreement last night between the representatives of Northern and Southern Ireland outlining measures for the pacification of the country came with unexpected suddenness.

The cheers with which the House of Commons greeted the announcement by Secretary for Colonies Churchill gave an indication of the enthusiasm with which the majority in England is expected to receive the news.

Paying tribute to what he termed the statesmanlike courage of the Ulster leaders, Mr. Churchill said the agreement gave hope for co-operation between the North and South and opened a prospect for a future such as Ireland had never before contemplated.

He said, had lent a helping hand to the Free State and the cause of peace in Ireland, the value of which could not be overestimated.

"For, taking all the measures humanly possible to bring cessation of religious partisan warfare in Belfast to itself and remove the cause of friction," he said, "Ulster has given the treaty and the Provisional Government a far greater chance of success than otherwise would have been possible."

"There is no doubt whatever that the conflicts in the slums of Belfast have armed the foes of the Free State with every sort of argument to rally to their side forces which otherwise would have had nothing to do with their wrecking, destructive campaign."

"As far as the measures now taken may have an effect in tranquillizing the situation in Belfast, the cause of those fighting for the treaty will be enormously strengthened."

"Additionally, there is in this agreement hope of co-operation between the North and the South—co-operation only forthcoming on the basis of the treaty—a co-operation which would be finally destroyed were a republic set up."

"The hopes of unity and co-operation opens to Irishmen the prospect of a peaceful, protected future such as was never held out before. In these two ways Ulster has rendered a supreme service not only to Ireland, but to the British Empire."

To Defend Ulster's Rights Mr. Churchill said it was the Government's obligation to secure to Ulster "her right to defend her soil and secure all she is entitled to under legislation and under the treaty."

"It is at this moment that the powerful aid of Ulster in the cause of Irish peace is doubly precious."

Free State Bill Signed Owing to the lateness of the announcement only two of the morning newspapers found it possible to make editorial comment, but the manner in which the text of the document was displayed is indicative of the importance they attached to it.

In commenting on the "grateful news" the Times says: "The whole empire will look to Ireland with renewed confidence to honor the bond into which its chosen leaders have entered."

The Westminster Gazette heartily welcomes the agreement and hopes it is a step toward unity of the whole country. "For no permanent division into two parts is compatible with satisfactory life for either."

The Free State Bill became a law today when King George gave his assent to the measure. The House of Lords decided not to insist upon amendments it had adopted, and an adjustment was reached between the two houses of Parliament.

Belfast, March 31.—(By A. P.)—Demobilization of the police in the six counties of Ulster will begin today and is expected to be completed not later than May 31. Disbandment in the twenty-six Southern counties will begin at the same time and be finished as soon as possible.

WILLIAMS MURDER CHARGE

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It was the third storm within six weeks to sweep the State, and from fragmentary reports the property damage will be great.

Boston, March 31.—(By A. P.)—With spring already ten days old, Boston last night was in the grip of a snowstorm, covering up the grass already turning green and the first spring crocuses.

At midnight more than four inches of snow blanketed the ground.

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