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FACTS PRESENTED IN IRISH SITUATION

**WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL
MAKES STATEMENT IN HOUSE
TEST WILL COME AFTER ELEC-
TIONS IN IRELAND WHEN
THOSE CHOSEN FACE OATH.**

London, June 1.—The facts of the Irish situation were presented in a statement by Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for the colonies, in the house of commons, today, but the fate of the treaty which serves to bridge the difficulties between Great Britain and Ireland can not be determined until after the Irish elections, when those chosen at the polls will be put to the test of a treaty oath.

Mr. Churchill, in the commons, and Lord Chancellor Birkenhead, in the house of lords, announced Great Britain's position as rigid adherences to the treaty, which the pact entered into between Eamon de Valera and Michael Collins is declared to have menaced.

The return of Mr. Collins to Dublin, with Arthur Griffith remaining in London, together with the announcement of a further postponement of the dail eireann's sessions suggests the possibility of further negotiations after conversations between Collins and de Valera to see how far the points made at London can be met at Dublin.

Mr. Churchill's speech seems to have created general satisfaction, according to reports from Dublin and Belfast, while Collins and Griffith, who heard the statement from the gallery, adjudged it "a fair presentation of the facts."

Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, speaking in the northern parliament, said there was not a single word in Churchill's speech to cause the slightest misconception or misunderstanding in Ulster and there seemed to be running through it the right tone of dealing with those who would in any way attempt to overthrow the honorable understanding arrived at in the treaty.

Lord Birkenhead told the house of lords the British government stands for the treaty with Ireland to the letter and spirit and would not go an inch beyond it. Under no conceivable circumstances would the government consent to the republicans becoming ministers in the Irish government, and should such a crisis arise the resources of Great Britain were by no means exhausted.

The government's policy corresponded with the wishes of the democracies of the two islands for whose political fortunes the government was the trustee.

FREE PICTURE SHOW

The boll weevil film will be shown in the opera house tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. There will be no charge for admission. This is a Department of Agriculture film sent Mr. T. M. Cheatham by the Southern Cotton Oil Company and is produced in Abbeville tomorrow afternoon through the kindness of Manager Verchot of the opera house. It is for the purpose of educating our farmers in the use of calcium arsenate on the boll weevil, and should be seen by every one who expects to use this poison on crops.

SELL HOME PRODUCTS

Manning, June 1.—The merchants of Manning are receiving from local growers various vegetables and according to present indications there will be no occasion during the next several weeks for the shipping into the town of truck from other sections. Quantities of Irish potatoes, snap beans, cabbage and various other items are being brought to market daily by Clarendon county farmers. Especially are rapidly marketed quantities of strawberries, blackberries, plums and peaches of excellent quality.

HENRY FORD REJECTS COUNTER PROPOSAL

CANNOT CONSENT ELIMINATION GORGAS PLANT—WILL MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT. WOULD GO TO WORK AT ONCE.

Washington, June 1.—Henry Ford's re-modified offer received by the house military committee in reply to its counter-proposal for development of the government's nitrate and power projects at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, was carefully studied by the committee today in executive session but no action was taken by that body when it adjourned to meet again tomorrow with Mayo and J. W. Worthington, Mr. Ford's representatives.

Washington, June 1.—Henry Ford's reply to the counter proposal drafted by the house military committee for development of the government projects at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, was presented today to the committee by J. W. Worthington, a representative of Mr. Ford, immediately upon arrival here from Detroit, where he conferred with the motor manufacturer.

Mr. Ford's answer, made in the form of a letter to Chairman Kahn definitely rejected the provision in the committee plan which eliminated the steam plant Gorgas, Alabama, from the properties to be disposed of by the government with the Muscle Shoals properties.

"I cannot consent to eliminate the Gorgas plant," the letter said, "because it is necessary to the economical operation of the Muscle Shoals property. If my revised offer for Gorgas is rejected, then I must understand that the acceptance of my offer for Muscle Shoals as a whole and part is refused." Mr. Ford's reply further stated that "if congress votes acceptance of my offer, we will get on the ground at Muscle Shoals at once; but if congress rejects, that will be but the beginning of a more determined effort on my part to save Muscle Shoals for the benefit of the public."

THE GOVERNMENT COTTON REPORT

The report on the condition of cotton on May 25th issued by the government was given out this morning as 69.6. The figures were a little higher than expected by the trade, but seemed to have little or no influence on the market. Some idea of how the local traders expected the figures to go may be had from the following guesses registered at the Peoples Bank this morning:

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| Jackson | 67.3 |
| S. G. Thomson, Jr. | 65.2 |
| Shelor | 68.3 |
| S. G. Thomson, Sr. | 64.0 |
| W. F. Nickles | 62.0 |
| Lyon | 69.3 |
| Cromer | 60.0 |
| Henry Carlisle | 56.0 |
| R. M. Hill | 67.2 |
| W. E. Leslie | 65.0 |
| Tolbert | 64.5 |
| J. H. Prince | 65.0 |
| J. F. Barnwell | 70.0 |
| Frank Leslie | 65.0 |

MARKETING SPECIAL

Mr. F. L. Harky, marketing specialist, will be in Abbeville Monday with County Agent W. G. McGowan, and would like to see those farmers who have large quantities cabbage on hand, or those who would be interested in getting up a co-operative car of cabbage to be shipped from Abbeville.

MOTOR TO CLEMSON

Miss Winona Barksdale, Bill Hughes and Allen Long motored to Clemson College Thursday.

COMMENCEMENT AT ERSKINE BEGINS SUNDAY

**JUDGE J. HARDIN MARION, OF CHESTER, ONE OF SPEAKERS.
BACCALAUREATE SERMON WILL BE PREACHED BY REV.
W. W. MOORE, OF RICHMOND, VA.—THE GRADUATING
EXERCISES AND ALUMNI BANQUET WILL
BE HELD TUESDAY.**

On Sabbath morning, June 4th, at 11:15 o'clock, the commencement exercises of Erskine College will begin. At this time the Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., President of Union Theological Seminary, in Richmond, Va., will preach the baccalaureate sermon.

Sabbath evening, at 8 o'clock the Rev. Oliver Johnson, D. D., of Winnsboro, S. C., will preach before the graduating class of the Erskine Theological Seminary.

Monday, June 5th, at 8 o'clock p. m., will be held the annual joint celebration of the Euphemian, Philomathean and Callopean Literary Societies; the principle feature of this occasion being the annual debate between the Euphemian and Philomathean societies for the Darlington Trophy. This debate is an annual event of great interest and promises to be this year.

Tuesday, June 6th at 10 o'clock, the graduating exercises of the senior class will be held, at which time seven representatives of the graduating class, consisting of twenty-one members, will speak. At this exercise addresses will be delivered by Judge J. Hardin Marion of Chester. At this time also Rev. R. C. Grier will be formally inducted into the office of president. Representatives from the various colleges for men in the State will be present and will bring fraternal greetings.

Following the exercises of the morning there will be an Alumni Banquet in the dining-room of the College Home, to which is invited all returning alumni and especially the alumni of the classes of 1922, '17, '12, '07, '02, and so on. This banquet will inaugurate the semi-decennial alumni reunion system in Erskine College. During the afternoon the visitors and returning alumni and former students will enjoy an hour of social and recreational activity on Erskine Field.

GRADUATING EXERCISES TONIGHT

**Of the Abbeville High School.—Dr.
R. C. Grier of Erskine College
Will Make the Address.**

The graduating exercises of the Abbeville High School will be held tonight at the Opera House, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

Dr. R. C. Grier, president of Erskine College, will make the address of the evening. The commencement exercises of the high school always attract a large audience and tonight the theater will probably be filled with acquaintances and relatives of the members of the graduating class and with friends of the school. The following program will be given:

1. Class Song.
2. Salutatory—Miss Maria Neuffer
3. Class Poem—Gilbert Nabers.
4. Class History—Miss Cecelia Chalmers.
5. Music—Miss Lillian Grubb.
6. Class Lamentation—Billy Long.
7. Class Appreciation—Geo. Smith
8. Class Prophecy—Jack Bradley.
9. Class Will—William Cox.
10. Address—Dr. R. C. Grier.
11. Music—Miss Glayds Breazeale.
12. Presentation of Diplomas—
Supt. J. D. Fulp
13. Presentation of Certificates.
14. Valedictory—Miss Ada Faulkner
Honor Students.

At the conclusion of the graduating exercises the following students will be awarded certificates of honor by Supt. J. D. Fulp for diligent and earnest study, punctual attendance and correct deportment, having made the honor roll each month for the past nine months:

Virginia Wilson, Jennie White, Frances Gilliam, Lucy Highsmith, Fannie May Mundy, Jean Milford, Estelle Lyon, Minnie Ella Swetenburg, Adair Aiken, James Fulp, Susan Minshall, William L. Cheatham, Sarah Hill Neuffer, Mildred McComb, Edna White, Sara Smith, Frances Johnson, Mabry Miller, Martha Lewis, Emily Morse, Frances Evans, Margaret DuPre, Winona Welsh, Mamie Lewis, S. Edwin McCuen.

Certificates of award will also be presented to the following students for being neither absent nor tardy during the school term closing tonight: Mary Elizabeth Brown, Char-

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CLOSING EXERCISES OF MILL SCHOOL

Held Thursday Night at New Community Building.—Splendid Program Rendered.

The closing exercises of the Mill school were held last evening in the beautiful new auditorium of the Milliken Building on South Main street at 8:00 o'clock. Mr. J. Foster Barnwell was master of ceremonies, announcing the varied and excellent program rendered by the children of the Mill school. The entertainment was the best yet seen at this school and the wonderful auditorium lent exceptionally assistance to the efforts of the children by its splendid acoustic properties.

The teachers and pupils of the Mill school deserve much commendation for the excellent entertainment provided last evening. The children were well drilled and happy in their efforts to furnish an hour's diversion for the large audience.

At the conclusion of the entertainment Supt. J. D. Fulp presented a number of prizes offered by the teachers to children who had been unusually diligent in their studies and to those who had made the highest averages in their sections. Beautiful books were also presented to a number of pupils who had not missed a word in spelling during the nine month's session.

The following program was rendered last evening:

- Music by Band.
- Prayer.
- Song—Vacation's Call
- Welcome—By two children
- Vacation Questions—10 Boys and Girls.
- Recitation—My Best Girl—
Jack Able
- Vacation Joys—Six Children
- Song—Oh, No John, No—2 children
- Best Places—4 Boys and 3 Girls
- Grandmother's Daisies—Three Girls
- Music by Band.
- Dialogue—School Bell Fever—
By Four Children
- Spring Opinion—Two Boys
- Motion Song—By First Grade
- Dialogue—Sewing Society—
By Seven Children
- Recitation in School and Out—
By Horace Carroll.
- Rainbow Tableau—Ten Children
- Music by Band.
- Presentation of Prizes—Major Fulp.

MAXIMUM PRICES FIXED FOR COAL

**AGREEMENTS REACHED WITH
COMMITTEES REPRESENTING
FIELDS UNDER PLAN ADOPTED—
ANNOUNCEMENT MADE
BY SECRETARY HOOVER.**

Washington, June 1.—Maximum fair prices for spot coal in five districts were announced tonight by Secretary Hoover after reaching agreements with committees representing those fields, under the plan adopted at the general conference of operators from producing fields for preventing runaway prices on coal at the mines during the strike.

It was determined that in the Alabama district the fair price should be 25 cents below the "final Garfield scale" or a maximum of \$2.20 a ton to \$2.60 a ton.

On the Harlan and Hazard fields of Tennessee and Kentucky, and the Pocohontas, New River, Tug River and Winding Gulf coal fields (smoke less coal districts of West Virginia) the maximum price was fixed at \$3.50 a ton.

Costs of production have been reduced in the Alabama field since the final Garfield scales were determined, Mr. Hoover explained. The operators, he said, emphasized that the price set was a maximum; that anyone might sell below it, and that long contracts for coal are necessarily below the levels set today. In the other districts, he declared, production costs have increased since the Garfield scale and that scale included contract coal which now sells below the new maximum. The operators are to absorb a reasonable selling expense at the new prices, Secretary Hoover said.

Fair prices for the remaining fields which are producing during the strike are to be fixed tomorrow after conferences between Mr. Hoover and committees representing those districts which were appointed after the general meeting today.

The plan adopted at the general meeting calls for agreements between Mr. Hoover and the different committees upon fair prices for coal at the mines in their respective districts, based upon the Garfield scale as modified by local conditions. Moral suasion will be relied upon by Mr. Hoover to keep the agreements in force for the duration of the strike, it was indicated.

COTTON MARKET

The best price for cotton on the local market today was 20 3/4 cents.

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| Futures closed at 2:30 p. m. | |
| July | 20.83 |
| October | 20.59 |
| December | 20.39 |
| January | 20.12 |
| 11:30 a. m. Futures closed this morning | |
| July | 20.60 |
| October | 20.32 |
| December | 20.30 |
| January | 19.70 |
| Futures closed yesterday | |
| July | 20.47 |
| October | 20.13 |
| December | 19.99 |
| January | 19.84 |

W. P. POLLOCK DIES SUDDENLY

Columbia, June 2.—Former United States Senator W. P. Pollock, of Cheraw, died at his home at 7 o'clock this morning of apoplexy. He had not been ill long. Senator Pollock served in the Senate from December 1918 to March 1919, filling the unexpired term of Senator Tillman. He was prominent in county and state politics, having been at one time prominent candidate for governor.

Recitation—Goodbye—
By Richard Taylor
Song—Now Our School is Over.

INDIANA DEMOCRATS BLAME REPUBLICANS

**FOR BUSINESS DEPRESSION
THAT CAUSED UNEMPLOY-
MENT—ADMINISTRATION IS
ATTACKED AS A "SPEND-
THRIFT."**

Indianapolis, June 1.—Indiana democrats meeting here today in their state convention laid the foundation for their fall campaign with a series of speeches blaming republican management of national affairs for a business depression that has caused much unemployment. Speaker also attacked the republican state administration as spendthrift.

In the keynote speech, Frederick Van Nueys, of this city, declared the failure to ratify the Versailles treaty with its league of nations covenant, was "largely responsible for our present economic and industrial difficulties." "We have heard for a year that prosperity is just around the corner," he said. "The people want some tangible evidence of that fact."

The Washington conference called by President Harding and out of which grew the four-power pact and the naval limitation treaty, was described by Mr. Van Nueys "as the shadow of the substance" of the league of nations.

Samuel Ralston, the party candidate for United States senator charged the republicans with following a "blind policy" in the work of reconstruction since the world war. Business depression and unemployment, he asserted, were the results, and he added, the claim that the pending tariff bill before congress would "absolutely close the doors to foreign markets."

The four-power pact was described by Mr. Ralston as a "very short step in the right course" to end war and he said he was willing "to see it tried out as the next best thing" to the league of nations. He added his opinion that the league would not be a campaign issue.

Miss Esther Kathleen O'Keefe, making her first speech since winning the nomination as Indiana's first woman candidate for congress said she was nominated as a citizen, not as a woman, and if elected her conduct would be guided by the "spirit that nominated me." With equal suffrage, women have new opportunities, she said, to aid education, stop child labor, reduce taxes and "say whether rich ship-owners shall be subsidized with public money while agriculture goes begging."

ELECT CITY COUNCIL

**Dr. Edwards Was Again Chosen
Mayor in Edgefield**
Edgefield, June 1.—The municipal election passed off quietly today in spite of the very intense interest that was manifested. Of the 519 persons who registered, 493 voted, all of the 229 women who registered voting except three. Dr. J. G. Edwards was reelected mayor by a majority of 45 votes over W. W. Adams.

P. C. CONFERS DEGREES

The Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian College at Clinton, S. C., announced at the commencement exercises of the college that the degree of Doctor of Divinity had been conferred upon the Rev. Robert Calvin Grier, president of Erskine College at Due West, and upon Rev. Chevis M. Smythe, missionary to China.

Soldiers Hear Rumors

San Antonio, Texas, June 1.—United States troops were placed on guard on the International bridge at Laredo early this morning following rumors of a contemplated attack on Nuevo Laredo, across the river by a rebel force.