

PASTORS ASSIGNED BY THE CONFERENCE

Rev. F. H. Shuler to Be Presiding
Elder at Charleston

BISHOP PREACHES SERMON
Methodists Hear Their Conference
Presiding Officer at Service

St. George, Dec. 4.—The Methodist Conference spent today in devotional exercises. Bishop Darlington preached to a great congregation in the afternoon. A memorial session was held and elders advanced tonight after resolutions of thanks to St. George for entertaining and appreciation of Bishop Darlington. The bishop announced the following appointments for next year as follows:

Charleston District
F. H. Shuler, presiding elder; Alledale, S. W. Henry; Appleton, W. R. Jones; Beaufort, Cartaret Street, A. D. Betts; Bethel circuit, C. G. Gardner; Black Swamp, J. K. Inabinet; Bluffton and Ridgeland, T. W. Godbold; Charleston, Bethel, C. F. Wimberly; Hampstead Square, D. N. Busbee; Hampton Park, E. G. Coe; Spring Street, J. H. Danner; Trinity, H. J. Cauten; Cottageville, H. W. Whittaker, Cypress and Wando, J. W. Hilton; Dorchester, W. T. Patrick; Early Branch, H. T. Morrison; Ehrhardt, Hamlin Etheredge; Estill, G. W. Davis, Hampton, R. W. Humphries; Hendersonville, L. D. B. Williams; Lodge R. F. Hucks; Meggetts, N. M. Byrd; Ridgeville, J. A. Graham; Summerville, S. D. Colyer; Walterboro, P. A. Murray; Port Royal and soldier pastor, C. B. Burns; superannuates, S. A. Webber, J. W. Willing, J. L. Stokes, S. B. Harper.

Florence District
L. L. Bedenbaugh, presiding elder; Bennettsville, W. I. Herbert; Bennettsville circuit, N. W. Hook; Brightsville, J. A. Campbell; Bethlehem circuit, W. O. Henderson; Blenheim, S. D. Bailey; Cheraw, W. B. Duncan; Chesterfield, L. E. Peeler; T. B. Owen, supernumerary; Darlington, Trinity, J. H. Graves; Darlington circuit, H. D. Shuler; East Chesterfield, S. P. Chewning; Florence, Central, G. T. Harmon; Hartsville, M. L. Banks; Jefferson, W. V. Jeriman; Lamar, G. A. Teasley; Liberty, T. G. Phillips; Marlboro, J. B. Prosser; McColl, W. J. Snyder; McColl mission, J. O. Bunch; McBee R. Tucker; Patrick, H. W. Shearer; Pageland, G. L. Ingram; Timmons ville and Pisgah, W. R. Phillips; Timmons ville circuit, J. A. White; superannuates, J. H. Moore, J. N. White, O. N. Rountree, W. L. Wait, A. S. Leslie, W. W. Williams, G. R. Whittaker.

Kingstree District
C. C. Derrick, presiding elder, Andrews; E. H. Beckham; Black River, B. S. Hughes; Cades, J. R. Johnson; Cedar Swamp, J. W. Jones; Cordesville, A. C. Corbett; Georgetown, Duncan Memorial, R. H. Jones; West End, J. W. Elkins; Greeleyville and Lanes, W. F. Dukes; Hemingway, B. J. Dukes; Honey Hill, A. J. Howle; Johnsonville, W. A. Massey; Kingstree, J. P. Inabinet; Lake City, W. A. Beckham; McClellanville, J. C. Inabinet; New Zion, T. E. Derrick; Hampton, T. P. Hudson; Pinopolis, J. E. Clark; Rome, G. K. Way; Sampit, D. O. Spives; Scranton, F. A. Lampton; Turbeville, A. V. Harbin; Trio, G. T. Rhoad; Superannuates, R. W. Spigner, W. A. Betts and D. H. Everett.

Marion District, D. A. Phillips, Presiding Elder—Aynor, E. K. Garrison; Brownsville, J. L. Mullins; Bucks ville, W. L. Guy; Centenary, B. H. Covington; Conway, Atkinson; Conway circuit, W. L. Parker; Cho, B. G. Murphy; Dillon, G. F. Kirby; Floydale, P. K. Crosby; Curley circuit, T. W. Williams; Lake View, S. E. Ledbetter; Latta, W. C. Kirkland, S. J. Betha, supernumerary; Little River, K. S. Carmichael; Little Rock, E. Z. James; Loris, W. M. Mitchell, H. L. Singleton, supernumerary; Marion D. McLeod; Marion circuit, J. E. Cook; Mullins, G. P. Watson; Mullins circuit, T. J. White; Nichols, C. W. Burgess; Waccamaw, T. F. Scoggins; president Horry Industrial Institute, S. C. Morris, Aynor, Q. C.; superintendent department young people's and adult work, W. C. Owen, Dillon, Q. C.

Orangeburg District, Peter Stokes, Presiding Elder—Bamburg, S. O. Cante; Bamburg Mills and Embree to be supplied; Barnwell, F. L. Clannan; Branchville, J. A. McGraw; Cameron, B. L. Knight; Denmark, W. E. Wiggins; Edisto, C. T. Easterling, Jr.; Ellorose and Jerusalem, W. P. Way; Eutawville, Woodrow Ward; Fort Motte, W. P. Perry; Grover, Paul T. Wood; Harleyville, W. E. Sanders; Holly Hill, J. P. Attaway, J. F. Way, supernumerary; Norway, R. R. Doyle; North and Limestone, J. J. Stevenson; Olar, C. M. Peeler; Orangeburg, St. Paul, T. G. Herbert, W. S. Stokes, supernumerary; Orangeburg circuit, J. W. Ariail; Orange circuit, S. W. Danner; Providence, A. M. Gardner; Rowesville, Gobe Smith; St. George, W. D. Glenton; St. Matthews, J. T. Peeler; Smonks, W. T. Bedenbaugh; Springfield, A. Sasser; Spring Hill, W. A. Youngblood, Conference secretary of missions, A. J. Cauten, St. Paul, Q. C.; conference educational secretary-treasurer, G. E. Edwards, St. Paul, Q. C.; Sunday school field secretary, J. E. Ford; professor Columbia College, Mason Crum; superannuates, R. W. Barber, J. C. Counts, A. C. Walker, D. D. Dantzer, P. B. Ingram.

Sumter District
E. L. McCoy, presiding elder; Bethune, J. R. Sojourner; Beulah, M. G. Arant; Bishopville, Bethlehem, W.

WAVE OF CO-OPERATION SWEEPS TOBACCO BELT

"These Tobacco Growers must mean business down here," said a traveling salesman to an old farmer who was sitting with him on the train out of Sumter. "I see by the morning paper that twelve meetings were held in two counties yesterday, and that growers representing 2,000,000 pounds of tobacco, signed the marketing contract."

"Yes," said the farmer, "I have heard several of my neighbors talking about the co-operative association, but I haven't had time to go to a meeting yet. We certainly do need a better marketing system, particularly here in South Carolina, but I don't understand how the association can get money for the members before the tobacco is sold."

"That ought to be easy if you have a business proposition," said the traveling salesman. "If you guarantee delivery of your tobacco, you can surely get a high loan value on such a salable product."

"Well, I'm going to join the association, for we didn't get anything last season even when we sold," replied the grower.

The forty odd meetings held over the state last week added a large number of signers to the marketing contract, and sowed the seeds of victory and real co-operation. A number of volunteers for the "Pocket Brigade" were enlisted in every community and road maps were used in planning routes for local workers. Complete returns have not as yet reached headquarters, but conservative estimates place the total sign-up at meetings last week well over 5,000,000 pounds and with fair results for the numerous workers over the state the total for the past week should show at least a minimum of 20 per cent of the state's production.

This county's quota is 2,200,000 pounds and it is going to take a mighty effort on the part of every signer to keep us from being parasites on some other section. Every grower in the county must be given the chance to sign himself to economic freedom before the campaign closes on December 21st, and signers should leave no stone unturned in seeing that non-members grasp this golden opportunity to join with them rather than to sell against them.

The excuse that we haven't got time to sign all the growers here, doesn't go. We haven't got anything but time and a mortgage, and it don't take a million years to sign a contract.

But little over two weeks now remains in which to do this job, and South Carolinians must see to it that enough tobacco is signed to secure our full quota of directors at the January election. Delegates to the general election will be chosen from each community, one delegate for each million pounds signed up, so it behooves us to have as large a per cent of the tobacco pledged to the association as possible.

Why put off a necessary action which can be done today? Don't expect your neighbors to do the job. Do it yourself, and get your neighbors to help you. "Every Signer get a Signer" is not enough here in this county. We are going to make this thing unanimous, so our slogan is "Every Signer Get a Signer Every Day." Enlistment headquarters for the "Pocket Brigade" are located in every community. "Join up" now with your local secretary, and get a supply of brown booklets—then send them in signed—Quick.

W. R. Gray,
County Secretary.

MRS. J. A. COLE HONOREE TO ROOK PARTY TUESDAY

Mrs. Cary Smith was hostess to a party on Tuesday afternoon when she entertained at five tables of Rook in honor of Mrs. J. A. Cole who leaves shortly to join her husband, Dr. Cole, in Kingstree, where they will reside in the future. After the game, Mrs. Smith presented Mrs. Cole with a beautiful linen center piece; the score prize, a box of correspondence cards, was given to Mrs. A. I. Barron and the booty went to Mrs. G. T. Floyd. Those present to enjoy Mrs. Smith's hospitality and bid Mrs. Cole adieu were: Mesdames A. I. Barron, J. W. Herriot, J. K. Breedin, George Huggins, Horace Thomas, Marion Williams, H. L. Crouch, Frank Burgess, S. S. Richardson, English Plowden, G. T. Floyd, Joe Davis, Jno. D. Gerall, R. E. Broadway, Amanda Harvin, Scott Harvin, H. J. Bomar and J. D. Huggins. A salad course with coffee was served the guests.

V. Dobb; Camden, Littleton Street, W. H. Hoces; College Place, W. S. Health; Columbia circuit, J. B. Weldon; Elliott and Wells, L. T. Phillips; Heath Springs, W. G. Elwell; Jordan, F. E. Hodges; Kershaw, F. A. Buddin; Lynchburg, J. M. Rogers; Manning, J. T. Fowler; Oswego, C. S. Felder; Finewood, G. W. Dukes; Providence circuit, W. G. Ariail; St. John's and Rembert, D. D. Jones; Sumter, Trinity, J. W. Daniel; Broad Street, J. G. Ferguson; Summerton, T. E. Morris; Wateree, L. W. Shealy; West Kershaw, D. T. Smonks; Wesley chapel and Hebron, P. K. Rhoad; secretary Federal Council of Churches, E. O. Watson; College Place, Q. C.; professor Columbia College, D. H. Munson; College Place, Q. C.; business manager, Southern Christian Advocate, J. H. Noland; College Place, Q. C.; transferred to North Carolina conference; E. W. Hurst; to Alabama conference, W. F. Cunn; superannuates, A. R. Phillips, G. H. Waddell, J. S. Beasley, J. C. Chandler.

SEVERAL BRIDGE CONTRACTS AWARDED

Bids From Construction Companies
Received Before Permanent Road
Commission this Morning.

Representatives from sixteen construction companies from this state, Georgia and North Carolina appeared before the Permanent Roads Commission at its meeting held this morning at 11 o'clock in the chamber of commerce hall, and presented bids for the construction of the nine principal bridges to be built on the first five roads to be hard surfaced in Sumter county of the proposed state highway system in South Carolina.

Present at this meeting were Road Commission members, L. D. Jennings, chairman; S. A. Harvin, J. P. Booth, J. B. Britton, J. F. Bland, G. A. Lemmon and Stanyarne Burrows. The bids presented by the various contracting firms were read before the meeting by Mr. Joe Barnwell, bridge engineer of the State Highway Department, Columbia. Among the firms filing bids were: The Simmons Mayrant Co., of Charleston; Ben M. Martin Co., of Easley, S. C.; Austin Bros. Bridge Co., Atlanta; Thomas D. Brohm, Wedgefield; the Arnold Construction Co., Elberton, Ga.; the Kerlin Construction Co.; Mallard Lumber Co., Greeleyville; W. M. Padgett Co., Rock Hill; Storey and Beechman Co.; W. H. Andrews and Co.; General Road and Drainage Co., of Columbia; Chitwood and Palmer; Hagedorne Construction Co., of Manning; Porter Boyd and Co., Charlotte, N. C. and J. M. Gregory and Co. The amount of the bids ranged from \$45,261.86, which was the bid presented by the Storey and Beechman Co., to the lowest bid of \$32,141.21, the bid of the Mallard Lumber Co., of Greeleyville, which bid was approved and accepted by the Permanent Road Commission. The contract will be submitted before the state highway engineer for approval before the actual work on the construction of these bridges can be commenced.

The meeting of this morning was an important one in that the first steps towards the building of permanent roads in the county were taken. The authorized amount of \$500,000 which was realized from the sale of county bonds, has been received in Sumter and placed at interest in equal divisions among the seven banks of the city. With the money on hand and the contract for the construction of nine principal bridges awarded, our good roads for the county are assured.

Mr. Monteith, representing a bonding company of Columbia, appeared before the Permanent Roads Commission after the completion of the business of the bridges contracts, and offered to take up a half million dollars in county bonds at their par value of 5 1/2 per cent. The rate of the first half million dollars which were sold is 6 per cent. After considering the offer presented by Monteith, it was decided by the commission that no additional bonds be sold just at this time.—Sumter Daily Item.

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OFFERS TO BUY RED SOX

Boston, Dec. 6.—Fred Stone, the comedian, said tonight that he had offered Harry Frazee, owner of the Boston Red Sox, \$750,000 as a purchase price for the local American League Baseball Club. A conference regarding the sale will be held tomorrow, it was said.

BUSINESS TROUBLES

Two cases in bankruptcy in the Eastern District of South Carolina, were filed in the clerk's office of the United States District Court at Charleston.

The voluntary petitions filed were as follows: J. C. Dennis, merchant and farmer of Turbeville, Clarendon County, schedules showing total liabilities \$17,110.87 and assets of \$6,605.00.

J. C. H. M. and J. R. Dennies, trading as J. C. Dennis & Sons, Turbeville, Clarendon County, schedules showing liabilities of \$11,401.18 and assets of \$8,713.42.

HEADS ANTI-SALOON BODY

Washington, Dec. 6.—Right Rev. Thomas C. Nicholson, of Chicago, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, today was elected president of the Anti-Saloon League for the next two years. He succeeds Bishop Luther B. Wilson, of New York, who explained that other duties necessitated his giving up the position.

Josephus Daniels of Raleigh, N. C. former Secretary of the Navy; Bishop W. N. Aainsworth, of Macon, Ga.; Bishop A. R. Clipping, of Dayton, O., and Rev. S. P. Brooks, of Waco, Texas, were elected vice presidents, in addition to other incumbents re-elected.

BIG NAVY BLIMP IS MARKED SUCCESS

Trip Is Made to Prove Value of
Helium, New Inflammable Gas

Washington, Dec. 6.—"C-7," a big cigar-shaped navy "blimp" proved today the value of helium, the new non-inflammable gas discovered during the war. The great gas bag drifted its way to Washington from Hampton Roads, Va., and back again, making an actual demonstration of the lifting power of the new gas. She was the first "ship" of the air to be inflated with it, and she met every test, her officers reported.

Not only was the ship sufficiently buoyant throughout her long double journey and safe from any danger of fire or explosion in air, but she carried back to Hampton Roads exactly the same amount of gas she brought away. There was no dispersion through the rubberized fabric of the bag. "C-7" answered her rudders perfectly, nodding up and down over the city at the will of her pilots without "valving" to make her rise and drop. The official report of the round trip, as well as of the preliminary flights at Hampton Roads, shows the test to have been wholly satisfactory.

Little Sight-Seeing Trip
"C-7" came humming up from the south early in the day. She signaled her arrival by a series of twists and turns over the Capital, gambling like a playful whale of the air. Her crew took a birdseye view of the arms conference, slipping down to a low altitude for the purpose.

Then they had a close up at the roof of the Navy Department building with hundreds of faces staring up at them from its windows. They did a little aerial sight-seeing around Lincoln memorial, Washington monument and the figure of freedom on the Capitol dome, then dropped over to the naval air station at Anacostia to come gently to earth with scores of husky bluejackets swinging on to the trailing drag ropes to hold the light hearted monster to the ground.

Around on inspections. Army and navy air service folk hastened over as soon as they heard the motor humming in the air above. Experts from the bureau of mines rushed out to get a look at this most significant aircraft, first in the world, it was said, to be lifted from earth by any other gas than hydrogen.

That business done with, the jockies let go and the blimp "shoved off" for home, soaring back into the air as happily as a stranded fish slides back into water. She circled the city again a time or two with a pair of seaplanes rollicking about her like sparrows pursuing a hawk, then swung South and roared away to be lost in the haze in a moment down river.

The new gas has 98 per cent of the lifting power of hydrogen, the experts say, and she certainly acted sp. The gas bag was distended until it looked in its silver paint like a solid mass of aluminum. There was not a wrinkle in the fabric. And what the successful test of this safest of lifting elements for lighter-than-air ships may mean to ships of the future when the supply of helium has been developed fully, not even the experts care to predict.

BRIDGE PARTY

Miss Gussie Appelt was hostess last Wednesday evening to a Bridge Party. After the game a lovely salad course with coffee was served to the guests who were: Misses Corrine Barfield, Addie and Irma Weinberg, Tora Bagnal, Rose Ervin, Messrs. Charles Thomas, John Bagnal, Sam Barron, Thomas Bagnal, J. G. Dinkins and Taylor Stokes.

CONFERENCE OF BANKERS

Columbia, Dec. 6.—In order to have a full discussion of the methods by which the War Finance Corporation and the banks can cooperate, the Columbia Clearing House Association and the Columbia Chamber of Commerce this afternoon called a conference of the bankers of Group 7 of the South Carolina Bankers' Association, comprising Orangeburg, Calhoun, Lexington, Richland, Lee and Sumter counties to meet at the Jefferson Hotel here Friday night at 7 o'clock. A representative of the corporation and J. Pope Matthews, of Columbia, State chairman of the corporation, will be at the conference.

RIDGEVILLE FIRE IS BIG LOSS

Ridgeville, Dec. 6.—The brick building wned by J. E. Thrower and W. J. Dukes, consisting of four stores on North Main street, valued at \$16,000 insurance \$8,000, and a large two-story frame structure, owned by Knight Bros., with small insurance was burned last night about 12 o'clock.

The brick building was occupied by the People's Store Corporation, with a \$10,000 stock and \$5,000 insurance; St. George Grocery Company, no insurance, and W. M. Vaughan, no insurance. Cause of the fire unknown.

CLARENDON COUNCIL OF FARM WOMEN MEET

The meeting of the Clarendon County women and girls which was held at the Court House, Manning, S. C., November 26th, 1921 in the interest of the Home Demonstration Work in this County was unusually well attended. Clarendon has always been a leading county in the Demonstration Work, having been served for several years by, first, Miss Katherine Richardson and then by Mrs. S. O. Plowden, two of the most faithful agents in the work. The women and girls have responded most enthusiastically to all instruction received. Now as never before the farm women need to know how to make and market their home products. We must not sit idly by and let the opportunity of having this instruction pass by for another year.

All the Clubs of the Women and Girls throughout the County sent petitions to the Legislative Delegation asking that the Home Demonstration Work be put back. The town of Manning showed interest by having a representative, who with other members of the Council called upon the two members of the Delegation that live in Manning, and requested that they give them the appropriation necessary for the Home Demonstration Work.

The District Agent was with us an outlined the work for next year and expressed an earnest desire that Clarendon continue the good work they have had for so many years, and not fall behind in the great task of building up its rural homes and communities.

RED CROSS NOTES

November report.
Nursing visits (bedside care given) 61
Instructive visits 19
School visits 20
Social service visits 6
Conference visits 90
Total visits 195
Mileage 1080

Schools inspected 4
Pupils inspected 246
Defective 201
Total defects 441
Defective eyes 54
Defective ears 7
Defective nose and throat 78
Defective teeth 135
Miscellaneous 30
Talks to school children 16
Attendance 403
Literature distributed 85

Home visits to Tuberculosis patients 5
Prenatal visits made 4
Postnatal visits made 3
Visits to infants under 2 years 52

Patients first of month 55
New cases during month 11
T. B. 2
Infants under 2 years 2
Medical 7
Patients discharged 12
Recovered 7
Improved 2
Dead 3
Patients last of month 54

M. CLAUDE DesCHAMPS DIES

Died in Sumter on November 25th, Mr. Claude DesChamps, aged 63 years old. Mr. DesChamps had lived in Clarendon County all of his life till the past few years he moved to Sumter. He joined the Methodist Church early in life and his remains were laid to rest in the family plot at Andrew Chapel. Mr. DesChamps spent most of his life farming and was devoted to his family interests. He was considered one of the best farmers in the Pinewood section. He was a man of many fine traits of character, always ready to aid any one in need or distress. He was a son of the late Senator Louis H. DesChamps; was 63 years old and leaves a widow, one son and three brother, J. M., R. S. and B. W. DesChamps.

BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. E. S. Ervin was hostess on last Wednesday afternoon to the Bridge Club when she entertained guests at three tables. After the game a salad course was served to the guests who were: Mesdames T. M. Mounzon, J. H. Orvin, F. C. Thomas, Horace Thomas, Scott Harvin, Sr., Scott Harvin, Jr., Allan Bradham, Charles Geiger, R. E. Broadway, Misses Irma Weinberg, Gladys Rives and Rose Ervin.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS OF TWENTY YEARS AGO

December 4th, 1901

Died last Saturday near Oak Grove, Mrs. E. C. Holliday, aged about 50 years.

Married this afternoon by Rev. James McDowell at the residence of the brides parents near Panola, Magistrate S. M. Youmons and Miss Sallie E. Griffin, daughter of Mr. Samuel Griffin.

Mr. S. R. Venning has moved his jewelry establishment into the new store, next door to Brockinton's drug store. Mr. Venning has more commodious quarters, where he will be able to display his well selected stock to advantage.

Rev. F. W. Gregg, pastor of the Manning Presbyterian Church, has recovered from his illness and expects to preach next Sunday.

IRISH FREE STATE CREATED BY TREATY

Members of Sinn Fein Parliament
Must Swear "To Be Faithful to
His Majesty"

LLOYD GEORGE
CONGRATULATED

Religious Freedom Is Said to Be
Guaranteed in Agreement Set-
tling Long Dispute.

London, Dec. 6.—The centuries-old quarrel between England and Ireland was ended, as had been fervently hoped, in the small hours of Tuesday morning by the signature in the prime minister's cabinet room of "a treaty between Great Britain and Ireland," consisting of eighteen articles, giving Ireland the title of "The Irish Free State," and the same constitutional status as Canada, Australia and other overseas Dominions.

The question of allegiance, which up to the last moment threatened to wreck the negotiations, was surmounted by permitting the members of the Irish Parliament to swear allegiance to the Constitution of the Irish Free State and be faithful to His Majesty, the King.

The treaty has yet to run the gauntlet of the Ulster government, and of the Imperial Parliament. The Imperial Parliament by the King, is summoned to meet on December 14, and will be opened in state by the King, who has taken the closest personal interest in the Irish negotiations since he practically instigated them when he opened the Ulster Parliament.

Approval by the Imperial Parliament is a foregone conclusion, as the government has an overwhelming majority in the House of Commons favoring its Irish policy, and the action of the British representatives in reaching the agreement has already been understood by the cabinet. The position of Ulster is less certain. Evidence comes from Belfast tonight that the treaty will be subjected to the most searching examination before receiving assent and doubtless many modifications will be proposed.

King Sends Congratulations

The king hastened to send the prime minister a telegram congratulating him on the success of the negotiations and declaring "I am overjoyed to hear the splendid news." The king will come to London purposely tomorrow to preside over the privy council, as the constitution requires a six days' notice by royal proclamation.

The treaty was signed by all members of the British and Irish delegations participating in the negotiations the Irish delegates signing their Gaelic names.

Ireland is treated as a single entity in the provisions of the treaty, with special clauses providing against the possibility that Ulster should refuse acquiescence in the settlement, in which case the government of Ireland act of 1920 will remain in force so far as the Northern parliament is concerned, but with the stipulation that a special commission shall determine new boundaries for Northern Ireland.

Provisions also are made for the co-operation of the two parliaments in providing certain safeguards in the event of Ulster remaining out of the free state, neither parliament, however, will be permitted under the treaty to make laws endowing any particular religion or to impose any religious disability.

To Give British Forces Aid

The treaty looks to Ireland in the future undertaking its own coastal defense and provides that Ireland shall in time of war give the British forces necessary aid and facilities. It further, by providing against international limitation of armament, recognized the Irish free state's right to maintain its own military defense force.

Premier Lloyd George is the recipient of universal congratulations for having successfully rescued the negotiations from what appears to be an impasse.

Austen Chamberlain, who is leader of the government in the House of Commons and of the Unionist party, speaking tonight expressed the conviction that before Christmas peace and good will would be established between "the parent races of the British commonwealth," and he appealed with emotion to Northern Ireland to join the new free state.

Immediately the agreement was signed one of the premier's secretaries rushed to the station, and the train sped towards Holyhead on a non-stop run. At Holyhead a destroyer was waiting and it conveyed the secretary to Belfast.

Today the atmosphere at Downing street was most cheerful compared with the gloom of the preceding days. Everybody was smiling and shoals of congratulatory telegrams were pouring into No. 10.

The Irish delegates are returning home fully satisfied with the result of the negotiations. They expect some opposition in the Dail Eireann, but with the influence of Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, as well as the other delegates, they have little apprehension as to the outcome. In the first place their "snar stait" (Irish free State, there being no word in Gaelic for republic) is acknowledged by the government, which will go a long way with the rank and file among Sinn Feiners.