

should be the master of his own house. The Nationalist delegates reiterate their conciliatory intentions. Although the Entente nations and the United States have not publicly stated their views, Russia's proposals for the exclusion of foreign warships from the Straits, which seems to correspond to the Turkish position, undoubtedly will not be acceptable. It is almost certain that the powers will insist on the right of free passage for war craft, although they may perhaps be willing to restrict tonnage.

Mexico City, Dec. 5th.—An earthquake of twelve seconds duration is reported to have been felt at Oaxaca City yesterday morning. The movement was from North to South. Earth tremors were felt in Jalapa and Vera Cruz on Sunday. No damage from the shocks has been reported.

London, Dec. 4th.—Mr. PEARSON told the House of Commons today, in answer to a question, that no influence, either direct or indirect, has been exercised by Great Britain to prevent the establishment of a republic in Greece or retain the present King on the Throne.

Dublin, Dec. 5th.—The stormy career of the Provisional Parliament came to an unceremonious end, when it adjourned at 5 o'clock yesterday, taking the oath under the Treaty and thereby becoming the Chamber of Deputies of the Irish Free State. The members retained their usual placid appearance, in spite of the fact that some of the members had received warnings from rebels, while the business section of Dublin was alive with soldiers who searched strangers, and a strong guard was maintained at the hotels where the delegates were stopping. With the appointment now certain of "Time", Healy, as Governor-General, with the election of thirty more Senators on Wednesday, the Free State will be fully constituted. The above despatch is copyrighted in the United States by the New York Herald.

London, Dec. 5th.—Without pomp or ceremony, the Irish Free State will come into being after midnight, by a special order in Council. The full administration of the country already had been handed over to the Provisional Government. Therefore, when the constitution comes into existence tomorrow, there will be no ceremony of any kind to mark the fulfillment of the Treaty made between the British and the Irish Governments.

Athens, Dec. 5th.—General Papoulas, ex-commander-in-chief of the Greek army and one of those arrested by the revolutionary committee in connection with the Greek military disaster in Asia Minor, has been liberated. General Frangos, who commanded the Greek troops on the Island of Mitylene, off the Smyrna coast, also was given his freedom on parole, because of ill health.

London, Dec. 4th.—Mr. COSGRAVE, head of the Irish Free State Government, has been ordered by his doctor to take a

two months' rest. He expects to go to Southern France immediately after the formalities of inaugurating the new dominion Government.

Constantinople, Dec. 5th.—Following the action of the Kemalist police in confiscating the passport of 100 Armenians as they were about to board ship, British troops today took possession of the customs house and armed with machine-guns, protected the embarkation of the refugees.

London, Dec. 5th.—The Irish constitution became law of the land this afternoon when, following the ceremony responding to a summons from the Black Rod, the speaker of the House of Commons headed a procession of the members of the Lower House to the Upper to hear the King's assent to the two Irish bills, the constitution and the consequential provisions bill, read by a Royal Commission. Immediately after ceremony, announcement was made of the appointment of Timothy Healy as the first Governor General of the Irish Free State. The entire ceremony took only a few minutes, the constitution bill had passed both Houses of Parliament unanimously and unattended. The consequential provisions bill had been subjected to minor amendments in the Upper Chamber, but these were agreed to by the Lower House. As the procession was returning to the House of Commons some strangers in the lobby began singing the Red Flag and were promptly ejected by the police. The King will make a special journey from Sandringham tomorrow to hold a privy council in Buckingham Palace at which he will sign a proclamation declaring the adoption of the Irish constitution by the British and Irish Parliaments. The constitution will come into operation immediately on the issue of the proclamation.

Dublin, Dec. 5th.—The announcement from London that the Royal assent had been given to the Irish constitution and that Timothy Healy had been appointed Governor-General all formalities have been concluded for the inauguration of the Free State Parliament tomorrow night, to elect a speaker, swear in the members and proceed with the election of a Senate. Mr. Healy will be sworn in tomorrow as Governor by the Lord Chief Justice. At Chapelizod, in the outskirts of Dublin, the new Governor General said tonight that in his position as the representative of the Imperial Government he had to see on the one hand the constitution was not violated and on the other that the treaty was adhered to.

London, Dec. 6th.—Sugar in stock on the 2nd inst was 114,000 tons, last year 37,000 tons.

Lausanne, Dec. 5th.—An appeal by the Pope to the Near Eastern Conference for the protection of the Christian minorities in Constantinople brought an immediate response from Ismet Pasha, who issued a statement declaring the situation among the Christians in Con-

stantinople was not such as to cause uneasiness and charging the Greeks with the circulating of alarming reports in order to influence the Lausanne negotiations in favour of Greece. The treaty makers at Lausanne devoted themselves today to an attempt to harmonize divergent views of the various delegations; everybody seemed to realize that hectic sessions like that of yesterday would break down the conference and postpone Near Eastern peace indefinitely. The Allied delegates held long consultations to frame a common project for dealing with the Dardanelles and are reported to have succeeded in drafting a proposal permitting warships the use of the Straits under International control. The indications tonight are that the Straits discussion will be resumed tomorrow, when the Entente countries will fall in with the Turkish suggestion and set forth their wishes. The Allies seem determined to ignore the Russian attempt to speak for Turkey and are determined also to convince the Russian representatives that Bolshevik Russia is not dominating the Straits discussion. The fact that Ismet Pasha conferred with the Allied leaders helped to strengthen the impression that if the Conference is not out of danger, it at least is not yet on the rocks.

Dublin, Dec. 5th.—Eamon DE VALERA today issued a proclamation enjoining all citizens of the Republic to refuse to pay income tax, land commission annuities and other rents or dues to the District Board.

London, Dec. 4th.—A Bill for the removal of the embargo upon Canadian cattle, which was introduced today in the House of Commons, includes a clause subjecting Irish cattle to the same detention as for Canadian, a warning was declared in the House that there will be many Irish protests resulting from such unprecedented treatment.

Athens, Dec. 4th.—The American Government has offered Greece a loan of \$35,000,000 drachmas to be devoted to Greek refugees from Asia Minor, according to press reports published here yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 4th.—More than \$8,000,000 for improvement and maintenance of projects in New York harbour and the waters in its immediate vicinity in New York and New Jersey during the fiscal year 1924 which begins July 1st 1923, was recommended for appropriation by Congress today by the chief engineers for the army who have charge of the works.

Tokio, Dec. 4th.—Japan's control of Chinese territory which is to cease with the evacuation of Shantung on December 5th was delayed three days beyond the date agreed on at the Washington Conference at the request of China who was unable on December 2nd to take over the administration of the restored province because of lack of funds and equipment.