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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, June 28th.—The Parliamentary correspondent of the Times, discussing Mr. Lloyd George's invitation to Sir James Craig and Mr. De Valera, declares that in judging the situation, it is important to bear in mind that although the latter was signed by Mr. Lloyd George, it represents the policy of the Cabinet. A very strong minority of the cabinet, including it is believed Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Mr. Winston Churchill and the Lord Chancellor, favoured a similar policy a week ago, the correspondent continues. Their views were then overborne by the Premier and the Lord Chancellors. In the House of Lords last Tuesday, represented the standpoint the Premier and his more militant colleagues had then adopted. The correspondent says that after the king's visit to Belfast, the scene quickly changed and the invitation was issued. A guarantee of stability in this latter attitude, says the correspondent is believed to lie in the determination of some of the important ministers to resign rather than assent to any further oscillation, tactical or otherwise.

London, June 18th.—Mrs Skeffington widow of the Irish Nationalist Leader who was executed following the Easter Monday riots in 1916 has played a prominent part in bringing about recent developments relative to peace in Ireland it is said in statements printed in the "Graphic" and "Sketch". Mrs Skeffington is now in London, and the two newspapers say she is unofficially the Ambassador of Eamand Valera, and has acted as an intermediary between him and Mr. Lloyd George. Interviewed by the "Sketch"

which asked whether a definite proposal from the British Govt. would be a necessary preliminary to the proposed meeting of Mr. De Valera and Sir James Craig, Premier of Ulster, Mrs Skeffington said "No, I think there will have to be a meeting first. Probably it will be necessary to ask the Govt. to arrange for such a meeting. Most of the Cabinet of the Irish republic are in jail, and arrangements must be made for them to attend the meeting". It has been impossible hitherto to obtain from Govt. definite news as to prospects of the acceptance of the Premiers invitation to the Irish leaders to meet under Govt. auspices. This has been due to the reticent of De Valera and other Sinn Fein leaders, who are at liberty. It is further reported that in a full meeting of the Sinn Fein parliament should be required to obtain sanction of any decision taken, this also will be allowed and safe conduct to the chosen rendezvous will be granted imprisoned members of that body.

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