

with active participation in the council's of the Independent Labour Party.

Barbados, Oct. 11th.—The newly appointed Colonial Secretary Mr. Wilfred Edward Francis Jackson C. M. G. arrived here on 9th. instant.

London, Oct. 11th.—Sinn Fein delegates and members of the cabinet met at Mr. Lloyd George's official residence, at 10 Downing Street, this morning, for a conference, which it was hoped might result in the finding of a basis for adjustment of the Irish controversy. The work of the opening session was expected to be devoted entirely to the procedure to be followed during later sittings of the conference. There seemed to be a disposition to consider the sending of an invitation to Belfast, asking that the Ulster Government send representatives to the meeting and it was possible that such a step would be taken. Ulster thus far has stood aloft in the negotiations between the Govt. and the Sinn Fein, but there seemed today to be some sentiment in favour of calling both northern and southern Irishmen together, in an effort to reach once and for all a definite understanding. It is doubtful if there ever was an opening day for an important conference in London marked by so little newspaper comment as today's meeting. Several of this morning's journals refrained altogether from discussing the conference, while others assumed an attitude of restraint manifestly balancing between hope and fear. The proclamation issued in Dublin last night by Mr. De Valera, in which he called for unity of Ireland, was issued too late to be revised editorially, some papers finding room only for a summary of the proclamation in their news columns. There were no predictions relative to the outcome of the deliberations of the conference and it was recognized that the result of the negotiations was an uncertain as it has been at any time since early last July when they were initiated. The London "Times", anxious for good results, said that recent events should have "led both England and Ireland to learn the blessedness of concord, through the bitter experiences of strife" and that such progress that has actually been made should inspire confidence in the ultimate success of the negotiations. The Dail Eireann representatives were models of punctuality this morning. They stepped out their automobiles in front of the Prime Minister's official residence at exactly eleven o'clock, the hour arranged for the opening of the conference. Mr. Lloyd George and the members of the British cabinet forming the Government delegation, were in the cabinet room where the conference is being held, when the Irish representatives arrived. Mr. Arthur Griffith was the first to enter, being followed by Michael Collins, who slipped in quickly to avoid photographers. They were

accompanied by Robert C. Barton, Eamon J. Duggan and Gavan Duffy, the other members of the Dublin delegation, while Erskine Childers and John Chartres who, although not members of the Irish Mission, were expected to play an important part in negotiations as advisors, followed. At the conclusion of the morning session the Sinn Fein delegates were cheered as they drove away from number 10 Downing Street in motor cars. They refused to answer questions put by newspaper correspondents. The text of the communique given out after the first session follows: "The first session of the conference in Ireland was held in 10 Downing Street at 11 o'clock. Those present were the British representatives, Prime Minister Lloyd George, Lord Birkenhead, Mr. Winston Churchill, Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Mr. Hamar Greenwood and Sir Gordon Hewart and the Irish representatives, Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins, Robert C. Barton, Eamonn J. Duggan and Gavan Duffy. There also were present two British Secretaries. The conference adjourned until four o'clock." One of Mr. Lloyd George's Secretaries who received the newspaper men just after the conference opened, smilingly said, "You cannot expect any news for a week yet".

Athens, Oct. 11th.—The fighting around Afium Karahissar which lasted seven days and resulted in the most important Greek victory of the present campaign, according to despatches to the Athens papers said to be from an authoritative source, was sustained by the Greek left wing against thirteen Turkish divisions and two brigades, or a force of about 60,000 men. The battle is described as having highly important strategic consequences and to have shaken the morals of the Turkish forces, whose object had been first to occupy Afium Karahissar and then break the whole Greek front in an attempt to secure an issue of the entire campaign in its favour.

London, Oct. 11th.—The conference which aims at settling the future of Ireland adjourned after the afternoon session until Thursday, in order to enable Mr. Lloyd George to grapple with the unemployment situation. Both sessions were businesslike, the greetings of Mr. Lloyd George to the visitors from across the channel being hearty, but formal.

London Oct. 11th.—The Government last night telegraphed to Paris expressing its pleasure at the proposed visit of General Pershing to lay the Congressional Medal of honour on the tomb of the unknown British soldier in Westminster Abbey, and General Pershing is assured the warmest welcome. The Cabinet Ministers were absent from London over the week-end, but on returning to London dealt promptly with the question, and it is affirmed the Government views the visit with the greatest satisfaction.

TAKING TIME TO GET READY

It is always interesting to watch an experienced housekeeper get ready to wash her dishes. She scrapes the soiled plates and puts them in compact piles, puts away the leftovers of the food, consigns the waste to the garbage pan, puts to soak any dish that looks as if it were likely to prove difficult to get clean, wipes off her shelves, and is ready to start. She has taken some time in her preparation, it is true, but she has saved time.

It is a great mistake to let one's self feel that there can be any possible gain in evading preparation. Thousands of young people hurry into life without the education they need. They are in a hurry to get started in business, but the handicap of insufficient preparation checks and hinders them as long as they live. Just as one starting on a journey is inconvenienced and annoyed all the way because he failed to prepare for it properly, so starting in life without the necessary preparation takes much of the joy from work and makes success uncertain.

Take time to get ready and to get ready properly. *Selected*

"DE DUCKS" EAT UP CORN PROFIT

When a farmer sold his corn recently and tried to explain to a banker the necessity of a loan to tide him over a lean period, the niceties of market problems as faced by the farmer now were outlined.

"But," the banker said, "I don't understand why you should want to borrow money when you have just shipped your corn. What did you do with the money?"

"De ducks got it," replied the farmer.

"What do you mean by 'de ducks'?"

"Well," the farmer explained, "I shipped the ear to market and sold it for 32 cents a bushel. They de duck freight, that left 31 cents; de duck 1 cent commission, that left 30 cents; de duck elevator charges, that left 27 cents; de duck husking, that left 15 cents; de duck hauling, that left 5 cents; de duck the hired man's wages from that, and you are a darn sight better farmer than I am if you can find anything left."—*Everyday Life*.



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