

The Court ruled that the information was sufficiently full to justify a proceeding.

To this the Counsel for defence at this time noted an exception.

The Counsel for defence further asked leave to make addenda to objection to the effect that, The complaint on the face of it alleges that it is based upon a report made to the police office but there is no allegation that F. Coulter, purporting according to signature to be Director of Police or James F. Ross purporting according to signature to be District Chief of Police have conjointly or severally investigated the truth of such report and prima facially so far as appears by complaint no investigation has been made by either the said F. Coulter or said James Ross although each of them so far as is shown by the complaint have sworn and subscribed to the facts stated therein as of his own personal individual knowledge as alleged as Counsel for the defence maintains by hearsay sworn under his individual oath, that this defendant has violated Sec. 1 Chap. 5 or and other section of the Criminal Code, before the Honorable C. H. Payne Judge of the Police Court in this jurisdiction to all of which has been excepted.

The Court overruled the addenda to his objection made by Counsel for defence for the reason that an investigation was commenced by the Police under orders and direction of District Chief of Police.

All objections were overruled by the Judge.

Junior Counsel for defence Curry at this stage asked permission to have entered upon the record the fact that no Government Attorney was present at these proceedings and that the Justice of peace has therefore conducted the examination himself.

Further the Counsel for the defence also wanted it noted on the record that he makes objection to proceedings inasmuch as one Frank Coulter alleged to be the Director of Police does not now take the witness stand; neither does one James Ross alleged to be the District Chief of Police take the witness stand against the defendant in this investigation although each of the said gentlemen have sworn and subscribed under oath before the Honorable C. H. Payne to an alleged complaint, at the same time the Counsel for defence notes that one Anselmo Larsen is put on the witness stand and Counsel for defence objects against the said Anselmo Larsen being asked any questions.

Attorney Noll asked that summons be issued to the Medical Officers of the Municipal Hospital to testify before the Court.

Attorney Curry made a motion that all the witnesses be sequestered. The Court granted the motion and gave orders for the sequestration of all witness in the case.

Attorney Curry asked that as the Sheriff was one of the witnesses, that the

Court designate another police officer to see all the witnesses sequestered.

The Court gave order to Sergeant Sackie to take charge of the complaining witnesses and to see them sequestered.

The witnesses including Sheriff & Director of Police Coulter, District Chief Ross and Inspector Prince were accordingly sequestered. — *West End News*, Dec. 17th.

(To be continued)

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Belfast, Dec. 14th. The Ulster Cabinet's reply to Mr. Lloyd George's letter of December 5th, which will be made tomorrow, definitely rejects the invitation to enter the Irish Free State. It protests against Ulster being involved in the Irish settlement without Ulster being considered. Protest is being made against what is asserted to be violence done to the spirit of the 1920 Act, which, it is declared, was based on equal rights and provides for the north and south. It is contended that the altered oath means a lowered standard of loyalty and is not acceptable to Ulster, while the fiscal provisions of the agreement would introduce tariff wars with England and internal disputes in Ireland. For these and other reasons the Ulster reply says Ulster will retain her British citizenship and refuse to subordinate herself to the Sinn Feir Government. Exceptions are taken in the reply to a boundary commission it being contended that it is without precedent that territory should be removed from the control of any government without that Government's sanction. The treaty as affecting Ulster is held to violate the King's Belfast speech and Mr. Lloyd George's declaration in his correspondence. The Cabinet in its reply plainly states its belief that even the temporary placing of Ulster under an all-Ireland parliament would be surrendering to the Sinn Fein claim to represent all Ireland.

Dublin, Dec. 14th.—The question of ratification or rejection of the agreement arrived at in London between the representatives of the British Government and the plenipotentiaries of the Dail Eireann to settle the discord which for centuries has existed between Great Britain and Ireland, was debated today at a public meeting of the Dail Eireann and later in two secret sessions. Another secret session is to be held tomorrow. At the public meeting today Mr. De Valera, the President and Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Michael Collins and other Dail deputies expressed their views as to whether the Irish delegation to London had exceeded its powers in signing the agreement with the British Cabinet for a settlement of the Irish problems. De Valera and the members of the delegation were sharply divided on the question at issue. Mr. De Valera contended that the treaty should not have been signed

without its having been first referred to the Dublin Parliament. Messers Griffith and Collins insisted that they and their colleagues had the power invested in them to sign an agreement, but not the authority to conclude it. Mr. Griffith asserted that the representatives of the Dail Eireann and of the British Cabinet in this respect, were in identical positions, as each was obliged to refer the treaty to their respective legislatures for ratification. Both Mr. Collins and Mr. Griffith during the discussion, resented a statement of Mr. De Valera that the delegation to London had not obeyed the instructions of the Dail Eireann Cabinet. "I have been called a traitor", exclaimed Mr. Collins at one point, "let the Irish people decide whether I am or not". Except for a Sinn Fein flag draped with crepe and hung from a telephone pole, the only evidence of propaganda against ratification of the treaty, outside University College, where the sessions were held, was by members of the Communist party in Ireland, who endeavoured to distribute pamphlets urging rejection of the treaty, but members of the Irish Republican army dispersed them and confiscated their literature.

London, Dec. 15th.—The House of Commons this afternoon resumed debate on the Anglo-Irish agreement, the feature of the early proceedings being an address by the former Premier Mr. Asquith, heartily commending the treaty for the acceptance of the House. Colonel John Gratton, leader of the "Die Hards" in Parliament, today will move the following amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne. This House regrets that the proposed settlement of the Government of Ireland indicated in the gracious speech from the throne, would involve the surrender of the rights of the Crown in Ireland and give powers to establish an independent Irish army and navy require further sacrifices from Ulster and would not safeguard the rights of the loyalist population in Southern Ireland. It would destroy what was termed the act of Union, which was a mere technical union existing upon paper only. The agreement would substitute a union in reality.

Berlin, Dec. 15th.—The Government, it was announced today, has informed the Committee of guarantees that it is impossible for Germany to pay the sum due in reparations on January 15th, and that she consequently asks a moratorium. If the moratorium is not granted, the German Government, it states, will be compelled to have recourse to a credit operation in order to procure the necessary funds by means of loans.

London, Dec. 15th.—The bye-election in the Southeast division of Southwark resulted in the return of Mr. Thomas Maylor, the labour candidates. His vote was 646 while, Mr. Owen Jacobson, the coalition-liberal, got 2636 votes and Mr. Horace Eoot, the independent conservative, received 2307 votes.