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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

Referring to international conferences in general in his address before the National Liberal Conference in London a few days ago, Premier Lloyd George said that if there had been a conference in July, 1914, there would have been no war in August, 1914.

In this manner did the British statesman express his confidence in the councils held among the nations as a means of averting war.

What has been accomplished at the Washington parley called by President Harding without doubt contributed to Lloyd George's confidence in international conferences; and it is not an unreasonable hope that such conferences, if continued, may prevent any future wars, at least of the magnitude of the one just recently concluded.

But the fact should not be overlooked that the success of the Washington Conference is due to a great measure to a change in the attitude of the world towards war, a change that has come since the last one was fought. We may doubt very much if Great Britain, Japan, United States and the other powers could have been induced to agree to scrap a part of their navies prior to 1914, no matter how long they talked it over. There may even be a question whether an international conference held in July, 1914 would have averted the war which began in August of the same summer. In the first place the evidence is irrefutable that Germany had planned war and wanted it. The murder at Sarajevo only hastened it; the German militarists had been too long clanking the sword and toasting "Der Tag" for the clash long to have been averted.

Nor was Germany wholly at fault at least for the precipitation of the war at the time that it did come. The war establishments of the other European powers were practically upon a hair trigger, and it needed but a touch to produce the explosion.

Not in all the history of modern civilization has there been a time when there existed so great a horror of war as prevails at the present. The nations of the Earth were brought too near the brink of destruction for it to be otherwise. Great Britain gave expression to this horror of war when it consented to peace with Ireland rather than the undertaking of coercion. How do those nations who are engaged in Washington give expression to it when they solemnly agreed to partial disarmament upon the seas.

So far has the World War brought us towards the gates of universal peace. In the present world state of mind, every confidence that Lloyd George expresses in the potency of international conferences is justified. The Washington Conference has about completed its work and is ready to adjourn. The proposed conference at Geneva is another from which results should come.

More should follow that. Sitting around the table and discussing their differences and their difficulties, the Powers should be able to iron out all the rough places without flying at one another's throats.

WOULD BE "CANADIANS."

The London Free Press recently called attention to the campaign in progress at Ottawa since the change of Government to admit economic refugees from Russia, Roumania, Poland, Lithuania and other war devastated areas of Europe. Shut out of the United States, these immigrants running into millions, are looking to Canada. Many of these prospective settlers have friends and relatives in the Dominion, and they are exerting every possible political influence and pressure upon the new Government to lower the barriers. Canadians naturally sympathize with the unfortunates of these lands, but if they were allowed to pour into the Dominion they would form a flood tide which would overwhelm the country. It would take all the ships on the Atlantic to carry the immigrants from Central Europe who want to come to Canada. The Dominion has more foreign settlers now than it can properly assimilate.

The Toronto Globe is evidently becoming seized of the danger of the movement, and in a special despatch from Ottawa describes the movement as "a menace to the social and economic life of Canada." The Globe adds:

of the problem is made manifest by the fact that the massing of many recent immigrants to Canada have the legend that the man to whom it was issued was not to be returned to the country which was expelling him. This manner of setting off of undesirable has now been abandoned, owing to steps taken by Canada in refusing to accept such passports. Just now it is the policy to accept only the near relatives, such as father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter of people already established in Canada. Even so, they still come in considerable numbers, and the arrivals would lead to five figures yearly if there were not exclusive measures at all.

The man who is particularly fighting against lowering the bars is Dr. W. J. Black, Deputy Minister of Immigration. He recently made a tour of Europe and realizes the menace to Canada. These immigrants are allowed to enter the Dominion they will only crowd into the cities and increase the number of low-paid workers and low-standard living, whose competition will throw Canadian workers out of employment. Dr. Black is determinedly opposing the lowering of the bars and is vigorously advocating bringing to Canada only such immigrants as are prepared to enter the Dominion as British subjects. In this policy he was given every backing by the Meligen Government.

Those engineering the movement to lower the immigration bars are after the scalp of Dr. Black and are endeavoring to have him removed from office on the ground that his appointment was a political one. If Hon. Mackenzie King and his colleagues listen to such appeals from liberal members who made promises during the election campaign it will mean a sacrifice of Canadianism for the sake of political expediency.

ORDERS-IN-COUNCIL.

Government newspapers, says the Ottawa Journal, are leading Mr. King for his promise, at Newmarket, to abolish orders-in-council. We wonder how many of them realize what it is they are lauding. For the abolition of orders-in-council means simply this: the abolition of Government action in this country Parliament is in session about five months out of twelve. How do those editors who are endeavoring Mr. King imagine Government can function during seven months of recess? Every act of the Cabinet, at least every legal act, must be done by order-in-council; there is no other channel of action. Therefore the position resolves itself into this: no orders-in-council, no Government action.

But we need not worry. Mr. King was just indulging in a form of rhetoric he immensely enjoys. His Cabinet has passed at least half a hundred orders-in-council in the four weeks it has been in office.

The period within which the annual financial statement of the Province should be published in the Royal Gazette expires today; whether the chaotic condition of the Treasury Department will cause any delay in publication remains to be seen. The Standard is not unfortunately perhaps on sufficiently intimate terms with the officials in charge of the Department to be able to procure enough advance information over the telephone to permit of giving any forecast as to what the statement is likely to disclose; nothing remains therefore but to wait patiently until publication. We don't anticipate any large surplus anyway.

Through the efforts of the Loyalist Chapter of the I. O. O. F. residents in St. John and its vicinity will shortly have the opportunity of enjoying an intellectual treat such as seldom presents itself to them. The Chapter has arranged for Robert Norwood, the poet, to give a series of readings in this city on February 7th; and lovers of this form of entertainment will no doubt gladly avail themselves of the chance thus afforded of listening to this talented Nova Scotian. The Loyalist Chapter is to be congratulated upon having been able to get Mr. Norwood to visit this city.

The Empire Mail, an English publication, in referring to the attitude adopted by the authorities in regard to the cattle embargo, says: "But as Mr. Doherty, the Minister of Agriculture in the Ontario Government recently declared, 'Nothing can stop the demand of forty million consumers in the British Isles who are determined that the embargo must be abolished.' Well, a promise is not without honor save in his own country

and in his own home. If the Empire Mail knew Mr. Doherty as well as the people of this city do, it would hardly waste time in trying to get him as much of an authority.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Lord Bryce.
(London Free Press.)
Prof. Mackenzie King described the late Lord Bryce as the most learned man of his generation. While it is remembered how many men of great distinction in letters were included in that generation the tribute takes on added importance. It is fifteen years or more since Lord Bryce, then Sir James Bryce and British ambassador at Washington, visited London and spoke to a public gathering at the Normal School, where he was introduced by his host while in London, the late Sir George Gibbons. Many will recall the tall, gaunt figure, the thick grey moustache and beard, the kindly smile and the high, noble forehead of the man who at 70 years of age was representing his country at Washington. His voice was somewhat harsh, but that was not the matter of his address, which dealt with some of the problems of modern democracy, a subject upon which he had thought and written with great eloquence, there was no music in his voice, there was no apparent magnetism of personality to stir his hearers. He did not even appear brilliant, though all knew he was a great scholar.

James Bryce was an example of that remarkable versatility which frequently appears in his race. Other nations produce as great historians, as great diplomats, doubtless as great scholars, but seldom do they produce a man of whom it could also be said, as it was said of Bryce, that he has traveled as widely as Marco Polo. He shared with the enthusiasm of Isaac Walton. He climbed mountains with the fearlessness of an Arctic guide. And the devotion of the important office he held for he knew eight or nine languages well and perhaps ten not as well. He had written with authority on Poland, Hungary, Ireland, Transcaucasia, the Holy Roman Empire, the American Commonwealth, the Eastern question, trade-marks, historical jurisprudence and was under 24 when he wrote "The Holy Roman Empire" and his work in this great field remains unchanged after more than fifty years.

But in his middle age when he entered public life, but within a year he attained to an undersecretaryship, and in six more years he was a member of the cabinet. A mere camera obscura of the important office he held would be tedious and would add but little to the record of one whose name was international. He was a great scholar, but his scholarship did not make him a recluse. His greatest interest was in administration, and it was in administration that he wrote his best work, "Modern Democracies." It is still this side of national activities that he was most at home, which he lays the finger of condemnation is deserved.

As an administrator himself there would be those who would regard him as impersonal and hard. His relations with Ireland and his issues might have been caused to bring upon him violent condemnation, but such was not the case. The character of the man was recognized. He was not one to sacrifice the future for some small present gain. He was a man of position to relief works as a means of relieving distress among a poverty-stricken people. It might seem out of place to say that at Washington he was perhaps never has a British ambassador so caught the attention of the American people as did James Bryce during his term there. He made an address everywhere in the United States, and a selection of these form the volume "Imperialism and Historical Address" published in 1912. The subjects ranged from foreign missions to national parks and from the landing of the Pilgrims to hints on reading. Everything that he touched he illuminated. There is one address on public speaking that many a man who has to appear before public audiences might well take to heart, if only to observe the caution, "Never, if you can help it, be dull."

During the war years, notwithstanding his great age, Lord Bryce continued as active as ever. His investigation of German outrages in Belgium was accepted internationally almost at once as authoritative. He was not slow to the mistakes that were made at the end of the war. He had little faith in the permanence of the war settlement, because he believed that it had been dictated by hatred and prejudice. There are many who are still of the time who agree with that view. He was active up to the last of his life. It is less than a year since his great work, "Modern Democracies," appeared, full of the ripest wisdom of one who had observed and considered well the devices ways of government. He was usually by the critic. The American people liked his criticism, and took it with greater grace from this Englishman than they would have taken it from one of their own countrymen. He was not many men it is given to have such great opportunity as fell to James Bryce; to fewer yet is it given to make such fruitful use of a life prolonged far beyond the allotted span.

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She Would Be.
A Baltimore newspaper man once called at the residence of the late Cardinal Gibbons to ask his Eminence for information regarding some church matter. "The Cardinal is out of the city," said Father Fletcher, who received the caller.
"Then may I see Mr. Gibbons?" was the startling request that followed.

Not Feasible Nowadays.
That fashion threat to the effect that hoopskirts are coming back in made annually, but it alarms nobody. The world is too crowded to waste any space—and the strap-hanger is the revenue producer. Besides, consider the modern flat—and modern dancing. No, there is no room for hoops. —Chicago News.

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Last into the front hall rang and I went, and it was some man and lady, the lady saying, Tell your mama and papa Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis are here.

Which I did, going up in the setting room where pop and ma was, saying, Some lady and man to see you.

Who? Who did they say they were? said ma, and I said, The lady said they was Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis and the man did not say who they was.

My goodness, what was that about the Jarvisses, Willyum? said I, and she was in a hurry to be married, I know something happened to her and ma said, Well for mercy sakes, its very important, and so don't know whether to congratulate them or sympathize with them. Ill just use my brains and ask them a simple question, and well soon find out the form thing to do.

Is go down to them, said pop. Which they did, and Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis was sitting down in the parlor, Mr. Jarvis being a little man with a big stomach and Mrs. Jarvis being a big lady with a little one, pop saying, Well, how do you do, this is an unexpected pleasure.

Yes indeed, said ma. And they all sat down, pop saying, Well, how's your dawty?

She's as well as can be expected, thanks, said Mrs. Jarvis, and pop looked at ma, saying, It was too bad, wasn't it, it certainly was unfortunate.

Mr. Pops and I were so sorry to hear the news, said ma, and pop said, O well, we all have our trials and tribulations. Well of all things, the least, said Mrs. Jarvis, and Mr. Jarvis said, Its too bad a many dawty cant have a little son without having it regarded like some kind of a calamity.

Not at all, quite the contrary, you misunderstood us, no indeed, said pop and ma both trying to explain at the same time without doing it, and pretty soon Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis went home again looking as if they wouldnt of cared if they hadent of came in the first place.

A BIT OF VERSE
THE OLD, OLD STORY
When you who rule the battle look down upon the field, With glory in your battleax and triumph on your shield, Before the head starts swelling from fame's elastic thrill, Look out against the skyline, or half way up the hill; Look out against the skyline, where a better man than you are is always in the way.

And when you hear the tumult that rings against your name, The far-swept rolling thunder that leaps to herald fame, Don't breathe it in too deeply, don't let it sink too far, Don't build your future on it, however high you are— For you'll hear louder cheering when in your final hour You fade into the shadows before the new-crowned king.

So let this thought in passing sink swift into your soul, The fun is in the battle, but never is the goal. And when the way seems easy, put this down for a bet, No matter what the booty, you pay for what you get. Through darkness look to sunlight, but when the sunbeams flock, In place of phoning laurel get ready for the shock.

THE LAUGH LINE
Winners never have any fault to find with referees' decisions. Blessings of poverty may look good to the millionaire. Many a woman trusts a man with her affections who wouldn't lend him thirty cents in cash. Hospitality is a state of mind not the art of annoying guests with persistent attentions.

No Time for Details.
"Don't you think she is a very intelligent girl?"
"I don't know. I was too busy making love to her to find out whether she was intelligent or not." —New York Sun.

Saying It With Flowers.
A Minnesota girl has just won a breach of promise suit by proving that her beau gave her orchids on three different occasions. I always suspected there was some catch about those blooming tropical exotics. —Beau Broadway in N. Y. Tribune.

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INDIA'S POLITICAL GROWING

Recent Conference at Bombay Made Demands Quite to Accept.

London, Jan. 26.—(Press dispatch.)—Official communications from India all indicate a more confident attitude in dealing with Extremism. This is emphasized by the enthusiastic character of the reception by the Prince of Wales at Madras and Bangalore, the latter of which reached on Wednesday evening.

No hatred materialized as prompt measures which were taken combat Extremist violence despite the fears of the people that they would be subject to molestation, and consequently they thronged the streets. The political situation is by means clear, however. The two difficulties, which may result in the future, are first, the fact that the budget shows a large deficit and hence a large deficit and hence a large deficit and hence a large deficit.

Final Outcome in Doubt.
Meanwhile the turmoil of conflict ideas manifested in the conference the irresponsible resolutions and the demands by the Non-Cooperators, while the Moderates take action, makes it difficult for authorities here to express any definite opinion as regards the ultimate outcome. One thing has become fairly evident, that the recent political conference in Bombay, called at the request of Pandit Malaviya, former president of the All-India Congress, has not met with the measure of success that might have been anticipated.

From first to last Mahatma Gandhi dominated the meeting, and although the chairman, Sir Sankaranarayanan, twice threatened to vacate the chair, this did not prevent Mr. Gandhi from insisting to adopt the attitude of a tator. Finally Sir Sankaranarayanan resigned the chairmanship and the conference, but the members, duly awayed by Mr. Gandhi, passed resolutions which went very far toward identifying the conference with the Extremist movement.

Sir Sankaranarayanan, who was at one time on the Viceroy's executive and later member of the India Council, addressed a letter to the press, in which he asserts that Mr. Gandhi did not want peace and is bent on humiliation of the government. He demands for the evacuation of British by the French and of Egypt by British as a preliminary to a round table conference with the government making such a conference impossible.

If Mr. Gandhi proceeds with programme of civil disobedience, then, Sir Sankaranarayanan, "his movement will stand naked in all its illegality and hideousness. It will be a fitting consummation of a policy which had its origin in the false promise of the attainment of 'swaraj' within a year." It is stated, calculated, therefore made-to-fiasco the ignominy.

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