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THE CONFERENCE IDEA

The Independent and the Weekly Review see in the Washington conference much hope for the future as well as for the present, and point out that this thought was in the mind of President Harding when he said his desire was to bring about an international association for conference and a world court whose verdicts upon justiciable questions this country, in common with all others, would be willing and able to uphold.

"If the present Conference shall prove a success—and, in spite of surface indications of trouble, there is every reason to believe that it will—the programme outlined in Mr. Harding's famous speech of August 28 will evidently be in a fairly way toward fulfillment. Whether formally pledged by an association or not, the nations of the world will have entered upon the practice of conference, and will be sure to resort to it when occasion arises unless they are bent-horn for war."

As for the international court, it is already in existence, and, although the United States is not yet a participant in its action, it would be preposterous for our country not to find a way to full co-operation in an activity so indisputably desirable and so distinctly American in its character. Before the Washington Conference shall have passed into history, the future of both these agencies for the assurance of peace will, we trust, have been placed upon a firm footing."

The more one's mind dwells upon the significance of the Washington conference, and the clear evidence that the representatives of the nations who are there to promote peace and co-operation have their hearts in it, the more certain it seems that the conference idea will persist, and that hereafter international differences will be settled around a conference table instead of in the trenches. We may discount the talk of the pessimists and those who impute sinister motives to this or that power. One of these, Mr. Lauzanne, editor-in-chief of Paris Martin, tried to stir up anti-British feeling in the United States by his utterances. He contrasted the Paris conference of 1919 with the Washington conference of 1921, and said:

"The difference is this: In Paris the English got what she wanted, whereas, at the Washington conference, from the very first England was beaten and America got what she wanted. And that is the exact truth."

The Independent, from which we have already quoted, shows from the record the utter falsehood of this statement, and significantly adds: "Perhaps, after all, the significance of what has happened is quite different from what Mr. Lauzanne imagines. Perhaps England's wishes are not centered upon the domination of the universe but upon the preservation of peace and of her national safety. And perhaps British as well as American statesmen see that those objects can be best obtained by an understanding which shall put an end to senseless naval competition, which shall reduce to a minimum the danger of a clash between the great maritime powers, and which shall rest upon the assumption that both Britain and America can be counted on to stand for peace and justice in any future world-war. It is fortunate that those who, like Mr. Lauzanne, place upon what is going on at Washington a sinister interpretation are prone to indicate by their loose talk about matters of fact the weight that should be attached to their expressions of opinion."

What is true of Britain and America may fairly be asserted to be true of the other powers, represented at the conference. There may still be a lingering motive of self-interest or a measure of suspicion, born of the old secret diplomacy and its results, but when we consider what has actually been accomplished in a few weeks there is every reason for confidence in the final outcome of the conference, and a belief that the example now set will be followed in the years to come.

Moncton Transcript—"No longer will the high tourism of Ontario be able to maintain its own domination in the interests of the favored classes by making a common show about the alleged dangers of Quebec domination, for the people east and west have shown emphatically that they do not now take stock in that old bogey. The men responsible for the hypocrisy of 1911 and the deception of 1917 have been buried so deep beneath the people's ballots that they will not emerge from the avalanche for years, and when they do they will be wiser, as well as sadder, it may be hoped."

Montreal Gazette—"A movement to establish the 'Waters' Republic of Canada' has been started in Toronto. It appears to be a branch of the Third International at Moscow, which has been helping on the ruin of Russia for some four years now. Its chances of realizing its purposes are not worth considering, which is also true of the movement."

The Tory press is still burying its dead, with many manifestations of grief and woe and dark hints of treachery in the camp.

INTO MY GARDEN

Into my garden as I went One evening in the leafy June, So full the air of sweet content, The nightingales sang wistful tunes.

The fair moon climbed her ivory stair, And peered above my lattice wall, In radiant beauty everywhere Her glories seemed to rise and fall.

Between the dark laburnum trees She sate her golden grassy plot, She drew translucent tresses, Above the blue forget-me-nots.

With roses, lilies all around, So languid on their languid sprays, Dreaming amid the peevish prayer, Drooping above the gravelled ways.

With zees, lilies every where, And fragrant herbs beneath my feet, The cadence of the nightbird's prayer Sprung as a burden all too sweet.

The little stars high overhead, So far away they seemed to be, Of radiance but a little thread Into the glory far below.

So quietly the breeze sweep, So dreamily they seem to stray, Soothing the sleepy flowers to sleep, Until the breaking of the day.

LIGHTER VEIN. Old Phallthoy was annoyed. To help a poor man he had given him a station order for some turkeys and he hadn't got what he ordered.

"Hodge," yelled Phallthoy, "Some time ago I asked you to supply my family with turkeys, didn't I?"

"Yes, sir; thank you, sir," replied Hodge, touching his cap.

"And I told you I wanted tame ones, not wild," continued Phallthoy.

"Yes, sir; thank you, sir," replied Hodge, again touching his cap.

"Well, that last one you sent us was a wild turkey," screamed the exasperated buyer.

"No, sir; begging your pardon, sir, it wasn't."

"But I found some shot in it!" screamed old Phallthoy.

"Well, sir, begging your pardon, sir, that was a tame bird all right. That shot was meant for me."

Financial Signs. The brother that was returning home from college that day had been carefully concealed from ten-year-old Tommy until he came back from school.

"Tommy," said his mother, after her younger son had gone upstairs to wash his face, and the elder brother had been concealed in the pantry, "I have a big surprise for you."

"I know what it is," replied Tommy, unconcernedly. "Brother's back?"

"Why, how did you guess that?"

"Cause my bank woot rattle any more."

Ring Oh! Jones—"Blinks says he likes to talk to his wife over the telephone."

Willis—"I wonder who?"

Jones—"Oh, that's the only time he can shut her off when he wants to."

SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, DEC. 16. Sun Rises... 4.57 Sun Sets... 4.45 High Tide... .01 Low Tide... .64

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Sailed Yesterday. Str. Ravanger, 2004, for Norway.

MARINE NOTES. The steamer Ravanger sailed last evening for Norwegian ports with a cargo of grain.

BRITISH PORTS. Merville, Dec. 15—Ard str Assyria, New York for Glasgow. Hong Kong, Dec. 14—Sld str Tatheybus, Vancouver, B. C.

FOREIGN PORTS. Naples, Dec. 9—Ard str Guglielmo Petre, New York. Havre, Dec. 12—Ard str Canadian Warrior, Sydney, C. B.

EPWORTH LEAGUE OF PORTLAND CHURCH PRESENTS PLAY. The amusing comedy entitled "The Young Village Doctor" was presented to a large and appreciative audience by the Epworth League of the Portland Methodist church in the school room of the church, last evening.

The cast of characters and those who portrayed them were as follows: Mrs. Crane, Miss Harriet Wright; Mrs. Frost, Miss Annie Harshorn; Jane, Mrs. Mrs. Gramma; Miss Rose Rowley; Mr. Softley, Lester Rowley. During the evening music was dispensed by Mrs. Mrs. Gramma; Miss Rose Rowley; Mr. Softley, Lester Rowley.

DECISION IS GIVEN AGAINST THE BANKS. Interesting Check Case Tried in Hamilton Court.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 16—An interesting check case was decided in the Division Court here, J. J. Hunt, a lawyer, presided. Bank of Commerce cleared some time ago for one of its clients for \$32.00, made to himself or "bearer."

Mr. Hunt endorsed the check, made it payable to his client's order and sent it to his client, but it was lost and the person who found it cashed it at a bank.

Mr. Hunt's client and the person who signed the check sued, and were given judgment.

The banks contended that a bearer check could always be paid to bearer, no matter what the restrictions or endorsements, but Mr. Hunt showed that the Banking Act had been amended in 1906, so that restrictions could be placed on a bearer check, and judgment was given against the banks.

COUNTRESS GETS SIX MONTHS FOR PRESENTING HUSBAND BOGUS HEIR. Berlin, Dec. 16—A strange story of how a countess secured a false heir for her husband, has just been told in one of the Berlin courts.

Count von Zinsiedel, who is a wealthy land proprietor, has long been awaiting an heir, and when the countess, who had come to stay in Berlin for a while, was disappointed in her hope to secure a newly-born child.

Her nurse, whom she bribed with 4,000 marks, was willing to part with her baby, a boy only a few days old, and the boy was brought to the countess.

The glad news of the arrival of a son and heir was immediately telegraphed to the count, and he arrived post-haste.

Happily for the countess, the registration formalities were delayed owing to the need for a copy of the marriage certificate, which could not be obtained immediately. Had the child been registered she would have incurred a much more serious penalty.

But before registration could take place the authorities became aware that the new-born child of the working woman was missing.

Her case in court was that she acted in fear of her husband. Six months' imprisonment was the sentence.

REGULATIONS FOR MILK SUPPLY IN HALIFAX. (Halifax Echo.)

At this week's meeting of the City Board of Health the new milk regulations amended as below were approved and are to come in force on May 1 next.

All milk kept or offered for sale in the city shall be delivered to the consumer in tightly capped sterile bottles. No milk from outside to be sold here except that which comes from producers in sealed containers, the two seals bearing the initials of the shipper. No milk to be brought to the city or held offering or sold here, the temperature of which is higher than 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

Any milk brought to the city or offered for sale here found adulterated may be seized and destroyed by the inspector. All milk containers received by the dealers must be returned to the producer to be cleaned by sterilization and sealed with two seals.

Adequate facilities for sterilization of all bottles, utensils and containers used in the handling and storage of milk to be provided at the dairy premises or other places approved by the inspector.

All bottles, containers, receptacles, strainers and other utensils used in the handling of milk shall be sterilized with boiling water or steam and so stored as to be kept free from contamination.

The bacteria count to be not more than 200,000 in summer and 1,000,000 in winter, delivered at the doors of the consumers.

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MUFFLERS In Fine Silk \$3.50, \$4.50 In Soft Wool \$2.00, \$4.00, \$4.50

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GRAVATS Knitted and Spun Silk in several combination colors, harmonious and unusual \$4.00, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$4.75, \$3.00

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Advertisement for Emerson & Fisher Ltd featuring Brass Goods and Silverware with detailed product lists and store address.

Advertisement for Sample Coats on sale Saturday, featuring prices and quality details for various coat models.

Advertisement for Gifts for Men, including Magee hats, overcoats, mufflers, gloves, and gravats with prices.

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