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Southern Irish Leaders Will Hold Conference.

Lloyd George Talks Plainly at Genoa—Two Stormy Days of Discussion—Prince of Wales Nearing Japan—U.S. May Tax Fish Imports Heavily.

TRYING TO REACH UNITY.

BELFAST, April 11.—Lord Mayor O'Neill of Dublin has issued invitations to prominent leaders of the opposing parties in Southern Ireland to meet for a discussion of the entire political situation with a view to reaching unity. The proposed conference is to be held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on April 13th. The invited guests are Michael Collins, De Valera, Charles Burgess and Arthur Griffith.

ARE EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.

GENOA, April 10.—After two stormy days it begins to look as if Lloyd George and Premier Clemenceau are equal to the squalls stirred by the Russo-French exchanges of views. The conference may be able to steer the Conference into a peaceful haven. Most of the powers show a disposition to reason with each other.

PLAIN TALK BY L. G.

GENOA, April 10.—The keynote of the Conference was sounded by Mr. Lloyd George when he stated the "only conditions on which he can consent to deal with others," are, supposedly, referring specifically to the Russians. "The first is," he said, "When a country enters into contractual obligations with another country or its nationals for value received, that contract cannot be repudiated, whenever a country changes its government. The second is that no country can wage war on the situations of another. The third is that one nation shall not engage in aggressive operations against the territory of another. The fourth is that the nationals of one country shall be entitled to impartial justice in the courts of another." Any nation which

rejected these intercourses," he declared, could not be expected to be received into the comity of nations.

THE GENOA CONFERENCE.

GENOA, April 11.—Consideration of the Russian question by the International Economic and Financial Conference began this morning with a meeting at 10.30 of the Russian Commission, appointed yesterday by the Conference, chairman, Premier Facta of Italy. The clash between the Russians and French at the opening session yesterday is still the subject of excited comment. Allied Diplomats believe that only the prompt intervention of Premier Lloyd George and the firm attitude of the Chairman averted a break which would have seriously affected the coming deliberations. An announcement by George Chicherin that Russia was prepared to support any proposals that would avert war or lighten the burden of armament, was accepted as a sign of the French military policy by Louis Barthou who, heatedly, declared that France would refuse to discuss disarmament at Genoa.

PRINCE NEARING JAPAN.

TOKYO, April 10.—To-day the Prince of Wales in the Renown, was nearing Yokohama, where he will disembark for an official visit to Japan.

NEW U.S. TARIFF PROPOSALS.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Carrying what are regarded as the highest duties of any tariff bill in recent years and giving the President power to enforce the rates even fifty per cent higher in case these duties are not sufficient, the Tariff Revision

Bill, as overhauled by the Senate Finance Committee, will be reported to the Senate late to-day. A leading feature is high agricultural rates. High fish duties are also carried. The Senate Bill is based, not on American valuation as the House Bill but on the foreign wholesale selling price. How long it will take to pass is uncertain and opinion is divided whether it can be enacted before the congressional elections. The declaration by Chairman Fordney of the Ways and Means Committee that he will fight for American valuation until the snow flies looks like prolonged delay, but it is a close question whether in the showdown Hughes would uphold Fordney. While wood pulp was free in the Fordney Tariff, the new bill levies five per cent. Newspaper is free as is also mechanical wood pulp or "ground wood." Fish levies under the new bill would be fresh, frozen or packed in ice, halibut, salmon, and sword two cents per pound. Other fish one cent per pound. Salmon, pickled, salted, smoked or otherwise prepared, twenty-five cents. All other fish skinned or boned two and a half cents per pound. Herring and mackerel, pickled or salted, one cent per pound. Fish packed in oil and other substances thirty per cent. Other levies include pig iron \$1.25 ton, ferro manganese \$2.50 ton, copper two and a half cents per pound, marble, breccia and onyx, sixty-five cents cubic foot to one dollar. Granite, sandstone, limestone and other building stone, hewn dressed or polished, fifty per cent. ad valorem. Logs of fir, spruce, cedar or western hemlock one dollar per thousand feet, board measure. Sawed boards, planks and cabinet woods fifteen per cent. Printing paper not specifically provided for, quarter cent a pound and ten per cent. ad valorem. Paper board, wall board and pulpboard ten per cent. ad valorem.

CANADA'S DEFICIT.

OTTAWA, April 10.—The total deficit, including fixed charges on railways last year was \$56,673,934, as against \$67,505,059 for the previous year. This included the Grand Trunk deficit of \$15,672,200, compared with \$6,527,243.

A LABOR PROTEST.

BELFAST, April 10.—The National Executive of the Committee of the Irish Labor Party today issued a strong protest against the re-introduction of military methods in Ireland and demanded that armed forces be under control of civilian authority.

PEACE IN ONE DISTRICT AT LEAST.

LONDON, April 10.—Leaders of both sections of the Irish Republican army at Athlone have reached an agreement which assures peace in that District, according to a Central News despatch.

INDIFFERENCE.

The groundhog doesn't seem to care how often his predictions fail; he rests in comfort in his hole, and lets the high go with the tail. On Groundhog Day the people cry, "The critter's shadow doesn't show! We may expect an azure sky, an end to winter and its snow." And so they welcome Gentle Spring before that season is on deck, and while they gambol, dance and sing, a blizzard swats them in the neck. The groundhog, from its lonely cave, beholds the tempest rear and scoot, and listens to the wild winds rave, and doesn't seem to care a hoot. And much I envy him his sense; I cannot shoo bad dreams away; I suffer agonies intense, whenever I've pulled a bonehead play. I'm tortured through the weary night by recollections of a time when I departed from the right and sprung a carnival of crime. I trade horses now and then when in the glowing flush of youth, and roundly soaked a lot of men who trusted that I told the truth. I've done a lot of graceless things, and not one sin can I forget; and in my consciousness there rings a voice that says, "You'll pay up yet!" For me there is no soothing balm, no comfort for my jaded soul; so I admire the groundhog's calm, as he sits gazing from his hole.



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MARSHMELLOWS.

Schooner Mahaska Cup Contender.

LUNenburg, N. S.—Although the builders do not predict a "burst of speed" for her, the schooner Mahaska, which will be launched from the yards of Smith and Rhuland here, is expected to be a contender with the International champion Bluenose in the next fall Nova Scotia races. Smaller than the Bluenose and con-

sequently with less sail area, the new craft is acknowledged to have graceful lines. Some describe her as having a bow like the present champion and a stern not unlike that of the Boston Mayflower. The Mahaska measures 133 feet overall with a waterline of 108 feet and a 25.8 foot beam. Her sail spread is estimated at 2,235 yards with a mainmast of 90 feet, foremast 78 ft., mainmast 48 feet, and foretopmast 43 feet.

The Mahaska occupies the same stocks as the Bluenose did when being built. She will be sailed to the Banks by Captain "Paddy" Mack, who enjoyed a reputation as a fisherman in the Lunenburg fleet before he took to freighting a few years ago.

Mahaska is an Indian name and there is an old legend which declares that the letter 'A' occurring three times is a lucky omen. Belief in the omen is evidenced by the names of several vessels, Delawana, for instance.

The Root Facts.

Of all the quaint comments on the political situation we have seen none quainter than that of a writer in the newspaper specially known as the organ of the Conservative "Die-hards," who protests against "the attempted interference of Mr. Lloyd George in the affairs of the Conservative Party."

What are the facts? A certain section of the Conservative Party declares continuously against Mr. Lloyd George's leadership and against its own leaders for acquiescing in "his leadership." It opposes, it criticizes, it agitates, it cabals; finally it uses as its mouthpiece the official head of the party organization. The Prime Minister for a time ignores these facts in public, whatever action he may take in private. He conceives, quite justly, that, whatever changes there may be, of ultimate adjustment of these troubles, it may be lessened by public discussion. But this delicacy merely encourages the mal-contented, and at last they reach a point, both in their hostility to the Prime Minister and in their criticism of their own leaders, when the Prime Minister feels bound to intervene decisively.

Mr. Lloyd George let it be known, with emphasis but without animus, that if he is to go on he must be assured of the loyalty of his following and of the cessation of intrigues against his authority as Leader of the Coalition. He can convey this intimation only to the leaders of the Conservative Party, leaving them to take what steps they may think proper. This course he has taken, and that is the extent of "his attempted interference" in the affairs of the party. It is a perfectly proper course, and, indeed, the only one consistent with due regard for the efficiency of government and the personal dignity of the Prime Minister.

If there were vital disagreement between Mr. Lloyd George and the Conservative leaders, his course would be clear. As the leader of a minority it would be his duty to resign office in favor of Mr. Chamberlain, whose followers form a majority of the House of Commons. But Mr. Chamberlain, like the other Conservative leaders, says to-day he has no disagreement whatever with Mr. Lloyd George in regard to policy. Mr. Chamberlain is all for carrying on and all for according to the Prime Minister full support.

But can Mr. Chamberlain guarantee this support? Can he "deliver the goods"? In other words, can the leader lead? That, we take it, is exactly what the Prime Minister wants to have settled. He knows well enough that the professions of the Conservative leaders are sincere, and that they have never been wanting in loyalty to the Coalition idea and to himself. But he cannot be blamed for desiring assurance as to the exact extent to which their authority over their following operates.

For, after all, the Prime Minister is responsible for the government of the country, and that responsibility he can neither divide nor evade. If he makes an error, it will not suffice him to explain to the nation that he could not help it, in view of the difficulties raised by Sir George Younger, or that he would have done better if Mr. Chamberlain had not been embarrassed by the fear of the Carlton Club. The Prime Minister, has to take the blame for anything that goes wrong. He is surely within his rights in declining such responsibility without the corresponding power—a power which is obviously not conveyed by mere professions of

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Film Crime Riddle.

DEAD MAN'S FRIEND SHOT.

"Honest John" Brunen, a circus owner and a friend of Mr. Desmond Taylor, the film director who was murdered in mysterious circumstances at Los Angeles some weeks ago, was also murdered mysteriously in his own home at Riverside, New Jersey, recently.

Like Taylor, Brunen was found in his dining-room, dead. An unknown man, using a shot-gun, fired through the window at the circus owner as he was reading a newspaper, shattering the back of his head, and killing him instantly.

Mrs. Brunen, who was upstairs when she heard the sound of the gun, came downstairs, to discover her husband, whom she had left a few minutes earlier, murdered.

Footprints of the assassin were traced across the flower beds and the garden to a road where apparently a motor car was waiting for him.

£1,000. They told Mrs. Brunen, that the next time they would get her husband.

Since then the murdered man had received repeatedly through the post mysterious messages, which came from many cities, but which were always couched in the same words. "We haven't got what we want yet."—Daily Mail.

Entire Body Covered.

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For an attractive dessert place a small brick of ice cream between two slices of cake. Serve with chocolate fudge sauce.

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