

"JOHN BULL" ON PRESENT STAND UNITED STATES

Horatio Bottomley Warns London Against Her as "Future Foe" of England.

USES SIMS-DANIEL CONTROVERSY AS TEXT

Public Feeling in Britain Has Been Aroused by Statements Attributed to Daniels.

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London, May 25.—No one in London today could escape the billboard placards, "Trouble Brewing With America" and "Our Next Enemy." Horatio Bottomley's sensational attack on John Bull, capitalized the Sims-Daniels controversy, the Irish republican loan campaign in the United States, President Wilson's inability to receive Sir Auckland Geddes and Mr. Bottomley's latest attack upon America was advertised far and wide on the billboards and buses of the metropolis.

Not content with having assailed the United States when Ambassador Davis was a spectator in the Commons, Mr. Bottomley, in this week's issue of his magazine, calls the Sims-Daniels controversy an insult to the British army and navy and ends by asking whether the United States intends to extend its hand or fist to Great Britain.

Americans Called Insolent. Bottomley writes that instead of finding the slightest evidence of friendship from the United States, he sees only "braggart insolence swaggering unheeded through waves of mendacity, all signal proof of the truth of my steady assertion that at the bottom of American idealism is simply another insolence. I consider the attitude not one of prudent patriotism, but of weak-kneed poltroonery."

Although Mr. Bottomley, both in Parliament and in his magazine, desires nothing more than publicity in the United States in order that further difficulties and disputes may furnish fuel for his attacks, I am calling this reference to his editorial because the persistent anti-American campaign, which he is pushing in this country, is endangering a spirit of late and suspicion among the people of this country very much indeed. It is likely to produce international developments, but I believe a bridge over the difficulty can and will be found.

It is obvious to all observers that, despite protestations of friendship between the United States and Great Britain, the Sims-Daniels controversy in carrying world oil supplies and trade rivalry, together with Irish agitation, all in the midst of the American presidential campaign, have not tended to make for peace. But one cannot reside in Ireland and England long without noticing that there are two distinct Britons.

Two Classes in England. Most persons recognize the fact that trade rivalry, oil supplies and Irish politics are disturbing elements in relations between the two countries, but one class of Britons believes that despite these differences in policies and opinion, an understanding is possible without a conflict between the two nations.

A second class, led by Bottomley, not only believes, but intends to see to it that those differences lead to an armed controversy. The respective strength of those classes in the parties may justly be judged by the fact that in Parliament Bottomley's party consists of two members, Bottomley and Charles Palmer, while the Liberals, Labor and the coalition support the government in its policy of coming to an understanding with the United States.

Irritated By Daniels. There is no doubt that most Britons were irritated by Secretary Daniels's disclosure of President Wilson's secret address to the American navy early in America's participation in the war and by the repeated reports of millions of wealthy Americans coming to Europe to spend their money and enjoy themselves at a time when the people of Europe are finding it almost impossible to make ends meet, but when it comes to a question of trade, Great Britain is equally divided. Extensive publication in the British press of the State Department's memorandum on the British oil policy has brought sharply to the attention of many Britons who oppose this policy what it is doing to bring about ill feeling.

Still, as regards Britain's oil policy, even American official observers admit that those advantages which Great Britain has today in the industrial oil chess game have been the result of governmental and private foresight, but even the Lloyd George policy has opposition here, especially that phase of it which was embodied in the anti-oil bill, which Parliament recently defeated. By the terms of this bill, it had been approved by Parliament. Britain would have attempted to gain world control of what was termed key industries such as optical glass, dyes, etc.

Oil as Basis of Commerce. American officials here and on the continent at the direct request of Washington have been making a thorough study of Britain's trade policies, and they have reported that as regards oil that nation which controls oil in the future will be more

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UNITARIANS RAISE VOICE OF PROTEST

Petition Congress to Keep Hands off the Irish Question.

Boston, Mass., May 25.—The American Unitarian Association adopted resolutions at its annual meeting here today urging Congress to refrain from taking any action on the Irish question which might endanger the friendship of the United States and Great Britain. It also urged President Wilson to pardon men who are now serving sentences under wartime legislation for expression of religious convictions.

CANADA HOLDS ALL THE TRUMP CARDS

Has the Dominating Position so Far as Pulp Wood Concerned—English Authority Advises Investment of British Capital in Pulp Mills Here.

Cross-Atlantic News Service. (Copyright.) London, May 25.—(Special.)—Ralph Hall Caine, son of the novelist and former British paper controller, arrived here today after a three-month visit to Canada and the United States investigating the wood pulp situation.

So far as England is concerned, he dispelled all hope of relieving the white paper shortage. "I do not see the slightest chance of Europe getting any pulpwood from Canada for at least three years," Mr. Caine told the Cross-Atlantic news service. "I am tremendously optimistic about Canada as a wood pulp producing country, yet there is a difficult situation developing between her and the United States regarding the disposition of the product. The provinces of Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick refuse to allow the export of pulpwood to the United States or anywhere else, holding that if any one wants it, they can get it from the States. The States may adopt retaliatory measures."

I found the officials in the three provincial governments adamant in their refusal to allow pulpwood to be exported and the Ottawa government seems unable to interfere. Unless some action is taken by the States, it is likely to produce international developments, but I believe a bridge over the difficulty can and will be found. "What is wanted is British capital to develop the pulp industry in Canada, otherwise his interests in the United States which the paper industry, the worst way are certain to jump in and do so. One thing is certain, talk of retaliatory measures will not help matters, and I strongly advised my friends in the United States that the last thing they ought to do was to introduce the 'big stick.'"

LOST SINCE SUNDAY, FOUND TUESDAY

Mystery Surrounding Disappearance of Kingston Lady Cleared up Tuesday.

Hampton, May 25.—Miss Agnes Dunn, who mysteriously disappeared from her home in Kingston Parish, Kings Co., last Sunday and for whom the whole community had been searching, was found alive in bed at her brother's home this morning. A forest fire was raging back of her brother's place Sunday, and she was seen to rush in the direction of the fire. That was the last seen of her until today, and many thought she had perished in the flames. She has given no explanation of her whereabouts since Sunday, and while there is every indication that she had lost her bearings in the woods, she apparently is none the worse from the two day exposure.

CHARGED WITH HUSBAND MURDER

Northampton (Mass) Woman Alleged to Have Got Rid of Five Husbands by Arsenic Route.

Northampton, Mass., May 25.—The prosecution in the trial of Mrs. Anna Tomaskiewicz, of South Hadley, who is charged with the murder of her fifth husband, Andrew, by poisoning, ended with the close of this afternoon's sitting, it was announced. The entire day was taken up with expert testimony of Dr. William Boos and Dr. George B. Magrath of Boston, both of whom declared that, in their opinion, three of the five husbands of the defendant had died of arsenical poisoning, and that their examinations of the vital organs of the three men did not show disease of any form.

GEDDES REPLIES TO CRITICS OF BRITISH POLICY

Gives Sweeping Denial to Charge That Britain Was Seeking to Monopolize Oil Supply.

BRITAIN WORKING FOR MAN'S GOOD

Intimates There Are Many in United States Doing Their Utmost to Stir up Hatred.

New York, May 25.—Sweeping denial that Great Britain was seeking to monopolize the world's fuel oil supply was made here tonight by Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador, speaking at the Pilgrim's Dinner. Statements that Great Britain had such intentions, he added, were as completely without basis in fact as charges that Britain today was moved by military impulses. "I say without fear of informed criticism," Sir Auckland declared, "that British foreign policy is directed against no man, but is inspired by the desire to seek peace, to bring order out of chaos, to extend the boundaries of freedom, to improve the lot of the oppressed and to increase the material prosperity of the world. That is our programme; those are the principles by which I, as British representative in this land, am guided from day today."

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Ambassador touched, also, upon reports that the British Government was trying to pool the war debts of Europe and to "drag you" (the United States) into it. "I am tremendously optimistic about Canada as a wood pulp producing country, yet there is a difficult situation developing between her and the United States regarding the disposition of the product. The provinces of Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick refuse to allow the export of pulpwood to the United States or anywhere else, holding that if any one wants it, they can get it from the States. The States may adopt retaliatory measures."

THE OIL QUESTION

The Ambassador, after referring to reports "in some newspaper or magazine that Britain has acquired an oil monopoly and proposes to hold the world's oil output was from American soil, said 70 per cent of the world's oil output was from American soil, and that the British, American capital controlled three-fourths of the Mexican yield. In addition, he declared, Americans were seeking to control the oil fields of other countries, but regardless of these relations, he concluded, "you have 82 per cent of the present world supply of oil under your control."

DISCREDITS CREEVER

Nor was he less harsh in his strictures upon the Agrarians. Turning to Mr. Creever's taxation proposals as substitutes for the tariff, namely, income and land taxes, Mr. Meighen scored heavily when he showed that the commission included representatives of the Grain Growers and, therefore, Creever found himself repudiated in his own province and by his own friends. Mr. Meighen concluded with a finely eloquent appeal for consistency in political policy, and as he took his seat he was given a well deserved ovation by the House.

MEIGHEN STIRS PARLIAMENT BY HIS ELOQUENCE

Displays a Range of Knowledge and Historical Sweep Which Upset All Opposition Pleas.

INCONSISTENCIES OF LIBERALS PICTURED

Discredits Creever by Reviewing Report of Manitoba Commission on Land Tax Assessment. Ottawa, May 25.—"He speaks like a lawyer from a brief," Mr. Chamberlain complained of Mr. Aquith in the old tariff reform days, whereupon a famous Liberal retorted, "Yes, but what a brief," and that is what was said of the speech which Mr. Meighen delivered in the Commons today. It was the brief of a lawyer, but a very remarkable one, the case for the ministry's proposals in a form so exhaustive, so lucid and so comprehensive that it will serve as a veritable handbook for political writers and speakers for a long time to come. Always a keen student, a tireless investigator, and blessed with a mind singularly logical and acute, Meighen today displayed a range of knowledge and an historical sweep which placed his utterance upon a high plane as a parliamentary effort, and, although there were times when he seemed to tax his auditors with a surplus of length, it was a notable effort. They agreed in pronouncing unfavorably upon General Dyer's handling of the Jallian Walla Bagh meeting, and upon certain of the orders passed in the course of the administration of martial law. They further agreed in exonerating the Government of India from all blame.

COMMISSION ON INDIA MAKES REPORT PUBLIC

Investigated the Causes of Unrest in India With the Attending Disorders.

MAJORITY AND MINORITY REPORTS

English and Indian Members Could Not Agree on All Phases of Questions Discussed.

London, May 25.—The findings of the commission appointed by the British Government to investigate the cause of the unrest in India with the attending disorders, was made public today. The incidents investigated in the Amritsar affair, in April, 1919, in which a slaughter occurred when a crowd of natives in the Jallian Walla Bagh enclosure, at Amritsar, were fired upon, were commended by General Dyer, then in command in India.

FEW POINTERS GIVEN ON TAX PROPOSALS

Commissioners on Taxation Interpret Some of the Proposals Bothering the Public.

Ottawa, May 25.—(By Canadian Press)—That typewriter ribbons were subject to the new tax proposals of the Budget, Mr. Breadner promised to consider exceptions which would remove such articles from this anomalous position of luxuries, which they might be technically interpreted to be. The one per cent sales tax to be charged by the wholesalers was much discussed. Some of the rulings on this head were:— 1. Tax was applicable on each discount. 2. Tax does not apply on articles sold for export. 3. Specified luxuries sold by wholesale houses to contractors, subject to 1 per cent sales tax as well as luxuries tax. 4. Goods delivered on May 19, or after, subject to tax, irrespective of the date when the goods were purchased. Some technicalities on which Mr. Breadner promised consideration were:— 1. That a contractor who builds a house, or a merchant tailor who makes a suit are technically manufacturers. 2. That small cash sales in whole sale houses may be reported in some other way than by copies of invoices, which might be difficult to produce. As regards the taxing of luxuries on the sale direct to the consumer, many questions asked brought the ruling that goods may be reduced in price to exempt them from the tax. "One of the objects is to reduce the cost of living," said Mr. Breadner. Another ruling was that the vendor was responsible for the payment of the tax to the Government.

U. S. GOVT AFTER SUGAR PROFITERS

Begins Action in Federal Courts, Charging Profiteering and Hoarding.

Boston, Mass., May 25.—The Federal Government today began its action against sugar refiners alleging profiteering and hoarding. The Revenue Sugar Refinery and Harry E. Worcester, the Vice President, were charged with exacting excessive prices and with holding sugar from the market, and the American Sugar Refining Company and W. K. Green, its General Manager, were charged with selling sugar at excessive prices. The complaints asserted that the companies had made millions of dollars by hoarding and regulating the price.

PERJURY CHARGE AGAINST NEW YORK POLICE INSPECTOR

New York, May 25.—Police Inspector Dominick Henry, of the Tenderloin, recently acquitted in the court of General Sessions of alleged neglect of duty in connection with New York's ward, today was indicted by the extraordinary jury on a charge of perjury. He was released in \$6,000 bail on his arraignment.

GROWING TENDENCY TOWARDS THRIFT

Chicago, May 25.—A growing tendency toward thrift, a general revision downward of prices of all commodities, except food, and improvement in the labor situation are three encouraging factors noted in the report of the Seventh Federal Reserve District, issued today.

TO REVIVE BRITISH EMPIRE DELEGATION

London, May 25.—In view of the approaching conference at Spa, it had been decided to revive the British Empire delegation. The four Dominions, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, have been asked to nominate a representative who will discuss with the Imperial Cabinet the various questions arising out of the war.

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