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The Proposed St. Lawrence Canal

The engineers appointed by Canada and the United States to jointly investigate the feasibility of the proposed St. Lawrence canal, and to estimate the cost, have reported to their respective governments. The project is regarded as practicable, and the cost is placed at \$253,000,000 in round figures.

The Times' Attack

With the London Times' opinion that Lord Curzon would not be a suitable representative of Great Britain in disarmament negotiations, especially where the United States is involved, there perhaps will be little contention. As to the necessity for the ugly exploitation of the opinion far in advance of the selection of the delegates to President Harding's conference, however, there can, and no doubt will be a question raised. The chances are that the British Government would not think of appointing Curzon to the conference, being as fully seized of his temperament as lack of fitness as the Times.

Hong Kong News

Hong Kong is one of two main entrepôts of a vast territory populated by over four hundred million people who are just awakening to the country's possibilities of industrial and commercial development. Who, then, can measure the future greatness of our port? If we have regard to passenger traffic alone, what great possibilities the future holds! The Chinese people have scarcely begun to travel yet. But twenty years ago the number of Japanese who travelled to Europe and America did not seriously count with the Shipping Companies. Now they represent a percentage of the travelling public which is by no means negligible. It is only twenty-five years ago that we saw the

Vessels go westward practically empty. Our canals could quite easily handle five times the traffic which has been offered in any year since 1900, yet one of the fundamental objections to artificial waterways is the fixed limit of their capacity. Moreover, the greater the traffic the greater the liability to interruption. Scarcely a year passes that one or more of the links between Lake Erie and Montreal is not broken for two days to two weeks.

The effort to increase transportation facilities in Canada has, on the whole, brought such trouble to the country—as witness our railway problem at the present time—that the people at large might be excused for demanding very thorough consideration of the proposed St. Lawrence canal on its full merits before any additions are made to our national responsibilities. It is not enough to be told that the scheme is practicable, and that the cost will probably be so many millions. The supreme question is whether or not the canal is needed. If it were built as an international undertaking, would it be likely to command any considerable traffic? If it got a large volume of business, would it to that extent be cutting it on the railways? The matter has so many aspects which call for careful consideration that simple prudence suggests a pause before the next step is taken. A canal that would not serve any good and constructive purpose would be dear at any cost.

City of London Gives Freedom to Mr. Meighen

London, July 15.—With all the pomp and circumstance with which tradition surrounds the ceremony, the freedom of London was presented to Premier Arthur Meighen today. At 12 o'clock in the historic Guild-Hall, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, resplendent in quaint, almost medieval uniforms, received the guests, after which a special meeting of the Corporation was constituted. The Chamberlain, Sir Adrian Pollock, delivered an address and pronounced the Canadian Premier a Freeman. Premier Meighen spoke briefly but suitably in reply, after which a large company, including members of the Imperial Conference and leaders of all parties in British politics, attended luncheon at the Mansion House in his honor.

Francis Accepts

Paris, July 12.—The French Government will accept with pleasure and without reserve the invitation to a conference on the limitation of armaments. This is stated in a letter sent to the United States Embassy here by the Government this morning for President Harding. Premier Briand later announced publicly in the Chamber of Deputies that the Government would eagerly accept such an invitation. The Premier expressed thanks to President Harding for "his noble initiative," while the Chamber broke into cheers. Sheldon, Whitehouse, counsellor of the United States Embassy, said yesterday afternoon that the reply of the French Government had been cabled to Washington during the morning. There was as yet no indication, he added, when the formal invitation would be presented to France.

Coming Events

London, July 12.—The international and imperial situation, as a result of developments over the week-end may be summed up as follows: The British Empire has welcomed and accepted President Harding's invitation for a conference of the great world powers at Washington on Pacific problems and disarmament. The Anglo-Japanese treaty still exists, but both Japan and Great Britain have agreed that it shall be brought into line with the covenant of the League of Nations, which means the elimination of the military clause to which Premier Meighen and Smuts most strongly objected. Ramon de Valera is on his way to London to meet Prime Minister Lloyd George, which means the prospect of a settlement in Ireland. The British Empire congress of Premiers, satisfied that its influence and deliberations have made possible a great step in world policy is proceeding to shorten its consideration of minor subjects.

first Japanese steamer inaugurating a service to Europe that has grown to such large proportions. Japan, in that short period has developed a magnificent mercantile fleet which is now operating in all the oceans of the world. China is still in its very infancy in this respect, but we cannot doubt that the time will come when the growing ambition for national prestige among the Chinese people will find expression in the same direction.

Dominions Score

London, July 11.—President Harding's invitation for a conference by the principal Allied and Associated Powers on disarmament and Pacific problems was accepted here as a decisive triumph for the conference of Prime ministers. Put forward by the Dominion in a communication to the British Government as early as last February, and advocated in the Empire Congress by Premier Meighen, the result ought to be particularly gratifying to Canada, indeed, and it is universally admitted here that without the great impetus which the idea received from the Dominion Premiers, President Harding would not have been in a position to risk such a declaration as he has made. The offer, of course, will be accepted at once, but it is not expected that the proposed conference, probably the most momentous of its kind that the world has seen—not excepting the historic assembly at Versailles—can be brought together until some time in September or October. The proposal, as understood here, is that there should be two conferences, the first to deal with disarmament and including all of the important world Powers, and the second conference to take up Pacific problems and to be confined to the nations with special interest in the Pacific.

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