

Economic Conference Breaks Up Today Without Having Accomplished Its Purpose

The Reconstruction of Russia, Where It is Assessed 30,000,000 Will Perish This Year for Want of Food, the Ultimate Object of the Meeting, Has Failed of Achievement—Lloyd George Places His Hope in Hague Conference, At Which He Expects American Assistance.

Genoa, May 18.—Premier Lloyd George again conferred this evening with United States Ambassador Child concerning the United States' attitude on the Hague Conference, and again hope is expressed among all the delegations that the United States will finally decide to participate.

After formally adopting the plan of the Hague meeting and solemnly affirming the continuance of the truce throughout the Hague discussions, and for some months thereafter, the Economic Conference did no other business today. The delegations are packing and preparing to leave soon after plenary session which will be devoted chiefly to speech making.

Interest centres especially in the addresses of the British Prime Minister and M. Tchitcherin, head of the Russian delegation. Mr. Lloyd George announces that he will not make a set address, but will speak after most of the other delegations have been heard and will endeavor to make his remarks a reply to them.

The British delegation will leave for London on a special train tomorrow afternoon. The Russian delegation will not leave before Monday. There are many rumors that the Soviets may conclude other agreements before they proceed to Berlin. Several members of the Bolshevik delegation intend to remain until it is time to go to the Hague, and important developments are expected in Russian relations within the next few weeks.

Separate Treaty a Shock.

A review of the conference shows that it never was quite able to recover from the shock of the separate treaty Germany and Russia concluded on Easter Sunday. A collective agreement with Russia was one of the great aims of the Genoa deliberations, and the sudden announcement that Germany had negotiated an agreement along with Russia engendered suspicions among the Powers which have never been removed.

France voiced her suspicion that the Russo-German accord might contain secret military clauses, and her fear that the conference, instead of bringing harmony to disorganized Europe, might serve as a ground for new groupings of the Powers calculated to diminish the peace of Europe.

U. S. Absence Feelt.

The absence of the United States from Genoa increased the difficulties in obtaining immediate results and the United States refusal of the invitation to participate in the Hague conference has been a disappointment. Nevertheless, the Genoa conference has served the great purpose of getting thirty-two countries of Europe better acquainted with one another's problems, and has given birth to a spirit of conciliation, tolerance and understanding.

It has been responsible for the Hague experts meeting to take up concrete Russian matters, credits, debts and property, and finally has created a military truce for Europe and Asia. It has, therefore, in the opinion of the great majority here, justified its existence, and if people and governments, as Mr. Lloyd George put it, can only learn to mind their own business then it is the belief of the delegates here that there is hope for the gradual reconstruction of Europe, including Russia, and for that period of absolute tranquillity which Europe so desperately needs.

Conference Failed.

The ultimate aim of the conference, namely, the reconstruction of Russia, where it is assessed thirty millions of people will perish this year for want of food and necessary communications to distribute food, has failed of achievement, though something may be done at the Hague. It has failed mainly because of the diametrically divergent views of the Russian Bolsheviks and Western capitalism. The task of reconciliation has proved vaster than the European statesmen imagined.

Although the Bolshevik reply to the proposals of the powers was conciliatory in the sense that it suggested a mixed commission to study the prob-

ALLENS HAVE MADE AN ASSIGNMENT

Follows Judgment Delivered Against Them in Favor of N. Y. Firm for \$450,000.

Toronto, May 18.—Mr. Jule Allen, when interviewed today on the assignment of the assignment of Jule and J. I. Allen, stated that the assignment was a purely personal one. It followed on a judgment delivered in the high court of Ontario last week against the defendants in favor of a New York firm for \$450,000 payment, therefore, became inevitable.

Questioned as to the effect of the assignment on the Allen Theatres, Limited, or on the projected incorporation of the Allen theatres by the Famous Players Canadian Corporation, Mr. Allen explained that there was no connection between the two entities whatever. The merger negotiations were proceeding, but had not materialized in anything definite yet, nor was he able to hear anything as to their possible outcome.

Unofficially, it is learned that the merger will very probably go through. For some time both the Famous Players' interests and the Allen theatres have been understood to be following over the terms under which the Allen would surrender their assets.

TITLED LADIES ARE DIVORCED

London, May 18.—In the divorce case today two ladies of title were freed from their marital ties. Lady de la Warr, who was granted a decree of divorce last July, was granted a divorce from Sir Horace Speer, who was granted a decree of divorce and maintenance from Lady de la Warr. The divorce was granted by the High Court in London. The divorce was granted by the High Court in London.

Negotiations Over Irish Peace Collapsed

London, May 18.—A dispatch to the Press Association from Dublin says it is reported that the peace negotiations between Michael Collins and Eamon De Valera have collapsed, but that nothing substantive on the situation is available.

ON-TO OTTAWA HIKE HAS COMMENCED

Unemployed "Vets" Start Out from Hamilton—Expect 3000 Hikers in Line.

Hamilton, Ont., May 18.—The "On-to-Ottawa" hike has started. Twenty-five marchers and six "amputations," riding in an auto truck, left on their 250 mile march to Ottawa at eleven o'clock this morning. J. R. Burgeon headed the parade. He explained that he was general only in name. Asked where his "army" intended to sleep tonight, "General" Burgeon replied: "Where did we sleep in France?"

Questioned as to how they expected to feed themselves, one of the "generals" said: "We will have to worry along the best way we can until we reach Toronto. The Toronto fellows have promised to look after the food part from there on."

"General" Burgeon declared they expected to meet at least 3,000 other marchers in Toronto. He said they would also pick up several other hikers before they got out of the city and have still more to join them before they reach Toronto.

The marchers looked very grim and determined, but not at all cheerful. There was no cheering, smiling or laughter. They took the matter very seriously.

LADY ASTOR VISITS DOM. PARLIAMENT

Many in Attendance at Reception Given in Honor of Lord and Lady Astor.

Ottawa, May 18.—Members of the Commons and the Senate with their wives, besides hundreds of other prominent Ottawa people, were in attendance at a reception given by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux and Madame Lemieux, in honor of Lord and Lady Astor, who spent two or three hours at the Parliament buildings during the afternoon. On her arrival at the buildings, Lady Astor was escorted to the speaker's gallery by the Prime Minister, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, and spent a short time listening to the debate on national railway estimates which was under way at the time. Later she was conducted to the speaker's chambers, where Hon. Rodolphe and Madame Lemieux and Lord and Lady Astor shook hands and chatted with each of the guests as they were ushered in.

PEMBROOK FISH HOUSES DESTROYED

Evident Attempt Made to Burn Boats and Other Property.

Yarmouth, N. S., May 18.—Fire, of incendiary origin, destroyed tonight the fish houses at Pembroke belonging to Leslie Bain and George and Frank Quibling. Several valuable motor boats in the lee of the fish houses had been saturated with oil, but the fire was discovered in time to save them. Another nearby boat house had been broken into and glass and other articles were scattered about. It was believed that the fire was set by incendiaries.

NOT A CANADIAN; BORN IN TORONTO

Prisoner on Theft Charge Started His Lordship on the Bench.

Montreal, May 18.—"Who was a Canadian by birth?" Chief Judge Decarie asked Thomas Gorman, charged with theft, this afternoon. "No, your Lordship," was the reply. "I was born in Toronto."

"Of Irish descent, I presume?" continued the judge.

"Yes, your Lordship."

Gorman, who had been caught red-handed by the Mayor of St. Lambert and who is over sixty years of age, was fined on suspended sentence.

HON. DR. BAXTER CONTRIBUTES TO RAILWAY DEBATE

Urges Policy of Harmonious Co-Operation Between C. P. R. and C. N. R. in Services.

GIVE SERVICE THE COUNTRY CAN AFFORD

Cut Out Fault Finding, He Said, and Try to Do Something Constructive.

Ottawa, May 18.—(Canadian Press) Progress was made in the debate on the railway estimates in the Commons tonight when, after two days of almost continuous discussion, the votes of the House were taken on the Grand Trunk Pacific and \$35,000,000 for the Grand Trunk Pacific were approved. The debate was accompanied by a public meeting on the railway problem which was held in the Commons Chamber. The speaker, Hon. Dr. Baxter, urged a policy of harmonious co-operation between the C. P. R. and the C. N. R. in services. He said that the country could afford to give service and that it was necessary to cut out fault finding and try to do something constructive.

Dr. Baxter's Idea.

The main contribution to the debate this evening was made by Hon. Dr. Baxter, Conservative member for St. John Albert. Dr. Baxter informed the House that he did not believe in the idea of a national railway. He said that the railway should be run by the same efficiency as private ownership. The reason was that the private owner would hire and fire whom he pleased and would not be bound by the same efficiency as private ownership. Dr. Baxter urged a policy of harmonious co-operation between the C. P. R. and the C. N. R. in services. He said that the country could afford to give service and that it was necessary to cut out fault finding and try to do something constructive.

MODERN ADAM AND EVE IN THE BUSH

To Live for Six Weeks Without Clothes, Weapons or Fire.

Ashington, Mass., May 18.—A modern "Adam and Eve" Carl Sutter and his wife, who leave here on Saturday for the woods of Northern Arizona, where they will live for six weeks without clothes, weapons or fire, as primitive man and woman, are reported for a Boston newspaper will accompany the pair to a village on the edge of the forest and will meet Sutter each day to hear the story of their experiences. Sutter and his wife, who spent some time at a lonely camp near here last winter, have appeared in vaudeville in a rifle shooting act.

BRITISH AUTHORITY NO LONGER KNOWN

Last Signs of Military Power of Great Britain Disappeared from South Ireland.

Cork, May 18.—The last signs of British military power in Southern Ireland disappeared tonight, when, at seven o'clock, the Victoria Barracks were formally transferred to Captain McNeill for the Provisional Government. Later the barracks was given over to the Cork Brigade, under Sean O'Hegarty.

The resentment of the British officers at the transfer was ill-concealed. One of them smashed the windows of the officers' mess with his busby and another ordered a British soldier to cut down the flag staff. In reply to Captain McNeill's protest, this officer said: "That flag staff never flew by a rebel flag."

On the departure of the British soldiers the Republican pro-actor was hoisted at the barracks gate and the Cork Brigade marched through the city to an enthusiastic demonstration.

HEAD CUT OFF BY RAILWAY TRAIN

Boy Hiding Under Freight When Train Started, Wheel Passing Over Neck.

Sydney, N. S., May 18.—Jimmy Clark, 11, had his head cut off by a railway train at Little Bras d'Or station yesterday afternoon. The boy hid under a freight train, according to police, and was killed when a wheel passed over his neck. The train was carrying a load of coal and was moving at a high speed when it struck the boy. The boy's head was severed from his neck and was found some distance from the train.

AMERICANS NOT TO BE TRUSTED

Ottawa, May 18.—(By Canadian Press)—Further plans for an embargo on the export of raw fish from Canada were heard today before the Fisheries committee of the House of Commons. F. Millard, a British Columbia member, charged that American engineers were causing poor fish and calling them British Columbia salmon.

DISORDERS OF WILDEST DESCRIPTION ARE CONTINUING ABOUT BELFAST

Belfast, May 18.—While firing was raging outside of the People's Hall last night a baptismal service was in progress inside. The woman congregation was thrown into a panic, several women becoming hysterical. The baptisms of two babies which had been begun had to be finished in another hall which was sheltered from the rain of bullets. Another incident which came to light today was the entering of a house by a party of youths who asked for the head of the household, named Kowen. When informed that he was out the youths fired and wounded Mrs. Kowen and her son.

Another train car murder occurred this morning under circumstances similar to those surrounding the killing of the two train car passengers this morning. This afternoon's victim was a bookmaker's clerk named McCaffery. The assassin escaped.

Conditions In Flood Area Are More Favorable

Waters Reported Receding in Assiniboine at Brandon and Poplar Point.

Winnipeg, Man., May 18.—Conditions are much more favorable in the flood area along the Red and Assiniboine rivers today. The water is reported receding in the Assiniboine at Brandon and Poplar Point, Reburn and Marquette report a slight decrease yesterday with no appreciable rise during the night. The situation is viewed more hopeful in Winnipeg today and it is believed that no serious flood will occur here. The Red river is gradually rising, but so far no lead has been flooded.

A new flood area is reported today with advice from the Roblin district. In Northwestern Manitoba, stating that rivers and lakes are overflowing their banks. Homes in the Roblin district are impassable, schools are closed and many farmers find it impossible to get to town, according to Major H. R. Richardson, M. L. A. for Roblin, who today asked the Government to have the roads repaired so children will be able to attend school. A big acreage is reported flooded and a decrease of forty per cent in the wheat acreage of the northern section of the province is expected to follow.

Abandoning hope of being able to reap a crop this year, the farmers south of the Assiniboine river in the Marquette district, are stated to be deserting their farms and renting land north of the river with the hope of growing enough feed to winter their livestock.

Parliament Voting Away Public Money

Usual Mad Rush Toward Prorogation Has Hit With the Warm Weather.

Ottawa, May 18.—Despite the fact that Lady Astor completely demolished the House in the afternoon, the members crowding into the Speaker's apartments to shake her hands, Parliament today voted ninety million dollars worth of railway estimates, and at a half hour tonight was voting militia estimates at the rate of about half a million a minute. The usual mad rush toward prorogation that always accompanies the return of warm weather is upon the House, and Mr. King is reported to have said that the session will end before June 15. This, of course, is an optimistic prediction that has no chance of fulfillment, but indicates that from now on the House will travel at high speed, and prorogation will come about July 1.

The Budget, to be down on Wednesday, is awaited with keen anticipation. Mr. Meighen is keeping his secret with characteristic tactfulness and the only information that can be gleaned is that tariff reductions are coming.

The naval debate, adjourned on Tuesday, is likely to take another day at least, a number of Conservatives having signified their intention of speaking upon it. In this connection it is interesting to note that Mr. Meighen is receiving countless messages from all over the country congratulating him upon his stand and urging the strongest possible resistance to the Government's proposals.

FRANCE AND ITALY JOIN GREAT BRITAIN

In Proposal to Enquire Into Alleged Turkish Atrocities in Anatolia.

London, May 18.—Favorable replies have been received by the Government from France and Italy to Great Britain's proposal to send a committee to inquire into alleged Turkish atrocities in Anatolia.

No reply has yet been received from the United States Government, but hope was expressed today by the Government that the United States would be able to participate in the inquiry.

It is considered possible that the Allied high commissioner in Constantinople may designate certain persons to form a part of the commission which may include neutrals.

BUSINESS STEADYING IN OLD ENGLAND

Turning Point in Great Britain's Return to Prosperity Has Been Reached.

Vancouver, B. C., May 18.—Business is steadying in England in the opinion of Major B. H. Winder, of London, Far Eastern manager of the firm of Yickers, who sailed at noon today on the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia.

The engineer lock out, he says, has had the effect of temporarily upsetting the steel business, but will eventually prove to be the turning point in Great Britain's return to prosperity. Reduced wages, Major Winder declares, had to come before Britain could compete with other countries in the world's markets.

GOVT CONCERNED OVER THE WEDDING

U. S. Federal Authorities Will Investigate Marriage of Screen Actor to N. Y. Girl.

Los Angeles, May 18.—The Federal Government, through Department of Justice agents, will investigate the marriage of Rodolph Valentino, a screen actor, to Miss Minnie Hurd, of New York, at Mexico, Mexico, it is known here today.

Valentino will be questioned here by Federal officers, it was stated at the Federal building and an effort will be made to interrogate the bride as soon as she can be reached at some point between here and New York, her reported destination, on a trip which began yesterday.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS BEFORE DAIL EIREANN

Minds of Members, However, Mainly Preoccupied With Peace Discussion at Mansion House.

ALL HOPING FOR PEACE AGREEMENT

If Unity Results It Will Strengthen Attitude of Irish Toward British Ministers.

Dublin, May 18.—The Dail Eireann today gravely, but peacefully, discussed administrative matters, especially means for dealing with the serious unemployment situation. But the minds of the members were mainly pre-occupied with the proceedings at Mansion House, where, in a prolonged conference Michael Collins, head of the provisional government, Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann; Eamon De Valera and others were trying to reach a peace agreement. This conference also contained members of both sections of the army.

The session of the Dail was not a lengthy one. Owing to the continuation of the peace conference, an adjournment was taken until tomorrow afternoon in an atmosphere of hope for unity due to the fact that Collins and De Valera came very near to an agreement in Wednesday's debate, notwithstanding the ideas of other adherents to each side of the controversy was less favorable to accommodation.

Would Stiffen Irish

The belief was expressed tonight that if unity results from the conference of the leaders, it may stiffen the Irish attitude toward the British ministers in future negotiations arising from the treaty. But the chief desire for a peaceful issue lies in the hope that it will serve to check the spreading acts of disorder arising from the disturbed conditions.

The interval before adjournment was occupied by a discussion in discussion of ministerial reports. William Cosgrove, Minister of local government, submitted a supplementary estimate of \$100,000 for public works. Charles Burgess, former minister of defence, protested that this constituted a deliberate attempt to deplete the Dail exchequer and leave it empty if the peace Conference, a treaty returned to power. Harry Boland said \$6,000,000 had been raised in the United States for relief work of which \$4,000,000 had not been expended.

PLACED DIFFICULTIES BEFORE THE PUBLIC

Lord Astor Regards Genoa Conference As Most Successful International Affair.

Ottawa, May 18.—In an interview this morning, given at Government House, Lord Astor, who is in Ottawa with his distinguished wife, gives a new angle on the Genoa Conference, which he regards as one of the most successful international conferences ever held.

"At Genoa," he said, "all the cards were put on the table. Genoa did not bring nations into conflict, it simply made public the conflict and differences that have always existed in order that these differences may be subject to the public opinion of the world."

ENGLAND RETAINS ITS STEEL TRADE

Despite After War Difficulties Great Britain Holds Bulk of the Trade.

Vancouver, May 18.—When the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia sailed for the Orient at noon today she carried as a passenger one of the designers, W. B. Robinson, but many years with the Fairfield, of Glasgow, builders of the Empress, but now in the steel business for himself at Sheffield.

Japan, Germany and the United States have all made a bid for the steel business, said Mr. Robinson, but in spite of after-war difficulties, Great Britain has retained the bulk of the trade. This is especially true in high-speed tools, he declared.

FIRE FOR PLAYING GAME OF 45'S

New Waterford Without Fire Brigade Because of a Little Game.

Sydney, N. S., May 18.—The town council of New Waterford has fired the volunteer fire brigade of 25 men, because four members, who are coal miners, played a game of forty-fives with four officials of the Dominion Coal Company. The Scott Constellation Board held its session at the fire station, and the game took place while officials and miners were waiting the return of the board from a mine inspection.