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CRITICAL WEEK AT IMPERIAL MEET COMING

VIEWS OF PREMIERS ON FOREIGN POLICIES EXPECTED DISCLOSED

All Delegates Silent as to Decisions—Mackenzie King's Attitude Causing Much Speculation—Dominion's Responsibility at Stake

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Next week will be the critical week in the history of the Imperial Conference for it will reveal exactly what will be the result of the discussions.

All the delegates are maintaining the strictest secrecy regarding their reaction to Chamberlain's review of foreign affairs, and what policy they propose to pursue when the discussion on this policy begins on Monday.

It is believed that they will seek to find out exactly what obligations the Locarno pact imposes and this is said to be exercising the mind of Premier Hertzog more than any other matter that has come up at the conference.

There is some speculation as to whether Mackenzie King will revise his old intention of maintaining that Canada does not associate herself with this treaty in any form.

CHAMBERLAIN'S VIEW Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasized the fact that the possibility of war under the Locarno Treaty was remote and that the fullest safeguards had been taken to make sure that nothing precipitate was.

On the other hand, it is pointed out that while the Dominions need not give the slightest aid to the League of Nations, they are bound to raise the question of whether or not the Dominions were liable to attack at the hands of a power which had been attacked.

It is on this point that the Dominions were strongly impressed by Sir Austen's view of the widespread extent of the activities of British diplomacy and the success already met in solving many of the delicate and serious problems confronting them.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Resting from their duties at the Imperial conference today viewed the air pageant at Croydon, where 10 representative British aircraft ranging in weight from eight tons to less than 1,000 pounds, were assembled.

For the first time the visitors saw in mass formation two squadron twin-engine bombers, and can keep in the air with a full load of bombs for ten hours.

IMPROVEMENT TOLD AT A. B. C. MEETING \$300,000,000 Spent on Advertising Last Year, Conference Told

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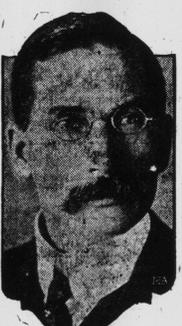
Radio-Telephonic Service Across Ocean Likely Soon

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N. S. Supreme Court Divides On Legislative Council Case

Empire Leaders at Conference In London



GENERAL J. B. M. HERTZOG, Premier of South Africa, formerly a fighting Boer leader.



PREMIER J. G. COATES of New Zealand, who favors a strengthening of the bond with the mother country.



PREMIER S. M. BRUCE, of Australia, regarded as the bulwark of imperialist sentiment among the visiting heads of British dominions.



PREMIER W. L. MACKENZIE KING of Canada, who was returned to office just in time to attend the imperial conference of dominion heads now in progress.



PRESIDENT W. T. COSGRAVE, of the Irish Free State, who favors a slackening of the tie with Great Britain.

Crazed Father Slays Three Children In Brockton, Mass.

Fourth Child Escapes, Rushes From House and Man Is Arrested

BROCKTON, Mass., Oct. 23.—A crazed father battered to death with an axe three of his daughters as the slept in a cheerful little child's apartment here this morning.

James Stoddard, 86-year-old laborer, with a long police record of arrests for intoxication, who recently was charged with falling to support the children, slew the girls, Mildred, 7, Edna, 11, and Florence, 18.

FOURTH ESCAPES Marion, a fourth daughter, who was in bed with Edna awoke as her father struck her sister, and grappled with him. Breaking from his grasp, she fled to the street, where a pedestrian gave the alarm that brought police.

A squad of officers found Stoddard, axe in hand, apparently about to kill the house. "I just killed my three kids, and I want to get the other one," he told them as they disarmed him.

Stoddard declared he had been drinking for two weeks prior to last Sunday, when he had decided to quit. A hallucination that a former employer had chased the children home and was causing them harm, made him resolve to kill them himself, he asserted in an incoherent narrative at police headquarters.

MIND DAZED. He had been chopping wood with the axe in the afternoon, and in the evening his mind became dazed. "In order to save the children from being burned, the thought came to me while I was in the room, and I went in with the axe. I had better kill them myself," said his rambling statement.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—A physician was called to the Royal suite at the Ambassador Hotel today to attend Queen Marie of Rumania, whose cold was considerably aggravated by a strenuous series of speaking engagements yesterday.

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MANY KILLED AS EARTHQUAKE HITS ARMENIA

American Relief Workers Safe, Says Message to New York

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 23.—Hundreds of persons were killed, thousands injured, and other thousands made homeless by the earthquake which shook Armenia late last night, said a cablegram to the Near East Relief today from Erzurum.

APPROPRIATION ASKED. The cablegram requested an appropriation to meet the emergency. The Near East Relief centered its Armenian activities at Leningrad which it has been taking care of 9,000 orphans.

LENINAKAN, Armenia, Oct. 23.—Many persons were killed and scores injured and the whole population thrown into panic by an earthquake which shook all of Armenia late last night.

DECLINES COMMENT. WINNIPEG, Oct. 23.—D. McLeod, Kenora, vice-president of the Backus-Brooks Company, who arrived here yesterday, refused to comment on reports published in Montreal that negotiations were taking place for a combination of the International Paper Company with the Backus interests.

LUENBURG, N. S., Oct. 23.—A tumultuous reception was given the schooner Bluenose, queen of the Atlantic fleet, on her arrival here yesterday from Halifax, where she defeated the schooner Haligonian in the fishing schooner race off Halifax.

BLUENOSE GIVEN WARM RECEPTION Lunenburg Turns Out en Masse to Welcome Walters and Crew

ZOOLOGY PROFESSOR DEAD. CAPETOWN, South Africa, Oct. 23.—Dr. John Dow Fisher Gilchrist, professor of Zoology in the University of Capetown since 1918, is dead.

BOSTON FISH PRICES. BOSTON, Oct. 23.—Quotations on the Boston fish market today were as follows: Large cod, 7 1/2 to 8; market cod, 4 1/2 to 5; haddock, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2; salmon, 8 to 9 1/2.

SOVIET RUSSIA PLACES FINE AS PENALTY IN POLYGAMY CASES

MOSCOW, Oct. 23.—Any one taking more than one wife in Soviet Russia, is liable to a fine of \$250, or imprisonment at hard labor, under supplementary marriage laws approved yesterday.

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Toronto Man Wins Halifax Road Contest

Charles Snell, of Toronto, won the Herald and Mail's ten mile road race held here this afternoon, defeating a long field of runners headed by John C. Miles, marathon champion of the world, and Clarence De Mar, Melrose, Mass., runner.

Snell's time was 54:14 4-5, and Miles was 39:25 seconds behind him. De Mar came in third, one minute and 33 2-5 seconds behind Miles.

COMPLEMENT OF HOUSE. "Has the Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia, acting by and with the advice of the legislative council of Nova Scotia, power or authority to appoint in the name of the Crown by instrument under the Great Seal of the Province, as many members of the legislative council of Nova Scotia that the total number of the members of such council holding their offices or places as such members, would (a) exceed 22; or (b) exceed the total number of the members of such council who held their offices or places as such members at the time mentioned in section 88 of the British North American Act, 1867?"

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THE WEATHER. SYNOPSIS.—The West Indian hurricane passed over Bermuda yesterday moving northward. The weather has become somewhat colder with snow flurries in Manitoba and Saskatchewan from Ontario eastward it continues cloudy and rather cool.

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DIFFER ON TENURE AND NUMBERS

Two Say Total Fixed at 22; Others Say No

APPEAL LIKELY. Matter Expected to Go to Privy Council for Final Decision

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 23.—The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia divided two and two today on the stated case submitted for decision as to whether or not membership in the Legislative Council could be increased at the instance of the government of Nova Scotia, and as to whether or not the members of the council held their appointments at the pleasure of the law officers of the Crown in Nova Scotia that the membership could be increased and that the councillors held their appointments at the pleasure of the local government.

Judges H. Mellish and W. F. Carroll dissented from this opinion. The effect of the judgment is that the question at issue remains where it was before submission to the supreme court. The matter will now be taken before either the supreme court of Canada, or the judicial committee of the Privy Council.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOLLOW: "Has the Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia, acting by and with the advice of the legislative council of Nova Scotia, power or authority to appoint in the name of the Crown by instrument under the Great Seal of the Province, as many members of the legislative council of Nova Scotia that the total number of the members of such council holding their offices or places as such members, would (a) exceed 22; or (b) exceed the total number of the members of such council who held their offices or places as such members at the time mentioned in section 88 of the British North American Act, 1867?"

Harris, C. J., and Chisholm, J., answer both (a) and (b) in the affirmative. Mellish and Carroll, J. J., answer (a) in the negative and as to (b) that the number of appointments may be increased to 21 but not to exceed that number.

LIMIT OF MEMBERSHIP. "Is the membership of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia limited in number?" Harris, C. J., and Chisholm, J., answer that the number at present constituted a full council is 21, but the number can be increased at any time by appointments by the Lieut. Governor.

Mellish, J., answers that the number is limited to 21. Carroll, J., agrees that the number is limited to 21.

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