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## MIGHT WRECK EMPIRE

Winston Churchill Sees Political Objections to Preference.

Premiers Unanimously Adopt Resolutions of 1902—Sir Wilfrid Laurier Seeks Removal of Cattle Embargo—Declares Imperial Free Trade to Be Impracticable—Canada Desires to Keep Trade With the Empire.

London, May 8.—(C. A. P.)—A lengthy official précis of yesterday's proceedings at the imperial conference states that Winston Churchill, continuing the preference discussion, drew attention to considerations of a political and parliamentary character. He said that enormous parliamentary difficulties would be involved in the adoption of a system of preference. Colonial affairs always suffered from being brought into the arena of party politics, and the system of preference would involve them in its very midst. Many of these who might favor preference as an evidence of good will and good feeling would recoil from the schedule of taxation it would involve, as severe parliamentary criticism would be directed against these taxes and every year there would be an annual casting up of accounts. One could scarcely conceive any process better calculated to manufacture what did not now exist in the anti-colonial party. It was possible that under the system of preference the House of Commons would be asked to refuse a vote of preferential duties until some party colony met its views upon a native policy or some other matter.

One Obstacle. It was now open to the Home Government, but it would be hardly possible to secure recognition in this attitude if members are called upon to vote money to their constituents, while if ever a day came when the elections demanded in overwhelming majority the removal of the food tax, which could not be removed without consultations and agreements with governments and Parliaments all over the globe, such a thing had never before been suggested.

Political objections to preference were insuperable and even at the conference it had been the apple of discord. Sir Wilfrid Laurier observed that Canada stood by the resolutions in 1902, and free trade within the empire had been suggested, but this was impossible because the United Kingdom was not prepared to limit free trade to the empire. The United States was not prepared to accept free trade even within its boundaries. In Canada that policy was impracticable, as it is necessary for her to have customs duties as a main source of revenue. Canada had given British preference deliberately and had a cause to regret it, and Mr. Asquith had taken Canada all the credit to which he (Laurier) thought she was entitled. In making a comparison which showed no great advantage to British goods.

The Influence of U.S. He dwelt on the effect of the proximity of a nation like the United States, and said it was not a matter for surprise that their trade with that country had increased, but so far as they could they had done everything to keep trade within the empire. They had built canals and railways from coast to coast, and had taken care to assist the principle of mutual trade so far as legislation could do it. He proposed to move that the resolutions of 1902 be continued.

The Cattle Embargo. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said there was one matter to which he must refer and that was the exclusion of Canadian live cattle from the United States. They thought there was no justification on the ground of the sanitary condition of their cattle, and they resisted the measure as an injustice. In the interests of good relations in the Empire, he thought it necessary to invite the Government to consider the question seriously.

Mr. Asquith observed that as a private member of Parliament he had urged the Canadian view in question. He would undertake that the matter should be considered by the Board of Agriculture with the seriousness which it merited.

## FATAL TRAIN WRECK.

Four Trainmen Killed and Eight People Injured.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 8.—In a dense fog early yesterday the New York-Chicago Express, No. 7, on the Baltimore and Ohio, crashed into an east-bound freight as it was taking a siding at Roby's Rocks, near here, killing four of the railroad men, seriously injuring three others and slightly injuring five passengers. The engines, baggage, mail and express cars were demolished, but the passenger coaches and the sleepers were uninjured. The cause is said to be the fog which prevented the engineer of the passenger train from seeing a flagman that protected the freight. All the injured will recover.

## Farmers Sued On Notes.

Glencoe, May 8.—Before Judge Elliott of Glencoe yesterday, ten farmers of the Township of Elfrid were sued by the Standard Bank, which claims to hold notes made by these farmers for the amount of \$20 each in favor of the Farmers' Manufacturing and Supply Co. of Durham.

The defendants claim that the notes were obtained by fraud. One claim was non-suited, and in the others judgment was reserved.

## Newfoundland Right.

St. John's, Nfld., May 8.—The Supreme Court of Newfoundland yesterday gave a majority decision upholding the Colonial Government in its contentions respecting the so-called Bay of Islands herring fisheries case, in which the rights of Newfoundland fishermen to be employed by American vessel owners within the three-mile limit was involved.

## RECKLESS BOY'S TRAGEDY

Tries Robbery, Shoots at Policeman, Then In Flight, Suicides.

Philadelphia, May 8.—Foiled in his attempt to hold-up, with the aid of a companion, two trolley conductors in West Philadelphia yesterday, and fearing that he had killed a policeman in his effort to escape, Harold S. Jones, aged 16 years, shot and killed himself on the street, as he was about to be captured. A companion, G. H. Geddis, aged 18 years, was arrested at his home.

Jones belonged to a good family, his father being a prosperous business man. The boy had some differences with his father Monday, and he was told to "shift" for himself. As the boy was leaving the house his weeping mother asked him what he was going to do, and he replied: "I don't know, and I don't care."

Jones sought out Geddis, and they were not heard of again until they turned up in West Philadelphia and tried to hold up the two conductors, who were on their way home from their night's work. Jones drew a revolver and ordered the conductors to hold up their hands, but instead of complying they showed fight, and Jones and his companion fled. Police saw the occurrence and gave chase. After running a block, Jones turned and shot at one of the pursuing policemen. The bullet went wide of the mark, but the policeman, in order to deceive the fleeing youth, dropped to the sidewalk as if he had been shot.

Jones saw him fall and stopped. He did not approach the policeman, but backed up against the side of a house and sent a bullet into his own heart.

## PORT HOPE AND G. T. R.

Commission Enquires Into Complaint Made Against the Company.

Port Hope, Ont., May 7.—Grand Trunk agrandizement was exposed and Port Hope's grievances thereunder fully ventilated before a special session of the railway commission, held here yesterday. Early in the winter the G.T.R., unknown to the Town of Port Hope, made application to the railway commission at Ottawa for permission to fill in by earthen embankments the most of the railway's viaduct, which spans the southern end of the valley, thus segregating the town from the lake and ruining the town industrially and otherwise. The railway commission however, instructed the railway that before the order was given the Town of Port Hope must be consulted, and this was the first intimation the town received of the application.

An indignation meeting of the citizens was immediately held, and strong resolutions of protest were passed by the various boards of the town to the railway commission, coupled with a request that the board should meet at Port Hope to hear and determine the question. As a result of these appeals, word was received that the case would be heard in Port Hope.

The commissioners arrived in their special car yesterday morning, as did also the G.T.R. party in their official car.

The commissioners were first escorted over the ground by the mayor and town solicitor, after which the case was taken up in the council chamber, which was crowded to the doors with interested citizens.

At the conclusion of the evidence, the chairman announced that judgment would be reserved pending a report from the commission's engineer, Mr. Mountain, who would make a report to them before a decision was announced.

## WHERE IT CAME IN.

I'm unlucky at cards, but lucky in love, remarked the bachelor. But you are still unmarried, protested the fair widow.

Oh, yes; rejoined the advocate of single blessedness; that's just where my good luck comes in.

Minard's Liniment used by Physicians.

## MUSICAL TYRANTS.

Trials of the New York Hostess Who Hires Operatic Singers.

Not so very long ago a soprano who had been engaged to sing at one of the largest houses on Fifth avenue, with her maid, was ushered into the room reserved for the artists. She was slow in removing her wraps and concluded after she was part of the way out of them that it was time for the hostess to welcome her.

So she told her maid to put them on again after she had inquired of one of the servants where the lady was. When he saw the preparations for departure he rushed in haste to the hostess.

She had been detained at the dinner table, as a dinner of very elaborate character was proceeding the musical. It was difficult for her to leave her guests. She reached the hall, however, just as the singer's ample form was disappearing through the portiere.

"Ah, Mrs. Smith," the singer said. "Then I am in the right house? I was going out to tell my coachman we had made a mistake, else you would have been at the door to meet me."

The hostess looked as if she would like to speed her flight into the open, but her guests were soon to arrive, and she did not dare risk offending the star attraction at her biggest party of the season.

Some of the singers make it a condition that no other woman shall be engaged and no musicians of any kind without consulting them. A young hostess sent out cards to invite her friends to hear a great prima donna sing. Afterward she heard from her friends of all kinds of wonderful performers that she might also have engaged.

As the money question played no part in her plans the young woman began to engage them. By the time the night of the party arrived she had, in addition to the soprano, a band of choir boys who would look beautiful marching down her marble stairway, a band of Venetian gondoliers who would be charming at the entrance to the music room caroling "Santa Lucia," a baritone who sang beautiful love songs in excellent French and a voice as soft as pomade, a girl who could pound the piano with the best of the men players and a quartet that played antique music on near antique instruments.

The prima donna arrived and beheld in the artist's room this job lot of musical entertainers. The hostess hurried in to greet her.

"But surely," the prima donna said, "you don't need me when you have so much for your guests?"

The singer was in earnest. She was perfectly willing to go home and lose her \$3,000 fee rather than be part of such a musical vaudeville as the inexperienced hostess had planned. Out of gratitude because she consented to remain to make the party a success, the young matron sent the prima donna a diamond bracelet the next day.

## The Spleen.

The spleen? Up to 1900 no physician dared to stand up in a clinic and tell what it was made for. For ages it was supposed to be the organ of irritability. "Oh, his spleen is up!" meant that the old man was hot in the collar. Curious thing, that spleen. There is a herb called "spleenwort," which was supposed to remove such splenic disorders as ill humor, melancholy and irritability. I saw a spleen the other day for the first time and was astounded. It was a soft, highly vascular, plum colored thing with a smooth surface. It was nearly six inches in length and weighed seven ounces. Now here is the funny feature of the spleen: After a hearty meal it is very much smaller than at other times, which may help to explain why a man is good natured after dinner. In diseased conditions the spleen may reach a weight of eighteen or twenty pounds.

## Melinda Had to Go.

One of the old governors of the Carolinas was a man who had lived a farmer's life most of the time until he was elected, and his wife, having never seen a steamboat or a railroad and having no wish to test either one, refused to accompany her husband to the capital. When the governor reached his destination, he found that almost all the other officials were accompanied by their wives, and he sent an imperative message to his brother to "fetch Melinda along." The brother telegraphed, "She's afraid even to look at the engine." The governor read the message and pondered over it for a few moments. At the end of that time he sent off the following command: "Bill, you blindfold Melinda and back her on to the train."

## Warned.

Some years ago Miss Mabel Love was playing the title role in "Little Red Riding Hood" at Dublin. She was entering the room to visit her grandmother in bed when an excited and anxious little voice shouted from the gallery: "Stop, stop! It isn't your grandmother. It's a wolf."

The house burst into a storm of applause and laughter at the child's innocent alarm for the safety of the little maiden in the red hood.

## A Great Relief.

"Lady," said Meandering Mike, "do you want any wood chopped?" "No," was the sharp answer. "Nor chores of any kind done?" "No."

"In that case I feel relieved. I kin take a chance on askin' you fur some-thing to eat."

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## Boy Electrocuted.

Bellefonte, May 8.—A sad accident occurred shortly before nine o'clock yesterday morning at the corner of Geddes and Ridley streets here, when a young lad named Robert Cecil Thompson, son of Charles Thompson, plumber, was electrocuted by taking hold of a live electric wire. He sustained a shock of 2,000 volts and died instantly.

When found the boy had the wire in his hands, and some companions had to use a board to knock the wire from his grasp. First was shooting from his hands and feet, and the former were badly burned.

## GOT A PAIN IN YOUR BACK?

You got a pain in your back, and you wonder what is the matter. You perhaps pay no attention to it. Backache is caused by imperfect action of the kidneys, in fact, is the first sign of kidney trouble to follow. The kidneys, proper, are composed of a close network of fibrous tissue, interlaced with tiny elastic fibres. Their object is the excretion of the uric acid, and other poisonous matter composing the urine, from the blood.

They are continuously at work to preserve the general health of the body and most people are troubled with some form of kidney trouble, but do not suspect it.

Some of the symptoms are: A feeling of weakness in the small of the back, sharp pains in back, puffiness under the eyes, and swelling of the feet and ankles, urinary troubles such as suppressed urination, excessive urination, cloudy, thick or highly colored urine, etc.

Mr. J. L. Whiting, Oshawa, Ont., writes: "I suffered for two years with kidney trouble. I had terrible pains in my back, hips and legs. I could not sleep and had a poor appetite. I took four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, and the pains left me, my appetite returned and I now sleep well. I can recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to anyone suffering from kidney trouble."

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## Want Restriction Removed.

Ottawa, May 8.—It was expected that the request of a deputation from Keewatin, which was here Monday, would be dealt with at the Cabinet meeting yesterday, but the matter of the request was not considered.

The deputation wanted the district of Keewatin exempted from the effect of the proclamation of the Government prohibiting the sale of liquor within 20 miles of the construction of the Transcontinental Railway in the new district.

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