

BRITAIN MAY CALL DOMINION PARLEY

Proposed Conference Will Decide Empire's Attitude On Geneva Protocol.

PACT IS FAVORED

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Special Cable to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent. Copyright, London, Dec. 22.—The London Sunday newspapers state "It is confidently expected" that invitations will be called this week-end to the dominions for a special imperial conference to decide the empire's attitude to the Geneva protocol. Dominion newspapers received information last week that the protocol might come before an imperial conference, but it was impressed upon them that no statement about the invitation to the dominions would be forthcoming until the invitations had been sent. This is all the official information at present available. It is reasonable to conjecture that the invitations will not be sent until it is known they will be accepted, and possibly Ottawa has already informed Whitehall of its position.

The meeting of the league of nations council is due in March, and it would be desirable to have the British empire's decision on the protocol known before that meeting. The difficulties of getting dominion statesmen to come here at short notice are obvious. Presumably it would be considered necessary to have the premiers at the conference on a capital question like the protocol.

Premiers Bruce and Massey have both recently referred to the advantage of occasionally changing the venue of the imperial conference from London to one of the dominions. Perhaps they would favor the conference on the protocol being held in Canada. It would be an excellent education for the British diplomats to have to discuss this question in the dominion atmosphere.

When Hon. E. M. MacDonald returned from Geneva last summer he remarked that the European delegates did not understand the North American viewpoint. All evidence goes to show that the dominions are more adverse than Great Britain to the protocol.

In view of the close reticence of the British foreign office and the government spokesmen, it would not be honest to pretend to state their informed circles that the British government have come to a decision favorable to the protocol, and that if they can carry the dominions with them, they will ratify it.

It is believed that rejection of the protocol is tantamount to an abandonment of the League of Nations and all that it involves, for the protocol, it is said, merely dots the "i's" and crosses the "t's" of the covenant.

DETROIT BANDITS ATTACK JEWELER

Man Is Knocked Unconscious—Two Robberies Net Thieves \$20,000.

Special to The Advertiser.
Detroit, Dec. 22.—Two jewelry stores, one of them downtown, were looted of \$20,000 in cash and diamonds today, the bandits shooting at one of the jewelers and slugging the other proprietor into unconsciousness. Harry Ehrlich, jeweler, at 2503 Woodward avenue, was hit with a gun by one of three robbers.

The bandits in this store escaped with \$5,000 in diamonds and nearly \$1,000 in cash.

The Ehrlich robbers are believed to be the same men who shot at John Schultz, proprietor of a jewelry store at 6346 Gratiot avenue, a short time before they held up the Woodward avenue store. Three youths committed both robberies.

Schultz's loss was estimated to be \$10,000. This consisted mostly of diamonds.

Crackmen smashed ten safes yesterday, obtaining \$25,430, according to a police check up today.

One thousand dollars in cash, \$1,000 in negotiable tax checks and \$22,000 in non-negotiable bonds were taken from two Royal Oak city hall safes.

Five safes in the Broadway Market yielded \$8,500.

ELASTIC LAW COMING FOR REFUGEE SETTLERS

New Policy For Immigrants From Northern Europe Heralded.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 22.—That an elasticity of present immigration restrictions affecting refugees from Northern Europe will shortly be put into effect as part of the government's rigorous program for 1925, was the statement made today by the department of immigration and colonization.

The new immigration policy, having special reference to existing passport and family unit regulations, will be adopted in cases of farmers and farm laborers whose entry into Canada is believed to be in the interests of land development in the western provinces, and, incidentally, the improvement of the east.

It is believed this attitude will obtain for Canada farmers and farm laborers of a highly desirable type.

MONTREAL BANDITS GET \$1,240 IN MORNING RAID

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Dec. 22.—Two bandits entered a butcher store on St. Catharines street east, owned by Joseph Lance, shortly after 7 o'clock this morning and got away with a diamond ring and \$1,240 in cash.

Christmas

LAST minute shopping! Christmas wouldn't be real without it. For true Christmas spirit continues to think of new ways and opportunities to express itself. Until the very last minute there's another card to be sent, another gift to be thought of, another parcel to deck out with scarlet ribbon and pretty seals.



FOR WOMEN

Chamoisette Gloves
Artificial Silk Hose, with lace clocks
Silk and Wool Sport Hose
Lace and Ribbon-Trimmed Shoe Trees
A Wide Leather Belt
Brilliant Set Ornaments
Prayer Books
Cluny, Madeira and India Crochet Doilies
Towels
Silk Candle Shades
Mahogany Candlesticks
A Box of Chocolates

FOR MEN

Men's Hosiery
Hickok Belt Buckles
Neckties
Suspenders
Box of Handkerchiefs
Eversharp Pencil
Box of Stationery

FOR BABY

House Slippers
Mittens
Powder Bowls
Brushes
Combs
Rattles
Rubber Toys
Bootees



FOR WOMEN

Initialed Linen Handkerchiefs
Pullman Slippers
French Kid Gloves
Full-Fashioned Silk Hose
English Silk and Wool Hose
Prayer Books
Embroidered Pillow Cases
Boxed Stationery

FOR MEN

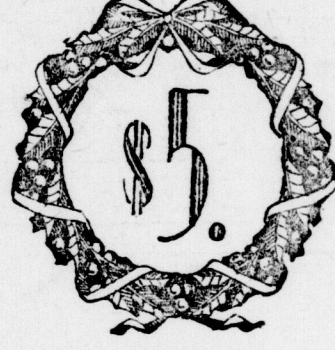
Hickok Belts and Buckles
Searfs
Pyjamas
Box of Handkerchiefs
Neckwear
Hosiery
Sweaters
Eversharp Pencils
Fountain Pens

FOR THE HOME

Boudoir Lamp Stands
Boudoir Silk Lamp Shades
Ruffled Curtains
Panel Curtains
Bead Shades
Luster Vases
Table Mats

FOR BABY

Sweaters
Dresses
Kimono
Rubber Boots
Pullover



FOR WOMEN

Silk Hose, with lace clocks
A Silk Crepe Blouse
A String of Beads

FOR MEN

Men's Imported Shirts
Welch-Margerson Pyjamas
Silk Searfs
Cashmere Searfs

FOR THE HOME

Oriental Cushion Tops
Hearth Mats
Novelty Bedspreads
Table Runners
Japanese Vases
Batie Silk Searfs
Velour Cushions
A Piece of Pottery
China or Cut Glass

FOR BABY

Knitted Suits
Dresses
Coats
Nursery Chairs
Walkers



FOR WOMEN

Under-Arm Bags
Bronze Book Ends
Boxed Stationery
Luncheon Sets
Breakfast Sets
Damask Cloth
Fillet and Cutwork Centers

FOR MEN

Searfs
Bathrobes
Kimono
Hickok Belt and Buckle Sets
English Imported Pyjamas
Imported Underwear for men
Imported Shirts
Boxed Linen Handkerchiefs
Gloves and Neckties for men in combination set

FOR THE HOME

Lamp Standards
Marseilles Bedspreads
Large Comforters
Table Runners
Silk Panel Curtains
Silk Cushions
Swiss Curtains

FOR BABY

Fur Robes
Knitted Suits

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TUNE IN—Station CJGC—The London Free Press—Broadcasting Kalani's orchestra direct from our main floor balcony tonight and tomorrow at 8 o'clock