

MANY SUBJECTS FOR CONFERENCE

Proposals from the Overseas Dominions to be Considered at Next Imperial Gathering in London

ALL HEARD FROM EXCEPT CANADA

Questions of Imperial Council and Imperial Council of Appeal—South Africa and Trade Preference

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The government has brought down the correspondence with the overseas dominions setting out proposals for discussion at the approaching imperial conference.

New Zealand suggests an imperial council, with representatives in all parts of the empire, a secretary for imperial affairs instead of a colonial secretary, and with separate departments for the self-governing dominions and the crown colonies.

South Africa proposes that matters relating to the self-governing dominions be placed directly under the president of the council.

Australia raises the question of the Dedication of London, regarding that the committee were not consulted, and requesting that the committee be authorized to supply and the destruction of neutral vessels in time of war.

Eight Hon. Lewis Harcourt, Colonial Secretary, hopes that the conference will meet fifteen times between the coronation, May 22, and June 22. Its first business will be to decide whether it will sit privately, as last time, or whether the press will be admitted.

Newfoundland proposes a line of steamers subsidized by Britain, Canada and Newfoundland to link up the three countries. Another topic will be an imperial council, with representatives from the overseas dominions in it.

The home government raises the following questions: The status of British Indians, labor exchanges, a uniform design for stamps and the expunction of undesirable aliens.

Canada has no special proposals, but would welcome suggestions for a uniform naturalization law. Commenting on the conference programme, the Daily Mail says: "The British government seems altogether lacking in constructive ideas."

It is referring to the absence of the Canadian proposals for the conference. The Times says: "There are good reasons for this cautious attitude. Canada is extremely busy with her own affairs. The country is developing more rapidly than the most sanguine dared to hope a few years ago."

Thought to Be Dorothy Arnold. SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 18.—A young woman is now in custody at Sand Point, Idaho, held on suspicion of being Dorothy Arnold, the missing New York heiress.

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TO PRESS BILL THROUGH HOUSE

Programme in Regard to Reciprocity at Ottawa, as Stated by Minister—Attitude of Manufacturers

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—"We are going to put the reciprocity bill through as speedily as possible, and to do this it will be kept steadily before parliament all next week."

"There will be long sittings so that the list of speakers can be expeditiously worked off and a vote reached."

This statement was made by a member of the cabinet, Laurier's cabinet this evening following an all-day session of the ministers.

"We have decided," the minister continued, "that the manufacturers' attack on reciprocity is not going to do the harm which was at first feared."

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—A private telegram received here from Managua, Nicaragua, said the country was in a state of unrest and a general uprising against the Estrada government was brewing.

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THIRTEEN DROWN

LONDON, Feb. 17.—A collision of the Essex coast yesterday morning resulted in the sinking of the steamer Mount Park, Cadiz for Yarmouth. Thirteen of the crew are reported drowned.

JOSEPH ROCKEFELLER DEAD

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 17.—Joseph D. Rockefeller, cousin of John D. Rockefeller, died at his home here today at the age of 90 years.

WANT TARIFF REVISION

DENVER, Feb. 17.—A resolution was introduced in the senate today asking President Taft to call an extra session of Congress to revise the tariff laws.

STRONG BRICK COMPANY

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—It was learned today that application has been made for the incorporation of a new brick company, with an authorized capital of \$2,000,000.

TACOMA, Feb. 18.—A terrific report that was heard for many miles around Tacoma, followed by the impact of a heavy body that shook the ground throughout the country, occurred at 12:44 yesterday.

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RUSSIA'S NAVAL PLANS

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—The government has approved the construction of four battleships by 1915.

WRECK STORY ERRONEOUS

BOUEN, France, Feb. 17.—The report of the sinking of the Spanish steamer Aberona, which was brought yesterday by the captain of the Ollarguen, turns out to be erroneous.

BIG ELEVATOR BURNED

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Fire destroyed the Calumet elevator, a six storey structure, containing 600,000 bushels of grain late tonight, causing a loss estimated to be \$100,000.

SECRETARY MAKES ANSWER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—The secretary of the navy, George Von L. Meyer, filed an answer today to mandamus proceedings brought by A. Goldberg, of Vancouver, B. C., highest bidder for the condemned cruiser Boston.

STATES PLAGUE IS WIDESPREAD

Prussian Doctor Startles London by Saying there are Cases there—His Report is Not Credited

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The statement by the government expert, Dr. Kirschner, in the Prussian Diet today that "the plague is extraordinarily widespread, existing in America, Egypt and even Europe, there being several cases in London in the last few weeks," has startled the city.

Inquiry at the hospitals and among the medical authorities tonight failed to confirm this statement. Several doctors said they had no personal knowledge of such cases and were greatly surprised at the assertion.

PREMIER'S MOTION CARRIED

LONDON, Feb. 17.—In the House of Commons today, after a nine-hour debate, Premier Asquith's motion, appropiating the whole time of the House until Easter to the Veto Bill, in order to get it through before the coronation, was carried under closure, 195 to 138.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY ELECTION

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The bye-election today to fill the vacant Cambridge University seat resulted in a victory for Larmer, Unionist. The vote was as follows: Larmer, Unionist, 2,298; Cross, Independent Unionist, 322.

MINING MEN WILL COME

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—One thousand of the world's leading geological and mining men will make a tour of Canada in 1913, said R. W. Brock, director of the geological survey, today.

FOR PROTECTION OF PUBLIC

With a view of providing for the protection of the public the provincial superintendent is now looking into the question of the stringing of high voltage wires in the province. It is probable that the government will make regulations governing such installation.

CHINA LIKELY TO SURRENDER

Not in Position to Resist Pressure Brought to Bear by Russia for Renewal of Treaty Made in 1881

ANTI-FOREIGN OUTBREAK FEARED

CHINA IS FOLLOWING USUAL COURSE OF DELAY IN DEALING WITH RUSSIAN NOTE—TROOPS SAID TO BE ON WAY

PEKING, Feb. 17.—The Chinese foreign board declines to make a statement concerning Russia's representations with regard to the III province in China.

According to reports, the Chinese are ranking under what are considered unfair clauses in the Russo-Chinese treaty in 1881, and often times not abided by its conditions, declaring that their interpretation of the treaty differed from that taken by the Russians.

The Chinese foreign office recently informed the Russian minister that it considered the treaty of 1881 one-sided and intended to renounce it after February 5, that being the termination of a decade, the treaty providing that it can be renounced at the end of any decade.

The foreign office, when pressed by the Russian minister, replied it would discuss these points at a conference over a new treaty which is being proposed.

M. Korotwitz then pointed out that the claims he had presented referred to the present treaty, which had not yet expired. The foreign office, however, has not further communicated with M. Korotwitz, who has repeatedly warned it that the St. Petersburg government's patience will not last indefinitely.

There is much anxiety here over the situation, both among foreign representatives and Chinese officials. It is feared that a demonstration by Russia would be followed by an anti-foreign outbreak, as masses of the people are already bitter over the plague and famine afflictions. A worse rising than that of the Boxers is held to be very probable.

TROOPS ON WAY

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Morning Post's St. Petersburg correspondent says that as there is no railway within 600 miles of the III region, Russian troops started several days ago on a long march to get to the front, so as to arrive by the time the ultimatum expires.

AGAINST MUNICIPAL BONUSES

TORONTO, Feb. 17.—Colonel J. J. Craig, Conservative M. P. for East Wellington, will introduce in the legislature a bill prohibiting municipalities from granting bonuses to industries, particularly to manufacturing industries, iron smelting or refining works, beet sugar factories, rolling mills or grain elevators.

GOULD RAILWAY LINES

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—A St. Louis capitalist just back from New York today told of a secret conference on Thursday between E. T. Jeffrey, George J. Gould's chief adviser and Edwin Hawley. Intimations he received from them were vague. They merely said the two chief Gould lines would be separated, and that Hawley would figure in the new transaction before the plans were consummated.