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IMPERIAL RELATIONS

The Times has received a copy of the Empire number of the Manchester Guardian, a newspaper of some eighty pages, issued in connection with the meetings of the Imperial war conference. There is a foreword by Mr. Lloyd George, referring to the changes the war is bringing about in the relations of the different parts of the Empire to one another, and observing that the Guardian can do no more valuable work than to encourage its readers to reflect at once about the measures of reconstruction which will be required after the war.

Inasmuch as this Empire number contains articles written by men representing all parts of the Empire, it is intensely interesting. In the leading article the editor of the Guardian points out that the views of the Empire are as diverse as the Empire itself and he adds:

"Every part of the Empire from India to South Africa, and from South Africa to Canada, speaks for itself, and every shade of opinion is represented from the Imperialism of the Round Table to the Nationalism of Mr. Bourassa."

The editor of the Guardian finds, however, that nearly all are in agreement that the British Empire must remain one in political substance; that this unity has grown out of the internal freedom of its constituent parts, and can only be conserved through the maintenance of such freedom. The difference is that some are more anxious about the unity and others about the freedom. This is set forth more fully and clearly by Lord Bryce, in an article on the relations of Britain and the Dominions. He points out that something must be done, in view of the new conditions that have arisen, "to concentrate more fully for common purposes the strength and resources of all those who live under the British crown, and especially of all who belong to the British race and speak the English language." Three things are necessary:

1. A comprehensive scheme for the defence of every part of the Empire by sea and land.
2. Provision for proportionate contributions by all the British possessions to the cost of such defence.
3. Arrangements for enabling the self-governing Dominions to have a voice in determining the foreign policy of the Empire, a privilege long recognized as rightfully due them, and now more than ever since they have come forward so promptly and so heartily to bear their part in its defence.

Lord Bryce discusses the two general schemes which have been proposed as a solution of the problem. One of these is a federation, with a central legislature and executive, and a central judiciary, to deal with matters relating to the navy, the army, foreign policy, imperial financial measures, and others requiring uniform legislation. This scheme would involve a written constitution.

Such a scheme does not commend itself to Lord Bryce, for reasons which he sets forth in general terms. He is of opinion that "the objects in view can be secured without a great organic statute creating, under the form of a rigid constitution a new Imperial legislature and Imperial executive." His views are as follows:

"Some sort of council representing both the mother country and the self-governing Dominions might well suffice for the purpose; and with it there ought, perhaps, to be a sort of ministers who would lead the deliberations and be guided by the resolutions of the council. Various plans for the creation of such machinery have been at various times put forward. The latest and what I venture to think one of the most judicious and practical is contained in a paper by Mr. Herbert Samuel which has, since I wrote the earlier part of this article, appeared in the current number of the 'Nineteenth Century' Magazine. Arriving at general conclusions which I had reached by a somewhat different route, Mr. Samuel has worked out in detail some points of importance. He proposes a ministry of about twelve persons and a council of some seventy delegates from the Dominions and the mother country (with others to represent India, Egypt and the Crown Colonies), and suggests that their powers should be those of a committee of legislation but of discussion and recommendation, recommendations addressed to the several legislatures of the empire, which these would be asked to consider and, if approved, to enact by law. It seems to me that a smaller number, say thirty to forty, might suffice. He also observes with truth that such an organization, the council and the executive, could be called into being without a statute, viz. by the crown, acting on resolutions passed by the British parliament and the legislatures of the Dominions."

"Although the Conference of Dominion Ministers in London has not yet been convened to deal with the question of inter-imperial relations here, it may make a useful effect

in bringing them prominently before the mind of the country. The end of the war will be the appropriate time for calling a convention of able and experienced statesmen from the Dominions to meet like men from the mother country in order to consider the whole problem and draft a scheme which would be submitted to the parliaments of the Dominions and of Britain. The problem must be promptly faced and some solution found. The impulse which the war has given to the sense of Imperial unity must not be lost. The admiration and gratitude each of the British peoples feels towards the others who have stood together in a common cause bid us turn to account at once, with all the wisdom and earnestness we can command, this supreme opportunity for binding all those peoples even more closely together."

Lord Bryce's views may not please that group of Imperialists who appear to favor centralization at the expense of the autonomy of the various Dominions, but the people of the latter will appreciate his recognition of the fact that they will regard with suspicion any scheme which could materially limit their autonomy. He is quite right in saying in one part of his article that it is far more likely that the Dominions would consent to transfer to a new authority in London any substantial part of their legislative powers. This fact will be made perfectly clear whenever the proposed conference is held. It is still wise to heed Sir George Foster's counsel in the days of the old Imperial Federation League that we should beware of any cut-and-dried scheme of Imperial federation. A written constitution for the Empire is not one of the needs of the present time, nor of the near future. The interests of the different states of the Empire are too varied and diverse for such a union at this time, whatever the future may develop. There must be in the words of the Manchester Guardian, freedom in unity, and the Dominions will watch very jealously any attempt to impose in the name of unity a fiscal system on which they are not agreed. Moreover, the problem of India must confront the ambitious statesmen who would like to run all the states of the Empire into one mould. The task of the after-war conference will be of the most delicate nature, and will call for the very highest qualities of a broad, imperial statesmanship.

That cheerful government of ours at Ottawa appears to have cut across the plans of the western farmers to get farm help. The city men of the west had been urged to help out the farm labor situation and were preparing, to do their best, when Ottawa sent out word that forty-four special agents were at work in the States and that 1,600 men had already been sent on to the west. Canadian Finance says that only a few hundreds have reached Winnipeg, and that the shortage of men may become serious. Meanwhile, the Ottawa optimists have dampened the ardor of the city men, who were prepared to help.

Writing of woman suffrage, Judge Russell of Halifax says: "If I were an ambitious young politician with my career ahead of me I should have to have very clear convictions as to the evils to be brought upon this land by woman suffrage before taking the risk of needlessly antagonizing so important an element in the coming electorate. Of course woman suffrage is supreme and no honest man will vote against his conscience. But unless it is really a matter of conscience and a question of principle the public man of the present day who votes against woman suffrage because of some foolish and old-fashioned prejudice is taking a needless and serious risk."

It is now von Hindenburg's turn to worry about munitions. His appeal is quite pathetic. Moreover, it throws a side light on the strikes in Germany, which are more likely to increase than decrease in number and significance.

German forces are being concentrated to resist the French on the western front, but the latter continue to gain ground. While the advance is slow, it is sure.

The war situation at the end of another week is decidedly favorable to the Entente Allies, but there are still tremendous difficulties to be overcome.

Further British success on the Tigris and in Palestine adds to the demoralization of the Turk.

CATHOLICS WILL SUPPORT GOVERNMENT IN ALL WAYS

Full and hearty support of the Catholic people for the United States government in the war was pledged in a communication to President Wilson, prepared Wednesday by Catholic archbishops of the United States at their annual meeting in Washington. The archbishops will call upon their people to aid the nation and give their services.

Cardinal Gibbons presided over Wednesday's sessions, and Cardinal O'Connell was also present.

The archbishops announced they were taking measures to assure service by the Catholic priesthood and by Catholic women for all kinds of hospital work or for any service they can render the government.



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Fine Programme by Girls' Club

The Moose Lodge rooms were filled to capacity last evening for the entertainment given by the Girls' Club of the Playground Association for the "Children's Aid Society." The Fairy Garden and the Mother Goose Revue were well staged and added much to the success and merit of the evening. Those who took part in the Fairy Garden were: Miss Estella I. Fox, Miss Violet Marchant, Miss Gladys McMullin, Miss Erna Hansford, Miss Daisy Oran, Miss May Christiansen, Miss Lillian Berwick, Miss Helen Jeffery, Miss Louise Christiansen, Miss A. M. Pitt, Miss Tillie McDevitt, Miss Edith I. Piers, Miss Mabel London, Fairies—Miss Marjorie Bullock, Miss Mildred Wetmore, Miss Clara Vey, Miss Muriel Howard, Miss Christian Mercer, Miss Hilda Godwin, Miss Jean Burton, Miss Lois Watters, Miss Doris Brindle, Miss Edith Couston, Pianist—Mrs. C. E. Harding, Violinist—Clarence Couston.

In the Mother Goose Revue those taking part were Miss Dorothy Couston, Miss Jean Hoyt, Miss Katherine

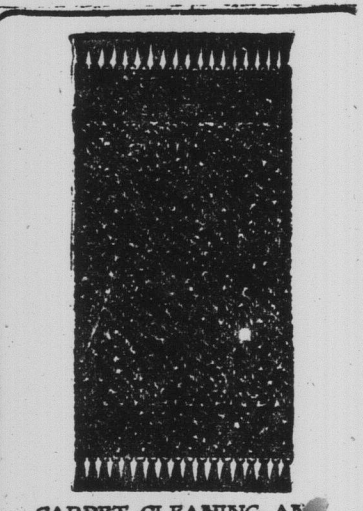
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St. John, N. B., April 20, 17.

Mr. Editor:—

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THOMAS DICK.



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