

possession the Hongkong Government was aware of all that happened to the Opium that entered that port, and was quite satisfied that at the present time there was no smuggling from Hongkong into Chinese territory.

The printed reports for Portugal and for the United States were distributed, and the Chair announced that both these reports were before the House for consideration.

The Chief Commissioner for France asked that if there were any further questions to be put to him concerning the French Report they might be presented shortly.

Dr. Hamilton Wright, having put a question to the British Delegation (distributed separately) as to the amount of Opium prepared for smoking shipped from Hongkong and the Straits Settlements to the Philippines, the Chair asked if any of the Committees were ready to submit Reports to the Commission.

Dr Tenney, on behalf of the Committee appointed to consider Treaties and International Agreements covering the traffic in Opium, stated that a printed report could not be laid on the table that day, but that he would read the report, and he said at the same time that the Committee had taken the liberty of adding to its name the words "and its Derivatives".

After the report had been read the Rt. Hon. Cecil Clementi Smith expressed the opinion that neither he nor his colleagues ever contemplated that the Committee would extract portions of certain Treaties and Agreements, and give an interpretation as to the exact meaning of those extracts. He for one would certainly not be bold enough to do anything of the kind and he considered it an extremely dangerous proceeding to adopt, these matters being generally left to be interpreted and explained by the Governments concerned.

It was finally decided to allow the Report to stand over until the various Delegations had had sufficient time to study it.

There being no further questions asked on the Reports in hand, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Brent addressed the House (address circulated separately).

It was decided that all Resolutions should be presented by the Different Delegations in alphabetical order, and that no time limit should be fixed for receiving Resolutions.

The House adjourned until 10-30 A.M. on 23rd February.

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