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Reparations Conference Hangs on Slender Thread - British Prime Minister Makes Sensational Announcement--Soviet Foreign Minister Warns Turks Against Allies - Another Newfoundlander Meets Death in Cape Breton.

HANGING BY A THREAD.
LONDON, Dec. 10. The possibility of reaching an agreement which will enable the Brussels Conference to assemble with any prospect of success, seems tonight to hang on an extremely tenuous thread. With all previous attempts to solve reparations problems, the main difficulty lies in French determination to secure penalties or guarantees of satisfactory character for the fulfil-

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KENMARE TAKEN FROM REBELS.
DUBLIN, Dec. 10. Free State forces recaptured Kenmare on Wednesday last, it is learned. The irregulars holding the place were defeated after an enveloping movement by land and sea. Kenmare has been one of the strongholds of the Irish rebels.

SHANTUNG GOES BACK TO CHINA.
PEKING, Dec. 10. The Province of Shantung was restored to China at noon to-day by the Japanese.

NORTHERN IRELAND'S GOVERNOR.
LONDON, Dec. 10. The Duke of Abercorn has been appointed Governor of Northern Ireland by King George.

FAMILY BURNED TO DEATH.
FORT HOOD, N.S., Dec. 10. Mrs. Donald MacDonald, of Harbor View, two miles from here, with her three children were burned to death at their home there on Friday night or early Saturday morning. A few bones were found among the ashes of the house.

Inter-Provincial Conference.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES OF MARITIME PROVINCES AND NEWFOUNDLAND.

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 11.—(By Canadian Press)—The third conference of the Universities, Colleges and Governments of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland will open in the Province Building here to-morrow for the purpose of passing on a scheme of University Federation which is the personal judgment of representatives of all the interests involved, and formally chosen as such, is a workable plan. Out of the conference and with this plan as a basis, it is hoped will grow a final scheme for submission to the constituencies of the universities involved. The publication last spring of the report of the Carnegie Foundation Commissioners, Dr. W. M. S. Learned and Dr. Kenneth C. M. Sills, following their investigation of the situation as regards higher education in the Maritime Provinces, excited widespread interest among educationists other than those immediately concerned with the problem presenting itself in Eastern Canada. This for the reason that the solution recommended aimed at a new treatment of the problem presented in all large universities in the United States of the proper assimilation and direction of huge bodies of students. In effect the report proposed that the various universities at present operating, under tremendous financial handicaps, in the Maritime Provinces should move to Halifax, set up a central university qualified to receive Government aid, preserve their own names and identities by functioning as constituent colleges, and with their endowments unimpaired, be further relieved of the burden of teaching the more expensive courses. As regards Dalhousie University, Halifax, which with its present \$5,000,000, plant and endowment, would form the nucleus of any scheme of federation, it was suggested that it should hand over its professional schools of medicine, law and dentistry, already established, to the central university, and function as a non-denominational constituent college, or should give up everything it possessed, save only its name which should designate the new Central University.

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LAUSANNE, Dec. 10.

had been interpreted in the Chamber of Deputies by a portion of the press as a weakening in face of Bonar Law.

BONAR LAW'S SENSATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT.
LONDON, Dec. 10.

Premier Bonar Law caused a sensation at the second session of the Allied Premier's Conference yesterday, when in the course of a reply to M. Poincare's memorandum plan he gave a clear indication that the British Government would be quite willing to reconsider the question of cancellation of the French debt, provided such a step was made possible by a reparations settlement satisfactory to Great Britain. Mr. Bonar Law had previously intimated that the United States insistence on the payment of the British debt had made it very difficult for England to discuss the remission of the French war debt. The British Prime Minister's declaration at the afternoon meeting greatly encouraged Premier Poincare who was extremely pessimistic early in the day. While the Premier is far from being in accord is said by the French delegation last evening that Bonar Law's pronouncement had made an agreement much more likely.

CHITICHERIN WARNS TURKEY.
LAUSANNE, Dec. 10.

Proof that Bolshevik Russia is highly dissatisfied with Turkey because Ismet Pasha has abandoned the Russians on the question of the Dardanelles was found yesterday when M. Tchitcherin, Soviet Foreign Minister, issued an urgent invitation to the Turkish journalists and in the course of a long speech warned them of the danger of placing their trust in the Allied nations. M. Tchitcherin did not want to say anything in the way of criticism of the Turkish plenipotentiaries, but thought the Turkish people at home should know the trend of things at Lausanne. He had a distinct impression, he said, that war between Turkey and the Powers was still going on. Usually the wars were fought on the battlefield but at Lausanne the war was being waged around a green table and the goal was to separate Turkey from Russia. Afterwards the Great Powers would defeat Turkey and Russia separately. M. Tchitcherin charged that France had abandoned Turkey in favor of England and the consideration was probably some concessions on the Reparations problem, but it remains to be seen, he continued, how far France and England will agree when the Brussels Conference is held.

KILLED AT GLACE BAY.
SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 9.

James Hibbs, 25, a landing tender, was instantly killed by a runaway coal box in No. 2 colliery, Glace Bay, yesterday afternoon. He is a native of Newfoundland.

IRISH OFFICIAL'S RESIDENCE SET ON FIRE.
LONDON, Dec. 10.

The residence of J. J. Walsh, Postmaster General of the Irish Free State, and other Government officials in Dublin were attacked tonight by armed men and set on fire. According to a Central News despatch from that city they were badly damaged.

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discuss of Halifax was held here on July 7, at the call of King's College. The conference elected the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia as Chairman and Mr. G. Fred Pearson as Secretary and as provided for the appointment of two committees, finance and constitution, representative of all the institutions involved, and charged with the task of ascertaining the cost of a workable scheme of federation and a consideration of the main constitutional questions involved.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED.

A second conference was held in Halifax October 24. The Committee on Finance reported that a new University, mothering the existing Maritime Colleges removed to Halifax would involve a capital expenditure of \$1,000,000 and an annual outlay of \$450,000. The Committee on Constitution reported, endorsing the principle of federation, recommended the removal to Halifax of the existing institutions while retaining each its own character and governing body and holding in abeyance its degree conferring powers, except in divinity. Growing out of the discussion of the above reports it was resolved "That each of the bodies represented at this conference be asked to nominate two representatives on a committee to consider and report further on the constitutional, academic, and financial aspects of the problems before the Conference and to submit their report to each member of the Conference at least two weeks before the next meeting of the Conference." This Committee subsequently met and decided to invite the representatives of each of the various institutions involved to submit a plan of federation which in its judgment would be workable. This having been done an endeavor was made to consolidate the various plans and the resultant scheme is the one which the Conference will be called upon to consider to-morrow. While its provisions have yet to be made public, it is believed they will follow closely the plan contained in the original Carnegie report. In the case of any one of the constituent colleges this would mean that it would come to Halifax and be provided with ample residential and class room accommodation. It would teach roughly the first two years in arts and a full course in divinity, leaving the more expensive courses to the Central University. It would retain its endowments and equipment other than scientific equipment, but all tuition fees would be paid into the Central University, which would confer all degrees, other than those in divinity. It would share its library with the other colleges.

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