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WORLD AGAINST FREE STATE

THINK AMERICA WILL DOMINATE ALLIES' PARLEY

Diplomats Beginning to Discuss Recent Speech of Ambassador Harvey.

POINCARÉ PERTURBED

Believed French Premier Does Not Welcome United States Participation.

By ED. L. KEEN.
Special Cable to The Advertiser. (Copyright).

London, Dec. 7.—America is expected to dominate the conference of allied premiers here next Saturday in much the same manner as the United States made its voice heard at Lausanne, according to belief in British official circles.

Ambassador Harvey's speech at the Lyceum Club, Monday night, in which he declared the fate of Europe hung upon the forthcoming week-end conference, was inadequately reported, and diplomats here are just beginning to discuss it.

Considerable importance in this connection is attached to the arrival here of United States ministers to Brussels and Berlin. Information is passed on from official quarters to the effect that Harvey, preparing his speech for Monday night, intended to speak on some innocuous subject, but changed his plans at the last minute, presumably upon information or instructions from Washington.

Additional significance is lent to participation of an American observer at the premier's parley by the fact that Raymond Poincaré, prime minister of France, is now expected to try to exclude the question of reparations from the London discussions, hoping thereby to force a financial conference at Brussels.

Referring to the Brussels project, Ambassador Harvey said: "If the premiers themselves are unable to agree, it is useless to expect results from a meeting of a few under-strappers at Brussels."

According to reliable information obtained from British sources, Premier Poincaré does not welcome contemplated American participation in the London conference. It is said in this connection that Poincaré and his government are likely to reach an agreement with the British, who say they expect the American position in London will oppose "French plans to coerce Germany."

Ambassador Harvey may play a role similar to that of Richard Washburn Child at Lausanne.

MUSSOLINI UPSETS PLANS.

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Milan, Dec. 7.—Benito Mussolini, Italy's vivacious prime minister, who has more than once upset the plans and disturbed the dignity of Premier Poincaré of France, again today disarranged a schedule, outlined by European statesmen of the old school, for a meeting of the League of Nations in Paris and travel to the London premier's conference with Poincaré and arrange Franco-Italian unity during the journey. The breezy Fascist leader today sent word to Poincaré to go on by himself. Mussolini will not leave Milan until tonight, and will travel to London alone.

ICE FORCES MOTORISTS TO CHANGE DRIVING POSITIONS

Condition of City Streets Responsible for Several Collisions at Noon Hour.

Motorists out driving just before noon today experienced the new sensation of having to steer their vehicles by reaching far out to the side to get a view of thoroughfares just before them.

The rain froze to the windshields almost as soon as it was deposited on them, with the result that they looked like frosted glass and obstructed all view.

On Ridout street, near the bridge, two cars collided, one of them suffering a badly damaged body and a covered wheel. On the corner of Colborne and York streets another bumped into a standing motor. Reports from other sections were that many minor accidents occurred.

TRAIN STRIKES CAR, BUT AUTOISTS ESCAPE DEATH

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 7.—Early this morning a T. R. motor car, driven by George Grant, and the occupants were thrown out of the car by a train, but the car was not seriously damaged.

Grant escaped with a few bruises, but Mrs. Grant was removed to the hospital in an unconscious condition, but will likely recover. A little girl, who was in the back seat, escaped injury. The car was demolished.

CANADIAN ORDER AIDS BRITISH SHIPBUILDERS

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, Dec. 7.—British shipbuilders have been substantially helped by orders for ten steamers, each of 2,500 tons, for trade between Buffalo and Montreal. The price amounts to \$300,000, and the contracts were placed by A. R. Mackay for the Eastern Steamship Company of Canada.

HEALTH IN CITY SHOWS MARKED IMPROVEMENT

Annual Report of Dr. W. S. Downham, Civic Health Officer, Proves Gratifying.

FEWER SERIOUS CASES

Appreciable Reduction Is Revealed in Respect to More Severe Diseases.

There is a marked improvement this year in the general health of Londoners than in 1921, according to the annual report by Dr. W. S. Downham, civic health officer of health.

"Although our population is gradually increasing," he says, "we had a smaller number of communicable diseases in 1922 than during preceding years. I attribute this, chiefly, to the fact that we have experienced no marked epidemic during the past 12 months. The nearest approach to such a condition was the large number of scarlet fever and whooping-cough patients."

There seems to be but one serious exception to be noted in the officer's report, that being tuberculosis. Dr. Downham reports that this ailment seems to be on the increase in London. There is a gain of 19 cases, difficult to become the problem to handle that it became necessary to engage another nurse to cope with the new cases.

The interesting fact is now disclosed, which would have created not a little alarm if given undue publicity at the time, is the report that no less than 47 instances of smallpox were noted in 1921. This year, the officer reports, but one case was noted, and the same was satisfactorily dealt with.

"When we had the 47 cases in 1921 we did not make it too generally known," Dr. Downham explains. "An appreciable reduction is revealed this year with respect to the more severe diseases, as diphtheria and scarlet fever. There has been a decrease of 19 cases of diphtheria, and 11 of scarlet fever, as compared with 31 in 1921, the large number then being Nov. 30; Impetigo (skin disease, generally among children), 186; scabies, 228; whooping-cough, 156; tuberculosis, 101; smallpox, 1; chickenpox, 202; typhoid, 5, and measles, 17."

The health authorities are particularly well pleased with results to date, however, and feel that the city is in a far healthier condition generally than it has been for some time in the history of the community.

PROROGUE PARLIAMENT ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN

London, Dec. 7.—The prorogation of the British parliament will occur Dec. 15, Prime Minister Bonar Law told the House of Commons today.

GOVERNMENT VICTORY LIKELY IN NEW ZEALAND

Wellington, New Zealand, Dec. 7. Polling in the parliamentary elections in New Zealand today was heavy, owing to the large number of absent voters being permitted to vote.

"I honestly believe," the latter official declared Thursday, "that the butcher shops of London have finally attained a standard of cleanliness exceeding anything in the history of the city. We have witnessed wonderful improvement during recent and present inspections, and where we formerly registered complaints we now find that defects have been remedied."

Dr. Tamin is particularly enthusiastic with respect to the local milk dealers, relating that the improved conditions during the past three months have been remarkable. The majority of them have spent considerable money, he explains, "installing new and more sanitary equipment, and we are well pleased with the progress that has been noted to date."

Major Astor Determined to Restore Old Traditions of the London Times

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.

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London, Dec. 7.—On Lord Northcliffe's death, the option to purchase the Times reverted to its former proprietor, John Walter, who exercised his right in favor of Major Astor. The latter is now owner of the Times, and is determined to restore its old traditions, literary and political, departed from under the Northcliffe regime.

Wickham Steed has left the editor's chair, and his place will be filled by Geoffrey Dawson, former editor, who resigned the post because he disagreed with Northcliffe on questions of European policy, and peace terms.

Mr. Dawson is now bursar of All Souls College, Oxford, an official in the Rhodes scholarship trust, and holds several other positions which suit his scholarly temperament.

He has been extremely reluctant to return to newspaper work, and to what he describes to his friends as "the slavery of the Times," but he has yielded to pressure from most influential personalities, who assert that nobody else can make the Times the national institution it ought to be.

As a young man, Dawson was one of a group of intellectual imperialists Lord Milner gathered round him, and for five years editor of the Johannesburg Star.

TURKEY DECIDES TO BAN ENEMY CONSULS

Lausanne Dispatch Says Dardanelles Issue Almost Settled.

Angora, Dec. 7.—The Turkish Nationalist government, it is announced today, has decided that it cannot accept the continuance in Turkey of the consulates or post-offices of any power at war with Turkey.

By HENRY WOOD.

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Lausanne, Dec. 7.—Peace with the Turks is now considered almost at hand.

Conference circles today confidently expected that the issue of the Dardanelles would be settled immediately, enabling the delegations to take up and expedite the remaining principal questions, including the Ottoman debt, Asiatic frontier and the capitulations.

Turkish reactions to the Allied proposals of yesterday developed no serious opposition, and the intervention of America, showing her complete solidarity with the allies, was declared to have helped greatly to secure Turkey's acquiescence.

The delegates were about to assemble to hear Turkish and Russian replies. Continued opposition was expressed from the Russians, but the allies delegates met with the allied naval and military representatives to see how the allied plan would work out in practice. Complete explanations were given them by the allies, and it was seen that the Turks might find the Dardanelles plan acceptable with only slight modifications.

Unless a surprise occurs, it is thought the problem of the Straits will be completely disposed of by the end of the week. The Russians will probably refuse the general settlement, but are not expected to make any further objections.

"We are pacific," Tchitcherine said, "but we will never accept such a solution."

REBELS CAPTURE BARRACKS.

Canadian Press.

Cork, Dec. 7.—Two hundred rebels captured the barracks at Ballymacormack, near Macroom, yesterday, killing one man and wounding fifteen.

DEPUTY MALES KILLED.

Dublin, Dec. 7.—President Cosgrave announced to the parliament this afternoon that Deputy Sean Hales had been shot and killed, and Deputy Patrick O'Malley, who was deputy speaker, had been wounded while they were on their way to the parliament session.

The two victims were on their way to the parliament session, and were accompanied by their wives and children. They were shot by a party of about 20 men, who were armed with revolvers and shotguns.

The rebels were attacking the parliament building, and were driven back by the police. The two victims were taken to the hospital, but they died of their wounds.

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Halifax, N. S., Dec. 7.—A wireless message received at noon by C. H. Harvey, agent for the department of marine and fisheries from Cape Race reports: "Steamer Auguste LeBlond, in distress, steamer Neilsen standing by."

COAL-LADEN SCHOONER TOTAL LOSS IN WRECK

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 7.—The 50-ton schooner Mary A., owned by Captain Hubert Theriault, of North Sydney, while en route from Sydney to Bourke, was wrecked on Cape River bar, and will be a total loss.

FORM SPANISH CABINET.

Madrid, Dec. 7.—The Marquis de Aiguemada today accepted the task of forming a cabinet to succeed the Sanchez Guerra ministry. The marquis, who gave his acceptance to King Alfonso at the palace this morning, will return there later in the day, probably with a list of the new ministers.

COUZNS TAKES OATH OF OFFICE.

Washington, Dec. 7.—James Couzens, Detroit, appointed by Governor Grosbeck of Michigan to succeed Senator Newberry, took the oath of office today in the Senate.

NORTH 'CONTRACTS OUT' OF IRISH FREE STATE

Both Houses of Ulster Parliament Approve Address, Declaring Themselves No Part of Dominion Established Under Anglo-Irish Treaty.

Canadian Press.

Cork, Dec. 7.—A powerful bomb was thrown at a military car this afternoon. The missile did not reach its mark, but exploded nearby, wounding two men and two women. The bomb thrower escaped.

"CONTRACT OUT" OF STATE.

Belfast, Dec. 7.—Both houses of the Ulster Parliament voted unanimously today to "contract out" of the Irish Free State, as permitted under the Anglo-Irish treaty.

Premier Sir James Craig, in the lower house of the Ulster Parliament, proposed an address in the name of the Ulster Unionists, declaring that they would not accept the Irish Free State, and that they would remain loyal to the United Kingdom.

The measure was sent to the Senate, which returned it to the lower house for final approval after amending it by inserting the words, "and we, the Ulster Unionists, do hereby declare that we will not accept the Irish Free State, and that we will remain loyal to the United Kingdom."

The proceedings were conducted along formal lines.

KING GOES TO IRELAND?

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London, Dec. 7.—King George plans to go to Ireland to open the parliament of the Irish Free State as he did that of Ulster, it was semi-officially announced today.

Investigations concerning the safety of such a journey by his majesty, who probably would be accompanied by the Prince of Wales, are under way. The Free State government is anxious that the King go to Dublin. A message, described as of great importance, sent by King George to Governor-General Timon, which was to be published in Ireland today.

Although the possibility of the King's presence has taken no definite shape, it is safe to say that if Ireland intimidated such a visit would be welcome, the sovereign would be unlikely, however, that his majesty would take the initiative in the matter.

REVIEWS EXPENSE OF CITY FOR YEAR

Treasurer James Bell States Expenditure Fairly Well Within Means.

From a viewpoint of ordinary expenditure, London has lived fairly well within its means during the past year, according to City Treasurer James Bell.

"Taking the departments as a whole," he explained Thursday, "we will finish the year very well. There were two special expenditures, which naturally prevent us from living exactly within the estimates."

"The council sanctioned the expenditure of \$15,000 for the Byron Sanatorium and another \$15,000 or so for the purchase and installation of new fire equipment. These amounts will be incorporated in the tax rate next year."

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Smoking Mount Terrifies Italy

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Potenza, Italy, Dec. 7.—Inhabitants of San Feles fled in terror today following the appearance of great smoking fissures in the slopes of Mount Vesuvius, and clouds of fumes shot from the cracks, as if projected by high pressure. The eruptions were accompanied by loud rumblings, adding to the fright of the hundreds of persons who took refuge in surrounding cities and mountains.

Scientists plan to visit the scene immediately to ascertain whether the disturbance is a geological phenomenon or marks the birth of a new volcano.

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VERDICT WITHHELD IN DAMAGE CLAIM

Norman Gould Alleges Misrepresentation in Purchase of House.

Canadian Press.

Damages to the extent of \$500 have been claimed by Norman Gould from A. S. Bean for alleged fraudulent misrepresentation in selling a house last year to the plaintiff.

The action was heard before Judge MacBeth this morning but no decision is anticipated until late this afternoon.

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All restaurants and theatres have been ordered closed. Troops which had been driven from Kustendil by the mutineers, reoccupied the city without meeting serious resistance.

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FAVOR RAISING PAY OF LONDON GARBAGE MEN

Several of Aldermen-Elect Express Opinion on Subject of Reduction.

MAY TAKE ACTION EARLY

Councillors Expected to Deal With Wages at First of Year.

"Restore the garbage men the \$2.50 a week the amount of their reduction this year," is the slogan adopted by many of the aldermen elect.

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WOULD CARRY CAR BATTLE TO HIGHEST COURT

Ald. John T. May Lines Up Behind Wenige for Ob-servance of Bylaw.

POINTS TO VOTE AS GUIDE

London Councillors Realize Drastic Action Needed to Solve Transportation Problems.

"Insist that the London Street Railway Company adhere to its agreement with the corporation of London, Bylaw 916, and if need be carry the fight to the highest court in the land."

This is the frank, emphatic advice of Ald. John T. May, re-elected to the city council, who lines up solidly behind Mayor-elect George Wenige, with the policy "a show-down, once and for all, with the railway company."

With a mandate from the people that there shall be no probable purchase negotiations with that company until 1930 at the latest, the survivors of the old council, as well as the aldermen-elect realize the London's transportation problems will be a source of constant worry and disagreement if drastic action is not undertaken with as little delay as possible.

Ald. May's appeal for a rigid adherence to the clauses of the company's agreement with the city, can be accepted, he points out, following Monday's vote, as being a fair opinion of the ratepayers as a body.

Stands for Force.

"Experience in the past has taught us that you can't do anything with the street railway company until you force them," Ald. May asserts, "and I stand solidly behind any move to make them stand by their agreement."

"The new mayor and councillors should expend every effort to induce them to furnish adequate service within the provisions of the agreement,