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Matter Has Prominent Place in Speech From Throne... Hopes Majority Will Soon Give Effect to Irish Act—The Coming London Conference—Hope for Trade Agreement With Russia.

London, Feb. 15.—Violence will not solve the Irish problem, King George declared here today in his speech from the throne to the two houses of parliament in formally opening the session.

The situation in Ireland still causes me distress. A misguided section of the Irish people persists in resorting to methods of criminal violence with the object of establishing an independent republic.

King George expressed himself as favorably disposed toward a commercial treaty with Soviet Russia, saying: "It is my hope that negotiations for a trade agreement with Russia may also be brought to a successful conclusion."

King George announced the "determination of the government to reduce expenditures to the lowest level consistent with the well being of the empire."

The king also announced that he was glad to say that arrangements had been made to renew personal consultations between his ministers in London and their colleagues in the governments of the dominions.

His Majesty referred to the good results of such consultations during the last two years of the war and during the peace settlement, and added: "I hope the premiers of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Newfoundland, as well as the representatives of India, will be able to visit London during the coming summer."

Streets thronged to greet the king and queen.

Ceremonies at the opening of parliament were invested with all their pomp and splendor. Precautions were taken to guard the king and queen from any possible attack.

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"I assume from your remarks," said the reporter, "that the Settlement is not quite ready for a Soviet."

"Sure's you live," said Hiram. "Sle Jones wouldn't mind if he could push his fence over the neighbor's line a little, or cut over into his woods—if he thought he wouldn't be found out—but even Sle 'ud draw the line if somebody tried to camp in his front yard 'n' order up the victuals. All of us folks out in the Settlement has got something. It's the fellers that wants what we got that ever ast us to be fed at the public crib. No, sir—we don't want no Soviet round here. We'll go on living our little excitement at the school meetings—By Hen!"

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London, Feb. 15.—Revolution has broken out in Indian state of Tonk, in Rajasthan, says a Reuters despatch from Allahabad. After agreeing to demands of the people, the Nawab Mohammedan ruler of the district arrested leaders of the movement, whereupon rioting broke out. State troops are actively engaged and people are fleeing toward British territory. The capital of the district is located in the city of Tonk, about fifty miles south of Jaipur.

TONK IS ONE OF TWENTY ONE Indian states included in the Rajasthan district, which covers a vast area in the northwestern part of the Indian peninsula. Tonk has an area of 2,553 square miles and in 1911 had a population of 305,131. Most of the population are Hindus.

A STRENUOUS SESSION AHEAD IN BRITISH HOUSE

Crucial Test of Lloyd George Ministry Looked For

London, Feb. 15.—New political alignments and the proposal of legislative and governmental issues of tremendous importance to the people of Great Britain were foreshadowed when parliament re-assembled here yesterday after a recess of seven weeks.

MORE ACTIVE ON THE MONTREAL STOCK MARKET

Montreal, Feb. 15.—In contrast to the extreme dullness of yesterday the local stock market this morning experienced a session of much activity, although the general tone, throughout the early trading, was exceptionally weak, practically every important issue dropping from one to two points.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE STRONG TODAY ON THE N. Y. MARKET

New York, Feb. 15.—Extensive purchases of bills on London had a strengthening effect on foreign exchange in the local market this morning. Before the opening sterling bills were quoted at 85.04, and in the first hour the rate made a further advance to 85.12. This is the maximum figure since the year and compares with the low of almost a year ago when demand sterling dropped to 81.5.

WOMAN IN PLACE OF HONOR IN LEGISLATURE

Mrs. O. G. Steeves, Two Daughters and Three Sons

Mrs. Arthur Rodgers, only woman member of the legislature of Manitoba, selected to second the reply to the speech from the throne in the coming session.

POWER MATTER

Among the matters to be taken up this afternoon at a meeting of the common council is the approval of the recommendation of the committee of the whole regarding the obtaining of the services of Mr. Kessit, an electrical expert, to look into the cost of producing power and distributing it in the city.

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