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CANADA GIVES WAY TO BRITISH PLAN

This is Significance of
Colonial Secretary's
Announcement.

AUSTRALIA OBJECTS

Manner of Representation
at Parleys Unsatis-
factory.

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and Montreal Gazette.

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London, July 18.—The significance of to-day's statement in Parliament by the Colonial Secretary that a way out had been found of the difficulty with Canada regarding representation at the London Conference is that Canada had given way. The arrangement to which Canada has now consented is the one originally proposed by the British Government, accepted by Australia and New Zealand, but rejected by Canada. The arrangement now made for panel representation of the British Empire is not the arrangement that was obtained at Paris and Washington. There, as it is understood Senator Belcourt pointed out to Mr. Thomas, the panel was between different Dominion delegates; now it is for the whole Empire.

Belcourt will sign the agreement, if one is achieved by this conference, but he will not be able to vote except on those days when he is present as one of the three British delegates, and then only on behalf of the Empire, not of Canada. Incidentally Belcourt was present at to-day's conference.

It is not only Canadians who are protesting against the manner of Dominion representation at the conference. Colonel R. A. Crouch, the Australian delegate to the forthcoming Commonwealth Labor Conference, expresses in a letter to the London Times his deep dissatisfaction with the position to which Australia has been relegated. He asks why "Countries which have not paid their debts to England are fully represented, whilst Australia, which has faced and yearly is facing its debts to the Old Country, is only to be informed of developments." America, which repudiated its President's signature to the Treaty of Versailles, and Japan, whose loss of life and limb in the war was slight compared with Australia's and whose financial and material gain during the war was enormous, is present not every fifth day but all the time."

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