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DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

The German newspaper Vossische Zeitung takes an eminently sane view of the coming conference on disarmament. It holds that the conference is "momentarily the most important problem engaging the attention of the world" and that it "connotes a new type of co-operation between the two great Anglo-Saxon nations, which in turn means a new policy on the part of France and Japan." The Berlin Journal remarks that what the League of Nations originally intended, but which was frustrated by the non-entry of the United States, is to be accomplished by another method which is yet within the fundamental principles of the League. As to the attitude of Germany, it says: "Let us not say that it does not concern us, our navy being at the disposal of the Allies and our army demobilized. It is a matter of prime importance to us. The greatest, if not the sole, obstacle in the way of European reconstruction is the fear on the part of France that Germany will again rise up in arms and launch a new attack. That France should have this fear is incontestable to us, but so long as it exists France seems determined to maintain her position as the most powerful military nation in the world. With nearly a million men still with the colors she cannot possibly build up that rapprochement, commercial and social, on which the salvation of Europe depends so largely at present. Let us support President Harding in his move in any way we may be invited or permitted."

A sentiment in favor of the special purpose of the conference in Washington should be aroused in every country to the point of such expression as would strongly influence the men who are to meet and deliberate upon a matter of such momentous importance to the world. If the conference can agree upon a general policy looking toward a general disarmament, it is conceivable that other matters of universal interest may be discussed in a friendly way, leading to a fuller success of the great work undertaken by the League of Nations. The time is opportune and the outlook hopeful, and nowhere could the conference hope to meet with greater hope of a satisfactory outcome than in the capital city of the United States.

DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH.

The effect of the equal distribution of wealth has long been a subject of interested discussion. An interesting contribution thereto was that of Sir Josiah Stamp, joint honorary secretary of the Royal Statistical Society, in a recent lecture at University College, London. In the course of the lecture he dealt with the question as to the result if all the incomes of the richer were pooled for the benefit of the poorer, and said that if all the people with more than £200 per year had the surplus above that income pooled and divided among the people it would add only about £14 a year, or say five shillings per week to each family. Sir Josiah pointed out that before the distribution was made there would have to be provision for the upkeep of public services now taken care of by an income tax, and also the capital extensions which had hitherto been provided for out of the savings of the richer class. He further remarked that after the first year the amount to be pooled would be much smaller and probably not more than £5 or £6 per family for a year. This is a very interesting calculation, showing as it does that an equal distribution of wealth would not enrich the masses, while it would take from individuals the incentive to industry which lies at the root of national prosperity. It may fairly be argued that the accumulation of wealth by a relatively very small portion of the community has gone to an unjustifiable extreme, but that is a condition which may be righted without a plunge in the direction of communism. Accumulations of capital are necessary, or great enterprises could not be undertaken, and it is these enterprises that provide work and wages for great numbers of people who would otherwise find the problem of gaining a livelihood far more difficult.

The farmer government of Alberta is about to be sworn into office. The new premier, Mr. Herbert Greenfield, went west as an immigrant and carved his way to success by the exacting work of a pioneer on the prairie. The career of the new administration will be watched with keen interest all over Canada, for it is a real farmer government with a farmer majority at its back.

The Irish answer to the British government proposals is now in the hands of Lloyd George, and will be considered by the cabinet tomorrow. Last night's cables are of a hopeful tenor regarding the negotiations, and the true is faithfully observed in Ireland. The remark of one British official that "we can never go back" to the old bitter relations seems to express the feeling on both sides of the controversy.

News of the death of Michael Conolly recalls the days when he was building wharves in St. John, and this port making its fight for recognition as a national port.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie has sailed for Canada. Premier Meighen will soon have all his colleagues with him to consider the political situation. The Toronto Globe makes some interesting comments on the present cabinet as compared with the one which was formed for war purposes. We quote: "It is only the remnant of the government which was formed to finish the task of winning the war. Its leaders on both sides of politics have gone. Sir Robert Borden and Sir Thomas White on the Conservative side, Messrs. Crerar, Carvell, Maclean, Rowell, Sifton and McBurn on the Liberal side. With all due respect to Sir Henry Drayton, Mr. McCurdy, Mr. Wigmore and Mr. Spence, it must be said that the places of the departed leaders have not been filled. When Mr. Meighen looks about for new men he is faced with the difficulty of finding constituencies in which they can be elected. Thorough reorganization is impossible for a government walking a tight-rope in mid-air."

The Chatham World likes to observe: "Premier Meighen has returned from England with greatly increased prestige as a statesman. The impression he made upon the great men he met there, and on the people at large, was greater than ever a Canadian premier made in fifty days. He won distinction, not by playing to the gallery in flowery speeches full of glittering generalities, but by his form of character, solidity of judgment, firmness of purpose and rectitude. Canada stands head and shoulders higher in the Empire and the world as the result of Mr. Meighen's mission to London." Now how can Mr. Meighen overlook the claims of Bro. Stewart for that senatorship?

The chief points to be considered in connection with the proposed new ferry wharf are the relation of future C. N. R. plans to that part of the water front; the question whether a rigid wharf is better at the ferry entrance than piling that would give under pressure; and whether an expenditure of \$30,000 is actually necessary at the present time, with the expense involved in expropriation.

The Silver Fall pumping station was of great benefit to St. John before the larger connection was made with Loch Lomond. The proposal to link up the eastern and western sources of water supply is not new, and has distinct advantages. It would ensure the city at least a partial water supply in the event that either service was interrupted.

Lord Byng, in speech and interview, since he arrived in Canada, has confirmed the favorable opinion already formed regarding him as governor general. He speaks French as well as English, and his brief address in French at Quebec was in excellent taste.

The name of Hon. Robert Rogers is mentioned in connection with the governorship of Manitoba. Surely that would be too humdrum a career for the stormy petrel of western tourism. The present governor, Sir James Aikins, has been an admirable chief executive.

The New South Wales government has gone into the fish business and has put the product on the market at prices away below those of private concerns. Profit-making can hardly flourish in New South Wales.

Britain and France have referred the Silesian question to the League of Nations. This is a practical recognition of the value of the League in case of a dispute between two powers which are not at war. Rules to regulate jitneys, if adopted, will reduce the service to a system, and eliminate vehicles which are not adapted to the work. Experience has shown that proper regulation is necessary.

Next week's harvest exhibition has been cancelled. The supply of men and wages for great numbers of people who would otherwise find the problem of gaining a livelihood far more difficult.

Germany continues to make her payments to the Allies and to go after world markets. She is not disturbed by industrial disputes.

The complete destruction wrought by the flames at Aymer renders necessary an appeal to both the Ottawa and Quebec governments.

Today's moisture is welcomed in the fire zone near Westfield, and a heavy rainfall would be of incalculable value.

PASSED WIRELESS TESTS.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—The naval department has announced the names of the following successful seven candidates for certificates of proficiency in radio telegraphy during July.—W. Conell, Taylorville; G. B. Gard and L. P. Kelce, Halifax; D. H. Maxwell, P. A. Slaven and J. T. Stalker, Montreal, and W. L. Nelson, Kimsack, N. S.

MOVE TO DISSOLVE DIET IS REJECTED.

Leprie, Aug. 12.—A motion by the Majority Socialists today asking for the dissolution of the Diet was rejected.

LIGHTER VEIN.

There was an amusing ending to a civil case tried in a Wyoming court. It was an appeal, and on one side was a testy lawyer, and on the other a number of inexperienced attorneys. The arguments on both sides had been heard and the case closed for judgment. Suddenly one of the inexperienced lawyers got up and addressed the court once more. The testy lawyer stood up for a moment, but losing patience, he also rose and addressed the court in this wise: "Your honor, I would beg with all respect to point out to the court that my learned friend opposite is entirely out of order in addressing the court, and if I may be permitted to say so, the court has no right to be listening to him."

The court, who at that time was writing, put his head out in a belligerent way and said: "Mr. Smith, it is a great piece of impertinence, on your part to assume that the court is listening to him." Philadelphia Public Ledger.

High Hol Such is Love. "Dear Mame—What you asked me about did I love Charlie, well, dear it's this way: I'm afraid if I don't take him I'll be sorry and if I do I'll regret it because I can't live without him any more than I expect I'll be able to love him. It's just so exciting being miserable until I'm happy that if I don't find it one way or another, and so we're going to get married. I don't care if I don't and if I do, the Lord have mercy on my soul, Mame, because he's an awful lemming if he has a job, so that's how it is, dearie, and they tell me it's perfectly natural, like the measles."

"I'll send you an invitation, and when you see me walking down the aisle with him, for the love of Mike, Mame, don't giggle. This is too darned serious for you to act like you feel like. Mimmie—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Know His Bible. Bricklayer—"Op it—we can't 'ave yob a-blowin' that trumpet round 'ere. Boy Scout—"Why not?" Bricklayer—"Tain't safe—you know wot 'appened to the walls of Jericho, don't you?"—The Bits (London).

A poet went to stay at a hotel. He was short of money, but was expecting a check any day. One morning he rang the bell and a bellhop answered. "Boy," he asked, "have you seen anything of my laundry?" "Your laundry?" inquired the boy in astonishment. "Why, you've only had one shirt since you've been here."

"That," said the poet, with overwhelming dignity, "is the one to which I refer."

LOCAL NEWS

Arthur L. Fairbrother, of the editorial staff of the Providence Journal, is a visitor in the city. Mr. Fairbrother, who has been spending part of his vacation at his summer place in Belgrade (Me.), intends to return to Belgrade the latter part of the week.

Miss Ethel Haen Jarvis left yesterday to visit her mother, Mrs. Percy Hall, at Sydney, C. B., and will be away for about three weeks. During Miss Jarvis' absence Miss Marion L. C. Magee will be the acting secretary of the provincial branch of the Red Cross society.

H. E. Wardrop said yesterday that the change in the name of Brussels street to Prince Edward had been recorded and that technically that was now the official name of the thoroughfare, although the signs at the corners have not been changed as yet.

A shower was tendered Miss Amy Young last evening at her home, 32 Autumn street in honor of a coming interesting event. About seventy-five friends assembled and presented to Miss Young many useful gifts of cut glass, silver and linen. The evening was spent in the enjoyment of games and musical entertainment and refreshments were served at the close.

The monthly meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held last night at the home, 68 Grand street, last night with the president, A. M. Belding, in the chair. The monthly report of the agent showed a large number of cases dealt with since the last meeting. During the month two children had left the home but four more had been received, the number now in the care of the Society being twenty-seven. Sixty-seven visits had been made in the city and a large number of letters written. One trip had been taken outside of the city with one of the wards who was placed in a prospective foster home.

UNEMPLOYMENT LESS IN SYDNEY.

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 12.—I have seen less signs of unemployment and discontent in Sydney than in any other place I have visited in the Empire. Philip Ring, provincial factory inspector, on leaving here for Halifax yesterday after a period of inspecting manufacturing plants in this city. Mr. Ring commended the safety first system of the Dominion Coal Company, which he says is reaching a high state of efficiency.

A GLOOMY FARMER.

A. A. Powers, president of the U. F. O. Co-operative Company, sees hard times ahead for Ontario farmers. "The farmers' buying power will fall off greatly during the next year," he told the Toronto Globe. Farmers, he said, were still living on the cheques they received for last year's crops. Last year's crops were good and prices had not then fallen to the same extent they have now. Mr. Powers has toured the province extensively in the past month. Crops are very poor, he states. With the exception of corn and roots, he does not think there will be a fifty per cent. yield. Prices are much lower than they were last year.

Farmers will have to live on essentials only for the next twelve months, he stated.

LLOYD GEORGE TO RETURN HOME

De Valera Reply Takes Him from Allied Conference—Last Irish M. P. Released.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Paris, Aug. 11.—The British delegation through Lord Riddell, this evening, informed the newspaper correspondents that Premier Lloyd George on receipt of the Irish answer to the peace proposals of the British government and in view of the deadlock on the Upper Silesian question, had decided to return to London with his mission tomorrow morning. Premier Lloyd George studied the Sinn Féin reply until a late hour this evening. It was then announced by members of the British delegation that Mr. Lloyd George would make no statement on the situation until after the cabinet meeting Saturday.

A report that the negotiations have been broken off is denied by British and unofficial circles. It was declared that the reply was of a nature to permit further parleys.

No Hint of Nature of Reply. Dublin, Aug. 11.—No responsible Sinn Féin leader who knew any hint of the nature of Mr. De Valera's reply; no authentic version even of the government proposals has leaked out, but the inference drawn by those in contact with the Sinn Féin leaders and government officials is that both seem in better spirits than would be possible if a renewal of the struggle were feared.

The general tone among the Sinn Féin leaders is one of confidence; this is observed among the rank and file, as well as among the officials and the released members of the Irish Republican parliament talk as if they had no idea of returning to jail.

Preparations for the meeting of the Dail Eireann are well advanced. The last interned member of the "parliament," John Hayes, was released today and it is expected there will be a full attendance of the members at the Mansion House next Tuesday, including the envoys from Paris and Rome. In fact, so far as is known, there will be only six absentees.

REFORM BUREAU OPENS PRIZE FIGHT CRUSADE.

Pamphlets Say Professional Pugilism is to Be Made Crime Against Civilization. Opinions of the late Theodore Roosevelt, Dr. John Reach Stratton, past master of the Baptist church, Dr. Wilbur E. Crafts, Bishop Lines of Newark, Bishop O'Connor of South Orange, and others are quoted in two pamphlets issued by the International Reform Bureau of Washington, D. C., and edited by Canon William Sheafe Chase, D. D., which open a crusade against prize fighting.

The Carpenter-Dempsey fight of July 4 is characterized by Dr. Stratton as a "moral carbuncle," and the history of attempts to stop the fight, together with a synopsis of former judicial decisions on the subject of prize fights, is given.

In the opinion of the Y. M. C. A., the Salvation Army, and the Methodist and Roman Catholic churches on prize fights are the history of the various crusades against pugilism is related. The object of the attack, according to the Bureau, "is to drive pugilism back to the limbo of crimes against civilization," and restore amateur boxing, such is approved by the American Athletic Union.

WANTS MORE GREENS EATEN.

Doctor Says Americans Are As Old as 40 as They Should Be at 65. Baltimore, Md., Aug. 12.—There are many persons who, through improper cravats of the war-prosperity period, are as old looking at forty years as they would be at sixty-five on a proper diet, asserts Dr. Y. McCollum, professor of biochemistry, Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.

Mr. McCollum says a satisfactory diet cannot be made out of cereals, peas and beans, potatoes, dry-roasted because meats, of which Americans are so fond. "Our national dietetic sin," he said, "is living too much on wheat flour, on bread made from it, and other cereals having similar dietetic properties; on tubers, such as the potato, and on meats. That type of diet has never succeeded with any class of human beings; it will not succeed today and never will."

"The thing to do is this. We are as a nation now using approximately half a pint of milk per day per person. We should replace other things in our diet, should take at least a quart of milk per day, or its equivalent, and we should reduce our meat consumption to approximately five per cent. of the energy value of the diet. Substitute milk for half the quantity of meat now used and cultivate the habit of using green salad dishes."

BEES FORCE TRAVEL TO BE DIVERTED.

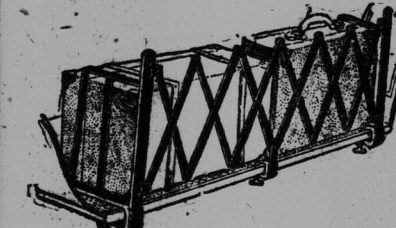
Lexington, Ky., Aug. 12.—The pike from Concord to Vanceburg has been blocked for several days by myriads of honey bees, which for fifty years had used a roadside tree as an apiary. The tree fell across the highway before a high wind and honey was scattered over a wide area. The bees refused to relinquish possession, and all travel was diverted by a route which causes several miles of additional journeying. Persons who approached the fallen tree have been routed by fierce onslaughts of the bees. A Floyd Call, sent to repair telephone lines broken in the storm, is in a serious condition from stings.

SHORT POTATO CROP.

Few in the hill, and many of those dug scabbly, are the reports heard in various sections regarding the Ontario potato crop. These reports are confirmed, so far as general yield is concerned, by the August fruit and vegetable report of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. This report indicates a drop of anywhere from twenty to fifty per cent. as compared with 1920, in the yield of early potatoes in the province. The main crop will also be greatly reduced as a result of late blight.

In Quebec, with a reduced acreage, the prospects are some what in Ontario; in Prince Edward Island there is a fair promise, but in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick not more than fifty to seventy-five per cent. of last year's yield is looked for. In the United States, according to the American Department of Agriculture, the crop will be 50,000,000 bushels below that of a year ago.

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FANCY STYLES TO GO.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—The fancy silk slacks and socks and loud expensively cravats of the war-prosperity period are doomed to give way to cotton, lace and plain knitted goods because men are slashing their clothing bills, haberdashers told the board of review when questioned about their personal property taxes.

Most of the dealers say that the value of their stocks is decreasing because the public is demanding cheaper goods.

Carmen's Convention.

Toronto, Aug. 12.—Progress of the Carmen's Convention was marked yesterday by the presentation and reference to committees of reports for the past quadrennial period from assistant general president F. H. Knight, vice-presidents E. M. Ware, J. E. Mounie and J. M. Patterson, and editor and manager W. J. Adams of the Carmen's Journal.

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