ENGLAND WON'T DROP DEBT DESPITE TALK TO CONTRARY

Will Not Embark on Single Policy of Cancellation—Premier Champions Washington Conference, Declaring Its Results Among Greatest in World's History.

London, Feb. 11.—There was an atmosphere about the opening of Parliament yesterday reminiscent of the prize ring. First round tactics only were displayed. There were few leads and some feinting, but it was evident that no faction was disclosing its hand this early in the battle until it could be seen what the opposing tactics were going to be. Nothing not already known was disclosed—with a single exception and that was the definite announcement that England has no intention of embarking on a single-handed policy of cancellation of debts, while the United States shows no willingness to take a part in such a bargain.

Premier Lloyd George, who was at Downing Street discussing the Irish question when the king opened Parliament, came later in the afternoon and contented himself with renewing his pledges on reform of the House of Lords, economy and Irish peace.

The successful conclusion of the Washington Conference proved a safety valve for many orators who arose in both the Lords and Commons with speeches to make, but battle plans to hide. Admittedly all factions rejoice wholeheartedly or to a degree in the great work done there. Even John Robert Clynes, the labor leader who declines to go the whole way, saw good in it as far as it had gone. Premier Lloyd George and Lord Curzon, the Government spokesmen in the two Houses, hailed it as the greatest event of the age, and the prime minister in addition said definitely it would remove millions from the shoulders of the British taxpayers this year. He answered Mr. Clynes' criticism that the Conference had been only arithmetical by saying that in order to be practical it was necessary to deal with ships, tonnage and guns arithmetically.

"In this case arithmetic meant to reduce the dynamics of war," he said. "In the past regulations for the conduct of war were placed on paper, but when the European war broke out those regulations were swept away in a moment. Vague resolutions have no effect, but when those resolutions are dealt with in arithmetic, they have a very great effect. In this country the effect will be to save millions this year."

Similarly, Lord Curzon said that substitution of the four-Power pact for the Anglo-Japanese alliance ought to make war in the Pacific absolutely impossible.

With reference to France, there was a doubt as to the real sentiment of the Government spokesmen. Lloyd George and Lord Curzon appealed for friendship, but on the other hand, it is believed that Lloyd George's outspoken declaration on debt cancellation was meant for France, because it had been frequently suggested, both in England and France, that it would be a base gesture for this country to reduce or cancel the debt which France owes Great Britain.

Lloyd George prefaced his remarks on this subject by saying that he had already expressed his opinion on the question of England's international debt. Reaching the question of cancellation he said:

"It does not depend upon us alone. We have been quite willing to enter into a discussion so long as all creditor nations and debtor nations come in, but it is useless for us to forego claims when at the same time there are very heavy claims against us. I say that would not be justice to the people of this country and I don't think it wise. When all the rest of the world who have claims or owe debts come together, I don't think Great Britain will lag behind any other country in generosity or justice. Beyond that it would be a mistake to go."

Premier Champions Washington Conference.

London, Feb. 11.—Mr. Lloyd George, replying to a criticism by John Robert Clynes chairman of the Parliamentary Labor party, that the Washington Conference had only dealt with the arithmetic of peace, contended it was only when such proposals as were before the Conference were reduced to arithmetic that they began to do the business of peace.

The Hague Conference, said the Prime minister, had passed great resolutions which were never reduced to arithmetic, and when the great quarrel came these resolutions were swept aside, not retarding for a moment the march of the armies. Arithmetic on this occasion, he added, would have the effect of saving millions of pounds in this year's estimates.

After references to the Washington Conference and the House of Lords, the prime minister passed to a review of the general situation at home and abroad. Of the proposed pact with France he contended that the British and French purposes were alike, though their methods might not always agree. He believed that even Germany would not regard the pact with unfriendly eye, and argued that France must be assured that she is not isolated, nothing being more dangerous than the fear of isolation.

"Give confidence, and you give calmness," said Mr. Lloyd George. "One of the greatest dangers for Europe would be for the young generation in Germany to be brought up with the thought of vengeance, you must make Germany feel that a policy of revenge would not pay, and convince every German that such a policy would be fatal to his own country.

Bound to Give Guarantee to France.

"England is in honor bound to give France some guarantee, to replace the guarantee given by President Wilson and Mr. Balfour at Versailles to induce France to abandon what is known as the advanced Rhine policy." This statement provoked expressions of dissent from the Opposition benches, whereupon the prime minister announced that the House would be given an opportunity for full discussion of the matter, and to either reject or ratify the proposal.

Replying to Mr. Clynes's criticism of the Government's unemployment policy and his contention that it would be impossible to reconstruct the world until the war debts were readjusted, Mr Lloyd George said this did not depend upon the English alone. He was quite willing to enter upon a discussion of the problem if all creditor, as well as the debtor nations would come in; but for England to forego her claims when there were heavy claims against her was neither fair nor just. England would not fail either in generosity or justice, if all the nations would come together, but she could not act alone.

The prime minister, dealing with the economic report of the Geddes committee, admitted economy to be one of the vital subjects of the present session. He then turned to the Egyptian question, saying he must speak with much reserve pending General Allenby's coming to London. He pointed out that Egypt had never been an independent nation, but a Turkish province, and, owing to its geographical position as a corridor country, could not be given complete self-determination without reference to external conditions.

Dilating on the danger an independent Egypt would have been during the war, liable to be overrun by Turkish armies led by Germans and eventually perhaps becoming a Turkish or German province, he declared Egypt had been protected from the fate by British and Australian troops. He argued that whatever reasons had led Gladstone, who was no annexationist, to intervene in Egypt, had been enormously strengthened by what had happened in the last forty-five years, and it was useless to ignore fundamental facts merely to gain temporary peace at the expense of disastrous consequences in the future.

Favors Plebiscite on Irish Boundary.

Turning to Irish affairs the prime minister announced that a bill will be introduced very soon giving the provisional Government necessary powers to deal with economic and other matters. This bill would empower the leaders of the Irish Free State, if they so desired, to take the opinion of the Irish people on the treaty. He considered it needless to be despondent because the second meeting between Sir James Craig and Michael Collins was a failure. It was unfortunate, but even Englishmen, Welshmen and Scotchmen were not always able to arrive at an immediate agreement. In the present state of the world infinite patience was necessary to settle anything; the world's nerves were on edge, and everybody was prepared to quarrel with everybody else.

The treaty had been ratified by both Houses of Parliament by overwhelming majorities, and in due course legislation would be submitted for the carrying into effect of what Parliament had pledged itself to the people of Ireland, the empire and the world to perform.

Mr. Lloyd George also announced that, pending the removal by the United States Senate of difficulties in the way, Austria was obtaining advances upon national security. It was proposed that the British make an advance of something over £2,000,000 remaining out of the sum of £10,000,000 voted last year for the purpose of central Europe. He believed that France also was prepared to make an advance to Austria, to assist her in recovering from her present difficulties and to prevent her collapse while awaiting the suspension of the loan.

Moscow, Feb. 13—The decree announcing the suppression of the Cheka, or secret police, which became effective today, is one of the Soviet Government's first steps in putting its house in order for the Genoa economic conference. The next step, according to a statement made in political circles today, will probably be an announcement of the release of political prisoners.

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GENOA PARLEY SETBACK SEEMS VERY UNLIKELY

Great Britain Does Not Regard Poincare's Attitude as Attempt to Torpedo Meeting.

London, Feb. 14.—British official circles are careful in their comment upon the Poincare note on Genoa, regarding the publication of which they were not consulted. The need for a cut and dried agenda is disputed, but it is admitted that some time might be wasted if this is not done. Mr. Poincare wants Moscow specifically to accept the terms of the Cannes resolutions, while the British express willingness to accept the Russian delegates on terms of the invitation. Official circles profess not to regard the note as an attempt to torpedo the conference. Mr. Poincare is in a delicate position and would like to convince the world that France will have no tampering with the Versailles Treaty. Reparations are at the root of the French distrust of the conference and France dislikes entering the conference if reparations and recognition of Russia are liable to be subjects of debate, especially as British and Italian views differ from French.

The note is considered to be courteous and friendly and no objections is raised to the French desire to make her position clear. The British favor an understanding with Russia, thereby obviating the occasion for a Russo-German rapprochement, which France fears. Both British and Italians are anxious to proceed with the reconstruction of Europe on the lines agreed by the economic conference as soon as possible.

The French note is being considered by the Cabinet, but it is not thought that a postponement will take place.

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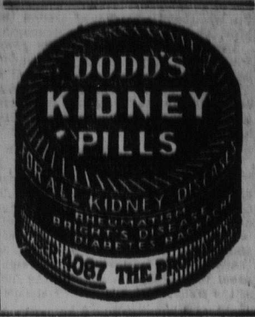
VILLAGERS DIDN'T LIKE THE MATCH

Eight Persons Wounded as Result of Protest Against a Marriage.

Vigo, Spain, Feb. 13—Eight persons were wounded today, two of them seriously, as a result of a protest by the villagers of Bora against the marriage of seventy year old Juan Lenorio Cortegosa with a 16 year old girl. The villagers serenaded Cortegosa with kitchen utensils, whereupon the bridegroom, with his relatives and servants attacked the protesters with sticks. To this the villagers replied with revolvers and knives. Cortegosa and a brother of the bride were seriously wounded.

The earth weighs six million million tons



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TO COMMEMORATE DEATH OF POPE

Will be First Act of Chamber of Deputies Convening Next Thursday.

Rome, Feb. 13—It now seems certain that when the Chamber of Deputies convenes next Thursday, it will commemorate the death of Pope Benedict. Enrico De Nicola, President of the Chamber of Deputies, will pronounce a eulogy of the latst Pontiff, according to the custom in the case of dead sovereigns, and then Premier Bonomi, on behalf of the Government, will add to the President's remarks. Signor De Nicola will announce the accession of Pius XI, before the chamber passes to the order of the day.

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Westminster Club Show In New Yo

More Dogs Benched at Ma son Square Garden Tod Than Last Year.

Contrary to previous reports to the contrary, there are more dogs benched at Madison Square Garden tomorrow than last year. Another good feature of the show is the fact that more Canadian and American homebred dogs are being shown, and what's more, winning good sigs, though slow, but sure progress.

As it is the American dollar does not go so far now in Canada and the country for importations as it did years ago. However, this is as it should be, for after all almost any one with the money can buy a winner, after the owner or breeder has done with the "coveted one."

No doubt the Seven Terrier Or specialty show mentioned in yesterday's issue composed of Airedales, Cairns, Fox-terriers (wire), Irish Sealyhams, Scotch and Welsh terriers account for the bumper entry this year.

At the combined "varmity show" over four hundred (400) terriers were benched, 197 Airedales, a large entry in this breed alone than entered at Madison Square and the Eastern Dog Club show in Boston, together. 68 Irish Terriers, same number entered in New York, while the wire Fox-Terrier showed 89 entered. There are 140 wires now at the Garden show.

The local fanciers may remember the two wires, Prifford Felix and Trevalae Tit-Bit, which won the premier honors at the New York show this time last year, and said to relate met their untimely death only a few weeks ago by ptomane poisoning canned salmon did the dirty work. A new pair, by another owner, H. Gage, Worcester, Mass., whose imported wires are the English champions Welsh Scout and Miss Spring time, formerly owned by Geo. Thomas, before coming over here are expected to be high up among the best ones.

Wrose Tickler, another noted wire bred by H. H. Wilson, England, and recently imported by Mr. Doyle, Quebec City, will probably make a good showing for Canadians.

Other Canadians representing our own country are Joseph Russell, Toronto, with some good Airedales and Mr. Miles, of Inferno fame showing a new one of his own breeding and spoken very highly of. Many years ago Mr. Miles won the best in Bull Terriers, may be a great Hagmastet "Faultless" winner. Mr. W. J. Newman, Ottawa, will be there with his smooth Fox-Terrier Salestra, a real good one, purchased from J. J. Hodgate, Doncaster, Eng., who is in New York this week.

One of Canada's best English setters now owned in the U. S. A., Ch. Beau Bell Stone is also on the Garden benches. So here's hoping the Canadians will add to their winning already begun, proving their entries are quality if not quantity. Tomorrow's issue will show some of the awards.

Bowling Results In Local Leagues

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

In the Commercial League last night on Black' alleys, the C. P. R. and Imperial Optical Co. split even, each taking two points. In the City League the Ramblers took three points from the Nationals.

Tonight in the Commercial League the Post Office and Brock & Paterson teams will roll.

Following are the scores for last night's games:

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

		C. P. R.				
J. Galbraith	85	74	78	245	81	1
Osborne	93	81	75	249	79	1
McGuire	97	97	97	291	96	2
Whitehead	88	89	94	271	90	1
C. Galbraith	85	96	89	270	91	1
	448	436	433	1317		
		Imperial Optical Co.				
Cunningham	98	88	71	261	84	
McDonald	88	89	79	261	80	
Rockwell	73	77	115	265	87	
Seymour	77	97	97	271	70	1
Stanton	93	77	79	249	83	1
	429	428	437	1288		

CITY LEAGUE.

		Ramblers.				
Bentley	88	102	86	276	92	1
Bulpee	84	77	89	250	83	1
Cooper	88	91	100	279	93	1
Covey	87	99	107	293	97	1
Brown	106	88	93	289	96	1
	447	459	487	1386		
		Nationals.				
Quinn	94	106	99	299	99	1
Winchester	116	80	81	277	92	1
Appleby	85	77	82	244	81	1
Thurston	100	94	105	299	99	1
Ward	74	94	81	249	79	1
	469	460	448	1367		

BUFFALO TRADE WITH READING

New York, Feb 24—The Buffalo Club today closed a trade with the Reading Club whereby outfielder Mike Gibson is to go to Reading in exchange for outfielder Joe Burns. The Rochester Club bought Cliff Brady from Jersey City for a cash consideration which was not made public.