

AMBASSADOR BRYCE THE SPEAKER AT PEACE DINNER

"Better to Celebrate Skill Shown in Ending War Than Want of Skill and Wisdom Which Made War Possible" Key to His Pacific Utterance

New York, Dec. 13.—James Bryce, the British ambassador, told the committee for the celebration of the teniary of peace between English speaking people, at a dinner tonight, that nearly all wars had been due to human folly or human passion and dwell on how much better it was to celebrate the wisdom which had ended a war and avoided any subsequent conflict, rather than the want of skill and wisdom, which made wars possible.

The ambassador described what had been accomplished during his official stay in Washington to remove differences between the United States and Great Britain and to avoid differences in the future. He reviewed the three arbitrations and several treaties leading to a settlement of the Canadian boundary dispute; the Newfoundland fisheries question, the matter of the use of the waters on the boundary and minor points long at issue, and continued:

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THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh southwest-erly winds; fair and milder; snow flurries.	
Toronto, Dec. 13.—Fine cold weather has prevailed today. Quebec and the Maritime Provinces while in Ontario it has been fair and milder with local snow flurries. In the west and over the northern part of the continent much milder conditions have set in, with no present indications of a change.	
Temperatures.	Min. Max.
Atlin	32 54
Victoria	32 54
Vancouver	44 50
Kamloops	30 38
Battleford	20 30
Calgary	6 32
Prince Albert	34 48
Regina	5 13
Winnipeg	2 29
Port Arthur	6 20
Parry Sound	4 28
London	12 29
Toronto	14 30
Kingston	12 28
Ottawa	2 22
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Plenipotentiaries Will Convene Next Week—Serbia's Right to Post on Adriatic Will Prove Bone of Contention.

London, Dec. 13.—All the plenipotentiaries to the peace conference which will convene here next week in south eastern Europe, are now assembling in London. The Turkish envoys arrived late tonight, and unless the continuance of hostilities between the Turks and Greeks should prove a hindrance there seems nothing in sight to prevent the conference getting immediately down to business. With regard to a report from Constantinople, stating that the Turks would refuse to meet the Greek plenipotentiaries in London unless Greece signed the armistice, the other Balkan States have subscribed to the counsel of the Turkish embassy here said tonight he knew nothing of such instructions, and did not believe that Greeks would have come to London unless their country was prepared to fall into line with the other Balkan States as to the terms on which they should meet.

The newspaper interviews given by the Turkish and Bulgarian delegates on their journey toward London indicate that a keen struggle will take place in the peace conference over possession of Adriatic. Both sides present an unyielding attitude on this point, basing their claims on the fact that their armies are in excellent condition to resume hostilities.

The Turks claim that they have 170,000 practically fresh troops behind the Tonalia lines, while despatches from Constantinople indicate that the war party in the Turkish capital is gaining in influence. No apprehension is entertained in diplomatic quarters here, however, that the conference will separate without concluding peace.

The important question has arisen as to whether Roumania should participate in the conference, which will convene simultaneously with the peace conference to discuss pending European questions. The matter still remains unsettled, but it is said that Germany, Austria and Italy all favor Roumania's participation. Some difference of opinion exists as to whether this conference should discuss the question of a Serbian port on the Adriatic.

That weighty matters will be decided at the conference is evident from the fact that the German and French ambassadors at London are now on visits to their respective capitals for the purpose of obtaining instructions from their government. It is reported that the German ambassador has gone to Berlin on a similar mission. It is becoming increasingly probable that the plenary conference of the powers will assemble later at Paris to complete the work of the ambassadorial conference, ratify its decisions and conclude a treaty setting the near eastern problem.

London, Dec. 14.—The Daily Chronicle says it understands there was a meeting of the representatives of the Balkan league, including Greece held in London last night and that after long discussion complete unanimity was reached on every point in argument.

The same newspaper prints an interview with M. Mikelitch, the Servian delegate, who made light of the alleged Greek differences with the other allies and insisted upon the necessity of complete agreement on all important points.

ELEVEN INJURED IN PITTSBURG FIRE.

Pittsburg, Dec. 13.—One man is missing and eleven persons injured as a result of a fire today which destroyed Library Place, a four story brick apartment building on the north side, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000.

The man missing is Colonel John Taylor, a civil war veteran, who had a suite of rooms on the fourth floor. Over 200 persons were driven from the building by the flames. A. M. Schoyer, general superintendent of the northwest system of the Pennsylvania Railroad, occupied an apartment on the second floor. Mr. Schoyer's library, estimated to be worth \$25,000, was destroyed.

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MAGISTRATE OF MONCTON EXONERATED

Charges Made by Rev. Mr. Batty Against Magistrate Steeves, Investigated by Committee of City Council.

Moncton, Dec. 13.—An informal enquiry by a committee of the city council into complaints of the city council at the last meeting of Magistrate Steeves while the latter occupied the office of city solicitor was held in the council chamber of city hall this evening. The trouble first arose over the refusal of Judge Steeves to publicly answer certain questions touching on the Scott Act and gambling cases which had been in his hands as city solicitor, put to him through the press by Mr. Batty. These questions were more or less suggestive of wrong doing, or at least remissness in his duty, on the part of Mr. Steeves. When Steeves made no move to answer the questions publicly Mr. Batty, after referring to the subject from his pulpit, asked the city council to investigate the matters enquired about in his letter to the press. Hence this evening's meeting.

The committee appointed to investigate the matter consisted of Mayor Robinson and Aldermen Fryers and Gros. The meeting convened at 8 o'clock with Alderman Gross in the chair.

By invitation of the committee Rev. Mr. Batty, Magistrate Steeves, Chief Rideout, City Solicitor Robinson, ex-Magistrate Kay and others were present to assist the committee with such information as they might be able to furnish in regard to the cases. A large number of citizens attended. The questions by Mr. Batty were taken up in order:

1. Is it true that on March 6, 1912, Judge Kay sentenced a certain rum seller to one month in jail, the case passing on appeal into Mr. Steeves' hands, after two sessions of the court had been held, and Mr. Steeves not appearing at either, the case has gone by default?

2. Is it true that Mr. Steeves sent a message to Chief Rideout in Halifax to let a man go whom Mr. Kay had fined ninety dollars, and which case the magistrate had been asked, but refused to take a fifty dollar check, and that Mr. Rideout's return he found that Mr. Steeves had asked him to release his prisoner on the same check Mr. Kay had refused to accept, and yet one of the recent charges against Judge Kay was the non-payment of two dollars for copies in this case? Is it true that even one dollar of the fifty has not yet been paid into the court?

3. Is it true that a case against a certain wholesale rum seller of St. John which passed from Mr. Kay's court into Mr. Steeves' hands last May has never been heard since? The magistrate at first refused to answer the questions and the chairman announced that on account of the formal nature of the proceedings, he would not have to answer unless he felt so disposed. As a result of some of Mr. Batty's utterances, however, the magistrate changed his mind and made a full explanation of the points involved in each of the three cases in question.

He showed that he had been asked by the attorney general to let the first case mentioned above stand over from the first term of the higher court. He had complied with the request, and he further explained to the meeting that the conviction in question still stood against the defendant.

He did not know whether or not the recent change of magistrates would make any difference in carrying out of the sentence. City Solicitor Robinson, when asked for his opinion on the question, said it was a knotty legal point, and he should not like to give an opinion off hand as to whether it would now be necessary to imprison the liquor seller on this conviction. The recent change of magistrates had somewhat complicated Scott act matters in the city.

As to the second question Mr. Steeves said that he had ordered the

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