

## TAFT SPEAKS ON DISARMAMENT

Almost Indispensable, He Says, on Account of Burden of Debt—Has Hopes in Harding.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Jan. 7.—(Associated Press Correspondence).—Former resident William H. Taft, who is pending a month here, said in an interview here today that "the enormous burden of debt of every country makes almost indispensable that the necessity for disarmament be removed. You can only do that by joint action and not agreements and by promises of doing all differences without fighting."

"The United States an agreement for disarmament or the limiting of armament is, strangely enough, this comes, in art at least, from men who have been vigorously opposed to any league at all," he continued.

"I am very hopeful that under Mr. Harding we shall reach a conclusion with other leading nations for an association of league which shall mark the advance brought about by the war toward reasonable machinery for the avoidance of future conflicts. This will involve the sitting around the council table of all important nations and will imply the taking of joint measures to compose differences and to restrain a resort to the unsatisfactory and bloody arbitrament of war."

United States and Britain.

"Lately I have often been questioned as to the attitude of the United States toward Great Britain. Of course the United States consists of some 110,000-20 people with many different currents of thought permeating the mass. Many different groupings, too, will be found, and there are some of these groups, more than representative of real public opinion, who manifest bitter feeling against Britain. But when an important question arises, when a real issue comes before us, then the sober public opinion of the United States asserts itself."

"I never have had the slightest concern over the relations of the two countries. We form the strongest union for the world today. We have got into the habit of settling all our differences by means of negotiation and arbitration. The great body of the people in the United States cannot conceive of a war between the two countries because they are confident that any matters in dispute can and will be settled either by negotiation or by the judgment of a court, as with people in any domestic jurisdiction where law and order prevail."

Speaking of business conditions in the United States, he said they were not alarming. "We are a very resilient people and can fight our way," he said. "Congress is attempting to help in the matter of credits."

## CONTROL OF FOREST BY TRAINED MEN

Ontario Places Administration of Forests on Crown Lands Under Practical Foresters.

The opportunity for the beginning of a new era in the forestry situation in Ontario was created by the recent announcement of the provincial government that henceforth the timber administration on crown lands will be under the provincial forestry branch, instead of comprising a separate organization, in which no foresters were employed. This is the most important development which has taken place in the forestry situation in Ontario.

By this action, assuming that its logical consequences will follow, Ontario aligns herself with the provinces of Quebec, British Columbia and New Brunswick, which had already recognized the necessity for taking thought for the future by making foresters responsible for the technical administration of crown timber lands. A partial example had been set by the Dominion government at a still earlier date, when the Dominion Forestry Branch was placed in charge of the timber administration on Dominion forest reserves in the west, exclusive of licensed lands or timber limits.

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lands as to leave them in a condition to produce another crop of valuable timber species. It has been demonstrated that logging operations in which cutting is not regulated with an eye to future productivity are generally destructive to the quality and quantity of the future growth. Each area requires to be carefully studied in advance of cutting, that the method of treatment to be prescribed may be adaptive to local conditions and at the same time be practicable from the operator's viewpoint, to say nothing of being reasonable from the viewpoint of additional cost involved.

Ontario is to be congratulated upon the progressive action taken in thus far recognizing the need for a technical administration of crown timber lands. The provincial forestry branch has a great responsibility and a great opportunity for public service in the prospective addition to its previous work of forest protection, of the integration of forestry practice upon the great areas of crown lands which have now come under its jurisdiction. Progress will necessarily be slow; economic conditions must be fully recognized; and it will take time to develop the kind of organization required for so large a task. Public sentiment is now undoubtedly fully ripe for the development of this situation along the most modern lines. It must, however, make itself actively felt, in support of a really progressive forest policy.—Clyde Leavitt in Conservation.

## SUE HOTEL FOR BATH DEATH

Family of Philadelphia Banker Scalded in Hotel Chatham Asks \$100,000.

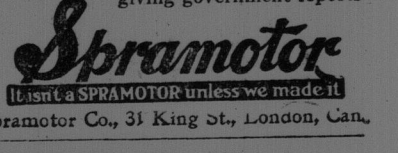
(N. Y. Times.)

A suit for \$100,000 was filed in the supreme court yesterday because of the death of Robert P. Cregar, a Philadelphia banker and representative of his firm on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, who died on Feb. 8 last as

the result of being scalded in a bathtub at the Hotel Chatham.

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