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Imperial Problems and Responsibilities.

Yesterday's foreign message made reference to the defeat of Smuts in South Africa, and also to the rejection of the Preference Resolutions adopted by the Imperial Conference last October. Here at once are two questions which concern the Empire as a whole, and which may raise difficulties that will require statesmanship of the highest order to settle to the satisfaction of all.

With regard to the Resolutions, it cannot be overlooked that the question of Imperial Preference met with the general approval of the Dominion representatives, was endorsed by the Baldwin Administration, and but for the defeat of that Party would have been carried into effect. The Baldwin Government was not defeated by the Liberals who opposed the preference issue, but by the Labour party which was not pledged either to free trade or protection. Further, the result of the three-cornered contest was the election of a party by no means representative of the majority of voters.

What is the real reason for the rejection of preferential treatment for the dependencies? Is it due to the conviction of the Party that such a policy is inimical to the best interests of the Empire or Great Britain, or is their action influenced by political motives? The Labour Party exists only as long as it receives support from the Liberals. It has a programme of socialistic legislation which it hopes to carry into effect, a part of which has already been carried through Parliament with the concurrence of that party. The repeal of the McKenna Duties was consistent with the policy of the Free Traders, and it would almost appear as if the rejection of the Preference Resolutions was a bid for further support by the party on which Premier MacDonald's Government depends for existence.

The question is what view will the Dominions take of this action on the part of the Imperial Government?

It has openly been stated that the South African Nationalist Party are determined to make a bid for secession. If such is the case, and if such a situation actually arose, the principles reached by many of the Labour Party would be put to a severe test. It can be taken for granted, however, that before a possession of such strategic importance were permitted to pass from our control, the British people would promptly make it clear to the party in power that the final decision rested with them.

Another problem with which the Labour Party is confronted is in connection with the granting of Home Rule to Egypt. The demand is now made that the British forces at present in that country should be withdrawn, and that the British High Commissioner should be recalled, such a request may be defended, even if it is undesirable for any reasons to accede to it, but when the Egyptians claim the right to possess and guard the Suez Canal, they are consider-

ably overstepping their limits. Strictly speaking, the Canal is an international highway, but in particular it is the link which assures Britain's supremacy in the East, and were it allowed to pass into the control of a country utterly incapable of adequately policing it, its destruction by an unscrupulous enemy power could be effected at any moment and the safety of the Eastern possessions jeopardized. The policy of relying upon the friendship and sincerity of rival powers is excellent in theory, but we have not yet reached the millennium, and nations like individuals are apt to be tempted by circumstances which promise to shape themselves to their advantage.

Such are the problems, to mention but a few, with which the Labour Party are confronted. Will they prove equal to their responsibilities? Will they act as Imperialists, or will they trust to theories in their attempts to solve practical difficulties?

Methodist Conference

The Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Newfoundland opens next week in Gower Street Church. The Ministerial session will be held on Tuesday, the Stationing Committee meeting at 2.30 o'clock, and the Religious Education meeting taking place in the evening. At this meeting the Rev. Benjamin Mallalieu will preside, and the speakers will be Revs. S. B. Strothard, Oliver Jackson and Ernest Davis.

On Wednesday the Conference, Clerical and Lay, will open at 9.30 a.m., Rev. Sidney Bennett, of Grand Falls, the retiring President, in the chair. At this session the President and Officials for 1924-25 will be elected.

Nfld. Oil Operations

Mr. W. J. Walsh, Minister of Mines and Agriculture, has received the following report on the oil situation on the northwest coast from Mr. J. D. Henry, manager at Parsons' Pond:—

"Continuing correspondence with your Department concerning the Palmer well at Parsons' Pond, I have to report more satisfactory results during the past week. The well went into production shortly before operations were suspended last fall. Oil was struck in a hole of six inches diameter at a depth of 1445 feet. There was a greater gas pressure than in any previous well and throughout the winter oil flowed steadily from the bore hole. Last week we baled three tons of oil for a full refining test, which, with the analyses prepared by Prof. Davies and the Colonial Institute, London, enable me to report a very high percentage of gasoline and kerosene products—a record in this respect for the field. The well was drilled without accident with a fifteen-year-old outfit. I am now absolutely confident on these two points:—

(1) That with a modern duff for deep boring we would be able to drill three wells of an average depth of 3,000 ft. in one Newfoundland working year.

(2) That it would be possible to drill wells of much larger production in the foothills of the Long Range Mountains and at other points between Parsons' Pond and St. Paul's Bay.

"Put very briefly, I regard the old Parsons' Pond field as proved oil territory of limited production (due to the highly disturbed condition of the formation) with important geological features which justify the opinion that horizontal beds of larger yield exist in the territory referred to in paragraph numbered No. 2. The distance between the wells of Parsons' Pond and St. Paul's Bay is fifteen miles. I attach great importance to this particular territory, where new claims have been taken up on my advice."

Machinery for Humber

Some heavy machinery for the Northern Construction Co. arrived by S.S. Rosalind. Included in the lot is an 8-ton bucket for use on the drag line in digging the Canal. The machinery will be transferred to the Humber by train.

Personal

Miss Mabel, daughter of Bernard N. and Mrs. McGrath, Cochrane Street, graduated as Nurse at the Bronxville Hospital, New York, yesterday after passing all examinations with high honors. She returns on a visit to her parents during July month.

Developing Conception Bay

Government Approves Scheme Which Will Give Big Employment—New Mines to be Developed in August.

A new avenue of employment, to which reference was made in the Telegram recently, will be given Conception Bay men in August when development work will start in connection with a mining scheme which has received the approval of the Monroe Government.

The new mines are located on the Western end of Bell Island and at Bay Roberts Point, and a group of English Capitalists have interested themselves in the scheme and have engaged a Montreal engineering firm to undertake the development work. A representative of the company has left for England to consult the capitalists who are financing the work.

Fatal Accident at Corner Brook

GEORGE SOPER, OF MOUNT MORIAH, BAY OF ISLANDS, KILLED INSTANTLY.

A fatal accident occurred at Corner Brook on Wednesday last when George Soper, of Mount Moriah, received injuries which caused his instant death. The unfortunate man was employed by the A. W. Co., and was working on the filled-in ground on west side of Corner Brook. Just before noon the crane in use there was being moved to a point further east and he was seated on it. The crane man, to whom no blame can be laid, gave warning that the boom was about to swing around and evidently Mr. Soper failed to hear him and the boom struck him killing him instantly. The body was taken to the hospital at Corner Brook and sent to his home on Thursday. Interment took place in the Methodist cemetery at Parishes. Mr. Soper was 37 years of age, married, and leaves a wife and seven children, the eldest of whom is only fifteen years of age.—Western Star.

Metagama Passengers AND LUGGAGE BEING TRANSFERRED.

EXTENT OF SHIP'S DAMAGES YET UNKNOWN.

Supt. Wm. Harvey of the Dry Dock and Mr. D. MacFarlane, Lloyd's Surveyor, had the divers down all morning to ascertain the extent of the damage done to the "Metagama." Up to 1 p.m. the divers were still down, and the report will not be made before this afternoon. The ship is now listed over at an angle of about 35 degrees, with her forward port side resting over the Dock wharf. Since last night water has found its way into No. 2 and 4 holds, but the inflow has been checked by the constant working of the pumps. During the morning additional pumps were secured to cope with the situation. The work of transferring the passengers and baggage to the steamer Montreal commenced at 10 o'clock. The tugs Hugh D. Moulton and John Green were utilized for this purpose, and by 12.45 p.m. all the cabin passengers had been landed. Owing to the heavy list of the ship the transferring of passengers to the wharf was very tedious and trying, but with the yeoman service rendered by the crew not a single accident occurred. A staff of men under Mr. Kennedy were working the baggage all the morning. The job is a very difficult and arduous one, and the men have to exercise the greatest care in getting about. The baggage, some of which is water soaked, is being transferred to lighters alongside and towed down stream. The work is expected to be completed by six o'clock this evening, and the sailing of S.S. Montreal will be about nine o'clock.

Government Boats

Argyle arrived Argentina 3.10 p.m. yesterday.

Clyde left Lewisporte 6 a.m. on Notre Dame Bay route.

Glencoe left Port aux Basques 1.30 p.m. yesterday.

Home left Rocky Hr. 7.30 a.m. yesterday, going north.

Kyle arrived Port aux Basques 6.35 a.m.

Malakoff left Port Union 4.30 a.m. for Trinity Bay.

Portia, no report since leaving St. Anthony.

Prospero left St. John's 11 a.m. yesterday, left Bay de Verde 9.30 p.m.

Sagana left Sandy Islands 2 p.m. Wednesday, going north.

Sebastopol left Humbermouth 3 a.m. yesterday, on Boane Bay route.

When left Hr. Breton 5.30 p.m. yesterday inward.

Missing Boat Not Yet Located

Special to Evening Telegram

CAPE RACE, to-day.

Wind west, blowing fresh and weather clear. The steamers Tampa passed south and Watuku in yesterday. The steamer Digby passed eastward at 11 a.m. to-day. All steamers are searching for missing boat from Metagama. Bar. 30.40; Ther. 64.

Surveying Damage

It is not yet known what repairs will be effected to the S.S. Clara Camus. A diver went under the ship this morning to ascertain the extent of the damage.

which will commence not later than August 15th.

Not only will there be a new avenue of employment offering to Conception Bay men near their own homes, but the new mines will also have the effect of improving the wages on Bell Island as there will a greater demand for labour. It is anticipated that enough work will be given in and about Conception Bay through the promotion of this new industry to employ all those men who have hitherto found it necessary to leave home to find jobs elsewhere.

The mining areas which are to be developed are known to be rich in high grade iron ore, and are likely to grow into one of the largest industries in the country.

Motor Boat Adrift

It was reported to the Marine and Fisheries Department this morning that a motor boat containing several fishermen from the battery had broken down off Small Point and was drifting out the Bay. The Minister despatched the Customs motor boat to the rescue. The disabled craft was towed to port shortly before one o'clock.

Reserve tickets for the Haig Sports—on sale at Gray & Goodland. Get yours before it is too late.—June 20.

Dock Measurements

Repairs to the Metagama will have to be made at the pier as it is not possible owing to breadth of the ship in the bottom to get her on dock. The Metagama is 64 ft., 2 in. wide, 500 feet long and 37ft., 9 inches deep. The Metagama is 610 ft. long on top and 569 in the bottom. The breadth at the entrance on top is 84 ft., but in the bottom it closes in to about 58 feet.

Capt Hall Well Known Here

Capt. Hall in command of the S.S. Montreal which ship arrived this morning to take the "Metagama's" passengers to their destination, is no stranger to this port. Capt. Hall first visited here on the R.M.S. Numidian, a sister ship of S.S. Mongolian, about ten years ago to take a former Governor back to England.

Passenger Ship in Port

S.S. Montreal, 6 days from Liverpool arrived in port at 4 a.m. The ship is bound to Montreal with a general cargo. She has 162 passengers on board and called here to take some of the passengers of the Metagama to their destination.

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Sonnet on Soldier's Monument, King's Beach

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 For they have conquered death and martyrdom—
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 Then let us view this scene with reverend grace:
 For truly, they this very spot have trod.
 What though their footsteps have not left a trace,
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 This stone, a shrine to Freedom and to God.
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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

STRIKE RIOTERS GET 12 MONTHS.
 KINGSTON J.A., June 20.
 Twenty eight persons who participated in the recent strike riot in which the Municipal Buildings were wrecked and policemen beaten were sentenced to twelve months imprisonment in the penitentiary.

SPECIAL ADVISORS IN COLONIAL AFFAIRS.

LONDON, June 20.
 Colonial Secretary J. H. Thomas has announced his intention of surrounding himself with experienced advisers with a view to developing the Empire. He will shortly tell the House of Commons that he has formed a committee of parties, classes and creeds to assist him, their special mission being Africa. He plans to send a Commission to East Africa to help solve the problems there.

EXPULSION PROCEEDINGS STOPPED.

MEXICO CITY, June 20.
 Proceedings of the Mexican Government to expel Herbert Cummins the British agent were ordered stopped by President Obregon upon his arrival in Mexico City. This action was taken by the President after he had conferred with foreign minister Saenz and learned that Great Britain had ordered Cummins withdrawal to-morrow.

MONTREAL-WASHINGTON SPECIAL IN COLLISION.

One fireman is known to be dead and several persons injured in a head-on collision between the Montreal-Washington special and a freight train between West Hartford and Sharon early to-day. Doctors and nurses are being rushed from White River Junction to the scene of wreck.

NATIONALIST-LABOUR COALITION WITH A MAJORITY OF 27.

CAPE TOWN, S.A., June 20.
 At a late hour last night the state of the electorates as a result of Tuesday's general election was: South African Party, 52; Nationalists, 55; Labor, 18; Independents, 1. Five remaining results are not expected for 48 hours owing to the time required to collect the ballot boxes in widely scattered country districts. It is now regarded as almost certain that the Nationalist-Labor Party will have a majority of 27.

Don't be walked on. Book a Grandstand Seat for the Haig Sports, July 1st.—June 20.

C.H.E. Exams Begun

The annual C. H. E. exams are being held over the island, beginning on Monday next. The pupils will have a very busy week before them, and with the end of the Exams they will be enabled to enjoy their annual summer vacation.

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At St. Mary's Church, Southside, on June 18th, by the Rev. A. B. S. Strling, Hetty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roberts, to Maxwell Colton, both of this city.

DIED.

On Sunday, 18th inst., after a brief illness, Marie Byrne, aged 12 months, darling child of Joseph and the late Julia Byrne.

Outer Cove Garden Party

The Annual Garden Party in aid of St. Francis' parish, will take place at OUTER COVE, ON JUNE 22nd. If weather unfavorable June 22nd, Garden Party will be held on June 23rd (Whole Holiday). Busses Leave Rawlins' Cross 2 p.m. Mount Cashel Band in Attendance.

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