

THE MONETARY CONFERENCE.

Incidents showing the Position of Great Britain—A Speedy Adjournment and Great Little Argument Desired.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—Before the English delegates to the international monetary conference started for Brussels the instructions given by Sir William Vernon Harcourt, chancellor of the exchequer, to Sir S. Fremantle, the deputy master of the mint, and Sir C. Rivers Wilson, were to expedite the deliberations and to obtain continuous sittings daily, with the exceptions of Saturday and Sunday, so as to bring the conference to an end within a few weeks.

Private advices from Brussels show that Sir C. Rivers Wilson opened the opposition to prolonged debates as soon as the delegates began their intercommunications and objected to the proposal that President Levi made on the suggestion of the American delegates, supported by a majority of the conference, that an interval of a day for preparation be allowed between each sitting.

The reasonable remonstrance that the delegates who spoke different languages—English, French and German—could not exchange views without an opportunity to study, had no effect upon the English determination to hurry the deliberations through.

The special correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, who is in intimate touch with some of the leading delegates, telegraphs that the conduct of the British delegates surprises the other European representatives.

The representative of the Associated Press here had an interview with Mr. Dana Horton, who is now in Brussels, in consultation with the delegates. Mr. Horton said that there were several classes of opinion. Some people wanted silver let alone to find its own level; some wanted something done, but wished other countries than their own to do it, while others were out and out friends of silver.

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SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 25.—The freshets hemmed a party of miners in the mountains east of Snokomish and on account of their exhausted condition they were unable to get to the transport and obtain a new supply of food, Kelt and Ellingston, two of the party, are the only ones of fifty who started for Snokomish four days ago to get in. The others dropped along the route from sheer exhaustion and want of food and it is feared they are lost in the woods. The survivors had scarcely any clothing.

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