

COLONIES TO CONFER

Imperial Conference is to Open Monday with Many Questions to Fore.

TRADE AND DEFENSE IMPORTANT ISSUES

Premiers of Colonies Are Not United on Plans for Development.

LIFE INSURANCE IN UNITED KINGDOM

Over Five Billion Dollars of Risks Are Now in Force.

CHANGES TO BE MADE IN NAVAL BASES

Complete Reorganization of Defenses of East Coast of Great Britain Is Undertaken and New Docks Built.

LONDON, April 12.—(Special.)—One of the most valuable results of the colonial conference which begins on April 15 will be the education it will supply to the British public on imperial questions.

Problems affecting the relations between the metropolis and her colonies are to be dealt with by men who have been trained in the hard schools of practical experience. Every side of every question will be discussed and upon fiscal arrangements and the subject of imperial defense, for instance, highly interesting speeches are delivered, speeches the more interesting on account of the opposite views taken by respective premiers.

For instance, upon certain important questions Sir Joseph Ward, premier of New Zealand, and Mr. Deakin, the commonwealth premier, are severely divided. Hence the debates upon these particular topics are looked forward to with an interest seldom found in everyday politics.

On the subject of an imperial navy, for instance, there is a wide difference of opinion. The representatives of certain dependencies will urge that the colonies should contribute to the cost of maintaining a powerful navy for the defence of Great Britain and its possessions, and that colonials should be encouraged to join the navy. On the other hand, some ministers will hold that the United Kingdom should, insofar as finance is concerned, would not be to the best interests of the empire or the colonies.

Arrangements are now practically complete for the conference. G. W. Johnson of the colonial office will act as joint secretary with H. J. G. Jones, secretary of the colonies, who will be assistant secretary.

The delegates will be welcomed by the earl of Elgin on behalf of the government and in all probability there will be an informal reception, when the visitors will be introduced to the ministers of the metropolis. During their stay in England all of the premiers will have sittings at the Hotel Cecil.

Numerous banquets have been organized in their honor. Soon after their arrival they will be entertained at luncheon by the city corporation. They will also be the guests of the London Chamber of Commerce, the Pilgrims club, the Goldsmiths' company, the 1900 club and the National Liberal club, while the Mercers' company will give a luncheon, to which many distinguished men will be invited to meet the colonial statesmen.

Life Insurance in Britain. A few years ago Labouchere, in London Truth, figured out the growth of life insurance in the United Kingdom was allowed to continue unchecked it would be less than a quarter of a century before the life insurance companies owned in fee simple all of the real estate, and every vested interest in Great Britain and Ireland. According to reports just issued it would appear that there are 27,941,960 people whose lives are insured in the United Kingdom, and the total value of the policies in force amounts to the enormous total of over \$5,000,000,000.

The ninety-five companies which carry on life insurance business here have assets of more than \$2,000,000,000 and receive in premiums nearly \$180,000,000 a year. The most remarkable fact is the large proportion of the insurance in force which have been undertaken by the eighteen companies doing industrial business. The figures are as follows: Ordinary insurance, \$387,815 persons, amounting to \$3,750,000,000; industrial insurance, \$5,444,046 persons, amounting to \$1,250,000,000. The significance of this fact is seen when it is pointed out that the total premiums are divided between two classes of insurance, as follows: Ordinary, \$15,000,000; industrial, \$50,000,000.

From these figures it is deduced that, taking an average, the insurers in industrial companies most of whom are working people, pay premiums of about \$5 for every \$100 insured, while those who have their policies in the ordinary companies obtain an insurance value of \$10 for every \$5 premium.

Change in Naval Bases. Many changes are to be made within the next year in connection with the naval bases and dockyards.

A complete reorganization of the defenses of the east coast will be undertaken, and a base will be established midway between Dover and Rosyth on the Firth of Forth. A fortification of the Humber. A fortification of the Humber, a torpedo dock and a coaling station will be established.

Devonport is to be the great naval center of the future, and Portsmouth will be the headquarters for ceremonial and social gatherings. Embankments will be further extended and a great attention will be paid to Berehaven, where the Atlantic fleet will in the future be based. St. Helena's future is still under consideration.

Somer or later the nation will have to face the question of serious financial embarrassment of the older universities. Only a month ago was published an appeal from the duke of Devonshire on behalf of Cambridge university. The duke stated that in all a capital sum of nearly \$7,500,000, apart from any question of a pension fund, was required for immediate educational purposes. Now before university is contemplating a similar appeal. While some of the colleges are rich, the university is notoriously poor. It has hard work to make both ends meet and things are going on from bad to worse. And unfortunately Great Britain has no John D. Rockefeller or Andrew Carnegie to come to the rescue of higher education every time there is a shortage.

Removal of Conductor Archbishop.ROME, April 12.—It is reported that either Bishop Carroll of Helena, Mont., or Bishop Keane of Cheyenne, Wyo., will be appointed conductor of the St. Francis, a post left vacant by the death of Archbishop Montgomery.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Sunday, April 14, 1907.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Fair and warmer Sunday. Monday partially cloudy. FORECAST FOR IOWA—Fair, slightly warmer Sunday. Monday fair and warmer. Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

11:00 a. m. 57
1 p. m. 61
3 p. m. 64
5 p. m. 67
7 p. m. 64
9 p. m. 61
11 p. m. 58
12 m. 55

DOMESTIC. Belle Fourche Cattle Growers' association, organized to push the plan of local inspection, holds annual meeting. Sheepmen meet and organize at Belle Fourche.

DOMESTIC. Latter Day Saints at Lamoni authorize daughters of Zion to work with the bishop toward the establishment of an orphanage. Secret societies are under discussion.

DOMESTIC. E. H. Harriman presses suit against Stenographer Hill, who sold letter written to Sidney Webster.

DOMESTIC. Standard Oil Company of Indiana is held guilty of accepting rebates on 1,462 cars of oil. The maximum penalty is a fine of nearly \$200,000.

DOMESTIC. Federal grand jury at Mobile indicts a number of capitalists of New Orleans and other cities on charge of conspiracy to violate anti-trust laws.

DOMESTIC. Attorney for Harry K. Thaw announces that he will make an application for bail today.

DOMESTIC. W. J. Bryan is to deliver three informal addresses and one lecture in Washington today.

DOMESTIC. Owing to changes in city charter extending the municipal year but not the school term, Lincoln is to be dry for a month. Present state boards institute reforms in letting contracts for state supplies and also shut off deficiencies in state institutions.

DOMESTIC. Premiers of all British colonies are gathering at London for an imperial conference.

DOMESTIC. Archbishop Ireland will not be made cardinal because of an incident occurring during administration of President McKinley.

SPORTS. Seventh annual championship contest of Trans-Mississippi Golf association to be held on the Rock Island course, June 17 to 20.

SPORTS. Western League playing schedule.

SPORTS. Gossip among the college athletes.

SPORTS. Use of automobiles increasing rapidly in Omaha.

SPORTS. Indications point to a prosperous and interesting season among the local amateur base ball teams.

SPORTS. Michigan university is expelled from the "Big Nine" for refusal to obey new rules governing foot ball.

LOCAL. William Scully, absent from Omaha eight years and believed to be dead, reports from New Orleans, where he is sick and needy.

LOCAL. Irving D. Hull testified in land fraud cases, telling of deal between defendants and old soldiers whereby latter were to make entry to land.

MAGAZINE SECTION. In the Magazine Section of this number will be found a brief biography of Mrs. Virginia C. Van Norstrand, one of the earliest of brides to come to Omaha; Robert F. Scully's letter on France; Vandium in Steel Making; Work of the Reclamation Service; Progress in the Field of Electricity; Gossip of Plays and Players; Musical Note and Comment.

HOME SECTION. In the Home Section of this number will be found Buster Brown; The Busy Bee's Own Page; Carpenter in the Desert; Stories of Prominent People; Building a Cantilever Bridge; Fashions in Belts and Buckles; Women as Followers of Sport; Bill Bunk.

BUILDING AND REAL ESTATE. Omaha builders and contractors are experiencing one of their busiest seasons. Each reports great activity in his line. This is especially true of the smaller work and house fittings.

NO YANKEE CARDINAL

From a Column of Archbishop Ireland.

PINE AFFAIR IS RESPONSIBLE

Policy of the Vatican was Outlined During Administration of McKinley.

NEW CHAPTER IN FRENCH CONTROVERSY

Home Correspondent of Paris Newspaper Makes Some Interesting Statements.

ATTITUDE OF SPAIN HAS TOWARD FRENCH

Pope Alleged to Have Done All Possible to Preserve Peace at Time President Called on King.

ROME, April 12.—(Special.)—The greatest sympathy is manifested in high clerical circles here with the position of Archbishop Ireland in connection with the discussion which has arisen as to his chances for being created a cardinal. It is said that it may be taken for granted that no new American cardinal will be created during the lifetime of Cardinal Gibbons. This policy was decided on not as a result of the entanglement of President Roosevelt in the Bellamy store incident, but as the result of a Philippine controversy which was being waged at the time.

The Rome correspondent of the Echo de Paris has just made public an interesting story which is attracting more attention in Roman clerical circles than most reports of this character, and it is accordingly given prominence in this issue as a matter of public interest.

An Italian political personage, conversing with the correspondent, observed that the Clemenceau ministry was playing a game as easy as it was iniquitous against the Vatican, not only because the Vatican possesses no material force, but likewise because the French government counts on the traditional prudence and patience of the Holy See, which would in all human probability not seek to vindicate itself in a double series of publications, but which, if it would stoop to conquer, could do so by means of a single, well-timed, and exceedingly interesting.

The first series would consist in all the efforts made before the rupture of the concordat by the French government to the Holy See to use effectively the influence of the Holy See with other governments for the furtherance of French interests.

And in reply to a French journal, which asserted that during the journey of King Alfonso XIII to Paris there came to the Vatican many protests from Spanish Catholics, the Holy See to the Vatican announced their reception to the authors of these protests, the same correspondent at Rome of the Echo de Paris says that he has taken information from well informed sources and that he is certain of the following facts:

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