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## KING MEETING

His Foreign Ministers  
For First Time

## LEADERS OF EMPIRE

BEGIN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

The Most Important—Politically in New Reign—The Question of Trade Preference Sidetracked.

London, May 22.—The most important event, politically, in the whole three months that England is devoting to the coronation festivities began to-day, when the prime ministers of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of Canada, the Union of South Africa, the Dominion of New Zealand and Newfoundland, the king and his cabinet convened for the much-heralded imperial conference, which is to consider every topic in which a world-wide empire is interested from national defence to the design of penny postage stamps.

This will be the first official meeting of the new sovereign and his foreign ministers, and it is expected that England's attitude towards her possessions will be materially changed as a result of the reforms advocated by the different dominions and their premiers.

Chief among many interesting questions raised by the delegates from England's colonies in their despatches to the home government, when the imperial conference was first proposed, is resolution No. 4 from the Union of South Africa relative to England's position on trade preference. This resolution reads:

"That the desirability be considered of replacing the system of trade preference at present granted by the overseas dominions to Great Britain by a system of contributions in money or services to imperial naval and local defense."

This resolution, coming as it did at a time when the Canadian reciprocity agreement was pending both before the congress at Washington and the Dominion parliament at Ottawa, raised a storm of protest among English citizens. The press of all political factions noted the resolution and commented strongly upon its introduction at a time when so many important measures were before the English parliament. In fact so strong was the pressure brought to bear upon the ministry of South Africa by the home government that the governor-general, Lord Gladstone, submitted a letter recalling section No. 4 of the tentative resolutions for discussion before the imperial conference stating that he had been advised by his ministry that they desired to postpone the debate upon trade preference, but "that the right honorable the prime minister hoped that he would have opportunity during his stay in London, to discuss the question raised with His Majesty's government."

This action on the part of Lord Gladstone and the ministry of the Union of South Africa eliminates a discussion of this all-interesting feature from the official imperial conference, but at the same time strongly intimates that it will be taken up by the visiting ministers and the imperial government outside the meeting room. Such an action makes it clear that England's dominions, though they do not intend to coerce the imperial government will insist upon this important matter threshed out at an early date—probably before the termination of the present conference.

Apart from the question of the preference several subjects of the most vital importance to the future of the empire, are to be raised. Australia will move to rescind the objectionable features of the Declaration of London, and New Zealand has two equally important resolutions, one relating to the establishment of an imperial council and the other the reorganization of the colonial office.

VACCINATION ALL ROUND.

Montreal, May 22.—To-day the eighteen public vaccinators will begin their visits to the factories and shops of the city, for the purpose of vaccinating all who have not been vaccinated within the last seven years.

Dr. L. Laberge, city health officer, announced that he will carry out the instructions of the provincial board of health, which has ordered public vaccinations in all parts of the province of Quebec, where small-pox has assumed epidemic proportions in several localities.

Montreal has been remarkably free from the disease for a generation, and no two cases have appeared within the city limits; the law will be enforced here as well.

### To Build a Refuge.

Cornwall, May 22.—After several sessions the House of Refuge committee of the county council of Stormont, Dundas and Glengary this afternoon awarded the contract for the new house of refuge and industry to Alexander Cameron, of Alexandria. The contract price, including plumbing and heating, is \$11,000.

### Mistaken for Burglar.

Clinton, Maine, May 22.—While attempting to enter the house of Horace Clifford, a neighbor, Orton Hayes, was shot and killed. According to Clifford, Hayes became drowsy mentally a few days ago and when he attempted to enter the Clifford home during the night Clifford became frightened and fled at him with a shotgun.

### WILL CROSS THE OCEAN

Eighteen Hours in Year 1920 is Predicted.

London, May 22.—Eighteen hours across the Atlantic ocean by aeroplane is the prediction for 1920, made by A. H. Roe, an eminent aerial expert of England. According to Mr. Roe, evolution of aeroplanes tends towards craft of a construction which will be proved both air-worthy and sea-worthy, thus enabling them to glide to the surface of the water in case of accident, and rest there while the necessary repairs are being made.

"Already," says Mr. Roe, "aerial evolution is setting in towards the aeroplane-hydroplane, and it is my belief that within the next ten years regular aeroplane lines will be established between New York and London, making the journey well within the eighteen hour limit."

### JAP ISLAND DEVASTATED.

Fires Raging in Hokkaido Over Range of Sixty Miles.

Tokio, May 22.—Forest fires in Hokkaido, the northernmost part of the island of Japan, are devastating a vast territory of the land. A number of villages already have been destroyed. The troops have been called out, and every available man is fighting the flames. The fire line is almost sixty miles in length. It is impossible to estimate the number of fatalities or the amount of damage resulting from the conflagration.

### Sudden Death at Brockville.

Brockville, May 22.—As she was about to sit down to supper, Mrs. Thomas Dier, a resident of North Gostrey, expired Friday evening. She was sixty years of age, and leaves a grown-up family.

### STOP BULL FIGHTS

WHAT MEXICO'S NEW PRESIDENT WILL DO.

Racetrack Betting Will be Doomed, Too—Mexico May Yet Become a Little More Civilized.

Juarez, Mexico, May 22.—Gambling and bull fighting are to be abolished in Mexico by the Maderoites when they get into power, and race track betting may be doomed too, according to Alvarado Gonzales, who is slated to be provisional governor of Chihuahua. To-day he said: "As is our president, so am I against gambling and bull fighting. All gambling concessions made after November 20th, the date of the revolution's beginning, will be cancelled. All concessions made before that time will be honored by us; but at their expiration no more will be granted. This applies to both gambling and bull fighting. We are now investigating the keno and poker rights in Juarez."

As Madero is against gambling in every form, the national lottery and all gambling rights eventually may be nullified.

### Rich Men in Britain.

London, May 22.—A fair idea of the great wealth of the United Kingdom may be gathered from the statement by the chancellor, Lloyd-George, that 16,300 persons were liable to the super-tax in 1909-10. In other words they had more than £5,000 a year. The total income of these persons was £130,000,700, or an average of £12,621 each. This is the first indication that has ever been given of the number of rich men in this country, or their average income.

### Bad Bush Fires.

Bellefonte, May 22.—Bush fires are very bad in Montague township, in this county, and are burning a number of fences. There was a large fire at Moscow, caused by a spark from the engine of a log train, burning up about five hundred poles belonging to McFenzie & Carr.

### Scare for the Sultan.

Constantinople, May 22.—During the Selanik procession yesterday a party of boisterous Kurds rushed the sultan's carriage to present a petition to the ruler. The sultan was so badly frightened that he fainted.

The Kurds were arrested but liberated later after they had explained their intentions.

### YANKEES DID NOT OBJECT

To Representation of Battle of Chateauguay.

London, May 22.—The mystery surrounding the reasons for the omission from the festival of the empire pageant of a representation of the battle of Chateauguay has been made more of a mystery by a so-called explanation from Beckles Wilson, of Montreal, a member of the Canadian committee, which has just been communicated to the newspapers.

Mr. Wilson admits that Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador, told him that Americans would not object to the representation of an historical event, which happened before the battle of Waterloo, but says the committee received protests, and expostulations from a source he declines to reveal, and that these caused the committee to decide to abandon the revised wool tariff.

Provided these terms are met, the house will agree to a recess from July 1st to Oct. 1st, otherwise the senate will be held in continuous session throughout the dog days by the house refusing to adjourn.

Three Years for Horse Thief.

Sarnia, May 22.—After being identified by the sheriff of Niles, Mich., as the man who stole a team of horses from a Sarnia farmer some time ago, N. H. Williams was sentenced in Sarnia police court to three years in penitentiary. Williams took the team across on the Windsor Ferry and drove it to Toledo, where he tried to sell it and where he was arrested on a charge of grand larceny.

The democrats do not expect that the senate will ratify all their tariff legislation of the special session, but they want a record vote, it is declared, whether affirmative or negative, on the three principal measures—reciprocity, the free list and the wool tariff.

Senator Burton, of Ohio, declared

## LATEST NEWS

### Despatches From Near And Distant Places

### THE WORLD'S TIDINGS

### GIVEN IN THE BRIEFAST POSSIBLE FORM.

Matters That Interest Everybody—Notes From All Over—Little of Everybody Easily Read and Remembered.

The Hollinger property and plant was gutted by fire at Porcupine.

The House of Lords promises a stubborn fight over the veto bill.

George Dove, Toronto, was arrested on charges of forging marriage lines.

Both sides are already preparing for a hot political campaign in July at Ottawa.

Two of the latest type of Dreadnaughts are to be built in England for Chile.

Edward Carr, Belleville, tried to shoot, drown and hang himself, but still lived.

Arthur Young, somnambulist, walked two miles along the railroad tracks, sound asleep, in his night attire.

The Canadian Northern railway is planning to make North Toronto the centre of its Transcontinental system.

Percy Ross, aged twenty-one, and Alexander Englestone, aged nine, were drowned on Sunday at Toronto.

The Ontario coronation trophy will be erected in Whitehall, London, instead of in the Strand. The contract has been let.

French tribesmen attacked the French camp, in Morocco, but were repulsed after a desperate engagement.

A French colonial captain was killed.

Associate Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Hughes will likely be a candidate for the republican nomination for the United States presidency in 1912.

The Knickerbocker Savings and Loan company, of No. 38 Park Row, New York, closed its doors, following an examination by Superintendent of Banks Chevreau.

With \$50,000 in bank notes, gold, and silver concealed in her room, the Princess Schachavskoi died of starvation in her magnificent palace at Moscow, after living a life of seclusion for twenty years.

Henry M. Bertrand, minister of war, was instantly killed and Premier Monis was seriously hurt, when a monoplane swooped down into the official party during an exhibition at Paris on Monday.

Daniel F. Cahalan has been nominated by Governor Dix to succeed James O'Gorman on the supreme court bench of New York. The nomination of Cahalan is to be confirmed by the state legislature.

Senor de la Barra, Mexican minister of foreign relations, will take up the reins of the Mexican government as president ad interim on June 1st, when it has been announced. President Diaz and Vice-president Corral will resign.

### SAYS SHE WAS HYPNOTIZED.

Man She Showed in Boy's Clothes Cast Spell.

Detroit, Mich., May 22.—A strange case in which hypnotism plays a prominent part has been brought to the attention of the Detroit police, and they are searching the state for John C. Smith, aged forty, of Port Huron.

A fourteen-year-old girl, Jennie McGinnis, whose home up to a year ago was in Sarnia, is the complainant against Smith. The girl is an orphan and claims that when she met Smith with a visit to relatives in Port Huron, he cast a spell over her, which she could not resist, and believed now she was hypnotized. As a result of the mysterious influence the girl says Smith commanded her to follow him and she obeyed, going about the country attired as a boy in boy's clothes.

The couple arrived in Detroit yesterday, and the girl sought shelter with an aunt here, and the latter noted

that the couple were dressed in boy's clothes.

Los Angeles CASE.

### ASKS PUBLIC NOT TO PASS JUDGMENT UNTIL TRIED.

Madison, Wis., May 22.—In a plea that the public should suspend judgment until the case is heard against the McNamara brothers and Ortiz McManigal, charged with blowing up the office of the Los Angeles Times, United States Senator LaFollette, in the current issue of LaFollette's Weekly, says: "The dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times last October—if, indeed, it was dynamited—was crime. For such deed there can be no defense. Right-minded people do not tolerate violence under any name. But right-minded people, also, do not pre-judge cases of this kind."

TRADE UNIONISM is the only present hope of the American workmen for decent living wages and tolerable conditions of labor. But labor cannot countenance crime. Even if it is committed in the name of industrial justice. If there be anarchists within labor organizations they must be weeded out.

Doctors set the fractures without the aid of anesthetics, and as far as it was humanly possible the premier was made comfortable. Mme. Monis had planned to give a children's party at her home. The rooms were full of flowers, and the premier's wife was arranging them when the ambulance arrived.

Premier Monis was a trifle better this morning and hopes are expressed for his recovery. The troops will go into mourning for thirty days. Several aviators in the rage which brought accident retired from contest having no heart to continue. Pierre Vetric, undismayed by the catastrophe, made a start from Paris to Madrid, this morning, but got lost in the thick haze southwest of Paris.

TAKE FOR CRIME.

### PLEADS A CHANCE TO TRY HIS EXAMS.

Theft Charge Prevented Columbia University Student Finishing His Law Course.

New York, May 22—Elwood J. Hartman, a senior in the Columbia Law School, pleaded in vain for permission to stay out of jail long enough to take final examinations for admission to the bar. Just as he was entering the examination room he was arrested on a charge of grand larceny.

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colluding on a claim for \$11, after he had assigned it to the National Vulcan Bank, which makes the com-

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in debt of \$1,000.

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