

Preparing to Celebrate One Hundred Years of Peace

Distinguished Gathering of Delegates Representing Every English Speaking Country Assembled in New York Today--England and the United States Have Had an Unbroken Era of Peace Since the Treaty of Ghent Was Signed--An Address of Welcome by Mayor Gaynor--Delegates in Attendance

New York, May 5--There was a distinguished gathering of delegates representing every English-speaking country in the world at the Governor's room at the New York City hotel this morning, when Mayor Gaynor formally opened the international conference convened for the purpose of arranging the plans for the appropriate celebration of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, which marked the beginning of the unbroken era of peace among all English speaking peoples.

Notable among the British delegates were Lord Weardale, ex-President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union; Capt. Sir Arthur Lawley, ex-Governor of Madras; Lord Stanhope Sir Herbert Lustace Maxwell, a Lord of the Treasury; Charles Thomas Mills, M.P.; Neil Primrose, M.P.; the eldest son of Lord Rosebery; Arthur Shirley Benn, M.P.; James Allen Baker, M.P.; Moreton Frewen, M.P.; Vice President of the Imperial Federation League Henry Vivian, M.P.; Sir Edmund Walker, President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce; Chas. A. McGrath, M.P., one of the Canadian members of the International Bounties Commission; Travers Lewis, of the University of Toronto; Capt. Charles Frederick Hamilton Secretary of the Canadian Committee; H. S. Peris, Secretary of the British Committee; Eugene H. Outerbridge, the representative of New Foundland and Sir George (Houstoun Reid, P.C., High Commissioner of Australia. Belgium, or rather the city of Ghent, where the famous treaty was signed on December 24, 1813, was represented by Alderman De Bruyne, High Sheriff of Ghent,

and Alphonse Van Werveke, Curator of the Museum of Ghent. The American delegates included Joseph H. Choate, honorary chairman of the American Conference Committee; Alton B. Parker, William Church Osborn, Col. Robert M. Thompson, Washington, D. C.; Charles Stewart Davidson, William Curtis Demorest, Dr. John H. Finley, William D. Forbes, Austen G. Fox, Dr. E. R. L. Gould, Andrew B. Humphrey, Dr. George F. Kunz, Calvin W. Rice, Dr. Louis L. Seaman, William Salomon, Isaac N. Seligman, Andrew Carnegie, Cornelius Vanderbilt, George T. Wilson, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler and others.

After the formal opening Mayor Gaynor delivered an address of welcome, to which response was made in behalf of the visitors by Lord Weardale, Chairman of the British Conference. After these preliminaries Mayor Gaynor requested Mr. Alphonse Van Werveke, of the Museum of Ghent, to preside over the meeting. The session lasted several hours and the close of the delegates were the guests at luncheon of the Pilgrims Society, at the Waldorf-Astoria.

After today the international conference will meet daily at 4 p. m., though most of its work will be done by sub-committees. Although it is in possible at the present time to forecast the program which the conference will eventually agree upon, it may be said that the celebration will principally center around three momentous dates: December 24, 1914, the centenary of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent; January 5, 1915, the centenary of the dinner given by the City of Ghent in honor of the Joint High Commission which

had arranged the treaty; and February 17, 1915, the centenary of the ratification of the Treaty of Ghent. It rests with the conference to decide what form the celebration or celebrations are to take.

The American Committee will hold its annual meeting on Friday, May 9, at 11 a. m., at the Hotel Plaza. Andrew Carnegie will preside and Congressman Flood of Virginia, Prof. W. A. Dunning of Columbia University and others have been invited to deliver addresses.

In the evening of the same day the visiting delegates will be the guests of honor at a dinner to be given by the American Committee at the Hotel Astor, ending the conference in this city. During the conference, the visitors will be entertained by Andrew Carnegie, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Dr. Louis Livingston Seaman, and others. One feature of their entertainment will be a sail up the Hudson, if the weather is pleasant.

On the morning of May 10, the visiting delegates, with a small escort of members of the American Committee will depart for Boston, where they will be entertained by the local Centenary Celebration Committee, acting in conjunction with another committee of citizens headed by Mayor Fitzgerald. On the following day the delegates will start for Washington, D. C., where they will be received by President Wilson and his cabinet on Monday, May 12. On the following day the delegates will visit Richmond, Va., reaching Philadelphia on May 14. Then they will visit Chicago, returning to New York by way of Detroit, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls, in time to sail for England on May 21.

WORLD'S NEWS

IN SHORT METER

New York, May 5--The supreme court meets today. Japan may make formal demand that the alien California land bill be submitted to the Hague for arbitration.

President Wilson gives up plan to force currency bill at this session. Emperor William received a dispatch last night that Scutari be evacuated by Montenegro.

House passes free wool schedule in Underwood tariff bill. It is reported that movement may be made at Washington to enforce incorporation of stock exchanges throughout the country.

Concessions for Southern Pig Iron is bringing little new business.

Consensus of opinion among boot and shoe manufacturers is that Underwood bill will not materially effect the industry.

12 industrialists declined .13. 20 railways declined 0.15.

American stocks in London strong generally 1/2 to 1 up.

BIG FIRE AT NORTH SYDNEY

One of the Worst Fires in the History of Eastern Nova Scotia

Property Loss is Said to be Close to a Quarter of a Million Dollars

North Sydney, N.S., May 4--Next to the big conflagration in Sydney eleven years ago the most serious disaster through fire that has ever occurred in eastern Nova Scotia took place at North Sydney between 1 and 2 o'clock Sunday morning.

The blaze started in the rear of a fruit store in the "Salter block," corner of Archibald street and Commercial street and the adjoining buildings were all ablaze before the alarm sounded. A high wind was blowing from the northeast and the flames soon were gaining great headway.

It was soon evident that the local fire brigade was practically a disorganized force, the chief being away and the deputy chief sick at home, and the rank and file absolutely unable to cope in any definite manner with so serious a proposition.

Hurry messages for relief were sent to Sydney Mines and Sydney. Three buildings had been totally destroyed by the time the Sydney firemen appeared upon the scene.

(Continued on page five)

CONFERENCE ON CITY PLANNING

Chicago, Ill., May 5--"The City Beautiful in all its phases is to be considered at the fifth national conference on city planning," which convened in this city today for a three days' session. Prominent among those in attendance are Frederick Law Olmstead, the famous landscape architect; Virgil G. Bogue, of Vancouver, author of the "Seattle City Plan"; William A. Magee, mayor of Pittsburgh; and Milo M. Maltbie of the Public Service Commission New York city. Two well known experts from abroad who are here to address the conference are Edward G. Lullin of London and Werner Hegemann of Berlin.

MAY HOLD UP BANK ACT

Ottawa, May 3--There is some talk of the bank act failing to go through the senate this session. The house banking committee will report the bill this week but it may not pass the house ahead of other legislation and may not go to the senate until the middle of the month. Prorogation will then be little more than two or three weeks away and the senate is talking about refusing to be rushed. Ad for the prospect of the senate throwing out the supply bill, few people put any faith in it. The supply bill includes the indemnities of the senators.

SIR WILFRID AT TORONTO

Liberal Chieftain to Address Mass Meeting In Tory Stronghold Tonight

Other Speakers Will be Hon. Geo. P. Graham, Hon. Charles Murphy and Dr. Michael Clark

Toronto, May 5--Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the great leader of the Liberal party, arrived from Ottawa today and will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting to be held this evening at the Arena. He is accompanied by Hon. George P. Graham, Hon. Charles Murphy and Dr. Michael Clark, M.P.

Prominent members of the party are here from all sections of the province and a wonderful demonstration is promised the Liberal chieftain. It is expected that the Liberal chieftain will devote considerable attention to the naval question and the closure resolution which lately passed the House of Commons.

Elaborate preparations have been made for tonight's meeting and it promises to be a record breaker in point of attendance and enthusiasm. The band of the 48th Highlanders has been engaged to furnish music.

AUSTRIAN RAISED CHECK AND WAS ARRESTED

Tardus Kik Turned Check for \$8.40 Into One for \$80.40--Captured at Royal Bank

An Austrian rejoicing in the name of Tardus Kik was arrested at the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada this morning on the charge of raising a cheque. He appeared before the police magistrate and was remanded until eleven o'clock tomorrow morning.

The cheque was on Smith & Merrieth, sub-contractors, on the Hibbard Company's section of the St. John & Quebec Railway. It originally was for \$8.40 and had been raised to \$80.40. The endorsement and the name in the body of the cheque were the same. This is the third case of cheque raising tried on Smith & Merrieth and the teller did not pass the cheque but the police were called instead. The pay-roll number also had been changed from 537 to 1537.

It is possible that the endorsement on the cheque is forged as well as the amount being raised.

HATWRHORNE AND MONCTON CASES UP

Atlanta, Ga., May 5--Whether Julian Hawthorne and Dr. George W. Morton, convicted in New York of misuse of the mails in connection with promoting mining schemes, shall be released on parole, depends upon the decision of the Federal parole board, which met here today to take up the applications of a score or more of prisoners now confined in the Atlanta penitentiary. Hawthorne and Morton entered the prison on March 24 to serve sentences of a year and a day each. Although the trial judge stipulated that their sentences should date from November 25, when their trials began, the department of justice at Washington decided in an interpretation of the parole law that they must actually serve one-third of the time in prison before they will be eligible for release. If the board acts favorably on their applications they consequently will be released the latter part of July.

NOW IN COMMISSION

The speed motor-boat Viking, recently purchased by Mr. W. T. Chestnut, was out yesterday and today is being tuned up by an expert from the factory where she was built. She is guaranteed to go nineteen miles per hour.

SCOTT ACT OFFICERS BUSY IN WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, N.B., May 5--(Special)--The most effective weapon used for the enforcement of the Scott Act in this county is the seizure of liquor. Officers have been busy working along this line of action and last week landed a big supply at the railway station. Several barrels, cases and kegs were in the lot. One keg marked "Vinegar" was tested by an expert and pronounced the finest brandy, worth six dollars a gallon. The owner of the lot is not known, the usual diamond being the address. A recent decision of the Supreme Court makes the shipper liable to a fine for shipping into a Scott Act county unless properly labelled. The accumulation of seizures makes the warehouse in which the stuff is stored look like a wholesale liquor establishment.

STOCK MARKET IS STRONGER

Improvement in the European Situation Responsible for the Rally

C. P. R. Closed Strong in London and Berlin--Crossed 241 in New York

New York, May 5--The advance in prices today was partly a result of the advance in the London market and partly in response to the annual report which called attention to last year's increase in trade. Improvement in the European situation was the cause of the gain in C.P.R. Perhaps the most significant item in this morning's news was the rise in Russian stocks in the London market. Russian prices would not have advanced had there been danger that Russia might be called upon to back Montenegro in a war against the other great powers.

(By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co., 550 Queen Street, Fredericton, N.B.)

| | Open | Noon |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| Copper | 72 1/2 | 73 |
| Smelthers | 67 1/2 | 67 1/2 |
| Brooklyn | 89 1/2 | 90 1/2 |
| C.P.R. | 240 1/2 | 241 1/2 |
| Great Northern | 126 1/2 | 126 1/2 |
| Lehigh | 155 | 155 1/2 |
| Soo | 132 1/2 | 132 1/2 |
| Pennsylvania | 114 1/2 | 114 1/2 |
| Northern Pacific | 114 | 114 |
| Reading | 161 | 162 1/2 |
| Union Pacific | 149 1/2 | 150 1/2 |
| U. S. Steel | 60 1/2 | 61 1/2 |

(Continued on page 5)

TAXANS GATHER FOR SAENGERFEST

Houston, Texas, May 5--Incoming trains today brought many delegates and visitors to the twenty-ninth biennial State Saengerfest, which opens a three days' festival at the Auditorium tonight. The city is in festival garb in honor of the occasion. A chorus of 3,000 voices and the singing of Mme. Marie Rappold and other famous soloists will be a feature of the concert program. The instrumental music will be furnished by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

DUTCHESS OF CONNAUGHT IN CRITICAL STATE

London, May 4--The condition of the Duchess of Connaught, wife of the governor general of Canada, is far from satisfactory. Since the second operation, which she underwent recently for abdominal trouble, there has been little improvement. She showed restlessness throughout Sunday and tonight was reported to be slightly worse.

MR. GUTELIUS TO MANAGE INTERCOLONIAL

Ottawa, May 4--The long expected change in the management of the Intercolonial Railway is being effected. Under it the management of the railway passes from the Board of Management, and will be placed in the hands of one man, responsible to the Minister of Railways. The man, who it is stated, has been selected for this important work is P. Gutelius, former superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and now a member of the Stanton-Gutelius commission which has been investigating the methods of construction of the National Transcontinental Railway. The new head of the Intercolonial is a practical man of long experience, and whose standing is very high in the railway world.

The board of management, which is dissolved under the new conditions included D. Pottinger, E. Tiffin, F.P. Brady, J. P. E. Caron and the deputy minister of railways. A. W. Campbell, chairman. Mr. Tiffin has been in charge of the traffic department and Mr. Brady of operation.

Some of the members of the retiring board may, under the arrangements now being made, remain in the service of the Intercolonial. The change affects the whole system of the government railways, the Intercolonial and the Prince Edward Island lines and is said to inaugurate a period of great expansion in the operation and extension of these lines.

CURRENCY BILL TO COME UP NEXT

Washington, May 5--Currency reform will be taken up by Congress as soon as the House disposed of the tariff bill. This was the positive statement of President Wilson today at his weekly conference with newspaper men.

PROF CADWALLADER THROWS UP POSITION

Is no Longer Instructor of Music at Normal School--Salary Increase Refused by Govt.

Prof. E. Cadwallader for thirty-seven years instructor in music at the Provincial Normal School, resigned his position and severed his connection with the institution last week. He along with the other members of the teaching staff made application to the Flemming Government some weeks ago for an increase of salary. All were granted an increase with the exception of Prof. Cadwallader and he not relishing the treatment meted out to him has pitched his job.

Prof. Cadwallader, as above stated has been a member of the staff of the institution for the long period of thirty-seven years. His duties required daily attendance at the institution and kept him busy the greater part of the forenoon. He played the piano accompaniments for the opening exercises and instructed the pupils in vocal music. He has been long recognized as one of the most efficient and painstaking instructors in the province.

Interviewed by The Mail this afternoon Prof. Cadwallader admitted that he had severed his connection with the Normal School, and he added that he considered that he had been the victim of pretty shabby treatment.

MONTREAL BROKER COMMITS SUICIDE

Montreal, May 4--W. B. Chapman, a broker, well known for many years in the city's financial district, committed suicide on Mount Royal in Saturday by firing a bullet into his brain.

The international convention of the Federation of Musicians will be held in Toronto, Ont., beginning May 12.

MONTENEGRO TO ABANDON SCUTARI

Vienna, May 5--Count Von Berchtold, the Austrian foreign minister announced today that the Austrian Government had received assurances from Montenegro that King Nicholas would abandon Scutari unconditionally. This will not prevent Austria and Italy from sending a military expedition into Albania it was said.

INTERNATIONAL WEDDING AT BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Md., May 5--An international romance reached its culmination in the ceremony at the Cathedral in this city which made Baroness Alix Moncheur the bride of Robert F. Loree of New York. Cardinal Gibbons officiated at the ceremony, which took place in the presence of a notable company of society people. Following the ceremony there was a wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's great-aunt, Mrs. William H. Blackford.

The bride is the daughter of Baron Moncheur, the former Belgian ambassador at Washington and now the diplomatic representative of his country at Constantinople. Her step-mother is a daughter of the former American ambassador to Mexico, Gen. Powell Clayton and Mrs. Clayton. Mr. Loree, the bridegroom, is a son of L. F. Loree, former president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and now president of the Delaware and Hudson Company. The couple first met while the Baroness Moncheur was visiting Mr. Loree's sister, who was her class-mate at school in Washington. A courtship speedily followed and their engagement was announced last November.

The Nelson Trades and Labor Council is planning the erection of a \$20,000 labor temple at Nelson, B. C.