

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE GOING ON AT WASHINGTON

Experts on Hygiene and Demography from all Over the World Gather at the U. S. Capital on an Important Mission---Will Discuss Means for the Improvement of the Public Health and the Prolongation of Human Life

Washington, D.C., Sept. 23—With thirty-two leading governments and forty-eight States pouring their wealth of knowledge to improve public welfare and to prolong human life into one common fund for the world's use, the Fifteenth International Congress on Hygiene and Demography opened its week's session here this morning. Four hundred and fifty of the foremost sanitary authorities in the world in formal addresses will contribute the latest discoveries and methods in their respective countries in the realm of adding comfort and years to human life. It is expected that the attendance at the nine sessions, into which the Congress is divided will number five thousand including many of the national state and city health officials of this country.

While the object of the Congress is to extend the knowledge and improve the practice of hygiene and public health in all the countries which participate it is believed these benefits will accrue in largest measure to the country which is for the time being the host of the Congress. That the state and municipal public health officials of this country attending the Congress will have support outside of immediate sanitary circles in seeking to put into effect various health reforms that will be suggested by the Congress is indicated by the action of large business enterprises in being represented at the proceedings. Among these is the Association of Life Insurance Presidents which is represented by its general counsel, R. L. Cox of New York and by its

health committee as follows: F. W. Jenkins, chairman, Binghamton, N.Y.; J. R. Clark, Cincinnati, O.; W. F. Dix, New York; J. L. English, Hartford, Conn.; J. K. Gore, Newark, N. J.; Tr. A. S. Knight, New York; E. S. Scott, Springfield, Ill.

The committee has systematically subdivided the program of the Congress, so that at least one member will be present at each address of interest to it. In particular the committee is following that part of the work of the Congress dealing with the control of contagious diseases including typhoid fever, diphtheria, cerebrospinal meningitis, tuberculosis, etc.; with the sanitary aspects of public water supplies, including the sanitary control of water sheds, the purification of water by storage, water purification in Europe by biological methods; water sterilization by chemical methods and with the disposal of sewerage and wastes by the various processes now carried on in European countries. Wherever knowledge as to improved methods is obtained it is the intention of the life insurance interests to systematically aid constituted authorities in applying those methods to conditions in this country. In this way, it is hoped to improve the mortality experience among life insurance policyholders.

It has been contended for some time by Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale University that the practical application of all the reforms now known to modern hygiene would add fifteen years to the span of life in the United States.

TOURISTS HAD TOUGH TIME

A Philadelphia Man Took Pneumonia in wilds of upper St. John

Companion Had to Carry Him Fifty-Three Miles to Civilization--Now in Bangor Hospital

New York, Sept. 23—For fifty three miles afoot through the Maine woods S. Cowing a teacher carried on his back, a companion, Chas. Claxton, Jr. who was helpless from an attack of pneumonia, according to Cowings description of the experiences as the men passed through the city today on their way to their homes in Philadelphia. For some time after Cowing and Claxton near starvation reached the little French Canadian village of St. Pomphile, Que., and travelled thence by rail to Bangor. Claxton, the son of a physician in Philadelphia lies near death in a Bangor hospital.

Cowing and Claxton were eighteen days afoot through the Maine woods on a canoe trip intending to explore the head waters of the St. John River. The stream by which they expected to return, they found to be only six inches deep. They abandoned their camping outfit and started on foot carrying their canoe. Then Claxton was stricken with pneumonia and Cowing was forced to carry a double burden, explaining today that he felt it necessary to have the canoe when they should reach deep water so that he might get Claxton under a physician's care as quick as possible. They used the canoe for the final twenty four miles of a trip of nearly one hundred miles to St. Pomphile.

CHURCH SERVICE WAS DISTURBED

The Pastor Failed to Correctly Diagnose The Trouble---The Janitor got an Apology

In one of the city churches yesterday morning the service was interrupted by a pounding noise which emanated from the basement. The pastor, who is a man of much tact paused in his sermon and explained to his congregation that the janitor was a new man on the job and was evidently a little tardy in getting his fires started. He suggested that one of the officials go to the basement and negotiate for the cessation of the disturbance. There was a prompt response to the pastor's suggestion, but strange to say the pounding did not cease, in fact it became more violent than before. A second member of the congregation repaired to the basement and joined the other. They looked up the janitor and soon found that he was in no way to blame for the noise. He had lighted his fires in good time and was not engaged in splitting wood as the pastor supposed. The pounding was due to the action of water in the pipes and a remedy was soon found for it. The pastor was informed of the real cause of the untimely disturbance, and before concluding his service explained matters to the congregation and apologized for the apparent injustice which he had done the janitor.

PERSONAL

Mr. H. M. Blair of the Public Works Department is on a holiday trip to Boston.
Mrs. John Staples and her daughter, Miss Ida Staples are to leave this week for Stillwater, Minn., where they will make their home in future.
Mr. John E. Alger of St. Stephen, is at the Queen.
Mr. F. A. Symons of Toronto, is in the city.
Mr. J. Mowatt of St. John, is registered at the Queen.
Mr. Wm. E. Golding of St. John, is in the city.
Mr. J. F. MacDonald of Montreal, is registered at the Queen.
Mr. P. C. Sanderson of Worcester, Mass., arrived in the city this morning.

MR. BORDEN BANQUETTED

Great Gathering of the Tory Clan at Windsor Hotel Montreal

Premier Announces That Parliament Will Meet in November to Deal With Naval Question

Montreal, Sept. 21—That definite and detailed information regarding the naval situation, which had been asked for from the imperial government would be in his hands by the end of the week, and that this information would be at once submitted to the cabinet and a plan of action in connection with the navy question drawn up, which plan would be submitted immediately to the Canadian parliament which will be called together in November, was the announcement made by Premier Borden tonight at the banquet tendered him at the Windsor Hotel to celebrate his return from Great Britain and the victory of his party a year ago. Hundreds of prominent Conservatives attended the banquet, at which in addition to the premier, many members of the cabinet and leaders from other provinces were present.

The premier spoke at length of his visit to England, on the administration of his party since coming into power and in defence of the attitude of the Conservative party in connection with many public questions.

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POSSE PURSUING MURDEROUS NEGRO

Montreal, Sept. 23—Louis Betournay, fifty-two years old, is lying in the Royal Victoria Hospital, while an armed posse, fifty men strong and its numbers constantly augmented, is tracking down a giant negro, who shot Betournay early this morning in his home at St. Lambert.

Betournay had come downstairs from his bedroom to light the fires. He found the negro crouched under a table in the corner of the kitchen, kicking him, he ordered the man out of the house.

The intruder sullenly emerged and Betournay started to leave the room. The negro stealthily followed him along the hall and suddenly whipping out a revolver, fired three shots in rapid succession. The first crashed through Betournay's back, the other two went wild. The negro leaped past his victim and darted through the front door and down the street, but despite his wound Betournay chased him. For nearly a quarter of a mile he kept the pursuit up but as loss of blood made him weaker, he was forced to give up the chase and staggering back to his home collapsed.

The negro had been seen around St. Lambert for several days and his hat, dropped on the lawn as he fled, gave a clue to the police and a posse was organized.

The negro had disappeared into the woods back of St. Lambert and at noon had not been located, although it is inevitable that he will before night fall be brought up. He is expected to put up a desperate resistance.

THINKS BECKER HAS GOOD CASE

New York, Sept. 21—John F. McIntyre, chief counsel for Lieutenant Charles F. Becker, received today this telegram from John W. Hart, whom he sent to Hot Springs to get evidence that Sam Schepps while in that city told many persons that Becker had nothing to do with the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

"Evidence here entirely satisfactory and reliable. Have learned name of new witness."

Mr. McIntyre's opinion was that Mr. Hart would bring back depositions that would destroy the effect of any testimony that Sam Schepps gives against Becker when the case comes to trial.

On the other hand word was received from District Attorney Whitman that he has obtained affidavits establishing the fact that Schepps in

ULSTERITES WILL SIGN COVENANT ON SATURDAY

People of the North of Ireland Will Register Their Formal Defiance of Home Rule---Sir Edward Carson and F. E. Smith Will be First to Sign the Document---The Affair is not Being Taken Seriously in England

Belfast, Sept. 23—Ulster intercession services were held in the churches throughout the province yesterday. In addition to the special collect, which was ordered read by the most Rev. John Baptist Crozier, primate of all Ireland of the Church of England, who had designated Sunday and the week following, including "Ulster Day" as "Days for special intercession and prayer on behalf of our beloved native land." Sermons were preached making particular reference to the solemn covenant. In many cases, the national anthem was sung.

Exceptionally large congregations attended the protestant churches in Belfast and Londonderry. Great fervor was displayed and strong denunciations of the government from the pulpit were heard. The Bishop of Derry, preaching in Derry Cathedral, exhorted his hearers not to submit tamely, "to be sold like brutes," in the cattle market by men who received in return seventy venal and dishonest votes."

London, Sept. 23—On Saturday next the Unionists of the Northern Counties of Ireland propose to register their formal defiance of Home Rule Gathering in halls and market places even in churches, the men of Ulster will sign a covenant pledging themselves to submit to any government from Dublin which may be imposed upon the country by the Asquith-Redmond Home Rule bill passed in the House of Commons.

"Ulster Day" is the designation chosen for this remarkable political sacrament. According to its promoters, it will prove a show of determination so solemn and impressive that the British Cabinet will hesitate long before attempting to enforce its scheme for partial separation of Ireland from the United Kingdom.

But viewed through spectacles of another political color the affair is not to be taken seriously at all. Home Rule in its revived color of self government instead of complete separation for Ireland has aroused no deeper political feeling in England, than other questions the tariff, the Lords, and Lloyd George's taxation measures.

Indeed most Englishmen of all parties appear willing that Ireland should have about all the power involved in Mr. Redmond's program if only the constant strife and racial bitterness can be ended.

But the stumbling block has developed in the Unionists of Ulster. Before they will submit to separation, they will have civil war, their leader threaten. Rifle clubs have been formed and young and old have been drilling. No one can tell just how far the warlike movement has gone. Home Rulers treat it with ridicule.

Members of Parliament like Sir Edward Carson, who is an Irishman and F. E. Smith one of the most conspicuous of the younger conservatives, who is not an Irishman have made speeches in parliament and outside announcing freely that Ulster will never recognize Home Rule government and urging the people to resist it. Hence some of their opponents have called upon the Government to take proceedings against them, for inciting to break the law. They have taunted the authorities with being afraid to deal with these impertinent politicians as they did with the labor leader Tom Mann, who had a long term in prison for urging dock-strikers to violence. But the cases of Carson and Smith, present a barrier to prosecution or a loophole

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RECIPROCITY CAMPAIGN ARRAIGNED IN MANITOBA

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 23—The Reciprocity Association of MacDonald has arraigned several meetings for this week at which R. L. Richardson who will be the independent candidate at the bye-election on October 12th, with the support of the Liberals, will speak. The Conservatives of the constituency meet Tuesday to choose a candidate. The campaign will be a spectacular one.

ALBERTA VISITED BY SNOW STORM

Lebbridge, Alta., Sept. 23—The first snow storm of the season struck Southern Alberta Sunday evening, after a rain which had lasted the greater part of the day. At midnight the thermometer registered within one degree of freezing and ears were entertained for the safety of the fax crop, only a small portion of which has been cut as yet, while probably nine per cent. of the wheat is harvested. The storm will delay threshing several days.

SUICIDED; DRIVING KNIFE INTO ABDOMEN WITH Mallet

Davidson, Sask., Sept. 23—During a fit of temporary insanity, John Pierre, formerly of Spry, Ont., drove a large butcher knife into his abdomen, using a mallet to force the blade through the flesh. His death resulted three days later.

TOMMY BURN'S CLOTHING STORE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Calgary, Alta., Sept. 23—The clothing establishment of Tommy Burns, former champion heavyweight pugilist, was destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon with a loss of ten thousand dollars. There was some insurance.

HEARTY WELCOME FOR THE RED SOX

Boston, Sept. 23—An official as well as a popular welcome awaited the Red Sox, the new American League Champions on their return home late this afternoon. The members of the Boston team which will battle for the World's championship were speeding today from Detroit to meet the great reception which developed out of yesterday's mass meeting. It was planned to have the players mon whom Mayor Fitzgerald was to mobiles and brought to Boston Com-driven through the city in auto-tender the thanks of the municipality to the players who have earned for Boston its third championship.

Officials of the Boston Club are relieved to learn that Larry Gardner the Red Sox third baseman who was hurt in Detroit Saturday is not as serious as reported.

SECOND INDICTMENTS IN DYNAMITE CASE

Boston, Mass., Sept. 21—A second indictment was returned today by the Suffolk County grand jury which has been investigating the alleged illegal distribution of dynamite in Lawrence during the Textile strike last January. After reporting to Judge Hardy the Grand Jury was excused until September 24th when it will resume the investigation.

SUFFRAGETTES DEMONSTRATES IN PHOENIX PARK, DOUBLIN

Dublin, Sept. 23—Phoenix Park was the scene today of a disorderly suffrage meeting. A letter was read from Mrs. Mary Leigh, who recently was released from Mount Joy prison on account of ill health, declaring that unless Gladys Evans, now serving a sentence of five years for an attempt to burn a theatre, was liberated within a few days, she would lead a march on the prison to effect her release. The issue she added, would only be decided by victory or death.

TO FLOAT CHINESE LOAN IN LONDON

London, Sept. 23—Half of the Chinese loan of \$50,000,000, is to be offered to the public in London for subscription on Thursday or Friday of this week according to Chas. Birch Crisp, head of the Anglo-Russian Bank, who has been prominent in the negotiations.

Lloyds Bank is supposed to stand sponsor for the loan.

Capitalists have hesitated here to believe that the independent group of bankers, has been able to cut the ground from under the feet of the "Six Power" combination representing Great Britain the United States, France, Germany, Russia and Japan.

The latest advices from Peking however appear to be convincing in this point. The British government has retreated from the position of strongly supporting the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank as the result of the attacks which accused it of lacking a monopoly. The issue of the independent loan is largely due to the efforts of Dr. George Morrison former correspondent of the London Daily Times in Peking, and now political adviser to the President of the Chinese Republic. He spent a month in London conferring with financiers and politicians.

DANGEROUS CULVERT

There is a very dangerous culvert on the main river road in Douglas a short distance above Currie's Mountain. The ends of the culvert have been washed away and a serious accident may occur there at any time. It demands attention at once.

Mr. Richard E. Willard of Montreal, is in the city.

Mr. A. R. MacKenzie of St. Stephen, is in the city.

Mr. S. A. Pendleton of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. George D. Montgomery of Toronto, is at the Barker House.

no way exculpated Lieutenant Becker. Mr. Whitman expects to arrive here from Hot Springs next Monday night

PIANO MAKERS GO OUT ON STRIKE

New York, Sept. 23—Today marked the beginning in New York of a strike of piano makers called by the Union in demand of a 15 per cent. increase in wages.

Delegates representing approximately 10,000 workers in the piano factories voted in favor of the strike. According to the leaders the non-union as well as union men are dissatisfied and prepared to quit.

SPANISH PRINCESS DIED SUDDENLY

Madrid, Sept. 23—Princess Maria Teresa, sister of King Alfonso died suddenly today from the effects of an embolism.

The death of the infant who was not quite thirty years of age, having been born here on Nov. 13th, 1882 has the whole of the Spanish court into deep mourning. She had been married only six years to Prince Ferdinand of Bavaria. The Prince became a naturalized Spaniard several years ago and is an officer in the Spanish Army. He resides in Madrid. Three infant children, Prince Louis Alfonso, Prince Jose Eugene and a baby sister not yet a year old, are left orphans.

King Alfonso's other sister, the infant Maria de Las Mercedes died on Oct. 17th, 1904.

RACES POSTPONED ON ACCOUNT OF RAIN

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 23—Rain caused the postponement of today's grand circuit races, which were to have opened this afternoon for a two weeks' meeting. The first day's program will be raced tomorrow and the Friday's event will be offered Saturday, an open day.