

DOMINIONS OF BRITAIN FACE TRADE CRISIS

Destiny of Empire Units in
Balance as Economic
Parley Opens.

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OTTAWA, July 20.—The destiny of more than one member of the British commonwealth of nations will be at stake when, Thursday, in the house of commons, the imperial economic conference will be opened formally by the Governor-General with a message from King George V. First, the future of Great Britain itself is seen to hang upon the outcome. For unless she can bargain with the dominions to win a larger share of their trade, there is grave doubt whether she ever again will play the role of Titan among industrial nations which once was hers.

Second, before the conference adjourns, Ireland may find herself facing the cheerless alternative of either abandoning her dream of complete independence, or accepting the prospect of becoming an isolated republic out in the Atlantic, with a dark and doubtful future.

Counsel Less Haste

Third, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the other parts of the empire similarly will have to yield some of their ambitions to become self-sustaining nations, at least for the time being, else give up their present chance to profit by preferential tariffs.

Great Britain will attempt to show the dominions that they are making a big mistake in trying to industrialize themselves too rapidly. Former Premier Stanley Baldwin and almost half the British cabinet are here to convince the dominions of the economic error of undertaking to force their manufacturers like exotic plants in a hothouse. The dominions will be urged to cling awhile longer to the production of foodstuffs and raw materials, and depend upon Britain for the bulk of their manufactured goods.

The British Federation of Industries has sent a strong delegation to support Baldwin along these lines. They will advocate taking a leaf out of Soviet Russia's notebook and do some "national planning" on an empire scale.

There is too much wasteful competition within the empire, they assert, and this, along with the curse of overproduction and low prices, could, in a large measure, be avoided if the empire only would plan and do what each member can do best and most economically.

Canada to Stand Firm

This may be sound economics, but the dominions, it is here and now predicted, will not go along with it 100 per cent. Canada, certainly, and the others in greater or lesser degree, are impatient to go forward industrially and commercially.

Canada makes no secret of her ambition to become one of the world's greatest industrial and exporting nations. She will continue to push to the rest of the family which will injure her chances in this direction.

Her policy during the conference will be to do everything she can to increase the already steady flow of American industry to this side of the border.

Ireland's task today seemed the most difficult of all. Sean T. O'Kelly, Irish vice-president, makes no bones of his government's determination to sever all political ties with Britain.

Yet he is here hunting new markets for Irish goods—to arrange preferential tariffs between his country and the rest of the dominions.

CALL FOR ARMS SLASH

"Real Reduction" Is Advocated in
Geneva Parley Resolution.

GENEVA, July 20.—The general commission of the world disarmament conference meets today to receive a resolution declaring that "the world's fighting forces will be subjected to real reduction."

The resolution was scheduled to be adopted later in the week, permitting the conference to adjourn by Saturday until autumn. Debate on the resolution will be postponed until the smaller nations have had more time to study it.

The American, French, British, and Italian delegates reached an agreement Tuesday night on all points in the text of the resolution except heavy artillery, which was to be settled this morning.

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Oh, Doctor!



By imparting beautiful ideas to the women of Vienna, Nancy Vass-Wuhmsner (above), an American girl, is reported to earn more money as a "beauty doctor" than any other member of her profession in Austria. Looks like she's taken some of her own treatments, eh?

Sobering Sentence Given Erring Head of Family

But Thomas McGlasson
Wins Leniency by Taking
Drink Pledge.

To the disgust of his wife, Thomas C. McGlasson, 5243 Park avenue, fondled his bottle and enjoyed life in true epicurean style.

His days were comparable with those of Rip Van Winkle. Life at home was a burden for him. Like Rip, he had his brilliant moments, always "not counting this one."

But, like Rip, too, he had his awakening. It occurred today in juvenile court, with a shock that startled McGlasson.

His wife walked into court and laid one of his favorite "brands," label and all, on the judge's bench. "I wish to introduce this as evidence," she said.

The case was heard. Sentence was passed.

The penalty, 180 days on the penal farm and \$500 fine, was the most severe ever meted by Judge John F. Geckler.

It awakened and sobered McGlasson. He promised never to touch liquor again, at least not a drop for two years. Moreover, he pledged \$16 of his \$19.50 weekly wage to support his wife and invalid daughter.

Geckler suspended the sentence on the failure to support charge on these conditions.

DRAFT REALTY BILL

Measure Would Put End to
Tax Exemptions.

A new avenue of tax relief will be placed before the special session of the legislature in a bill backed by the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce to put an end to tax exemption for real estate used commercially to produce an income.

The proposed measure would repeal an existing statute exempting all real estate owned by charitable, religious, educational or similar institutions.

Sponsor in the senate will be Senator Lee Hartzel of Ft. Wayne, Republican president pro tem., and the entire Marion county delegation will support the measure in the house.

Taxing officials have advised the chamber that the measure would add about \$20,000,000 to tax duplicates of Indianapolis alone, making possible a reduction of 15 cents in levies on each \$100 of taxable property.

PRINCE IS OPTIMISTIC

Wales Sees Prosperity Starting to
Return This Year.

LONDON, July 20.—Prosperity should start coming around the corner this year, the prince of Wales indicated in a speech at a banquet given by the West African Society.

"It is my belief that 1932 will witness the beginning of the return to happier and more prosperous times and a great revival of world trade," the prince said.

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COUNTY CHIEFS PREDICT BOOST IN TAX RATES

Grossart Asks Pay Raise for
Helpers in His
Office.

An increased county tax rate loomed today when County Auditor Charles A. Grossart submitted an appropriation request for \$54,160 for 1933, an increase of \$3,320 over the 1932 appropriation.

Explanation of the increase was given by Grossart as an attempt to equalize salaries of his employees, reduced 20 per cent in the 1932 budget, with pay of other county employees, who were cut only 10 per cent. A slight increase is asked in the operating fund, Grossart said.

Salary of Grossart's chief deputy is raised to \$3,000 yearly from \$2,700, and salary of second deputy is increased to \$2,400 from \$2,160. Other employees receiving raises are clerks and stenographers.

Paring Job to Start

Prediction that his office will be forced to raise the rate in 1933 was made by commissioners and other county department heads.

"The boost in the rate may be 15 to 20 cents over the present 29-cent levy," Commissioner George Snider said.

This levy increase will be necessary to offset a huge slash in real estate valuations and provide for increased expenditures in poor relief.

Councilmen will start work in a few days to cut 1933 county expenditures to the minimum.

Departments of county government, for which officials seek increases totaling \$130,000, will be the target of the council's economy drive.

Mourning poor relief costs this year, which must be paid in 1933, may raise the poor relief levy to 20 cents, compared with 12½ cents this year, officials predicted.

Says It Is 'Inevitable'

Fixed charges to pay interest and principal on county sinking fund bonds also is a major difficulty facing any attempt to relieve the tax burden.

Unless councilmen choose to refund bonds, as last year, the sinking fund levy may be increased 5 cents. The refunding policy pared this item of the levy from 12 to 7 cents this year.

Startling poor relief costs were revealed by Grossart, who said "an increased tax levy appears inevitable."

During four months this year all townships in the county have paid \$1,145,000 for poor relief. Bond issues totaling this amount have been authorized by the council since Jan. 1.

The total county relief burden last year was approximately \$800,000.

GLAMOR FOR WAR

Bolivians Demand Attack on
Paraguay.

LA PAZ, Bolivia, July 20.—The government of President Daniel Salamanca was pledged today to "sacrifice all for the defense of the fatherland, as demonstrators here and in other Bolivian cities demanded war with Paraguay."

Although officials did their best to quiet crowds of parading men, women and children, the fifty-year-old dispute with Paraguay over the Gran Chaco frontier appeared to have brought the two nations dangerously near conflict.

News was meager from the Chaco region, where the boundary between Bolivia and Paraguay is lost in an actual wilderness and a maze of claims and counter-claims. The latest development involved fighting at Ft. Marshal Santa Cruz, in the Chaco.

Seize Slot Machine in Raid
Charge of keeping a gaming device was filed Tuesday against W. E. Stockdale, proprietor of a barbeque stand at 2918 West Sixteenth street. Police said they found a slot machine in the place.

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High society circles of both coasts were stirred by news that Adolph B. Spreckels of San Francisco, youthful heir to the Spreckels sugar millions, and Mrs. Lois Quintain Clarke De Ruyter, prominent New York divorcee, above, signed a marriage license application at San Francisco.

Mrs. De Ruyter was divorced in Reno a few weeks ago. Both Spreckels and Mrs. De Ruyter are 21.

JUDGE SALARY SLASHES STIR HOUSE STRIFE

Jurists in Lower Courts
Expected to Bear Brunt
of Reductions.

Way was paved today for another bitter fight on the floor of the house of representatives, as a house ways and means subcommittee turned the salary reduction spotlight on Indiana judges.

Despite assertions of one committee members that appellate court judges "do five times as much work as supreme court judges," it was indicated that jurists in the lower court will bear the brunt of the retrenchment ax, while salaries of supreme court judges may not be touched.

Hot debate over alleged "salary grabbing" tendencies of the judiciary resulted from consideration of six income tax bills at a meeting of the ways and means committee Tuesday night.

Albert F. Walsman (Dem.), Indianapolis, author of one of the bills providing for graduated salary reduction for all public employees, told the committee he will present a Marion county judges' salary reduction bill as well as one of state-wide application. His income tax bill exempted supreme court judges and the Governor from salary cuts.

"I thought, however, that if we didn't cut the supreme court salaries, we ought not cut the appellate salaries. I've been told the appellate court does five times as much work as the supreme court," he said. He declared "the people aren't in a very happy frame of mind about the judiciary."

"Home rule" advocates were voted their fill by the senate in approving the Hoffman bill at the session Tuesday afternoon.

The measure wipes out all mandatory salary and job levies and permits the local governmental bud-

get makers to abolish and slash at will. The bill must pass the house and be signed by the Governor before it becomes law. Then all that remains to be seen is whether local officials will make the reductions contemplated.

Only office outside those provided by the Constitution which remains unaffected is that of township trustee. A special bill providing for abolition of that office was voted down in the house at about the same time the Hoffman bill passed the senate.

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