

BRUCE SAYS WARS ARE DUE TO FOLLY

Root's Dictum That Agreement Is Possible When Nations Desire It Indorsed.

TREATIES GIVE EXAMPLE

Canada's Declaration Not Evade Reciprocity Declared Not Evidence That People Are Unfriendly to United States.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—James Bryce, the British Ambassador, speaking at a dinner tonight, told the committee for the celebration of the centenary of peace between English-speaking peoples that nearly all wars had been due to human folly or human passion. He dwelt on how much better it was to celebrate the wisdom that had ended a war and avoided any subsequent conflict rather than the want of skill and wisdom that made wars possible.

The Ambassador described what had been achieved during his official stay in Washington to remove differences between the United States and Great Britain and avoid differences in the future. He reviewed the treaties leading to a settlement of the Canadian boundary dispute, the New Foundland fisheries question, the question of the use of the waters on the boundary and minor points long at issue.

Good Will Means Everything. "All these treaties furnish an admirable illustration," he continued, "of the dictum once delivered by Mr. Root, that where two nations and governments desire to come to a fair agreement it is expected to be always possible for them to do so. With good will everything can be accomplished."

"You may expect me to say something about another agreement which was much discussed a year and a half ago—namely, that for the reciprocal lowering of the tariff between the United States and Canada. With that matter, however, I had nothing whatever to do except as a mere intermediary—I may say a letter carrier between the two governments. The questions involved were entirely questions of the United States on the one hand and the Canadian government on the other, in which my only duty was to transmit messages from the one government to the other without attempting in any way to influence either."

Canada Not Unfriendly. "I advert to this matter for the sake of telling you what, indeed, I hope you know already, that although Canada ultimately declined to approve the agreement, her refusal was not in any sense a mark of unfriendliness toward the United States."

The value of the celebration you contemplate lies in its emphasis upon the friendship of these two neighbor peoples which have not thought of aggression either on the other. Each is trying its own experiments in government and in legislation. The United States is big enough for one executive and legislature to deal with, and Canada will be soon as big as to tax all the capacity of one National government."

MONTANA POWER ABSORBED

Ninety-Six Per Cent of That Developed Is Taken Over.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 12.—The Montana Power Company, incorporated at Trenton today, has absorbed power companies in Montana, owning 96 per cent of the total developed water power in the state and serving more than half the population of the state.

The principal plants are on the Missouri River at Great Falls, Havre, Billings, Roseman, Livingston and other cities with electricity, the company furnishes power for the mines and smelters, for the reclamation of arid lands through pumping plants and for the railroads.

It is understood there are now negotiations pending for the furnishing of power of the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Railroad for the electrification of its lines through Montana.

GRAIN BLOCKADE IS HUGE

Three Miles of Freighters Await Discharge at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Three miles of giant freighters, their hulls filled with millions of bushels of grain, are riding at anchor tonight inside the breakwater of Buffalo's outer harbor, forming one of the heaviest blockades of grain in the history of the port.

Fifty-three vessels carry cargoes aggregating 15,000,000 bushels of export grain, virtually all of it being wheat. In the inner harbor are 20 vessels and a like number are expected from upper lake ports before the lakes become unnavigable.

The total cargo value of the fleet in winter quarters here is estimated at \$20,000,000. The grain will be transhipped at the rate of 500 to 1000 carloads a day during the winter and the remainder will be shipped by canal in the spring.

POOLS CALLED ANTIQUATED

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involved Sturgis and the lawyer in an argument.

No Duty Owed to Public. "The exchange as such has no duty toward the public," said Sturgis, "except to maintain a place to do business and to surround that business with proper safeguards."

The witness said he did not believe the stock exchange was guilty of manipulation in the value of securities manipulated. On this point he argued at length, Undermyer endeavoring to secure the admission that the stock exchange should make dealings on the floor of the exchange dealings in the real value of stocks, so that the security might be quoted at a price representing real value.

two members of Chapin & Co. were suspended from the exchange for 30 days.

"Why is it you suspend men for manipulation like this for only 30 days and suspend for five years men who split their commissions?" asked Mr. Undermyer.

Splitting Commissions "Infamous."

Mr. Sturgis declared that dividing commissions was "the most infamous crime a member of the exchange could commit against his fellow members."

Mr. Sturt said he had no opinion on anything relating to short sales and manipulation.

Mr. Content said he never had engineered a manipulation himself, but he knew what "manipulation" was. The witness described the process of giving cross orders to buy and to sell the same stock. He said that the object of the operation was to create an active market in a stock without actually buying any of the stock.

John C. Atteson, secretary of the Wabash Railroad, said that the first issue of Wabash stock certificates was engraved by the New York Bank Note

BOTH NATIONS FIRM AS TO ADRIANOPLE

Bulgarians and Turks Profess Confidence in Issue of Renewed Conflict.

ENVOYS NOW IN LONDON

War Party in Constantinople Gaining Strength—Plenary Conference of Powers Is Increasing Probability.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—All the plenipotentiaries to the peace conference which will convene here next week for

This was the actual effect of the decision of the Supreme Court in favor of the plaintiff in the case of M. Thurbur vs. the City of McMinnville, last Tuesday. This was a case instituted by Mr. Thurbur to test the legality of the attempted annexation of additional territory by the city at a special election held in 1910. Although many of the voters in the new territory want to be in each election and all of them voted for Mr. Vinton, his election is nevertheless legal, as he had no opposition and received a large vote. Other city officials are also safe, as the number of the illegal votes cast would not change the result.

Two men resident in the territory thrown out have held city office in McMinnville part of the two years intervening; A. F. Arthur was elected City Marshal and served about six months when he resigned, and J. B. Dodson has been City Attorney for more than a year. However, as City Attorney is not an elective office, Mr. Dodson may remain in his present berth as he has given general satisfaction.

The question of the location of the new City Library building, which was voted upon in November and decided by a close vote may have been otherwise as it is generally contended that the voters of the annexed territory were in favor of having it in the City Park, where the building has been erected and is now nearly completed.

SICKLES PLEDGE UNKEPT

FORMAL DEMAND MADE FOR MONUMENT FUNDS.

Generals McCook and King, Also Members of Commission, Served With Notice, Too.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Attorney-General Cady has made a demand upon the members of the New York Monuments Commission to make good an alleged shortage in its accounts amounting to \$28,746. In a letter sent tonight to the commission the Attorney-General says that unless his request is complied with he will take action to have the funds restored to the state treasury.

Mr. Cady said he was compelled to take this action because of the failure of General Daniel E. Sickles to keep repeated promises to reimburse the state for money unaccounted for as chairman of the commission.

The Attorney-General expressed the hope that legal steps might be avoided by action of members of the commission to restore these funds to the state treasury.

Among those to whom the letter was sent were General Sickles, General Amos G. Cook, General Horatio C. King, Colonel Lewis R. Stegman and Representative Bradley.

Mr. Cady said the contention of friends of General King that the shortage occurred before he became a member of the commission and that he therefore was not responsible would receive no consideration.

He also said that if a court action became necessary it would not be instituted until after December 20, when the state treasury would be closed.

Sickles to make an accounting will expire.

DRUG SHIPMENT HUNTED

COCAINE WORTH \$22,000 IS TRACED THROUGH PORTLAND.

Four San Francisco Waiters Locked Up but Released When Contraband Can't Be Found.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Twenty-two thousand dollars' worth of cocaine, shipped from Canada, according to United States Customs officials, into Portland, Or., and then to this city has become the object of a diligent search being prosecuted by Government authorities.

Four men, all waiters in San Francisco cafes, to whom the contraband was consigned, were taken into custody by secret service operatives a week ago, but later were freed when a search of the premises in which they lived failed to reveal any trace of the drug. The men have been closely watched since their release and, from their actions, Special Deputy Surveyor of Port Charles A. Stephens, is convinced that they have been successful in shipping the cocaine out of his jurisdiction. The effort to locate the smuggled shipment is being continued.

Stephens and his force became aware a month ago that a shipment of the contraband was to be made through Portland to this city. They were successful in locating the men to whom it was sent but the prisoners denied knowledge of the transaction.

United States District Attorney McNabb decided that without the possession of the evidence, the men could not be held.

Never in the experience of local customs officials had there been such a big consignment of cocaine sent by smugglers to this city.

TYPHOID FEVER SPREADING

Health Officer Declares Water Is Not Being Boiled as Ordered.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Dr. J. W. Norris, City Health Officer, says the number of typhoid fever cases was increasing at the rate of one a day, and that there are probably more than 70 cases of the disease in the city. Dr. Norris declares that many of the residents have not heeded the warning to boil all water used

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CHARACTERISTIC SNAPSHOT OF NOTED AMERICAN WHO IS GRAVELY ILL



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WHITEHEAD REID (RIGHT), WITH ANDREW CARNEGIE.

REID IS SERIOUSLY ILL

GRAVITY OF AMBASSADOR'S CONDITION ADMITTED.

Asthma Is Complicated by Nervous Breakdown and Patient Gives Himself Up to Melancholy.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Dorchester House, headquarters of the American Embassy, threw off its attempts at concealment today and admitted that Whitehead Reid, American Ambassador, was seriously ill.

His asthmatic trouble, coupled with his severe nerves, at the age of 75, has caused serious apprehension.

While hope is entertained for his recovery, the likelihood that his illness will have a fatal ending is now conceded. Physicians are in constant attendance upon his name, at their own request, have not been given out.

Son Is Sent For.

The condition of Mr. Reid may be realized from the fact that yesterday there were three administrations of oxygen and a cablegram was sent to Ogden Mills Reid informing him of his father's condition. The son will leave tomorrow morning for the Kronprinsessens in Seattle to visit his father. He had intended to come to London for a Christmas holiday, but owing to the illness of his father he will leave earlier than he expected.

Patient Prey to Melancholia.

Mr. Reid has not been well since he returned from the United States some time ago. Beyond his speech on the Thomas Jefferson in Wales, which was delivered immediately after his return, he has not fulfilled any public engagements, while his visits to the Embassy have been few.

Mr. Reid's nerves gave way and he became prey to melancholia.

News of the seriousness of Mr. Reid's condition became generally known today and a procession of prominent persons streamed to Dorchester House to make inquiries and to leave cards.

PEBBLE CUTS MINING COST

Discovery in Colorado Means Big Saving in Milling of Ore.

CLIFTON, Colo., Dec. 12.—By the discovery of a certain kind of hard pebble in Colorado, under the Orchard mesa, near here, thousands of dollars will be saved mine operators annually, according to the experiments of M. R. Hanson, superintendent of the Smuggler Union mine, at Telluride.

The pebble is of granite and of the kind which is used in milling process to grind gold from the ore. Prior to the present time pebbles for this purpose have been imported from Denmark at a great cost.

WIFE MURDER CONFESED

Convicted Slayer Admits Guilt on Gallows Just Before Death.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 12.—Just before he was hanged here today Robert L. Clay broke a silence of seven months and confessed to the murder of his wife here last May.

Clay said he went to see his wife, from whom he had been separated, and he had no thought of killing her. When she entered the house, he stopped to kiss his baby boy and the child shoved him away. This angered him, he said, so that he shot his wife dead.

the purpose of ending the war in South-eastern Europe and now in London.

Unless the continuance of hostilities between the Turks and Greeks proves a hindrance, there seems nothing in sight to prevent the conference from getting down to business immediately.

With regard to a report from Constantinople that the Turks would sign the armistice to which the other Balkan states have subscribed, the council of the Turkish embassy here said that he knew nothing of any such instructions and did not believe the Greeks would have come to London under their country was prepared to fall in line with the other Balkan states as to the terms on which they should meet.

Adrianople Still Contentious

The newspaper interviews given by the Turkish and Bulgarian delegates on their journey toward London indicate that a keen struggle will take place in the conference over the possession of Adrianople.

Both sides present an unyielding attitude on this point, basing their claims on the fact that their armies are in excellent condition to resume hostilities. The Turks say they have 170,000 practically fresh troops behind the chatalja lines, while dispatches from Constantinople indicate that the war party in the Turkish capital is gaining influence. No apprehension is felt in diplomatic circles here, however, that the plenipotentiaries will separate without concluding peace.

Roumania's Position Questioned.

The important question has arisen whether Roumania should join the ambassadorial conference, which will convene simultaneously with the peace conference to discuss pending European questions. It is said that Germany, Austria and Italy all favor Roumania's participation. A difference of opinion exists as to whether this conference should discuss the question of a Serbian port on the Adriatic.

It is becoming increasingly probable that a plenary conference of the powers will assemble later in Paris to complete the work of the ambassadorial conference, which will ratify its decisions and conclude a treaty settling the near-Eastern problem.

CAMPAIGN FRAUD CHARGED

Nine Are Indicted in Ohio Under Corrupt Practices Act.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 12.—The special grand jury investigating charges of irregularities in connection with the recent election returned indictments against nine individuals, as follows:

Richard Gilson, postmaster at Steubenville, giving \$10 in support of the candidacy of Robert McCleary for County Treasurer.

John A. Mansfield, former common pleas judge, using in excess of \$250 in his campaign for State Representative.

William C. Brown, prosecuting attorney-elect, exceeding the amount allowed by law in his campaign for prosecuting attorney.

John G. Belknap, Probate Judge-elect, making false and incomplete statement of expenses incurred in the campaign.

Amos Gilson, spending \$2 for a keg of beer given to a worker in support of the candidacy of his brother, John Gilson.

Henry F. Lawler, Justice of the Peace, and A. F. Blener, an election of Peace, jointly indicted for promising to pay \$300 to a worker for voting for Collins H. Smith, candidate for Common Pleas Judge.

Alfred Crippin, soliciting money from E. Dewitt Erskine to work for certain candidates.

MAYOR'S DOMAIN SHRINKS

Odd Tangle in McMinnville Result of Supreme Court Decision.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—W. T. Vinton, the newly installed Mayor of McMinnville, has the unique experience of having his domain reduced to the extent of about 350 acres and of losing many of his loyal supporters and subjects, shortly after entering the office of Mayor.

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