

BRITAIN HAS PLAN HASTEN PACT FOR REDUCTION ARMS

GENEVA, April 11.—(AP)—As delegates to the preparatory commission for a disarmament conference began to converge on Geneva today, there were unconfirmed reports in League of Nations circles that Great Britain contemplates advancing some suggestions before the British general elections on the naval question calculated to hasten an arrangement with other naval powers, especially the United States.

One rumor was that this suggestion may be advanced before the preparatory commission when it begins work on Monday. This report, together with dispatches from Washington indicating that Hugh Gibson, American ambassador to Belgium, is bringing some new suggestion on the naval problem before President Hoover, has raised hope that something encouraging may be accomplished at the session.

Mr. Gibson, who will represent the United States, is due here from Brussels Sunday night.

FIRM LETS CLERKS FIX OWN SALARIES

WASHINGTON—(AP) A paradise for salesmen, or what might be taken for one at first glance, is described in Department of Commerce reports from the Orient concerning a rubber company that permits its agents to name their own salary.

Suppose a man enters the employ of this concern. He is told to name his salary. The only condition being that if he fails to demonstrate by actual figures that he is worth it, he must resign. If he is an old employe, he is privileged to request a raise on the same basis. The company's officials say that the plan has been a success.

CITE REASONS FOR RAILROAD DECLINE

NEW YORK—(AP) The Pennsylvania railroad company ascribes to a half dozen principal causes the steady decrease in rail passenger traffic throughout the country. These reasons are:

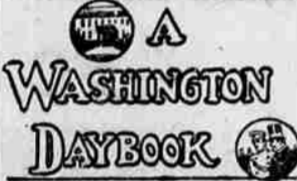
- (1) Automobiles, (2) improvement in telephone communications, (3) more general use of telegraph, (4) faster mail schedules, (5) relocation of industrial and assembling plants, and (6) migration of agricultural population to the cities.

The company believes that the decline will "stimulate cooperation" between rail, highway and air transportation.

ABERDEEN HUNTERS ON WAY HOME FROM EAST AFRICA



N. G. Lowry, W. H. Herren and Charles W. Ewart are shown at top sitting on one of the elephants they bagged in their jungle hunt. Lower left, leopard and (right) a buffalo, also part of their kill.



By Herbert C. Plummer.
WASHINGTON.—Vivid pageantry and picturesque—two things the average person has long associated with foreign ambassadors and ministers—are fast fading from the picture in Washington.

With the end of the World war went a great deal of the pomp and splendor of the diplomatic corps. The gorgeously embroidered and gold-braided uniforms worn on state occasions in the old days are being discarded rapidly. The trend in diplomatic attire is now toward simplicity—doubtless because so many countries have cast off hereditary rulers in favor of those popularly chosen.

Navies from those countries, however, where royalty still holds sway, cling to the traditional sartorial customs of their courts. Show and elaborateness are still in evidence, though the more sombre and conventional garb is in the ascendency.

Broadcloth for Satins.
There is, for example, the min-



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ister from Austria. In pre-war days his "court dress" was such that when he appeared at a diplomatic reception he was the cynosure of all eyes.

Society editresses penned line after line of glowing description of his dark red velvet doublet, trimmed with velvet, that satin smalls of deep buff, the high, shining boots surmounted with a tassel, the clicking spurs and rattling sabre, and the ruffled headpiece of the chasseur. But now it is different. Even on the most festive occasions M. Prochnik appears in black broadcloth, and he is as hard to pick out in the drawing room as the assistant to an assistant secretary.

The German ambassador, too, has discarded his fine feathers for the more conventional attire. Envoys of the Kaiser were among the most elegant of all 15 years ago, but now their showy uniforms have disappeared.

Still Some Color.
The ministers from the Balkan states, perhaps, retain most of the color that prevailed in the past. The Rumanian ambassador is especially noteworthy. His gold-braided uniform, white-plumed hat and many medals set him apart as one of the most colorful figures in the diplomatic corps. From the land of the Vikings come three gentlemen who also wear the traditional dress of their courts. The minister from Finland must also be mentioned.

The oriental envoys cling to their old-time splendor. The Chinese ambassador continues to wear the raiment of his native land, and the Japanese ambassador appears on state occasions clad in all of the

imperial splendor of the Mikado's court.

The British ambassador wears the habiliments characteristic of the Court of St. James.



By Richard G. Massock.
NEW YORK—Otto can't speak English, but he can pick a singing canary out of a flock of 8,000, all chirping at once.

Otto is a German boy, one of several upon whose judgment the canary importers of New York rely when they guarantee the musical habits of the birds. He stands all day in the center of an upstairs room in downtown Manhattan. Around the walls are tiers of tiny cages, each containing one canary. The 8,000 potential songsters keep up a continuous chirping while they pick at the seeds in their cages, so that one still, discordant note hangs always in the air.

But Otto does not depend on his ears. He watches their necks and when he sees a movement in the feathers under the beak that indicates to him a song instead of a chirp, he makes a quick mark on the cage. The birds who have burst into unheard song then are segregated for sale to retailers as warblers who really warble.

Training Bullfinches.
It is obvious, therefore, that canary voices are discovered after the yellow migrants arrive on this side. Not so, however, with the opera stars of the bird world, the bullfinches.

Bullfinches are patiently trained by organists or harness makers in their native Germany. The latter while one song over and over again to birds suspended in cages above their benches, until the pupils have memorized an entire selection. Some learn as many as three songs. They, of course, bring the highest price, which is \$100.

Canaries in Storage
Just now it's canary breeding time in the Harz mountains of Germany and the stock to be hatched this spring will be laid by for export next year. The birds are kept in warehouses overseas, one New York dealer alone having 28,000 of last year's crop waiting to be brought over.

The songsters arrive weekly, each of several wholesalers in town receiving from 3000 to 6000 in a consignment. They are purchased for storage from breeders' clubs in the mountains, similar, it seems, to farm marketing groups in this country.

Cat Tale
Speaking of canaries, there is, in the Grand Central terminal, a large cat that probably never has seen a bird. Its only distinction is its enormous vanity.

The animal lives in a caddy state and at night is placed in a showcase, to keep it from wandering out into the great spaces of the waiting rooms. The glass case offers few diversions, but it does have a mirror on one side. Travelers from the west, arriving on early morning trains, may see Oscar proudly peering himself in front of the mirror. Night after night he walks back and forth, apparently admiring the sleek image, his only companion.

A resident of Aberystwyth, England, recently faced his one hundred and twenty-seventh charge of drunkenness.

In the great foyer of the Paris opera is this illuminated sign: "See Germany First." The wording is in English.

A Maine trader has petitioned the state for \$2000, representing rabbits he failed to snare. He claims that a law authorizing rabbit snaring was not advertised properly, and so he failed to take advantage of its opportunities.

Finland's new progressive government faces problems of unemployment and agricultural depression.

FRANCE AWAKENS TO MIGHTY VALUE OF ADVERTISING

PARIS—(AP)—American tourist travel in France had a setback last year and French officials and newspapers finally are admitting that noisy and prestige are useless to meet the competition of Germany, Italy, England and Switzerland. Those countries are spending money to advertise their attractions.

The Riviera, which France always has considered a sort of tourist heaven, had a bad year. French newspapers tried to maintain the polite fiction that "winter is only a name" down there, but the people of every other country were told by correspondents that it rained, snowed and froze on the Mediterranean coast as it did elsewhere in France.

Therefore it is dawning on some of the wiser heads that unpleasant facts can't be suppressed so there had best be efforts to overcome criticisms of tourists instead of coolly assuming that people should feel privileged to spend their money in France.

FILIPINOS SAVING FOR RAINY DAYS

MANILA—(AP) Saving accounts in most banks in the Philippines showed a good increase in 1928. The Postal Savings bank reported at the close of the year 239,000 accounts carrying \$7,850,000, an increase of more than \$1,000,000 during the year.

Large gains were recorded in both demand and time deposits in banks, as well as in total resources, and in reserve of the Philippine government.

DIAMOND IMPORTS SLOWLY DECREASE

NEW YORK—(AP) Diamond imports appear to follow their own economic law. Paradoxically the flow of diamonds into the American market does not reflect various changes in the prosperity level.

The imports for the past two years have been less than any year since 1921. In 1928 the United States bought \$42,396,162 worth of cut diamonds abroad and \$11,925,191 worth of uncut stones.

LEATHER INTO NEW USES IN BRITISH MERCHANDISE

LONDON—(AP)—Leather is invading the most unexpected fields of merchandise these days.

A smart jewelry shop is showing us the latest thing in toilet sets one in which all the pieces are backed with exquisitely marked lizard skin finished with a narrow rim of silver. The lizard is as decorative as enamel, and is more practical.

That leather-backed clothes brushes also have appeared in the

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OIL FIELD OF MEXICO SHOWN IN NEW CINEMA

WASHINGTON—(AP)—An educational motion picture called "Through the Oil Fields of Mexico" has been prepared by the department of commerce in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Mines and a large oil company.

One scene in Southern Mexico shows a new gusher exploding with such force that two tons of drilling tools were hurled into the air and the top of the derrick destroyed. There are also views of the famous "hill of tar" where oil seeping up through the ground gave the first hint of Mexico's petroleum possibilities.

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