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OTTAWA

Tariff reform, world wide, on a live-and-let-live basis - that is the aim of the delegates to the ^{British} Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa. A dispatch to the New York World-Telegram says that leading delegates from the British dominions believe this principle to be absolutely essential for the return of real prosperity to the peoples of the earth.

Nobody at Ottawa disputes the theory of ^{Uncle Sam} ~~Washington~~ ^(every nation's tariff) that the tariff is a purely domestic affair. So, for that matter is armament. Each nation is the sole judge of how big an army or navy it wants to have. Also, it is each nation's privilege to build a tariff wall as high as it pleases.

But the spokesmen of the British dominions are pointing out that tariffs, like armament, are provocative. In both these matters nations are likely to form their policies by observing what their neighbors are up to.

One measure now before the Imperial Economic Conference is interpreted as a threat to Uncle Sam's coal trade. At present

Great Britain is selling Canada about 900,000 tons of anthracite a year. The United States, on the other hand, has been selling in the neighborhood of two million tons ~~not~~ north of the border. The conference is now considering a tariff which will make Canada the customer of the British coal mines exclusively.

Another thing that developed today at Ottawa is that Prime Minister Bennett of the Dominion of Canada, will try to put over preferential ^{wheat} ~~rock~~ tariffs for the British Dominions.

He has taken the step in spite of the opposition of Canadian grain dealers. The attitude of grain men is, that effective regulation ~~by any government,~~ ^{by any government,} of the world grain market, is impossible.

Uncle Sam is not affected by this method to any serious degree. Our exports last year to Britain were only fourteen million bushels worth eight and a half million dollars.

GOLD

Gold was struck today at, well, where do you suppose? Nobody would ever guess it. It was at Saratoga Springs, New York. Plenty of gold has been lost at Saratoga Springs but I never heard of any being found there. The hidden treasure, about two ^{thousand} dollars worth of it, has been unearthed so far, and consists of old gold pieces. They were brought to light when some workmen were filling in around the foundation walls of the old Hall of Springs which is owned by New York State. Some of these gold pieces dated back to 1812. Others were engraved with the mysterious label "Pirate Gold, Ten Dollars." All of it was hidden in boxes and bottles. There have been no dwellings on this site for many years. The townsfolk of Saratoga Springs are tremendously excited about it and a lot of people started digging in their own backyards. But the Chairman of the Saratoga Commission put a slight damper on this enthusiasm. The gold was found on State property, so the Chairman of the Commission indicated that it probably should be turned over to the ~~Sarax~~ State.

As the late Clare Briggs used to say, "Somebody is Always Trying to Take the Joy Out of Life."

GRONAU

Captain von Gronau, the German aviator, is now well on his way to Montreal. A dispatch from that great Canadian metropolis to the Detroit News says that the local signal service reported the receipt of a message from the German plane. Captain von Gronau and his companions left Cartwright, Labrador, at eight o'clock this morning. They are expected in Montreal this evening.

Then comes a message from the Canadian Marconi Company which reports that von Gronau's plane passed over Mecatine Island at noon, Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

Later in the day a bulletin from Ottawa reported that Captain von Gronau had passed over the Island of Anticosti at the mouth of the St. Lawrence River, at one o'clock. He may be arriving in Montreal just about now -- or between now and eight o'clock Eastern Daylight Time.

GERMANY

Martial law was lifted in Berlin ~~yesterday~~ ^{today. At the same time}

A dispatch to the Washington Daily News reports that politicians in Germany expect Adolf Hitler and General von Schleicher to exercise what will amount to a duumvirate ^{— a dual dictatorship.} Between them they will share absolute power over the Republic.

President von Hindenburg was as sudden in putting an end to military control as he was in establishing it. The reasons attributed are that political disorders ceased, and there was no armed resistance to von Papen's seizure of power in Prussia.

At any rate, today civil authorities are in full possession of executive power, and control of the police. However, the gag is still in the mouth of the anti-militarist newspapers, and Chancellor von Papen is still virtually dictator of Prussia. In the orders issued to the police governing their conduct during this pre-election week, it is declared that any officer who does not make timely and efficient use of his weapons, is neglecting his duty. A dispatch to the New York Evening Post reports that in all parts of Germany the elections campaign is going on at fever heat, ^{getting ready for the balloting next Sunday.}

SHIPWRECK

The German Navy suffered a serious disaster today.

The Naval training ship Niobe went down in a gale in the Baltic Sea. It is feared that no less than sixty-five officers and cadets have perished.

According to the latest reports only forty men were reported to have been rescued. The Niobe, a four-masted schooner of 650 tons, carried a crew of a hundred and five. She was at one time under the command of my old friend, the Sea Devil, Count von Luckner.

The Niobe left Kiel yesterday afternoon for a training cruise in the Baltic. Outside the harbor she encountered heavy winds which today increased to the volume of a gale. The training ship went down right off one of the principal lightships in the Baltic.

A freighter rushed to the rescue and saved forty officers and cadets. Other ships also hurried to the spot, including two cruisers. Later a sea plane and four torpedo boats were dispatched to the scene of the disaster in the hope of saving more survivors.

This is the first and most serious disaster the German navy has sustained since the war.

IRELAND

The tariff war between John Bull and Erin is now raging in earnest. ~~As~~ an answer to John Bull's action imposing *heavy* ~~tariffs~~ ^{duties} on everything imported from Ireland into Great Britain, the Irish Free State has enacted ^a tariffs in retaliation. ~~One~~ *It includes* ~~of these is~~ a duty of five shillings on ~~a ton~~ ^{every} ton of coal. In a special dispatch to the New York Sun it is pointed out that this duty, if continued, will mean unemployment for eight thousand British miners. Moreover, Ireland's new duties are seriously harming the British farmer.

It is reported that negotiations for arbitrating the quarrel will be reopened in the near future. A communist newspaper printed the suggestion that President de Valera should ask for the appointment of Mahatma Gandhi as arbitrator in the dispute between England and Ireland. *There ought to be a smile in that.*

JONES

The beautiful shores of Pyramid Lake in Nevada became the scene of a curious tragedy today. An Indian was fishing in the Lake with a piece of barbed wire. This wire encountered something surprisingly heavy. After considerable effort he contrived to pull out what was caught on the ~~piece~~ barbs of the wire, and it was the body of a man.

When it was identified it turned out to be ~~the body of~~ Dr. Roger Jones, the Professor of Greek Philosophy at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Jones was reported on Saturday to have disappeared. He had been staying at a resort adjoining the Lake. He went for a walk with a lady on Friday evening, and neither of them came back.

Later ~~in the~~^{to} day the body of the lady^{was} also ~~was~~ found. From the circumstances it is believed that she was drowned while trying to save the Professor of Greek Philosophy.

Good Evening, Everybody:

The news looks encouraging again. The papers today still teem with tales that indicate an increase in production and the return of many jobless to work.

According to the New York Sun tonight ^(especially bonds) security prices continue to rise, and in rising they reflect an increase in the prices of commodities, ^{goods of all sorts.}

Reports from not only New England, but New York, and also the West and Southwest, show respectable gains in the number of people ^{returning to work,} recovering employment. Reports from the Philippines, New Zealand, and Porto Rico also were optimistic.

A ^{dispatch} ~~report~~ from Detroit ~~in~~ the Automotive Daily News is equally encouraging. ~~The dispatch~~ ^{It} says employment in the automobile manufacturing territory is ^{keeping up} ~~holding~~ remarkably well. Other producing centers in the automotive industry report an increase ~~in~~ of shipments for the first half of July. The same

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paper, the Automotive Daily News, says that activity in the Philadelphia Iron Foundries continued to increase through the month of June. This information is backed up by figures reported to the Industrial Research Department of the University of Pennsylvania. Steel ~~in~~ plant operations in the Youngstown, Ohio, district, also continue to rise. *And all that has a cheerful sound.*

SMITH

Here is an item that may astonish you.

President Hoover is considering the appointment of Ex-Governor Alfred E. ~~XX~~ Smith of New York, as the new head of the

Reconstruction Finance Corporation. This was ^{*commented upon tonight in*} ~~made known today in~~

a dispatch by Clinton Gilbert, ~~from~~ ^{*correspondent of*} Washington ~~to~~ the New York

Evening Post.

The news has caused considerable uproar among Republican politicians. So much so, that some of them have been bombarding the White House with protests against the nomination of a Democrat, and such a pronounced Democrat, to the command of this important body.

Washington is speculating whether this means that Owen D. Young has declined appointment to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. It was generally known that the President wanted him for this position. But recently the Administration has been much impressed with the speeches that ex-Governor Smith has made about the economic situation. This sounds a little strange from political enemies, but Ogden L. Mills, Secretary of the Treasury, is reported

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to have said that two of Mr. Smith's speeches were among the best discussions of the economy^{ic} problems of the day made by any Americans.

Of course, it is not known in Washington whether Mr. Smith ^{would} ~~will~~ accept if President Hoover made him the offer.

LOBBYISTS

The President ^{of the U.S.} ~~Hoover~~ came out today with a blast against lobbyists. This was made public in the course of a letter to ~~the Chairman of~~ the National Economy League. ^{Mr.} ~~President~~ Hoover wrote ~~the letter~~ ^{strongly} about the necessity for ceaseless watching to cope with the swarms of lobbyists that infest the national and state ~~capitals~~ capitols. These lobbyists, as the President expressed it, are constantly exercising pressure on the government to spend more and more money.

"The pressures upon governments to spend more are endless", ^{he} ~~the President~~ declared. ^{"Hordes} ~~Swarms~~ of lobbyists are organized behind every form of expenditure. But there is no organized group to defend members of Congress who ^{resist} ~~withstand~~ the pressures ^{from} ~~of~~ these lobbyists," President Hoover continued.

ADD LOBBYISTS

Later in the day it was announced that Rear Admiral Richard ^ε Byrd has been named temporary chairman of the National Economy League. This became known after messages endorsing the League's program had been read not only from President Hoover, but ^{from} Governor Roosevelt of New York, and ^{from} General Pershing.

One of the principal aims of the League will be to fight against Uncle Sam's compensating veterans who were not injured in the war, or who did not become ill in the line of duty. Captain Archibald Roosevelt, son of the great T. R., is the temporary secretary.

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COX

Here's a remedy for economic conditions that may not be novel, but is at least striking. At any rate, it is striking when you consider its source. This remedy is to behead a few of our bankers.

This suggestion was not made by a Communist. It ~~came~~ comes from Father James R. Cox, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Pittsburgh. Father Cox is the man who led the famous hunger march last January. ^{The} Father ~~Cox~~ returned to America today from a pilgrimage to ~~the~~ ^{the} Vatican City. Upon landing he told reporters of his plans for his campaign for the presidency. Father Cox is going to run as the candidate of the unemployed. He says he will make an active campaign. Not only that, he believes he stands a good chance of being elected.

The reporters asked Father Cox his opinion of the presidential candidates of the two major parties. The priest's reply was: "One's a weak sister, and we know all about the other." ~~one-~~
~~The boys then asked him which he considered the weak sister, and~~

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GOAT

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The goat's name is Lulu. Mrs. Geldman asked the court to order Mr. Kolinsky to destroy or at any rate ~~to~~ dispose of Lulu so that Lulu would no longer reside in the neighborhood.

The court denied Mrs. Geldman's request. Mr. Kolinsky, said the Judge, had a right to keep Lulu, and, ~~even~~ if he wanted, ~~even~~ to provide Lulu with a playmate, providing the right was not abused. At the same time he ordered Mr. Kolinsky to curry-comb, clean, or otherwise renovate Lulu during the summer months at least.

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