

# GENOA DEBATES END IN FAILURE SO FAR AS RUSSIA IS CONCERNED

Soviet Delegates' Reply to Powers is Considered Unacceptable—Question of Prolonging the Conference is Now Being Argued by Britain, France and Italy.

A despatch from Genoa says:—The other hand, see no use going on, and entire month's work of the Genoa Conference was wiped out on Thursday when, after the powers had refused the demand of the men from Moscow for a billion-dollar loan, the Russian delegates sent a reply to the powers' conditions which makes it practically impossible to effect a financial and economic settlement with Russia at Genoa.

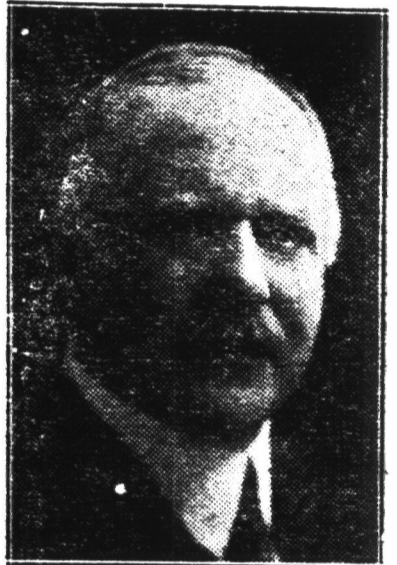
The Russian reply is not a flat "no," but it is a "90 per cent. no." The 10 per cent. "yes" consisted in a proposal that a commission of experts be named to review the Russian financial situation, and in a very proposal that the Russian delegation should nevertheless remain at Genoa to discuss other questions of the agenda, including the compact of non-aggression. Not one of the conditions imposed by the powers as the price of resuming commercial relations with Russia was accepted.

What turn the conference will now take cannot be told at present. Mr. Lloyd George is desperately hoping to make something out of the conference, and would continue it for the discussion of other than the Russian financial and economic problems. The Italians agree. The French, on the

## Chinese Flying School Opened at Esquimault

A despatch from Victoria, B.C., says:—Headed by a group of Chinese of British nationality, mainly of the younger set, a Chinese flying school is to be opened in Esquimault. The first machine, a Curtiss, with pontoons, is to be ready for service on May 25.

The object of the flying school, which will follow one in operation in Kamloops, for the last two years, is to train pilots for aviation, so these men, when trained, may return to China to carry on the flying services of that land.



Hon. W. C. Nichol, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, who will open the annual convention of the Canadian Good Roads Association, to be held in Victoria next month.

## Bath and Violet Rays Cures Insomnia

A despatch from Paris says:—There is a boon to the insomnia stricken business man in the advice of Dr. Livet of the Paris Faculty of Medicine, who announced this week that in lieu of narcotics all that is needed is a lukewarm bath every night, followed by the application of subdued blue and violet rays.

Experiments have shown, he says, that deep slumber is induced, even in the worst cases, within half an hour. Dr. Livet insists that subdued light in a bedroom is a better guaranty of rest than total darkness.

## New Plane's Speed 100 Miles Per Hour

A despatch from Paris says:—The world's greatest biplane has just finished its final tests in the aerodrome at Orly and soon will commence trans-European flights. Probably it will be used in a new attempt to cross the Atlantic late this summer. It is Farman construction, with four propellers and four 400 horse-power motors. The wing spread is more than 100 feet.

According to Aviator Boussoitrot, its pilot, it will maintain a speed of 100 miles an hour while carrying twenty passengers and baggage—a total load in excess of seven tons.

## Feeding Foxes.

What is the best food for a black fox?

That is a new question for which dieticians have to find an answer.

A quarter of a century ago, no person cared what food foxes ate, so long as they did not rob that particular person's hen-roost.

But the establishment of the fox fur industry changed all that.

The men of the black fox has to be carefully studied. The scientists and the owners are seeking to find the type of food on which the precious little fur-bearing animals thrive best, and how they may be protected from worms.

The correct answer to both these questions will be worth millions of dollars annually to the fox ranching industry.

Important steps towards the solution of the question have already been taken by the Council of Scientific Research at Ottawa.

## Translating Shakespeare's Works Into Siamese

A despatch from London says:—Among the outspoken admirers of Shakespeare inspired by the recent anniversary celebrations at Stratford is the King of Siam who, according to a letter written by his secretary and received by Sir Sydney Lee, chairman of the trustees of Shakespeare's birthplace, is translating Shakespeare's works into Siamese.

Buri Navarath, the secretary, sent in behalf of the King a cheque for \$500 as a personal contribution to the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and \$250 for the memorial theatre fund. He says that his Majesty is an ardent admirer of the British national poet and is doing his utmost to induce the Siamese to study him.

Italy's Traffic Custom. In Italy wheeled traffic keeps to the left in large towns, but to the right in the country.



OVER AGAIN.

## What Do We Plant?

What do we plant when we plant a tree?  
We plant a ship which will cross the sea.  
We plant a mast to carry the sails.  
We plant the beams to withstand the gales.  
A keel, a keelson, and prow and knee;  
We plant a ship when we plant a tree.  
We plant the pillars, the shingles, the floors,  
We plant the studding, the laths, the doors,  
The rafters and roof, all parts that be;  
We plant a home when we plant a tree.  
What do we plant when we plant a tree?  
We plant the houses for you and me.

What do we plant when we plant a tree?  
A thousand boons that we daily see;  
We plant a spire to out-climb the crag,  
We plant a staff for our country's flag,  
We plant a shade, from the fierce sun free;  
We plant all wealth when we plant a tree!

—Henry Abbey.

## Soviet Telegraph and Postal Rate Schedule

A despatch from London says:—The new Soviet postal and telegraph rate schedule has been announced as follows: For a postal within the city, 20,000 rubles; in Russia, 50,000; registered letters, 100,000, and telegrams 50,000 rubles a word.

In Japan arranging cut flowers in an art. The way every branch or spray is placed means something, is symbolic. The Japanese insist on keeping the natural and typical form of each stem or branch and depend on combining two or three branches to make an effective design. Rarely is more than one kind of plant used in the same vase, and the vases are purposely kept simple, so that they shall not distract attention from the flowers.



REGLAR FELLERS—By Gene Byrnes

## Flashed Radio Message Around the World

A despatch from Washington says:—The Annapolis Naval Radio Station has succeeded in flashing a time signal around the world without relaying, using a wave length of 17,145 meters. This was announced to the Horological Institute of America, by Dr. Paul Sollenberger, of the Naval Observatory at Georgetown. The current literally wrapped itself around the world, completing a surrounding embrace in the fifteenth part of a second.

## A Patriotic Innovation.

The biggest thing that has happened in university circles for some time was the creation last week of the School of Postgraduate Studies at the University of Toronto. It is a regrettable fact that each year graduates of Canadian Universities have gone to the United States to secure more advanced education than was obtainable in this Dominion and that many of these brightest of young men and women have not returned to Canada but have remained in positions of various kinds across the border. This has been a serious loss to this country. Now, with the establishment of the new School at Ontario's Provincial University, no student need leave his native land for more education. Graduates of Universities in Western and Eastern Canada will be encouraged to pursue their postgraduate studies in Toronto, and Canada will be able to keep her intellectual giants at home. Nor will the new school interfere with the work of any other university. Relatively little postgraduate work is attempted in Western or Eastern Universities in Canada and these institutions will, no doubt, encourage their graduates to utilize the postgraduate facilities offered at the University of Toronto.

## In My Garden.

Tulips tall, and daffodils  
Up and down my little hills,  
Little paths of grey old stone,  
Little thoughts while all alone.  
How God smiles on each new day,  
Teaching me the only way  
To be happy, is to know  
Smiling back will make me so.

## Will Attempt to Recover Lusitania Valuables

A despatch from Newport News, Va., says:—A little black steamer, Blakeley, pulled in her lines at municipal pier here and headed for the sea on the first leg of her run to the British Isles where, off Kinsale Head, she will attempt to recover gold, silver and jewels which went down with the ill-fated Lusitania seven years ago. At Philadelphia she will take on equipment, including what is said to be a special deep sea diving suit for use 40 fathoms below the surface.

## The Sack.

The word "sack," meaning "bag," is one of the few words that are the same in all languages. According to tradition, it was the last word uttered before the confusion of tongues at Babel, and so survived the same in all tongues. A discharged workman picks up his sack, or bag of tools, and leaves; hence the expression, "To get the sack."

Some persons seem to think that life is a moving stairway: that all a man has to do is to step aboard and be carried to the top.

A number of French widows wear rings striped black and white to remind possible suitors of their eligibility for marriage.

## Canada From Coast to Coast

St. John Nfld.—From Botwood, Newfoundland, to Labrador and back in nine hours, after delivering mails at three places, is the latest record of Major Sidney Cotton, of the Aerial Mail Service. Leaving Botwood late in the morning, Major Cotton made his first landing at St. Anthony's and then proceeded to Labrador. He descended at Hoop Hole Cove, where he took on the return mail and flew back to Botwood.

Charlottetown, P.E.I.—At a special meeting of the City Council the Housing Bill received its third reading and a commissioner was appointed to handle the scheme. The city is borrowing \$50,000, which will be advanced to parties intending building. Already 15 applications have been made for loans. The maximum amount is \$3,000 for each.

Halifax, N.S.—The Nova Scotia Legislature has made a preliminary grant of \$5,000 to provide technical instruction in the fishing industry. It is proposed to give instructions in the handling and repair of gas engines used in curing and packing fish. The grant will be increased if interest is shown in the classes.

Quebec, Que.—Further immigration of French Canadians of the striking textile operatives in New England States is reported. In addition to those who have moved back to the Province of Quebec it is stated that 350 families have left for Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Toronto, Ont.—A recent sale of Canadian Burley tobacco in England at prices of 30 cents per pound and upward attracts attention to the tobacco industry in this province. The high fertility of the soil with plenty

of moisture and warm weather have combined to make this season of agriculture very profitable. The tobacco crop of this province, which represents practically all the tobacco grown in Canada, is estimated to be over 6,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco.

Winnipeg, Man.—The first ever ploughing and seeding general throughout the Prairie Provinces. Through this date is somewhat later than last year, uniformly excellent moisture conditions and the state of the soil should make germination and early growth unusually rapid with the advent of warm growing weather.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—Buckingham has sent to the Pacific Coast for ten thousand more men for working back on the farms. These men somewhat increase the estimate to report, engagements being made at from \$35 to \$40 a month with board. Already the Vancouver Government labor bureau has sent eight hundred men to the prairies.

Edmonton, Alta.—According to the mail received from the far north the past winter has proven a most successful one to the Indians and Eskimo as reported. Housing prosperity in the far northland is the keynote of all advices received.

Victoria, B.C.—Mineral production in the Province of British Columbia in 1921 amounted to \$28,066,641, according to the annual report of the Department of Mines, tabled in the provincial legislature by Hon. W. J. Langford, Minister of Mines. The great increase over the past year was 1,562,658, having a gross value of \$12,920,398, and with the placer gold a total value of \$13,153,598.



Sir James M. Barrie.

The author of "Peter Pan" and "The Little Minister"—a clearer title to fame than a knighthood—in accepting the retorsion of St. Andrew's has had a few human and appealing things to say about courage. Withdrawing the veil of reticence which has made him in personal respects a good deal of a man of mystery, he tells of his earlier experience as a writer, and reminds one of the struggle so humorously and so pathetically intimated in "Margaret Ogilvy."

He says the best fun is hard work and that to be born poor is the next best thing. Poverty with this master of letters is not a figment of the imagination. He knows the stress and the grind from his own days ere he came to fame and affluence. He was alone and friendless in London. The editors rejected what he wrote. The stories for which they now pay fancy prices were a drug on the Grouse Street market. The only food there was was food for thought. But it was good to be alive, good to have a struggle. "Oh, to be a free lance of journalism again!" Nothing in his present fortune is so rich and precious as the memory of the days when he was poor and his way was uphill to fame.

Then, as an instance of high courage in a different field, he cites a letter Captain Scott of the Antarctic wrote him, when Scott knew death was just ahead. Staring, their feet frozen, powerless to move, the heroes would not give in. "It would be your heart good," wrote Scott, "to be in our tent to hear our songs and our cheery conversation."

To the students of an ancient university the famous writer who has picked the human heart strings the world over stood for great achievement and an impressive material success. But he knows—as the heart knows its bitterness and a man is aware of the cross he carries—how he came by what he has to-day. He looked, he suffered. He kept on. He showed the same valiant spirit as that of the explorer. His address was worth a thousand ordinary speeches of moralizing platitudes made to college men.

## Coronation of Roumania's Sovereigns Next Fall.

The coronation of King Ferdinand and Queen Marie of Roumania, which will take place in the heart of the beautiful Transylvanian Alps, will be on a scale of lavishness and regal grandeur hitherto unknown in the Balkans. A magnificent cathedral of Byzantine design, especially adorned in Sibir for the crowning of Emperor's daughter, has been erected within the most beautiful Queen and King Ferdinand. The Roumanian Parliament has appropriated an immense sum for the event. Most of the reigning sovereigns and heads of state throughout Europe have been invited.

King Ferdinand and Queen Marie ascended the throne just before the beginning of the World War, and the continuance of the struggle made it necessary to postpone the coronation from year to year. August 16, which has been finally chosen for the event, is the anniversary of Roumania's entry into the war.

Massive crowns of gold, ornamented by rare stones, have been made for the Roumanian rulers and the Queen has replaced all her previous jewels which were confiscated by the Bolsheviks early in the war by gems and jewelry of even greater beauty and worth. Her pearls alone are said to represent millions of francs.

The wedding of their second daughter, Maria, to King Alexander of Yugoslavia, will take place early in June.

The Egyptians were the first to make use of artificial eyes. They were made of gold, silver, copper, or ivory. The finest proof of the standing of agricultural education in Canada and the excellence of the agricultural colleges of the Dominion was given at the Chicago International Live Stock Exposition when the Ontario Agricultural College of Guelph, the Manitoba Agricultural College at Winnipeg, and the Macdonald Agricultural College of Quebec covered themselves with glory in the judging contest, winning the first prize in individual standing as well as other awards.

