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## THE TIMES Port Limon, Costa Rica (G. A.) The Imperial Conference.

ENGLAND IS GREATLY INTERESTED IN RECIPRO-CITY TALK.

Position of the West Indian Colonies.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's renewed offer of a mutual preference and his decision to raise the question at the Imperial Conference excites great interest here and will give renewed vigour to the pressure upon the Ministers to make some response. Mr. Bryce's visit to Ottawa also provokes many conjectures.

Every day in the House of Commons fresh questions are addressed to the Ministers evincing the warm British concern. This is shown in Parliamentary papers. Mr. Pike Pease, the Liberal Unionist Whip, urges the summoning of an advisory committee of the Government Board of Trade to report on the effects of the agreement on British industries.

He also challenged Hon. Sydney Buxton, president of the Board of Trade to justify his estimates that only £300,000 of British trade will be affected, seeing that the Tariff Commission shows that the Canadian Preference is to be abolished or reduced on £1,000,000 of British trade.

Messrs. Goldman and Mitchell Thomson raise the West Indian aspect of the agreement and call for reports.

Mr. Pike Pease demands a report on Newfoundland's position under the agreement. Mr. Remnant demands what are the exact functions of Mr. Bryce, and did he make representation to the United States and Canadian negotiators, regarding British and Imperial interests.

Mr. Bryce's balanced report on the agreement was laid on the table of the House of Commons in dummy form last night and it is expected to be printed and made available for members tomorrow.

Newspaper comments.

COVER A WIDE FIELD.

The "Times" says Canada's adoption of the agreement while it still hangs fire in the States, will give Canada the appearance of waiting on the pleasure of the United States which is not likely to please the Canadian public, and adds: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier's position has become very awkward. Opposition to the agreement is formidable, for increasing and not to be ignored. It will not be confined to the Conservatives or to particular interests, but includes Liberals and men of great weight in the commercial world."

The "Standard" says: "Whatever be the force of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's arguments, the proposals constitute a real danger to the Empire and bear upon the whole future of Canada, her evolution as a nation, and the lofty ideals of the noblest of her sons."

Mr. Jebb, in the "Morning Post," says: "It is an entirely new departure when a British Ambassador assists in any way in bringing about an agreement under which another country, in this instance, part of the British Empire, is to receive a fiscal preference in a foreign market against the United Kingdom."

The "Pall Mall Gazette" uses Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech to prove the vitality of the preference and says: "Every lover of the Empire must work unceasingly for the unbarring of the door which the British Ministers slammed in the Imperial Conferences of 1902, and 1907. There is every sign that the Canadian people will not embark upon a journey of disintegration until it is definitely proved that the Motherland has forgotten the heart and lost the spirit of Empire. The "Globe" says: "Laurier's speech may win but will not disarm opposition."

## Americans in Mexico in Great Danger.

IF INTERVENTION COMES, MEXICANS FEAR GOVERNMENT CANNOT PROTECT UNITED STATES CITIZENS.

Mexicans here and in Mexican City view with gravest concern the concentration of United States troops at San Antonio. In business and financial circles great fear is felt. There has been engendered the greatest and most profound anti-American sentiment known since Mexico went to war with the United States. France and Germany have been quick to take advantage of this feeling to build up their trade.

"It means practically the ruin of hundreds of interests in the republic," said a Mexican city business man in Guadalajara.

Advices from Mexican City say the same feeling of unrest and uncertainty prevails elsewhere. Mexicans say that the moment American intervention comes a certainty nothing can restrain the middle and lower classes.

It seems as if the government, no matter how willing it might be to protect the lives and property of foreigners would be unable to make an effective stand against large crowds of rioters. With its soldiers scattered throughout the country from the Ciudad Juarez to Mariscal, the army is not large enough to form an adequate garrison in every city, town and mining camp where Americans are engaged in their various pursuits. Should an uprising occur, as now seems inevitable should intervention take place, many would be killed and much property destroyed.

## Direct Service to Jamaica.

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the "Colonial" will sail from Glasgow on the 25th of the same month.

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## Kaiser For England.

London.—The coming visit of the Kaiser and Kaiserine interests all London just now, a visit which will practically mark the beginning of the great Coronation festival.

The Imperial couple will arrive here on May 15th, just after the ending of the long season of mourning and their arrival will be the signal for an uninterrupted flow of entertainments such as London has seldom seen.

## Coronation Service at New York.

New York.—Plans are being made by the British Consul-General for a service at Old Trinity Church on the day of the Coronation of the King in London. The American Societies of St. George, St. Andrew and St. David will co-operate.

The idea is to hold the service at exactly the same hour as the Coronation service in England. The Ambassador, Mr. Bryce, will probably attend.

## Reason for Alarm in U. S.

London.—The "Standard" and Daily Telegraph" intimate that the presence of thousands of Japanese in Mexico and the attitude of the Tokio Government toward the southern neighbour of the United States is responsible for the mobilization of American troops on the Mexican border.

The "Standard" in an alarmist editorial, refers to the possibility of Mexico being used by Japan as a base of operations against the United States in the event of war, and hints that such a war is possible.

The "Telegraph" says it is clear from President Taft's action that there are explosive possibilities in the situation, and dilates on the reported statement by Senor Limantour that intervention would mean war.

## Zelaya Attacks Taft

BITTER DENUNCIATION OF U. S.

In a sixteen-page pamphlet bearing the title, «Refutation of the Statements of President Taft» sent from Brussels, José Santos Zelaya, exiled former President of Nicaragua, indulges in bitter denunciation of President Taft and this government's policy in Latin-America.

He brands President Taft as a slaver who accuses the United States Government of having shamelessly aided the rebellion in Nicaragua; of having bought consciences to further its scheme of aggrandizement, and wars Latin-American that the purpose of the Taft administration is to seize the Central American republics. The pamphlet has been widely distributed.

Zelaya's attack upon the Taft administration was called forth

by what he terms unjust accusations full of bitterness against me, contained in the President's annual message to Congress in December.

In that message President Taft referred to Zelaya as the «disturber of Central America», said the people of Nicaragua were finally driven into rebellion by his lawless exactions, and that Zelaya violated the laws of warfare by «the unwarranted execution of two American citizens who had regularly enlisted in the ranks of the revolutionists». Zelaya discusses the «interference of Cuba, San Domingo and Panama, and declares that the conduct of the United States has given «a solemn denial to the Monroe Doctrine».

In place of the Monroe Doctrine, he says, the United States Government has adopted the policy of «America for the Yankees».

Referring to the recent Nicaraguan revolution, which finally brought about his downfall, Zelaya says:

«The United States Government shamelessly aided the rebellion; it took the part of the rebels against my government; it brought conscience, promising the intriguants to give them the country in return for concessions ruinous to the latter.

«The battle was unequal, and my withdrawal from power, of which President Taft gives a false explanation, only took place when I had acquired the conviction that it was impossible to undo the web of treasons and small villainies which the United States Government and plotted for the misfortune of our unhappy country».

## Tie at Buenos Ayres.

Buenos Ayres.—Fire broke out in the Custom House here, and making its way through the store houses uncontrolled, destroyed merchandise valued at \$2,000,000 dohs.

## Ravages of the Plague in India.

London.—During the month of February the death from the plague in India reached the enormous total of 85,493. The disease has become such a fixture in that country that its ravages are little heard of except through the occasional official statistics.

The British India Officer reports that the epidemic was particularly virulent this year and adds that the most persistent efforts to stamp it out have failed to effect a permanent improvement in the situation.

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## Abdul Amid Again.

Vienna.—Reports to the effect that Abdul Hamid, Ex-Sultan of Turkey, had committed suicide at Colnaha were received here. They were unconfirmed in official quarters.

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## King George V. Stamps.

All the designs for the new King George V. postage stamps have now been finally approved by the King, and the work of engraving the plates for the printing of the stamps is being rapidly carried out at the Royal Mint. The King has throughout been extremely interested in the preparations for the issue of his stamps. He has seen designs, sample engravings, and proof stamps, and has kept in touch with every stage of work.

As in the case of the King Edward stamps, the new issues will vary in border and lettering according to the different values, but the head of the King will be the same on every stamp. The stamps will be issued late in May or early in June.

## BIRTH.

BABB.—On the morning of 5th, the wife of San. W. Babb of a son.

## Women's Suffrage.

Berlin.—The Socialists organized mass meetings in every city in Germany in favor of Women's Suffrage. Those held in Berlin passed off without incident and no disorder. This is the first occasion on which the Socialists of Germany have taken up officially the cause of woman.

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