

ence. The Sub-Commission thereupon adjourned until tomorrow morning. M. Tchitcherine also asked why the Hague had been chosen for the Conference, declaring that the choice of that city is not agreeable to the Russians as they had no delegation on commission there. Signor Schanzer replied that the Hague had simply been suggested and that other places would be considered before coming to a decision.

Genoa, May 16th.—The French delegation on learning of the refusal of the United States to attend at the Hague stated that France held the same views as America regarding the dangers of the attitude of the Soviet representatives as indicated in their recent memorandum, here at Genoa, said a delegate, it was clearly seen that the Bolsheviks are playing to the gallery and have proclaimed their theories in the face of the world to satisfy their radical spirits. At the Hague, in the midst of the calm discussions of the experts they probably would adopt a less theatrical attitude and would give their attention to affairs, comprehending that this was necessary if they wish to obtain financial assistance. Many Frenchmen see a gradual conservative development in communism and believe that the conservative element in Russia is gaining ground daily.

London, May 17th.—The defeat of the Government in the House of Commons last night, on a question of minor importance, caused excitement in the Parliamentary lobbies out of all proportion to the amount of the money and principle involved. Mr. Chamberlain had an informal conference with his chief colleagues and it was decided that a Cabinet Council should be convened for today, to decide upon the Govt's action and which decision would be communicated to the House this afternoon. The defeat of the Govt. was not brought about on the actual question as to whether teachers should contribute five per cent of their salaries to a superannuation fund, which would mean a saving to the Govt. of less than £2,500,000 yearly, but on Lord Robert Cecil's motion to adjourn the debate. Mr. Chamberlain, resisting the motion, was warned by many of the ministerial part that they would vote against him, but he declined to budge. The "Die Hards", Labourites and the Asquithian Liberals went solidly with the opposition.

St. Johns, Newfoundland, May 17th.—No trains were operated on the railway system yesterday, as a result of the Reid Newfoundland Company's notice to its employees on Monday that the failure of the Colonial Govt. to pay the sums, which it claimed were due under its contract, had left it without funds to pay wages due. Sir Richard Squires, the Premier, declared that the Govt. would stand firm in its decision not to make further advances to the Reid Company until that concern had satisfied him that the actual

losses of the railway exceeded those already met by the public treasury.

Washington, May 17th.—Indications have been given at the White House that the United States will not accept the invitation extended by Great Britain for representation on the Commission to investigate the atrocities by the Turks on Christian minorities in Asia Minor, as reported by the American relief administration.

Winnipeg, May 16th.—The flooding of the low lying territory of Winnipeg and its vicinity seems inevitable with the swelling waters of the Assiniboine river, still bearing down upon the city, and the Red river gathering volume from its tributaries at the rate of two feet daily.

Genoa, May 17th.—Russia has accepted the proposals of the powers for the meeting at the Hague to discuss the Russian situation, it was announced this afternoon.

Paris, May 17th.—George Blanchet, of France, has been unofficially declared, the winner of the annual Balloon race, the Grand Prix of the aero club of France, having landed near Bordeaux, 345 miles from the Tuilleries Gardens of this city, from where the race started on Sunday afternoon. Blanchet won the Grand Prix in 1908, 1909 and 1910.

Brussels, May 17th.—Both Miss Elizabeth Ryan, of California and Mlle Suzanne Lenglen yesterday survived their rounds in the International hard-court tennis championship tournament being played here, the French star sweeping through two love sets against her opponent Dupont.

London, May 17th.—The "Times", commenting on what it terms the just refusal of the United States to participate in the proposed conference at the Hague, approves the American decision without reserve and the arguments upon which it was based. It declares that the conference would only be a second haggling with the representatives of the Soviets and that the Government of the United States was convinced that nothing useful could be done in Russia as long as the present regime was in power.

Paris, May 17th.—The "Liberte" publishes an article declaring that the reasons of the United States for abstention from the conference are just and that its refusal constitutes a serious check for Mr. Lloyd George and a mortal blow to his great ideas.

Washington, May 17th.—Government officials announce that they are awaiting certain developments at Genoa, or perhaps later at the Hague, which will clear the Russian situation sufficiently to permit the participation of America in any international project which would have for its object the re-establishment of Russia in her former state of productivity. It was not indicated on what information this view was based, but it is evident that the exchange of telegrams

with the Genoa conference yesterday is considered as indicating a certain progress, at least in so far as concerns the Russian problem. The only authorized declaration, beyond the terms of the note of Secretary Hughes in which he declined the invitation to assist at the Hague conference, was obtained at the White House yesterday, to the effect that the note did not close the door to future conversations on the subject.

London, May 17th.—In pursuance of the army economic policy, the War Office announces that it intends to discharge, as early as possible, all soldiers whose terms of service expire between now and March thirty first next.

London, May 17th.—The arrangements have been completed by the South African Government for placing in London £4,000,000 treasury bills, six months currency, at three per cent, says Reuter's Johannesburg correspondent. It is believed the Government of South Africa is waiting for a fall in the bank rate in order to float a large permanent loan in London.

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