

solely on the "present" capacity of Germany and that it should respect all the rights held by the reparations commission under the treaty of Versailles. This is the substance, it was asserted today, of the reply which France has made to the British note of October 31st, asking her to join Italy, Belgium and Great Britain in a collective invitation to the United States to be represented at the proposed conference. The reply was handed to the British Embassy yesterday. Its text was not made public.

Paris, Nov. 2nd.—The League of Nations committee, appointed to enquire into chemical warfare, says *Le Journal*, has concluded to recommend the continuance of this mode of war making, and the same defining the types of chemical destruction the nations ought to accept and reject. The authority for this statement, says the newspapers, is Col. Raymond Bacon, of the United States chemical warfare service, and the announcement of the committee's decision appears in an industrial review. The publication observes that the committee's report finds the use of chemical agents in war more humane and less dangerous than other methods of combat.

Antwerp, Nov. 2nd.—The International Association football match, played here yesterday between England and Belgium, the two teams battled to a 2-2 tie. 40,000 spectators witnessed the game and saw Belgium score after seven minutes of play. A series of even exchanges followed, but ten minutes before the interval Brown, of Westham, equalized the score. The result was therefore one goal each at the half time interval. After the resumption of play Belgium score from a penalty kick. They fought hard to retain their lead, but five minutes before the end of play Roberts, of Preston Northend, put England on level terms.

Aix-la-Chapelle, Nov. 2nd.—Fifteen hundred Separatists, who arrived from Coblenz, Crefeld and Duisburg yesterday are besieging the Town Hall, which they surrounded early today. A force of firemen, security police and communists are defending the building hurling bombs containing sulphuric acid at the Separatists. The Separatists are using dynamite, destroying several doors of the Town Hall. A lively fusillade is being kept up. The situation as the morning wore on seemed to be growing more favourable to the Separatists.

London, Nov. 1st.—(Canadian Press) Resolutions adopted by the Economic Conference this afternoon reflect the part played in the discussions by the Canadian representatives. Stripped of their technical verbiage, the resolutions recommend: 1. Reciprocated taxation of state enterprises of one part of the Empire trading in another part of the Empire, the liability being coextensive with that of private trading corporations. Legislation to make this recommenda-

tion effective is however not to be retroactive for any year prior to 1924. Further, that negotiations be opened with the Governments of foreign countries with the view of similar reciprocal taxation of state trading enterprises as between them and the Empire. 2. That ships owned by a state be subjected to the rules of legal liability, such as being used for payment and other same obligations as private vessels. This is recommended for adoption throughout the Empire as the basis on which an international agreement might be concluded. 3. Serious consideration of the adoption throughout the Empire of the common form of invoice and certificate for use by exporters, which has already been adopted by Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, New Foundland and a number of the colonies. 4. Adoption by the Governments and Parliaments of the Empire of the Canadian bill of lading, with modifications as recommended by the Brussels conference on maritime law and embodied in the bill now before the British Parliament. 5. That a universal arrangement for reciprocal enforcement of judgements, including arbitration awards could not fail to be advantageous to trade and is therefore an object at which the different parts of the Empire should aim. 6. That patents taken out in Great Britain be valid in the Colonies and protectorates, on registration. "In view," adds this resolution, "of the difficulties felt by the Dominion of Canada as regards the absence of any provision for reciprocal registration of dominion patents the conference felt unable to make any recommendations in so far as the selfgoverning dominions and India are concerned." 7. That the British Board of Trade draw up a scheme for making British statistics as valuable as possible in the development of inter-imperial trade and submit it to other parts of the Empire for their approval. In all the foregoing resolutions, where the right of the Canadian provinces were likely to be involved, reservations were made to that effect.

New York, Nov. 2nd.—The future of the early raw sugar market was another decline, 17,700 bags of Cubas selling at 5½ cents cost and freight, to local refiners, equal to 6.91 duty paid. Raw sugar futures opened three to six points lower, in sympathy with the weaker advises from the spot market. December sold from 4.75 to 4.78 under scattered liquidation, after which the market rallied on buying by Wall Street houses with Cuban connections and support by an operator. Noon prices were unchanged to two points higher. In refined sugar the only feature was a reduction to 8.70 for fine granulated by a refiner who yesterday quoted 8.85. One refiner is now listing at 8.60 and all others at 8.70. Refined futures nominal.

London, Nov. 2nd.—Improved com-

munications between Canada and the West Indies were under discussion today at a conference between Mr. King and Mr. Geo. P. Graham, representing Canada, and Captain Ormsby-Gore, British Under-Secretary for the Colonies and representatives from the West Indies. The main questions for consideration were the proposed new cable between Canada and the West Indies to which Canada is to contribute and steamship subsidies. The tender for the new cable is apparently higher than was estimated and on this account the question was brought up. In connection with the steamship services, the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company has, it is stated, been in negotiations with Canada for a new subsidy. Both questions are however to be discussed further. From Jamaica came an expression of dissatisfaction with the service of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, on the ground that it was not sufficiently complete.

Washington, Nov. 2nd.—Restriction on the scope of the proposed expert committee inquiry into Germany's capacity to pay reparations may render it useless to proceed with the plan, in the view of President Coolidge, as made known today at the White House. In the absence of a definite understanding of the Allied reparations formula being worked out between London and Paris, the United States officials still are unable to determine whether the invitation for the United States participation in an expert investigation will be found acceptable. Until there are further official advices the United States continuing the roll of interested observer and is maintaining hope that the restrictions proposed by France may not in the end prove of such a character as to render the United States aid in the inquiry futile. No communication relating to the present negotiation between Great Britain and France has been despatched by the United States Government to either the London or Paris Foreign Offices since the exchange of views almost three weeks ago between the Secretary of State and Lord Curzon. The only statement of the French attitude so far received through official channels is that given in the original French reply of more than a week ago to the first British communication proposing the expert committee plan.

Halifax, N.S., Nov. 2nd.—The schooner *Bluenose* won yesterday and lost. In real *Bluenose* weather the Nova Scotia led Columbia to a finish line, only to lose the race when she was disqualified last night by the International Sailing Committee for a breach of the new rules regarding the passing of navigation buoys. The race was given to the challenger as the result of a protest by Captain Ben Pine, N.C., and the series now stands one all. The deciding race was ordered sailed Saturday.