

mage estimated at \$10,000,000 in the seven states of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Melbourne, May 1st.—The Melbourne Age, commenting on the British budget as outlined by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, says: "It is a little England budget and takes small account of the Dominions. The reduction in expenditures was largely made possible by the abandonment of the Singapore base scheme and the desertion of Empire interests in the Pacific. The reductions in customs and the declaration against preference were made in disregard of the Dominions. During Great Britain's lean years when her other customers were almost bankrupt the Dominions kept her industries going and yielded her a substantial income. While Great Britain prefers to trade with the foreigner, she must expect the Dominions to suit themselves and fix their preferences accordingly."

London, May 1st.—The Conservatives are rallying a combined attack on the budget with growing strength. The Daily Express this morning claims that the abolition of the McKenna duties will bring about an imperial crisis.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 2nd.—The Governor announced in the Legislative Council yesterday that he intends to cable the Secretary of State for the Colonies asking that either a royal commission or a royal commissioner be sent to investigate the management of the railway and pending such report that Major Thomas, the Director of Railway, be granted leave.

Havana, Cuba, May 2nd.—(United Press)—The situation created by the revolt of a number of soldiers in Santa Clara province, assumed more serious proportions today, following a persistent report that General Valez has landed on the North coast and will assume charge of the movement against the Government of President Zayas. Senor Armando Soto, brother of the Secretary of the Veterans and Patriots Association, was reported killed, when the Government soldiers fired on rebels in a clash at Abreus in Santa Clara province, late yesterday. The Military has issued an order for search of all automobiles and other vehicles leaving Havana for the interior. President Zayas has asked an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to combat the rebellion and the United States cruiser "Cleaveland" has arrived in Havana harbour. Unconfirmed reports tell of a number of clashes between Government forces and rebels. All demonstrations scheduled for Labour Day, yesterday, were suspended. A new uprising was reported in the province of Cienfuegos. The Government has put a censorship on news from the interior and the press has been asked to print only such reports as are authorized.

London, May 2nd.—M. Theunis and

ex-Minister Hymans of Belgium, were here today to confer with Mr. MacDonald at the Premier's country home, "Chequers" in an effort to harmonize the British and French views on reparations.

Washington, May 1st.—The President will veto the Soldiers Bonus Bill. Definite word to this effect has been received by leaders of the Senate and House. They said today that canvasses of both houses showed the Bill would be passed over the veto and thus become law.

Belfast, May 1st.—The Killmore Barracks at Ballinasloe, County Galway, were attacked and wrecked after a preliminary fusillade early today. The record books and the guards bicycles and clothing were removed, but the occupants of the barracks were not molested.

Melbourne, May 1st.—Commander Goble and flying officer McIntyre, who are on a seaplane flight around Australia for defence investigation purposes have just reached Carnarvon, Western Australia, having covered nearly 5,000 miles since their start from Melbourne on April 6th.

Washington, May 1st.—Women of 33 countries re-affirmed their unequivocal opposition to war and their belief that there must be peace on earth at all costs, on the occasion of the opening reception of the Women International League for peace and freedom. Mrs. Spencer representing the International Council of Women, of which the Canadian Local Council is a member, promised that the 1925 convention of that body would resolve itself into another powerful women's peace conference. This is the fourth international women's peace meeting, but it is the first time it has been held in the United States and a group of women belonging to United States patriotic societies is planning organized opposition to the conference, whose members they characterize as pacifist and socialistic.

London, May 2nd.—The Government's non-acceptance of the Liberals "ultimatum" demanding support for their proportional representation electoral bills, is declared by several political writers to be regarded as a rebuff and a challenge to the Asquithians. This, it is said, brings nearer the fall of the Government, which is the favourite topic of some of the political prophets. It is asserted that the Cabinet yesterday was disposed to accede to Mr. Asquith's wish to have official support of the Liberal Bill, but in view of the known hostility of a large section of the Labourites to the idea of proportional representation the ministers finally resolved to take the opinion of the Parliamentary Labour Party which was also meeting. The latter is said to have shown a good deal of resentment against the Liberal "ultimatum" and it was under the influence of this feeling that the Government decided to let the House determine the question.

London, May 2nd.—The House of

Commons this afternoon rejected, by a vote of 238 to 146, the proportional representation bill, sponsored by the Liberals.

London, May 2nd.—The London Morning Post's Capetown correspondent quotes the Cape Times as commenting on the new British budget as follows. From the imperial viewpoint, unless the commons reverses the government's adverse views on preference, it may easily live in history as the budget which dealt a far-reaching blow at the commercial unity of the Empire. "The Cape Times adds", should Parliament fail to record a majority vote in favour of the conference scheme, the Dominions may be driven to make trade arrangements outside the Empire, which may ultimately mean a serious loss of markets to the manufacturers of the United Kingdom".

Berlin, May 2nd.—The Standard Oil Company is reported to be cooperating with large German concerns for extensive Russian oil and benzine contracts. It is indicated that the new deal supplants negotiations which a group, headed by the late Hugo Stinnes, had been trying to conduct.

London, May 2nd.—The Cabinet is understood to have approved a recommendation by one of its sub-committees of experiments with airships of greater size, speed and power than any hitherto produced, according to the "Daily Mail". The paper says that the Air Ministry will build a big airship station and very large long range airships, with which the navy will make tests as an auxiliary air cruiser for ocean reconnaissance.

London, May 2nd.—Reports of the mobilization of the famous Ulster Constabulary following the definite ultimatum issued yesterday evening by Sir James Craig brings the Irish problem once more into the forefront of the day's news. A strange reversal of opinion in Conservative circles on the Ulster question is revealed in those journals of London that still reflect their viewpoint. The "Times" takes the lead with a strong request this morning that Ulster cease trifling with the question and take steps to appoint a commissioner on the boundary conference, provided it is clearly and definitely understood beforehand that the duties and objects of such a representative are merely to adjust the boundary of the mutual convenience of both sides for the dispute for the purpose of administration.

Belfast, May 2nd.—Reports that the Ulster Government had ordered one of the border sections of its special constabulary to prepare for mobilization have no foundation in fact, it is declared in competent quarters here. The report, it appears, arose from the circumstance that this special branch of the Ulster Constabulary has an annual training period, like the British Territorials, which now is approaching.