

cause of the recent raid on the premises of the Russian Soviet Trade Mission.

London, May 17th.—Mr. Lloyd George made a great bid for the leadership of the Liberal Party during his speech yesterday condemning the nationalization of the mines. Political circles, knowing that Mr. Asquith's retirement is merely contingent on the unanimous choice of a leader see in Mr. Lloyd George's speech the opening gun of a campaign to dominate the party. The Asquithian Liberals are still bitter anti Lloyd George and since Mr. Asquith's downfall and the formation of the second coalition they distrust the Welsh leader. Sir John Simon is the only competitor for the leadership, but he lacks Mr. Lloyd George's compelling personality and political acumen. Mr. Lloyd George is evidently willing to dispense with the Asquithians aiming to join Mr. Winston Churchill in the formation of a middle party to combat Socialism. In an endeavour to repeat the 1908 victory by taking a middle road. He knows that Labour will be unable to gain the coming election without promising much more than it would be possible for them to give. Thus preparing a programme of social reforms appealing to the middle classes, unrevolutionary but progressive. The developments in the next three weeks, with three bye-elections should be most interesting.

Paris, May 17th.—Major General Sir Charles Townshend, famous as the defender of Kutelamara when he was commander of the British forces in Mesopotamia during the World War, died here today after six months illness. He was on a visit to his mother-in-law Countess Cahen D'Anvers at the time of his death. He was born in 1861.

Paris, May 17th.—There is great interest here in the race between Epinard and Sir Gallahad on Monday at St. Cloud for a side bet of 100,000 francs between the owners M. Pierre Werthemier and Mr. Jeffersen Cohen respectively. Owing to the illness of jockey Everett Haynes, Epinard will be ridden by Guy Garner and Sir Gallahad by Frank O'Neill. Mr. Cohen says he will send Sir Gallahad to America for match races if he beats Epinard.

London, May 18th.—England defeated France 3 to 1, in an international soccer game played at Paris on Saturday.

Chicago, May 18th.—Heavy damage was caused today by a fire which broke out in the stock yards and destroyed more than a thousand head of cattle and sheep and a number of buildings.

London, May 17th.—The Jubilee Handicap run today resulted as follows: Parth 1st, Verdict 2nd, Soldumeno 3rd.

Trinidad, May 17th.—The following telegram was forwarded yesterday to Sir E. Davison in London: "Resolved. Associated West Indian Chambers Commerce views with disappointment and concern reduction sugar duties which value preference recently enjoyed British Colonial

ninety six test sugars fifty five per cent and cocoa fifty per cent reciprocal arrangements made under trade agreement Canada nineteen twenty and extended by West Indies British Guiana British Honduras to England were based on value English preference given West Indian products at that time. Benefits of this agreement to these colonies are now almost nullified. Reduced value English preference will seriously affect economic conditions these colonies and tend to destroy confidence sugar industry. Therefore request you place this consensus opinion ad members before government, leaders different political parties and others deemed advisable. Jamaica adds, once again forced look elsewhere than England for reliable customers. Abolition all preferences now granted English goods already being discussed. Trinidad Chamber cannot reconcile action imperial government in reducing value preference granted principal West Indian products whilst continuing take advantage fifty per cent preference demanded from West Indies".

Barbados, May 19th.—At a special meeting of the Agricultural Society held yesterday the following resolution was passed: "The Agricultural Society repudiate Chancellor's misleading statement May 6th. decreasing output due unfavourable seasons. Preference encourage expenditure hundreds of thousands of pounds machinery in Great Britain. View with great dismay practical withdrawal preference".

Demerara, May 17th.—At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday following resolution was drafted by a committee and sent to Government for transmission to the Secretary of State. That this Chamber regrets that the Imperial Government has not stabilized the preference on British colonial sugar and views with dismay the reduction of the preference recently enjoyed by over fifty per cent and considers that this reduction will tend to destroy the confidence necessary for the maintenance and will seriously retard the development of the sugar industry. The Chamber is also of opinion that it will lead to a corresponding reduction in the preference granted by this colony to goods from the United Kingdom thereby encouraging imports from foreign countries.

Paris, May 19th.—Captain Doisy has arrived at Canton, China, on his flight to Japan from Indo-China, which he reached last week.

Yorofu Island Kuriles, May 19th.—The three United States army airplanes flying around the world arrived here this afternoon at 2.50 o'clock, having made the 500 miles flight from Paramushir Island in a little over seven hours.

London, May 19th.—Night flights to Paris by after dinner express airplanes travelling at a hundred miles an hour are to be attempted in the near future

by the new Imperial Airways Limited to enable business men to dine in London after a day's work and get to Paris at bedtime. Planes are also being made for a service of big planes equipped with comfortable sleeping berths for flights during the night from London to European capitals.

Paris, May 19th.—The British Scientist Grindell H. Mathews, discoverer of the "diabolic ray", said to be capable of eliminating airplanes is coming to Paris today to join the French Savant Royer. They are going to Lyons to collaborate on a new theory which they hope will revolutionize present day conception of matter and the action of unknown forces.

Washington, May 19th.—Cyrus R. Woods, Ambassador to Japan, has asked to be relieved of his duty there, it was learned last night, but it was not known when he would retire, or whether his resignation had been accepted.

Meibourne, May 19th.—Aviators McIntyre and Goble today completed their 8,500 mile flight around Australia, accomplishing the feat in 90 hours. Escorted by a fleet of welcoming airplanes, they alighted on the summit of Stikilda, to the accompaniment of cheers from enormous crowds lining the foreshore. The voyagers were officially greeted by Federal and State Ministers and army and naval representatives and later were guests at a civic reception. The flight was undertaken to survey the coast for defence purposes, to seek possible aviation bases and to collect data concerning the effect of tropical conditions on airplanes.

WHY THE EDITOR LEFT TOWN.

An Oklahoma editor, just about to go to press, "pied" a couple of articles, one concerning an auction sale and the other a write up of a wedding. He asked the office devil to get the two articles together, and here is how he did it:

"William Smith and Miss. Lucy Anderson were disposed of at public auction at my barn one mile east of a beautiful cluster of roses, and two white calves before a background of farm implements too numerous to mention in the presence of about 70 guests including two milk cows, six mules and a bob sled. Rev. Jackson tied the nuptial knot with 200 feet of hay rope, and bridal couple left on one John Deere gun plow for an extended trip with terms to suit purchasers. They will be at home to their friends with one good wheelbarrow and a few kitchen utensils after 10 months from date of sale, to responsible parties and some 50 chickens.—*The Pathfinder*.

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