

# INSULAR FREE TRADE

PREMIER BALFOUR OF GREAT BRITAIN ISSUES A PAMPHLET DISCUSSING IT.

## ATTITUDE OF CHAMBERLAIN

BURNING QUESTION OF THE MOVEMENT BEFORE THE BRITISH PEOPLE.

London, Sept. 16.—Premier Balfour has issued the advance sheets of a pamphlet on the subject of "Insular Free Trade," in which he presents at length arguments in favor of a change in Great Britain's fiscal policy. In introducing the pamphlet, Mr. Balfour says his purpose in issuing it is that it would be impossible to put all the important points of this question within the limits of a single speech and therefore he says the pamphlet may be a fitting preliminary to the speech which he will shortly make. This undoubtedly refers to the speech Mr. Balfour will make at Sheffield, Oct. 1.

Mr. Balfour says he approaches the subject from the standpoint of a free trader as far as contemporary circumstances will permit. The arguments presented throughout the pamphlet vary little from those already enunciated, but the premier points out that as a result of England's policy of retaining a fiscal policy made for a free trade country in a world of free traders, not for a free trade country in a world of protectionists, the rate of her export trade has not increased, and in fact has seriously diminished.

### Departments Show Decay.

Compared with past years, some departments show no increase, while others show symptoms of decay. The premier asserts that there is no reason to expect an improvement. Meanwhile Germany, America, France, Russia and even Great Britain's self-governing colonies continue to build up a protected interest within their border.

Mr. Balfour says the mistakes made by the free traders half a century ago have left Great Britain bearing all the burdens and enjoying only half the advantages which should attach to the empire. He devotes space to the effect of protection upon combinations in countries in which protection exists. This the premier points out is to the disadvantage of the British manufacturer, who is unable to compete with the manufacturer that is able to sell abroad at a lower price than he charges for the same article at home. He gives an instance of German steel in this particular, saying that it is selling cheaper in England than the English manufacturer can possibly produce it.

Mr. Balfour declares that the optimists who advocate a continuance of the free trade policy in place of the injury worked by protection on Great Britain's interests, are foolish and their arguments little short of reckless. The only possible hope of a mitigation of the evil is through negotiation, which, he says, can only appeal to self interest in foreign protected countries, and in the case of the colonies to self interest coupled with sentiment.

### Should Get Rid of Bonds.

Mr. Balfour concludes: "It cannot be right for a country with free trade ideals to enter into competition with protectionist rivals, self deprived of the only instrument whereby their policy can conceivably be modified. The most essential object of our national effort should be to get rid of the bonds in which we have gratuitously entangled ourselves. The precise manner in which we should use our regained liberty is important, yet, after all, only a secondary issue."

The publication of the pamphlet immediately after the momentous cabinet council held Monday and Tuesday indicates that it embodies a statement of policy accepted or rather acquiesced in by the majority of the cabinet. If this assumption is correct it means the abandonment of the idea of preferential tariff with the colonies and the taxation of food, in favor of a system of retaliatory duties. Even this, however, is tentative. Mr. Balfour in his speech Oct. 1, is expected to elaborate and explain his case, and then the cabinet will closely watch its reception by the Conservative delegates.

### In Short the Great Question of Free Trade versus Protection, so far as the cabinet is concerned, is still undecided.

### The Burning Question.

What will be Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's attitude is the burning question of the moment. The most striking feature of Mr. Balfour's pamphlet is that from the beginning to the end it does not refer to Mr. Chamberlain's proposals. There is not a word about the threatened breaking up of the empire or preferential tariffs, and the colonies are scarcely mentioned. On the contrary, the whole line of Mr. Balfour's reasoning is opposed to tariffs for purely protectionist purpose. Hence, Mr. Chamberlain is faced with the alternative of either abandoning preferential tariffs, or prosecuting his campaign unsupported by Mr. Balfour.

According to the Daily Mail, Mr. Chamberlain agrees under the stress of necessity not to press his programme. The paper says he probably will not admit that his schemes are abandoned, but nevertheless they can safely be regarded by the public as dead for the time being at least.

A circumstantial statement is published attributing to the colonial secretary the prediction of a general election and the defeat of the government in the spring. The Conservatives will be in opposition for six months and then he will return to office with the country at his back.

### Costly Fire in Texas.

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 16.—The department store of Wolf and Marx burned Tuesday, entailing a loss of over \$200,000.

## DAMAGE IS VERY HEAVY.

Further Details of the Destructive Storm in Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 16.—Further news of the storm continues to arrive, though a large part of the storm-swept area has not been heard from. Wires are still down and it is impossible to get trains through on account of washouts.

Three negroes were killed by falling timbers at the camp of the Cummer Lumber company near Gainesville. Another was seriously hurt and he will probably die. Several houses were wrecked.

At Mulberry, the phosphate mines are said to be greatly damaged. They have been compelled to shut down on account of the high water. From all parts of the state great damage to the turpentine industry is reported.

Wire connection was made at night with Arcadia, in De Sota county, about forty miles south of Tampa. A special from there says:

Reports are coming in slowly of damage done by the hurricane Friday night and Saturday. The damage of the orange groves is very great. Orangemen estimate the loss to the crop from 25 to 40 per cent. Many houses were blown down, but only one man was killed, Hugh Morton, who was drowned at Wilder's. An unconfirmed rumor has been received that the little town of Punta Rassa has been destroyed by the storm. This is a small place on the Gulf coast near the mouth of the Caloosahatchie river and about 100 miles south of Tampa.

### REGARDED AS POLITICAL FARCE.

Cuban Rural Guards Take the Field Against Alleged Rebels.

Santiago de Cuba, Sept. 16.—An additional force of rural guards was sent Tuesday morning to arrest the alleged outlaws who have appeared at Sevilla. Several armed countrymen have been arrested and protest their innocence. It is reported that the former mayor of San Luis, with twenty thoroughly armed men, has joined the outlaws, the leader of whom, named Santiago Costillo, is a discharged officer of the rural guard. Three guards were wounded in Monday's skirmish. Major Betancourt was not seriously wounded, but his horse was killed. The general impression regarding the alleged revolution is that it is a political farce.

President Palma is expected to arrive here today. Former President Vasquez of the Dominican Republic, and several revolutionaries from San Domingo, have arrived here.

### HEAVY RAINS CONTINUE.

Flood Situation Very Unfavorable in Wisconsin.

Wausau, Wis., Sept. 16.—Continued and heavy rains make the flood situation look anything but favorable. The temporary track of the Northwestern road at Edgar was again washed out at night and trains are out of service. The Milwaukee road's tracks are covered for the distance of a mile, six miles north, and the water is rising. It is doubtful whether trains will run on that road for some hours. Nearly every mill here is closed and mill crews are at work strengthening the guard locks.

Reports state that the gates of the Tomahawk and Brokaw dams are kept open, which makes matters worse here.

Farmers coming into town report every bridge destroyed in some towns.

### DISPUTE OVER CARD GAME.

Saloonkeeper Killed and Bartender Seriously Wounded.

Sheridan, Wyo., Sept. 16.—Henry Schroeder, a saloonkeeper at Dayton, a town west of here, was shot and killed, and Edward Sims, his bartender, seriously injured by Jack Hanley, as the result of a dispute concerning money lost at cards. At the point of a gun Hanley compelled the employes of a livery stable to saddle a horse for him, and he rode away. A posse of citizens overtook Hanley who refused to surrender. Hanley was captured after his horse had been shot from under him and his leg broken by bullets fired by the posse. He was brought to this city and placed in jail.

### POLICE FORCE ARRESTED.

Billings, Mont., Officers Charged With Contempt of Court.

Billings, Mont., Sept. 16.—Judge Loud Tuesday placed the entire police force under arrest for contempt in ignoring a writ of habeas corpus issued in the case of Carey Snyder, wanted by the Missouri authorities for highway robbery in which \$7,000 worth of diamonds are said to have been stolen. Attorneys for Snyder were granted the writ after Governor Toole had honored the requisition from Missouri, but before the lawyers could serve the papers on the Billings police, it is said the Missouri officers had been given their man, and prisoners and officers were speeding out of the state.

### INSURRECTION IN SALONICA.

General Zontcheff Is the Leader of the Rebels.

Salonica, Sept. 16.—A general insurrection in the vilayet of Salonica, east of the Vardar river, is announced to have begun. The region is divided into eight districts, each commanded by a Bulgarian officer. General Zontcheff, president of the Macedonian committee, is the commander-in-chief.

### BUSINESS HOUSES BURNED.

Fire at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Causes Heavy Loss.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Sept. 16.—A fire which originated in Klosser's candy store here last night destroyed an entire block of stores in the heart of the business district. The damage amounts to about \$300,000.

### Mississippi Rises Three Feet.

La Crosse, Wis., Sept. 16.—Heavy rains north of here are responsible for a rise of three feet in the Mississippi river at this point during the past forty-eight hours. The river is eight feet and a half above low water mark, and is rising an inch an hour. Farmers on the lowlands are preparing for the third flood of the year.

# IRRIGATION CONGRESS

IMPORTANT RESULTS ARE EXPECTED FROM THE PRESIDENT MEETING.

## MANY DELEGATES PRESENT

MOVEMENT HAS TAKEN ON A NATIONAL INSTEAD OF A SECTIONAL SCOPE.

Ogden, Utah, Sept. 16.—Twenty-six states and territories of the Union are represented at the eleventh national irrigation congress, which began a four-days' session in the Ogden tabernacle Tuesday, this being the largest number ever represented since the beginning of the movement for the reclamation of the arid West, showing how the movement has taken on a national instead of a sectional scope. Delegates were present even from New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont, while from the states of the Western plains and mountains representative of state and municipal governments and commercial organizations of all kinds came by hundreds. The convention, in fact, has run away with the officers of the congress, for so great is the number of delegates already on the ground, and so many more coming in on every train, that the seating capacity of the tabernacle is totally inadequate. An international aspect was lent to the proceedings by the presence of two representatives of foreign governments, Mexico and France, while the government at Washington was represented by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

### Packed With Delegates.

At both the morning and afternoon sessions the building was packed with delegates, and the keynote of the present congress, as expressed both by Governor Wells of Utah in his speech of welcome, and President W. A. Clark in his response, that "the time has come to do things," was heartily cheered.

Important results, beneficial to the cause of irrigation, are confidently expected by both delegates and officials from the present congress, and the first resolution, introduced by Senator Burton of Kansas, favoring the conserving of the flood waters of the great rivers as a part of the scheme of irrigation of the West, was received with so much favor that there seems to be no doubt that such action will be overwhelmingly favored.

Other resolutions, outlining a distinct plan of forest preservation, are expected to be adopted before the sessions of the congress close.

Today the subject of colonization will be taken up and discussed by men prominent in railway and social work. A brisk fight for the honor of entertaining the delegates to next year's convention is already under way between El Paso, Tex., Boise, Ida., Reno, Nev., and Portland, Ore. No opposition to the present officers of the congress has developed and sentiment seems unanimous for the re-election of President W. A. Clark and other officers.

### Time Limit on Speeches.

President Clark has declared his intention of limiting the speeches to ten minutes if possible, the great number scheduled and the amount of work to be accomplished rendering some action of this kind absolutely necessary.

In his speech, Senator Clark advocated the repeal of the desert land act of congress, which he claimed has resulted in the practical seizure of immense tracts of fertile land to the exclusion of settlers. Over the resolutions favoring this repeal a sharp fight is looked for.

Two messages were received from President Roosevelt. The first congratulated the congress on what had been accomplished, and the other characterized the passage of the national irrigation law as one of the greatest steps, not only in the forward progress of the states, but to that of all mankind. Senator Burton of Kansas delivered the first formal address of the congress.

After musical exercises, the congress adjourned for the day.

### PLEADS GUILTY TO ASSAULT.

Mrs. Fountaine Sentenced for Chloroforming a Family.

Wabash, Ind., Sept. 16.—Mrs. Belle Fountaine Tuesday pleaded guilty to assault with intent to kill after she had confessed to chloroforming the Harsh family near Dora last week, and sentenced to three to fourteen years in the Indianapolis reformatory.

Miss Lola Harsh, of whom the prisoner was jealous, on account of the attentions of Albert Turner, is now able to sit up and will recover.

### TRAGEDY OVER WOMAN.

Husband Shot Dead by Alleged Admirer of Wife.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 16.—John Baumberger, a baker of Fairfield, Ill., was shot and killed by A. O. Harvey, an implement dealer of the same place. The tragedy is said to have resulted from Baumberger's exceptions to the relations between his wife and Harvey.

### Sons of Veterans in Session.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 16.—The convention of the Sons of Veterans, who are holding their twenty-second annual national encampment here, organized Tuesday and was addressed by the commander-in-chief, Frank Martin. Reports were received and discussed and the order was reported to be in an excellent condition.

### Killed in a Quarrel.

Oskaloosa, Ia., Sept. 16.—William Henry, aged fifty, was killed in a quarrel by James Lubbin, a negro, near Buxton. The negro hit Henry on the head with a club.

## TO SUCCEED MELLEN.

Charles W. Bunn Slated for President of the Northern Pacific.

New York, Sept. 16.—In the best informed circles it is accepted as settled that at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the New York, New Haven and Hartford road in October, President Charles H. Mellen of the Northern Pacific will be elected to succeed President Hall, whose resignation is expected this week. This report was called to the attention of Mr. Mellen and he remarked that he had nothing to say about it.

There is much surmise as to the successor of Mr. Mellen on the Northern Pacific should he change his official relations.

J. M. Hannaford, second vice president of the company, is in line for the promotion, and Fred D. Underwood of the Erie is also a possibility, but in well informed circles it is accepted as settled that Charles W. Bunn, the general counsel of the Northern Pacific, would be the successor of Mr. Mellen.

### FIVE AMERICANS KILLED.

Explosion of Hand Grenades at Tiflis, Russia.

Tiflis, Russian Transcaucasia, Sept. 16.—As the result of an explosion of grenades at Kars, Sept. 11, an American citizen, John Nachkian, who had recently arrived there, and four Americans, were killed. Nachkian was killed while loading hand grenades, many of which, with a large quantity of explosives, were found in the rooms where the accident occurred.

### Score of Passengers Injured.

Chatham, Ont., Sept. 16.—A passenger train on the Lake Erie division of the Pere Marquette at Blenheim Tuesday crashed into a loaded freight. A score of passengers, or more, were injured. No fatalities have as yet occurred, but it is thought one or two of the injured will die.

### TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Postmaster General Payne has left Washington for Virginia Hot Springs for a week's vacation.

Rear Admiral O'Neill, chief of ordnance, will ask for \$18,000,000 for ordnance in the navy for the next fiscal year.

The condition of United States Senator Scott of West Virginia, who is ill at a hotel in Denver, continues to improve.

James Kerr Kelly, formerly United States senator from Oregon, died at Washington Tuesday, aged eighty-four years.

There were light snow flurries Tuesday in the northwestern part of Nebraska, and a light frost at night damaged vegetation.

Fort Yates, N. D., has been abandoned as a military post and the troops stationed there have been transferred to Fort Lincoln, N. D.

The preliminary examination of George W. Beavers, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, is being held in New York.

Andrew Carnegie is to be asked to establish free libraries in Chattanooga and several other Southern cities for the exclusive use of negroes.

It is reported from Stamford, Tex., that there was a drop of forty degrees in the temperature Tuesday and that freezing weather now prevails.

Harry H. Kirby, who is wanted in Duluth, Oshkosh, Chicago and other cities on charges of forgery, has been arrested at La Crosse, Wis., and will be taken to Duluth to stand trial at once.

### BASEBALL SCORES.

National League.

At Cincinnati, 8; New York, 0. At Pittsburg, 7; Boston, 4. Second game—Pittsburg, 1; Boston, 3.

American League.

At Boston, 12; New York, 3. At Washington, 4; Philadelphia, 2. American Association.

At Columbus, 0; Indianapolis, 3. At Louisville, 5; Toledo, 1.

### MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, Sept. 15.—Wheat—Dec., 82½c; May, 83½c@83¾c. On track—No. 1 hard, 92½c; No. 1 Northern, 91½c; No. 2 Northern, 87½c; No. 3 Northern, 80@83c.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

St. Paul, Sept. 15.—Cattle—Good to choice steers, \$4.25@5.00; common to fair, \$3.00@4.00; good to choice cows and heifers, \$3.00@4.00; veals, \$3.00@5.25. Hogs—\$5.25@6.10. Sheep—Good to choice lambs, \$4.25@4.85; good to choice yearling wethers, \$3.15@3.35.

### Duluth Wheat and Flax.

Duluth, Sept. 15.—Wheat—To arrive—No. 1 hard, 87½c; No. 1 Northern, 86½c; No. 2 Northern, 83¾c. New, on track—No. 1 Northern, 86¾c; No. 2 Northern, 84¾c; Sept., 86¾c; Dec., 81¾c; May, 84c. Flax—In store, on track, to arrive and Sept., \$1.07½; Oct. and Nov., \$1.07; Dec., \$1.06½; May, \$1.09½.

### Chicago Union Stock Yards.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$5.50@6.10; poor to medium, \$4.00@5.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.50@4.15; cows, \$1.50@4.50; heifers, \$2.00@4.75; calves, \$2.50@6.75. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$5.50@6.20; good to choice heavy, \$5.80@6.10; rough heavy, \$5.50@5.75; light, \$5.70@6.25. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$3.00@3.65; fair to choice mixed, \$2.00@3.00; Western, \$2.75@3.65; native lambs, \$3.50@5.75; Western, \$3.50@5.25.

### Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Wheat—Sept., 80¾c; old, 80¾c@80¾c; Dec., 82½c@82¾c; old, 82¾c; May, 84¼c. Corn—Sept., 51¾c; Dec., 51¾c; May, 51¼c. Oats—Sept., 37c; Dec., 38¾c. Oct., \$13.67½; Jan., \$13.57½; May, \$13.65. Flax—Cash, Northwestern, \$1.07; Southwestern, \$1.01; Sept., \$1.01; Oct., \$1.03; May, \$1.06. Butter—Creameries, 17@18c; dairies, 13@17c. Eggs—17@18c. Poultry—Turkeys, 12c; spring chickens, 12@12½c.

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