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## BIG MATTERS IN SMUTS' SPEECH

### Hopeful for Irish Settlement by Home Rule.

Commanding Position of the British Empire in World Affairs—U. S. and Japan by Naval Rivalry Launching New Problems.

Cape Town, S. A., Sept. 1.—Speaking at a luncheon given in his honor yesterday, General Smuts, premier of the Union of South Africa, who attended the imperial conference and also was a factor in the Anglo-Irish peace negotiations, referred to the matters engaging him while in London. The premier manifested hopefulness for a conclusion of peace between Great Britain and Ireland. He pointed out the dangers of the Silesian difficulties, and made casual reference to the "naval rivalry of the U. S. and Japan, who are launching new problems on the world."

Gen. Smuts said the situation in Ireland when he arrived in London was indescribable. "Any idea of such a state of affairs, if it had existed before the great war would have been scouted," the premier declared. He said the situation was difficult, but not hopeless. The only solution of it was home rule.

Gen. Smuts characterized world conditions as exceedingly sad to anyone coming in contact with these problems. Cheers greeted his declaration that the withdrawal of the United States from international affairs left the British empire as "the only stabilizing influence in world affairs."

According to Gen. Smuts, the peace of the world is closely bound up with the Silesian situation, and it was with Belgium in 1914. "There might have been at any moment a devastating conflict," he declared, "and consequently the dominions strengthened the hands of Great Britain in preventing Silesia from dragging Germany and France into another war. Europe now knows she is dealing not only with Germany, but with the British empire."

Dealing with the question of relations within the empire, Gen. Smuts said it was considered necessary to pursue the constitutional position at the conference, but to leave well enough alone and refer the question to more peaceful times.

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## EXCHANGE TODAY

New York, Sept. 1.—Sterling exchange strong. Demand 37 1/4; cables 37 1/4; Canadian dollars 9 18-16 per cent discount.

## WHERE GREEK MET TURK



The black blocks show the position of the four Greek army corps as they closed in upon the Turkish line about July 15. Great credit is paid the Greeks for their skill and energy in a country where almost non-existent "and the railways, as seen by the map, are of little service to the greater part of Greece's 180,000 fighting men. Carrying on their advance, the Greeks would march over the site of Gordium, where Alexander the Great cut the famous knot, thereby fulfilling the oracle that whoever did so would conquer Asia.

## MISSING C. G. M. M. STEAMSHIP IS SAFE

### Canadian Importer Found Last Night.

Whole Crew are Reported to be Safe—Ship was Located by Her Sister Vessel, the Canadian Observer.

Montreal, Sept. 1.—The Montreal office of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine received a wireless this morning that their ship, the Canadian Importer, thought to have foundered in the Pacific, had been found at ten-thirty last night by the Canadian Observer, latitude 38-20 north, longitude 137-25. The Observer will tow the Importer in to the nearest port.

The message stated that there was a crew of 44 men on board the Importer, but made no mention of the loss of nine men which had left the steamer to seek help.

The Importer had drifted sixty miles west and 28 miles south of the position given by the S. S. Cordova when she left there.

Ottawa, Sept. 1.—The department of marine has received a report that all the crew of the Canadian Importer are safe.

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## As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Horneburn, "you explain to me that branch loaded with big, beautiful apples, when all the other apples on the tree are so small and mean looking."

"That's a graft," said Hiram. "Them little apples is bitter an' not good to eat. I feel 'em to the pig. It's a native apple tree. I grafted on that there tree that's got the big red apples—an' I'm gone to graft on some more."

"That's a curious thing."

"I kin raise twenty different kind of apples on that one tree by graftin'. Whatever kind you graft on—that's the kind you git. You just saw off a limb an' split the end an' sharpen the little graft an' stick it in—an' then mix up resin an' beeswax an' smother it all over the splice all over till it's air-tight an' water-tight. Then when the sap goes up the tree the graft'll grow an' every one of 'em'll make their own kind of apples. Yes, sir, if you hev twenty limbs to graft on—an' twenty different kinds of apples—you kin pick 'em all off that tree in no time. An' what makes me mad is that this country's full o' trees that don't grow good apples an' folks is too blamed lazy to graft 'em an' git good fruit. Most of my trees don't need no graftin' fer I got the right kind, but whenever I see a wild apple comin' up I miss it along an' graft it. An' it pays every time—yes, sir."

## Election in Three Months Predicted; Seven Leave Cabinet

### Montreal Gazette's Ottawa Writer Says Meighen Expected to Make Announcement Tonight—Liberal Leader Draws Great Assemblage at Meeting.

Montreal, Sept. 1.—The Gazette today gives prominence to a despatch from its Ottawa correspondent which predicts that Premier Meighen will tonight announce a general election within three months.

The despatch adds: "Premier Meighen, with the announcement of dissolution, will also announce his new cabinet. There will be at least seven new members, many of the old ministers retiring to the senate or other appointments. In all there are nine vacant seats, two lieutenant governorships, several judgeships, and one vacant seat on the railway board.

It will be a bitter campaign, and with Government, Liberal, Farmer and Labor all fighting, attacks may be expected from every quarter. The premier is a wonderful campaigner and will not be on the defensive. He believes the stable forces of the country will rally to him and will enter the contest with vigor and confidence."

Searfth, Ont., Sept. 1.—Addressing a large meeting here yesterday, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King said it was a shocking circumstance that of all the warring nations, including the enemy, Canada stood alone, with the possible exception of Russia in that its people had been denied the right of an election since the termination of the war. Canadians apparently were singled out by their autocratic government as the only ones that dare not be treated as equals.

"The reason is plain," Mr. King declared. "Every province of the dominion has had its election and in every instance where a conservative party has been in power it has decisively thrown out and a democratic house replaced. Ottawa knows full well that it does not represent the will of its electors and if an appeal was made it would find itself in the cold. Therefore, it hangs desperately on."

Taking up the important question of the national debt, the speaker termed it "appalling" and asserted that, ever should it be corrected, it was responsible for a big outlay, there was no excuse for the many millions that had been, as he said, squandered since.

Mr. King said that the Laurier administration went out of power the public debt was but \$335,000,000 as against more than 2,000,000,000 today. "Before the government could commence to carry on its own business at this moment, it was confronted by the startling figure of \$149,000,000 as interest alone on this national debt."

"This sum itself," he said, "is more than sufficient to operate the Laurier government at any time."

"There is one obligation," he said, "that we must be prepared to meet in a real sense of responsibility. Just after returned soldiers and the dependents of those who crossed the seas and failed to return for pensions and soldiers' club re-establishment we must vote \$135,000,000 this year alone."

## KNOCKOUT TO WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

### The Terms for the Wilson-Downey Bout.

New York, Sept. 1.—The championship belt held by Johnny Wilson, middleweight, will not change hands in his bout on next Monday with Bryan Downey of Cleveland, unless Downey knocks him out. So promoter Richard announced today. The same ruling in the case of Johnny Buff, U. S. flyweight champion, who will meet Indian Russell, of Harrisburg, Pa.

Richard says that the belts have been won in fifteen round decision contests and said it followed that they could be lifted only in decision matches save in case of a knockout. The Jersey City fights will be twenty rounds, no decision affairs.

## Move for Reduction of Penalties on Horsemen at Houlton, Me.—Big Leagues and Other Late Sport.

Houlton, Maine, Sept. 1.—It was said this morning that a meeting of the judges who officiated at the Caribou Fair races last week was arranged for today and that a recommendation will go forward to the National Trotting Association for a change in the penalties imposed upon drivers William Brickley, of St. John, and Fred Cameron, of Charlottetown, who were suspended for the season along with the pacers Lathes, 2:30 1/4, and Banni, owned by Dr. L. D. McIntosh, of Fairfield, N. B., and Reed Bros. of Fort Hamilton, Maine, respectively.

J. W. Gallagher of Woodstock, is the man who has been successful in getting the officials together, and if the drivers and horses are restored to good standing again it will be largely due to his efforts.

Every racing association of the Maine and New Brunswick circuits has been asked to have been more severe than the circumstances warranted. It was said that the recommendation to Hartford would probably call for removal of the suspensions after this week and the infliction of fines.

Houlton, Me., Sept. 1.—This afternoon Director J. 2:01 1/4, champion pacer of the Bay State circuit, and John R. Braden, 2:02 3/4, which set up a new track record on every course of the Maine and New Brunswick circuit on which he has appeared, will meet in a matched race here for a purse of \$2,000, winner take all.

## LOCAL NEWS

### POLICE COURT.

One man charged with drunkenness was before the magistrate this morning and was remanded to jail.

### ON SUSPENDED SENTENCE.

Joseph Deveau, charged with chasing the daughter of Joseph Tebo, caretaker of Rockwood Park, on the grounds of the park, was before the magistrate yesterday and was allowed out on suspended sentence. He was ordered to return to his home in Salmon River, N. S.

### THE STANDARD.

H. V. MacKinnon said this afternoon in response to an inquiry by the Canadian Press representative here that he planned to resume publication of the Standard newspaper on Tuesday next week and that to that end he was assembling his forces. The first issue of the Standard was published on July 22.

### DR. HEDDEN AWAY.

Dr. Henry Hedden, who has been superintendent of the General Public Hospital for some time, left on Saturday for Memphis, Tenn., to take over his duties as superintendent of a hospital there. R. V. Gale, former assistant director of the Lancaster D. S. C. R. hospital, succeeds Dr. Hedden here.

### ROCKWOOD CLUB.

At a well attended meeting of the Rockwood Club last evening in Douglas Hall, Murray's secretary, the following officers were elected: R. Segee, president; H. Torrey, vice-president; F. Gould, treasurer; A. Aberley, secretary. A bowling team was formed with F. MacMurray captain, and H. MacMurray manager.

### OFFICE HERE CLOSED.

The local office of Johnston & Ward, stock brokers, successors to F. B. McCurdy & Co., has been closed. The manager, George Harley, will assume the management of the branch of the firm in Moncton. D. B. Weldon, manager of the Moncton branch, will go to the Montreal office.

### NOVELTY SHOWER.

The home of Miss Eileen Dobson on East St. John was the scene of a happy gathering last evening when eighteen friends gathered to tender a novelty shower to Miss Ethel Pitt, who is to be a principal in a nuptial event to take place in the near future. The guest of honor was the recipient of beautiful presents. During the evening games and music were enjoyed and refreshments served.

### THE LOCAL MURDER.

Photographs of a man, who was arrested in Sydney on suspicion of possibly being the one sought in the Mable murder case, arrived at police headquarters this morning and will be shown to the little girl this afternoon for identification. Aside from this nothing new developed today, although there is no let up on the part of the detectives, who are following up and investigating clues.

### WILL HAVE CELEBRATION.

Word has been received here from Hon. J. E. Michaud of Edmundston to the effect that he is making arrangements to carry out the request of Premier Foster with reference to the invitation of Premier Oliver of British Columbia regarding border celebrations of the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Gent and the opening of the peace port erected in commemoration of that event at Blaine, Washington.

### DID GOOD WORK.

Commissioner Thornton said this morning that the fire engine which went from here to Hampton Village yesterday was able to be of considerable assistance. Although nothing could be done to save the buildings already in flames the fire was prevented from spreading and streams of water were played on the ruins. The engine returned to the city about six o'clock. It was in use for about four hours.

### MAY BE ACTION.

William Kirkpatrick, driver of a van which was struck by an automobile last evening in the Robney road, was reported this morning to be resting comfortably. Mr. Kirkpatrick served as a lieutenant in the war and is considered a capable and efficient driver. He sustained painful injuries to his knee and leg and was removed to the General Public hospital, where he was given treatment, and later taken to his home. It is said that the car which struck him bore the license number B3,277. The van was drawn by two horses driven by Mr. Kirkpatrick and was returning to Robney from Benford. Fortunately there were no children in it at the time. The car approached the van from the rear and upset it, damaging a wheel. Constable Robert Crawford hastened to the scene as soon as heard of the accident. It is said that it was contended that something went wrong with the steering gear. It is understood that action will be taken against the driver of the car.

## LEAPS TO DEATH FROM OLYMPIC

### Fiance in Swoon on Deck of Vessel.

Thos. Brassington, who was worried over home objections to his marriage and fear of detention at Ellis Island.

New York, Sept. 1.—(Canadian Press)—Family troubles in England and the fear of being detained and sent to Ellis Island, were believed to be the cause of Thomas Brassington, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eng., jumping overboard from the second class deck of the White Star liner Olympic Tuesday night, when she was at anchor at quarantine here, leaving his fiancee, Miss Anne Louise Thompson, of Alameda, Calif., lying unconscious on the deck.

According to the ship's officers, Brassington was only 40. He was thirty-nine years of age and was on his way to Abbotsford, B. C., where he owned a bakery business. Miss Thompson had become engaged to Brassington on the Pacific coast and had gone to England six weeks ago to marry him. There was some trouble with the relatives and the two friends were separated. Just after getting married in California before proceeding to Abbotsford.

On Tuesday night the man displayed symptoms of despondency. Just after dark he went to his cabin, and left there his money and jewelry, with a note stating that he was afraid of detention at Ellis Island. He then went on deck where he bade farewell to Miss Thompson. The girl fainted and Brassington jumped overboard.

## WHAT THE CENSUS SHOWS FOR SOME MARITIME PLACES

Ottawa, Sept. 1.—(Canadian Press) Fredericton has a population of 8,081, according to returns issued by the census department last night. This compares with a population of 7,028 in 1911 and 7,117 in 1901. Returns for other maritime provinces point follow:

Yarmouth—Population 1921, 7,022; 1911, 6,600; 1901, 5,430

Truro—Population 1921, 7,651; 1911, 6,107; 1901, 5,379

Moncton—Population 1921, 13,167; 1911, 11,845; 1901, 9,226

Sackville's population is 6,625, an increase of 225 per cent over 1901. In that year the population was 2,339. This is the largest increase of any Canadian city or town yet announced.

## BRITISH FOOTBALL.

London, Sept. 1.—(Canadian Press)—In the Rugby Northern Union game yesterday, Balcy defeated Hunsley 12 to 2.

## WEATHER REPORT

Issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. B. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is lowest over the western provinces and northwest states and relatively high towards the Atlantic coast. Fine weather prevails from Alberta to maritime provinces.

Fair and Warm.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh south winds, partly cloudy today and on Friday. Stationary of a little higher temperature.

New England—Fair tonight and Friday; warmer; light variable winds.

Toronto, Sept. 1.—Temperature: Lowest 54.0; highest during 8 a.m. yesterday night 63.0

Prince Rupert	50	55
Victoria	50	55
Kamloops	54	58
Calgary	60	74
Edmonton	54	62
Prince Albert	52	72
Winnipeg	74	94
White River	60	74
Sault Ste. Marie	60	74
Toronto	67	78
Kingston	68	74
Ottawa	68	74
Montreal	68	74
Quebec	56	66
St. John, N. B.	62	72
Halifax	60	70
St. John's	54	64
Detroit	74	84
New York	70	84

## CONSPIRACY AMONG SIKHS

### Plot in India to Overthrow the Government.

London, Sept. 1.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Calcutta says the police in the Punjab have discovered a conspiracy among the Sikhs to overthrow the British government and assassinate Europeans.

The despatch adds that the prosecution of the alleged conspirators will be undertaken.

Calcutt, India, Sept. 1.—In order to avoid the possibility of violation of the mosque at Mirzapur, where the rebels are entrenched, the authorities have decided to erect barricades around the building and starve out the rebels. Both Calcutt and Malabar are quiet.

## ASSASSINATION OF EUROPEANS

### Part of the Plan—Barricades Around a Mosque Where Rebels are Entrenched.

London, Sept. 1.—The September stretch of the major league pennant race will open with Pittsburgh one and a half games ahead of the New York Giants, and the Cleveland American a half game in front of the New York Yankees. The Pirates and the hard hitting St. Louis Cards were down for two batties today while the Giants were engaged with the Brooklyn.

The Indians were scheduled for a postponed game at Detroit, but a possibility for New York to take the lead of they could capture both games of a double-header with Washington.

The major league record of 28 assists for the infielders of both teams was equalled by the Reds and Braves. The Red infielders had 18 and the Braves 15.

Only six hits were made in the St. Louis-Chicago second game. Bayne, of St. Louis, allowed two hits and Keer, of the White Sox, four.

Babe Ruth was back in the Yankee line up yesterday, having recovered completely from the efforts of his slight mis-

## IN WALL STREET.

New York, Sept. 1.—(10:30)—The foreign oil group furnished the only noteworthy exception to the lower trend of prices at the opening of today's market. Mexican Petroleum and Pan-American, registered one point gains, presumably in connection with reports of an early compromise agreement between the Mexican government and American oil interest. Steels, equipments, rails, shipping and food shares were lower.

## NOON REPORT.

New York, Sept. 1.—Additions to early gains were made by Mexican and Pan-American Petroleum, American Locomotive, Famous Players, tobacco and express companies shares. Counter movements continued, however, in equipments, shippings, sugars and chemicals, those issues making extreme declines. One to five points, bulls, especially Northern Pacific and Great Northern, added to yesterday's reversal. Oil's cancelled part of their advance because when motors, notably Studelaker and Pierce Arrow, preferred, became heavy. Call money opened at 5 1/2 per cent, the highest initial rate of the week. Exchange on London and continental Europe was strong.

## MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montreal, Sept. 1.—The feature of the stock market at the opening was a new low for Brompton at 14 1/4. The sentiment was mixed and the tone decidedly quiet. Laurentide at 64 1/2. Power at 80 1/2 and Spanish River at 50, were unchanged, as was Spanish, preferred, at 53 1/4. Toronto Railway was a half better at 92, while Pennans was down a full point at 92, as compared with the last sale on Monday. A broken lot of Dominion Bridge brought 45 1/4, as compared with 62 for the last trade several days ago.

## NEW PROFESSOR FOR DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 1.—It is expected that Prof. Henry Munroe, recently of the faculty of the Law School of Columbia University, New York, is to be appointed professor of political science and international law at Dalhousie.

## BETTER OUTPUT AT GLACE BAY MINES

Glace Bay, N. S., Sept. 1.—Fourteen thousand tons, the best day's output since 1918, was reached by the colliers of the Dominion Coal Company on Tuesday. Birch Grove mine set a new local record with 1,200 tons.

## PREMIER MASSEY IS IN CANADA

Quebec, Sept. 1.—The Empress of Britain docked here yesterday with one of the most distinguished passenger lists of the year. Among those noted in the list were Premier Massey of New Zealand, Sir John and Lady Findlay, and Col. W. E. House of Washington.

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## STORE AND HOME NEAR NEWCASTLE BURNED TODAY

(Special to The Times.) Newcastle, N. B., Sept. 1.—A store and dwelling near Sinclair's mill about a mile from here, owned and occupied by M. Brotski, was burned at three o'clock this morning, together with a large stock of groceries and dry goods. The loss is partly covered by insurance. The prisoner was remanded.

## SETTLE DISPUTE OVER VILNA

Geneva, Sept. 1.—The dispute between Poland and Lithuania regarding Vilna was settled by the representatives of the two countries here today. They agreed that there should be two Lithuanians, one the district of Kovno, which shall be independent, and the other Vilna, in which the Poles will supervise the administration.

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