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**Meeting of British and French Prime Ministers Leads to a Letter Understanding.**

Japan to Raise a Billion Dollar Loan for Reconstruction—American Warships Collide—D. H. McDougall Resigns Vice Presidency of B. E. S. Corporation—Cosgrave Re-elected President of Dail.

**REFERENCE FURNISHED**

**NO SOLUTION.**  
PARIS, Sept. 19.—The meeting of the Prime Ministers of Great Britain and France took place this afternoon, presumably upon the invitation of the French. Their conversation ended at four o'clock when they separated, after which an official communication was given to the press stating that the outcome of the Premier Conference could not be expected to furnish any solution to the difficulties confronting the two nations, and that no report of their deliberations was to be made public.

**HOPE FROM BALDWIN'S VISIT.**

PARIS, Sept. 19.—Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, of Great Britain, who has been visiting France, had a private conference with Premier Poincare to-day at the British Embassy. It is announced in an official communication that while the solution of any question is expected from the brief meeting, it was happily discovered there was "no divergence of principle" between the two Governments. Mr. Baldwin is remaining in Paris until Friday at least, and perhaps longer. This is taken as an indication that the conversations will be fruitful in creating a feeling favorable to complete accord. It is a strong expectation that the two Governments will agree, and that France and Great Britain being in full accord, the principles involved, will find a way of putting settlement details on a basis which will prevent further discussion.

**D. H. McDUGALL RESIGNS FROM BESCO.**

SYDNEY, Sept. 19.—Colonel D. H. McDougall has resigned as Vice-President of the British Empire Steel Corporation. Mr. McDougall has been associated with the company now forming the Corporation for the past twenty years. He has filled the positions of Superintendent of the Wabana ore mines, general manager of the Dominion Coal Company, general manager of the Dominion Steel Corporation, President of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, and Vice-President of the British Empire Steel Corporation. For some time he has been in charge of the Corporation's operations in Cape Breton. It is understood that Mr. McDougall intends to take a short vacation before devoting his time to private interests.

**COSGRAVE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT.**

DUBLIN, Sept. 19.—William T. Cosgrave was re-elected by Dail to-day as President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State. Professor Michael Hayes was elected Speaker of Dail. A group of women staged a demonstration outside of parliament where Dail sat. They carried banners demanding the release of the Republicans held prisoners by the Free State and announcing that Dan Breen is dying.

**BRITAIN NOT SYMPATHETIC.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—The British reply to Secretary Hughes' proposal for a reciprocal agreement on the question of liquor smuggling at sea, was received at the State Department to-day and was described by officials as "in general not sympathetic." The British Government, however, is to present the question to the British Imperial Conference which meets in London next month.

**BIG JAP LOAN PROPOSED.**  
TOKIO, Sept. 19.—It is reported the Japanese Government proposes to float a billion dollar loan to finance reconstruction.

**VISITS HIS NEIGHBOUR.**

HIGH RIVER, Alta, Sept. 19.—Lord Fenwick made his first formal call on Wednesday morning on the neighbouring rancher, Lord Minto, who also owns ranches in the district west of High River, to find out how the crop is panning out there.

**WARSHIPS COLLIDE—ONE KILLED.**

POSTON, Sept. 19.—One man was killed and several injured when the United States destroyer McFarland was rammed by the battleship Arkansas in manoeuvres near the eastern entrance to Cape Cod Canal to-day.

**CANADA'S NEW LOAN.**

OTTAWA, Sept. 19.—The Finance Department this evening announced the sale of fifty million dollars five per cent. bonds, twenty years, to meet maturing obligations. The issue is to the Canadian, with principal and interest payable in Canada. The purchasers are a Canadian syndicate.

**BEHRING SEACOAST STORM.**

NOME, Alaska, Sept. 19.—Raging seas are sweeping Behring seacoast for a distance of one hundred miles eastward and westward of Nome. Grave fears are felt for the safety of the schooners Sea Wolf, Silver Wave, Teddy Bear, and Nokaiak, which are more than a week overdue at Nome from ports to the westward.

**PLANS FOR AMUNDSEN'S FLIGHT COMPLETE.**

SEATTLE, Sept. 19.—H. H. Hammer, American representative of Captain Ronald Amundsen, arrived here last night from Norway, and met his chief, who has returned from Wainwright, Alaska. Mr. Hammer assured Captain Amundsen that all preparations were completed for the latter to fly over the North Pole next summer, the course to be from Spitzbergen to Alaska. Mr. Hammer was in Spitzbergen this summer to arrange for the flight from Wainwright over the Pole, which Captain Amundsen was forced to abandon owing to an accident to his plane.

**DOWN ON THEIR UPPERS.**

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 19.—Thirty-nine, gentlemen adventurers, who arrived here on August 25th, on board the yacht Frontiersman, in a trail-blazing voyage in the interests of a British airplane flight around the world next year, to-day were said to face the possibility of becoming "long-shoremen at Los Angeles harbor. The yacht has been seized by Federal officers for a violation of the liquor laws and libelled by commercial firms twice for alleged debts, and the ship's surgeon has been stricken with malaria. Many of the men, who resigned all kinds of positions for the adventure of the voyage, are war heroes and never have worked as longshoremen, but they are said to consider that work in the near future.

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**TERRA NOVA COUNCIL OFFICERS.**  
The election of officers of Terra Nova Council No. 1452, was held at the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 18th; the following being elected for the ensuing term:  
Grand Knight—John F. Meehan.  
Deputy Grand Knight—J. G. Higgins, B.A.  
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Outside Guards—M. F. Hackett, J. P. Taate.  
Trustees—E. T. Furlong, J. J. Sinnott, Peter O'Mara.

Dr. A. F. Perkins has resumed his practice.—sept11.t

**Styles Change in the Movies as Elsewhere.**

Movie styles must be changed just the same as the fashion in clothes. Sheik plots, stories of the great outdoors and films depicting a burdened old mother have about run their course for a time at least. And now comes the vampire back into her own just the same as mother will return when the cycle goes around.

The screen vampire has been under cover for the past five years. William Fox discovered her, and William Fox put her back on the shelf. No American producer or actress has been brave enough during that period to venture forth in a film that touched upon the seduction of the male by the female. But the bars are down now.

The cry for something different on the silver sheet is responsible for the William Fox turning back to the good—or the bad, as you choose—old days. "A Fool There Was" was the first film that identified the vampire as an established figure on the screen. William Fox has made a revised edition of it with an all-star cast. It is to be the attraction at the Majestic Theatre to-day and is expected to bring the vampire leading woman back to her pedestal once more.

Estelle Taylor, a beautiful brunette, with wonderful eyes and a mass of black hair, is the lady who will do the luring. A comparatively newcomer to the screen, Miss Taylor has shown capabilities in "When New York Sleeps," "Blind Wives" and "Monte Cristo" to fully entitle her to the honors that are sure to come with the role.

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**Channel Isles to Aid Britain.**

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LONDON, Sept. 19.—(Canadian Press Cable).—The committee appointed by the States of Guernsey and Jersey, Channel Islands, to consider and report upon the request made some time ago by the British Government for an annual contribution to the Imperial Exchequer recommends that in view of the Islands' right by grant and usage to be free of taxation imposed without the consent of the States they must refuse to make such annual contribution as asked for, but the State should offer the Imperial Government a contribution of £375,000 in fifteen annual payments, £25,000 of which should go towards the war pensions paid to the ex-service men of the Channel Islands and the dependents of the men who fell in the war.

In February last the Imperial Government adopted a recommendation made by the Geddes Economy Committee with regard to financial help from the Channel Islands and suggested that Guernsey should make a grant of £275,000 and Jersey £25,000. It was pointed out at the time that apart from £100,000 which Great Britain had received from each of the Islands, as a war contribution, Britain had borne the full burden of the Imperial services from which the people of the Channel Islands had benefited equally with the people of the United Kingdom.

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**Tales Worth Telling.**

GOOD STORIES OF FAMOUS PEOPLE.

Jerome K. Jerome, one of the mild-mannered of men, once found fault with a railway-station-buffet pork pie, the outside of which was hard as stone and the inside green and mouldy. The barmaid, to whom the complaint was addressed in the first instance, sent for the manager.

Bustling up importantly, that worthy began by saying: "This young lady sends me word that you are making complaints about the quality of the pork pies sold here. Let me tell you that these pies are made under my personal supervision, and let me tell you, too, sir, that I made pork pies before you were born or thought of."

"Yes," countered Jerome quietly, "and this is one of them."  
Writing in "Celebrities" Mr. Coulson Kernahan tells a good tale recounted to him by Ian MacLaren, author of "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush."

"My schoolboy son," said Ian MacLaren, "had vainly been trying to read some of my books, and in a confidential mood remarked: 'I say, father, why don't you write a proper book—one of those Jack Harkaway stories, or something of that sort, and not so much Scotch rot?'"

Many people find Browning's poetry obscure and difficult to understand. Others pretend—only pretend, mind—that it is just the reverse.

One of these latter remarked that only very dense folk brought against Browning the charge of obscurity; and that, speaking for himself, he had never read a line of Browning's that he found any difficulty in understanding.

His host took down a volume of Browning from the shelf, turned to a page, the meaning of which could hardly be said to leap to the eye, and read it backwards, starting at the end and reading line by line.

The rhymes, of course, remained and appeared the one to follow the other in appointed order; and the reader, an eloquent and accomplished elocutionist, did his best to make what was obviously nonsense sound, at least, as if it were sense.

When he had ended, he inquired: "Is the meaning of that quite plain to you?"  
"Quite plain," was the reply. "From the beginning to the stately end, like the unchecked march to its destination of an irresistible army, I never had a moment's doubt about what the master had in his mind when he thus wrote!"

Another story on somewhat similar lines concerns a man who attended a meeting of the Browning Society. He arrived late, and when he took his seat someone was giving a reading, which the newcomer frequently interrupted by applause, and by exclaiming audibly "Exquisite!" "Incomparable!" and the like.

"May I ask you, sir," said the reader, "not to interrupt?"  
"I am sorry," was the reply, "but at a meeting of the Browning Society a member should surely be permitted to express his admiration of the master's work."

"The meeting of the Browning Society," was the answer, "is being held in a house on the opposite side of the road. This happens to be a drawing-room meeting of those interested in Chinese missions, and as a friend present expressed a wish to hear what Chinese sounded like, I was just then reading a passage in that language."

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