

# ASQUITH'S SPEECH HAS RELIEVED TENSION

## It is Now Believed France and Germany Will Be Able to Reach an Agreement Regarding Morocco—Optimism in Paris.

London, July 28.—The Moroccan situation seemed less sultry to-day, and it was generally conceded that Premier Asquith's statement had helped to clear the air and to some extent to ease the tension. It is the hope of the British government that the Algerias act has not been shown to be mere diplomatic patchwork. Some more lasting settlement will be effected, which will tranquilize the European situation as well as the Moroccan situation.

Premier Asquith's statement that Great Britain has not the least disposition to obstruct a Franco-German agreement in West Africa, it is hoped by the officials here, will dissipate the German fears that the British government is pursuing a policy of endeavor to thwart Germany's desire for territorial expansion.

It is considered a hopeful sign that King George is making definite arrangements to attend the Cowes regatta to-morrow, while the members of the cabinet are preparing to leave town for the week-end.

The London morning papers give great prominence to the statements of Premier Asquith and Mr. Balfour on the Moroccan difficulty. Editorially they deal with the situation in a tone of studied impartiality. In all, irrespective of party, express hearty approval of the government statement, and while admitting the difficulty and gravity of the situation, believe that the attitude of Great Britain, revealed in Mr. Balfour's cordial endorsement of the government's policy, will assist in a peaceful solution.

The Chronicle, a government organ, has authority to say that the international situation is easier than it was a few days ago when peace was trembling in the balance.

French Relieved.

Paris, July 28.—Great optimism prevailed at the capital to-day. Though it was admitted that the negotiations with Germany regarding the Moroccan affair remained difficult, the statement by Premier Asquith in the house yesterday and president and Premier Calvaire's advice to the French to keep cool and be prudent relieved the tension at a moment when relief was most needed and the discreet military preparation of the government were giving rise to the apprehension that was not impossible.

These preparations include orders to the cavalry to be ready for the field at the first signal, the heavy provisioning of the forces on the eastern

frontier by special supply trains run out of Paris at night, and the mustering of all regiments to their full quota. It is understood that Baron Von Kiderlin-Waechter, the German foreign secretary, who is conducting the negotiations with Jules Cambon, the French ambassador at Berlin, has modified his original programme and is now asking for a part instead of the whole coast of French Congo, but at the same time naming other conditions which France would find difficulty in accepting. Nevertheless there is a strong feeling that a solution will be found.

The morning papers welcome Mr. Asquith's speech as clarifying the situation and hastening a decision. The Pigeon understands that Emperor William told private friends that the Moroccan question could be settled amicably with France.

Cabinet Meeting.

Rambrouet, France, July 28.—At the conclusion of the cabinet meeting to-day, when President Fallieres presided, two official announcements were made. The first was that Foreign Secretary de Seives, in explaining to his colleagues the external political situation, had said that the four parliaments between France and Germany were proceeding normally.

The second announcement was that the cabinet had decided on the reorganization of the army, which represents the "compromise" without which the republic for the last forty years.

Regard Settlement as Probable.

Berlin, July 28.—It is believed in official circles that France and Germany will be able to untie the African knot by direct negotiations and without opening the door to the participation of Great Britain and the other powers. Rosy optimism, however, was not manifested to-day.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, and probably Foreign Secretary Baron von Kiderlin-Waechter, leave to-day to join Emperor William, who will arrive at Swinemunde from his cruise in northern waters, before proceeding to the meeting.

The foreign office was fully prepared for Premier Asquith's statement and now confirms that it had earlier assurances that Great Britain would not interfere so long as Germany and France were trying to settle the matter directly, and also that Chancellor Lloyd George's speech was not meant as a veto of a Franco-German arrangement on the basis of a French Congo understanding as a section of the British press had intimated.



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# DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT WILL NOT BE LATER THAN NEXT WEEK

## Opposition Still Obstructing—Naval Agreement Submitted by Premier

Ottawa, July 28.—Obstruction was again resumed in the Commons by the opposition to-day, and the government's motion to proceed with the reciprocity agreement was again stalled by obstructionists, who took the Newmarket canal as the subject for their time-killing talk.

At the opening Hon. H. R. Emerson scored on the obstructionists neatly by suggesting that the House should consider the advisability of revision of the rules so as to expedite public business. He gravely told of the efforts of an African tribe to curb verbosity by decreeing that every public orator should stand on one leg only, when making a speech. If the other leg were brought to the ground the orator must cease.

The obstructionists greeted Mr. Emerson's suggestion with hostile clamor, but he solemnly explained, amid loud roars of laughter, that such a proposal could have no reference to the honorable gentlemen opposite, since they had no legs whistever to stand on. Dissolution is now expected at any time. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Earl Grey are in frequent conference, and the Premier is only waiting for the psychological moment to give the word. The present force may end to-morrow, or at any rate dissolution will not be delayed longer than Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

The Premier tabled the naval agreement reached at the Imperial conference in regard to co-operation of Dominion navies with the British fleet. The agreement provides that the naval services of the Dominions shall be exclusively under control of the respective governments. Training and discipline shall be uniform with the British fleet. In foreign waters the Dominion ships shall report and take orders from the Admiralty. When British and Dominion ships meet, the senior officer shall have command in all matters of ceremony or international intercourse. The admiralty will attend the Dominion officers and seamen required during the development period. In time of war when any Dominion naval service is put at the disposal of the Imperial government, then or at any rate an integral part of the British fleet, remaining under the admiralty throughout the war.

### CENSUS RETURNS MUST SOON BE IN

### Anyone Left Unrecorded by Chance Should Come Forward at Once

It has now been definitely announced by the Census Department at Ottawa that all returns for the census are to be in by August 1, so that after that date no further names can be received.

It is not, of course, known how absolutely thoroughly the enumerators have covered the ground but there is no doubt, judging by former experiences, that some people will probably be omitted from the count unless they come forward now and register their names. It is scarcely necessary to say that it is most important from many standpoints that this city should show the population which it is entitled to receive for the census. It is a matter for regret if owing to any being missed, it should fall short of its full quota.

This is not any reflection on the capacity of the officials to carry out the work, it being a well-recognized fact that under the system in vogue in all countries it is impossible to obtain absolutely complete census returns. It is, therefore, to be regretted that the names and residences of this city whose names have not yet been taken will lose no time in notifying Thomas J. W. Hick, Brunswick Hotel, census commissioner for Victoria. The same thing applies to Oak Bay and Esquimalt, in Nanaimo federal constituency, the commissioner for which is J. C. McIntosh, Esquimalt (phone M1436).

### ROUND WORLD TOUR.

Paris, July 28.—Jagerschmidt's record-breaking round-the-world tour continues on schedule time. It is now practically assured that he will arrive in Vladivostok on time, completing what was regarded as the most critical stage of the journey for delay. He is a reporter for a Paris newspaper. Excelsior. He telegraphed the Excelsior from Ichita as follows: "Heat here is intolerable, the dust fills the sleeping cars, but thus far there have been no deaths. Should reach Manchuria to-morrow morning."

### RAILWAY EXTENSION.

Regina, Sask., July 28.—The Grand Trunk Pacific has not yet decided upon plans in the vicinity of Weyburn. A branch from the Regina-Boundary line will be built to Weyburn and an extension built in some directions, but whether it is not yet decided. The lines to the boundary and into Montana to connect with the Hill lines reported some time ago to be settled upon. It is one of several plans that the engineers are now working upon.

### FIVE DAYS WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER

### Twelve Fishermen Rescued by Cutters Off Coast of Alaska

San Francisco, Cal., July 28.—Details of the rescue of twelve fishermen of the crew of the fishing schooner Vega off Cape Hancock, Alaska, were brought by the schooner Galilee, which arrived here yesterday. The fishermen drift in a small dory, battling with a terrific gale for five days without food or water.

The Vega had anchored off Cape Hancock. The boarding was out when the gale arose and the officers of the Vega were compelled to slip their cables and stand to sea, abandoning their dories. Five days later the dories were picked up by the revenue cutters Manning and Rush. All the fishermen were unconscious but were soon revived when given food and water. The boats were found within a mile of one another.

### RISKS LIFE FOR DOG.

Drives Report, B. C., July 28.—To save the life of "Jack," a bull terrier which got entangled in the thick seaweed, Harry M. Lever risked his own life in the icy cold waters and dangerous undertows of the harbor yesterday afternoon. The dog was the mascot of the construction gang on the new government marine station and had jumped into the water after a piece of wood. Lever, on the gang, seeing the dog entangled in the weeds and hearing its yelps, threw off his clothes, dived from the wharf and reached the dog just in time to save his life. "Jack" now refuses to leave Lever's side.

### CHILD'S ESCAPE.

Belleham, Wash., July 28.—Twelve-year-old Grace Watson, carrying her mother's dinner to him at the Paries Ferry Sawmill Company, was struck by a train and hurled high in the air. She was thrown forty feet from the track, and was unscathed with no more serious injuries than a scratch on the right hand.

The little girl was taken into the office of a mill company and a physician summoned, who, after examination, pronounced her as sound as a dollar.

### NO FIGHTING NEAR CAPITAL.

Petersburg, July 28.—A dispatch from Toheran, Persia, states that a Russian minister has declared that Russia will not permit a battle within twenty miles of the capital.

### DOMINIONS BUILT ON ROCK OF FREEDOM

### London Liberal Editor's Views on the Recent Imperial Conference

London, July 28.—A. G. Gardiner, editor of the Daily News, London, writing in the Contemporary Review, says that the Imperial Conference has demonstrated the utter impracticability of the Imperialists' scheme of Empire and the sufficiency of Liberal schemes. It has revealed the overseas dominions as no longer in political eclipse. It has revealed the existence of communities, strong, self-reliant and independent, which have opened up the prairies and waste places of the earth to build their state upon the rock of freedom, and which love the Mother Land devotedly because she respects that freedom. The Conservative vision of Empire as a comet whose tail is the office of the Tariff Reform League, is dissipated forever, he says.

Mr. Gardiner continues by recalling the eighteenth century triumph of the Imperialists, which, he asserts, cost their country the American colonies despite Burke's majestic protest, in which the principles of Liberalism have been enshrined for all time to come.

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