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BRITISH OR BOER?

Can Smuts save South Africa for energy, and had a remarkable capacity It is viewed through political spec-Empire? This is the momentous for work. His superiors noted that he tacles. It has been said that every man speeding through miles Empire? This is the momentous estion to be answered in the elec-ins which are expected in June. Had the lived the danger would be less inacing. He and Smuts together, by enacing. He and Smuts together, by time his obvious fitness opened doors of larger opportunity and one imeir courage and influence, were able keep the loyal element in safe com-to him in an organization in which and of the situation. Today the to him in an organization in which to him in an organization in w intry shows a growing anti-British merit and capacity outweigh every active in civic affairs and for sixteen and of the situation. Today the other influence. An army of employes years served as a valued and vigilant ndency which makes the coming came to recognize in Crowley a man member of the School Board. He impaign one of very grave import. Much depends upon the Laborites who in the last election won comparatively every man's work, whether in the community and its deep sympathy will shops or in the yard, or on the road. be extended to the bereaved. ew seats. This party is made up mainstops of men of British birth or descent, He had not only won the chief com-

iv of men of British birth of descent, int it has been allied with the Nation-ulats and if it should assent to their beparatist policy and Smuts should be beaten the outcome might be civil war beaten the outcome might beat the outcome might be civil war beaten the outcome might beat the or the setting up of a republic in which is worth while for boys and young men a private enterprise. the British and other loyal elements who yet have their way to make is

who yet have then any or a possible in 1921 political conditions had be-come dangerous and Sir Thomas Smartt, leader of the British group, allied himself with General Smuts, who had succeeded Botha as head of the loyal Dutch party. The allied proups formed the South African party, and made war upon the Nation allists led by General Hertzog, who are secessionists, and the Laborites who were opposed to Smuts, charging him with unduly favoring the big mining referests. General Hertzog's slogan was South Africa a Republic." The loyalould not live.

examples. Yet there is no denying the fact that in answer to the cry for coonomy the Government pulled in its horns very extensively, too extensively says every community where justified federal expenditures have long been awaited. That the regular ordinary ex-penditures of 1922-23 were less by \$32-000,000 than in 1913-14 tells quite a story in itself. Regardless of political affiliation

Regardless of political affiliation THE FIRST ROBIN verybody seems to welcome the cut in the sales tax. If it has any friends they whence has ne come? Along what weary route?

dependable and studious, full of are silent. Tariff reduction is different. Cleaving the air with and fleet,

To bring a waiting world the song of Spring.

tioning, He seeks again the haunts of last

year's nest-The cold, stark earth, the bare-boughed, who knew thoroughly every branch of stood high in several of the fraternal naked trees

the business, who was familiar with orders. His death is a real loss to the Awake no terror breast.

He only knows a few more weeks will bring

Premier Veniot is commended by Green grass, and leaves, and apple blos-soming.

a Splendid First aid Remedy for Colds, Cuts, Burns,

Wild ecstasy with which his heart is filled, And, robin, listening to your melody,

IN LIGHTER VEIN. Revenge Mr .- "Huh! Isn't dinner ready yet?" Mrs. ((sweetly)-"Why, no, dear, you see I got it ready by the clock-the

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Come Now, it's impossible Blinks—"They're wonders, all right." Jinks—"In what way?" Blinks-"They own a car and yet are able to keep exactly within the budget they doped out the first of the year."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

"You've broken with Billie?" "Yes, he said he couldn't afford to HOLDS SPECIAL SONG SERVICE. The "Prodical Son in Song," filled take me to the annual ball this year. "A very sensible young man. He should be commended for his courage." "That may be, but I'm afraid that a man who is that sensible before martake me to the annual ball this year." criptural version. Thomas Guy and Harry Shaw, Mrs. Thomas Guy and

Miss Blenda Thompson were sololsts and were assisted by a large chorus.

riage will be unbearable after mar-riage."-Detroit Free Press. The renditions of the male quartette Young and Shaw, and that of the mfx-Solution of the male quartette ed quartette, Messrs. Guy and Shaw, Miss Blenda Thomson and Mrs. Thom-as Guy, were especially appreciated.



uth Africa a Republic." The loyal-demonstrated their fitness to fill them " meaning a nation within the there is merit behind it. They are on or tish Commonwealth.

That election gave Smuts a clear mawent to a Constitutional Democrat. Since then the by-elections have re-ulted in bringing Smuts' majority definite mark before him, and has not Mr. Edison jue ulted in bringing Smuts' majority down to the vanishing point. It was arrow enough to start with, and imediately after the election Hertzog opped talking about breaking the ish connection and so was able to gain some additional support outside

the towns. It may be that the Nationalists will the presidency. not unfurl the secessionist banner in

the coming campaign, but they will raise it quickly enough if they and their allies can succeed in defeating the This country has a debt of \$2,400,-THE MONEY. government which has just confessed 000,000, mostly due to the war. The that its majority is so precarious as to fashion in which the war's legacy raise a doubt as to whether it com- revolutionized federal taxation is remands the confidence of the country. markable enough. For example who In reality Hertzog is the spearhead of realizes that the Dominion's ordinary the unreconciled Boers, and if Labor expenditures were less in 1922-28 than for its own ends plays into his hands they were in 1913-14?

to the overthrow of Smuts, who put The country in 1923 raised in federal down the Rand revolt in 1922 with an revenue no less than \$484,452,340 as inon hand, the resulting conditions compared with \$186,241,048 in 1913-14. would be confusion and racial hatred It is a striking fact, too, that at fever pitch, with civil war and a while the uncontrollable expenditures mand for British intervention among amounted to only \$27,513,000 in 1914,

the possibilities. The task before General Smuts is Perhaps it means little to the one of immense gravity and signifi-cance. In spite of the constant effort the expenditures were reduced by cance. In spite of the constant effort be has made to make South Africa worthy of Britain's generous gift of sife-government after the Boer war, there apparently has been of late a growth of separatist sentiment. The testing time is at hand again, and before it is over there may be written 1922-23 they were \$126,127,000, alanother troubled chapter in Empire though today's dollar will buy only history. One thing is certain-there are two-thirds as much as that of 1914. powerful forces in South Africa which will never submit to the setting up of demobilization the Government made Boer republic, no matter what re- provision for pensions, for soldiers' reestablishment, and for interest on stance might involve. the war debt, but not for the

FROM MESSENGER BOY TO PRESIDENT.

No matter how poor a boy is when on a national debt of \$2,400,000,000. he sets out to face the world, if he This interest-\$137,892,000-is one of has aptitude, health, a capacity for the uncontrollable expenditures. Penhard work, and a determination to get sions, civil re-establishment, soldiers' along, it is hard to stop him short of land settlement and other war inherinuccess, sometimes of very great suc- tances brought the total war expendicess. He will make opportunities for tures up to \$191,532,000 in 1923, or more than \$5,000,000 in excess of our y others which come along. If he is total expenditures for all purposes in content merely to plod along, others 1913-14. But there were other great mass him in the race, and in these days amounts which were beyond the Govhe race demands ambition and tena- ernment's control in that year, among dity of purpose, though, to be sure, them \$83,843,000 in advances to the apportunities are many where in the national railways and the Canadian older days they were comparatively Government marine. If we add to these subsidies to the provinces, únemploy

A case in point is that of Patrick ment relief, statutory grants for high-E. Crowley, the new president of the ways, for technical education and for Heading New York Central Railroad. Crowley agriculture, and include the \$191,582,had to go to work before he had any 000 for interest and other payments and ducation to speak of. He educated due to the war, the total of uncontrol ducation to speak of. He educated due to the war, the total of \$308,000,000 able outlay in 1923 rises to \$308,000,000 Cooking be was fourteen he was a messenger out of the total of \$434,500,000 that by in the employ of the Eric Rail- was spent.

had, and the ordinary observer would It is remarkable that of the whole Appliances are pave said that his chances were poor expenditure more than seventy per nough. But somehow he found time cent. was paid out automatically. In High Quality. to study telegraphy-a business which, addition to this the present adminisby the way, has been a stepping stone tration-as all governments are-was for many to greater things-and with- committed to large expenditures on in a year he was a talegraph operator. enterprises begun by its predecessors. Later he became a station agent, and As to the wisdom of some of the ordithen a train desptcher, and at twenty-nary expenditure of 1928 there is, of see them.

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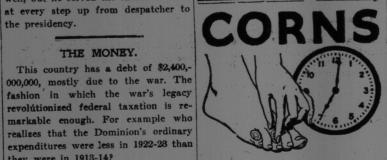
ork Central, where despatchers are many works of necessity in New mimerous enough to make up a bri-mimerous enough to make up a bri-rade. But he was not just an ordinary inces, which it is not good economy to postpone. In St. John alone the worked hard, read much, and learned breakwater extension, the new stamuch of the railroad business. He was tion and new C. N. R. piers are crying Phone M. 2152 91 Germain St.

cost of the war itself. This latter it

financed on borrowed money, and to-

day, as a result, we are paying interest

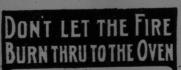
motto was "South Africa a Na- They quickly recognize ambition if Mr. Edison has just exp the look out for men in the ranks who are stepping on the heels of those words: That election gave Smuts a clear may rity over all the other parties, the tanding being: South African, 74; Nationalist, 46; Labor, 14. One seat went to a Constitutional Democrat. sacrifice is necessary to reach it. As-suming a reasonable degree of intelli-a telescope, and oannot find God." gence, work is best of all the keys to The fact is, sence, work is best of all the keys to opportunity. It does not knock on the covered by means of a telescr up Edison; a soul is not to God is not to be heid the Laborites in close alliance and the summons. Crowley served himself ceived of merely by the brain; it needs well, but he served the railroad better



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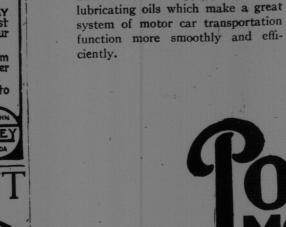
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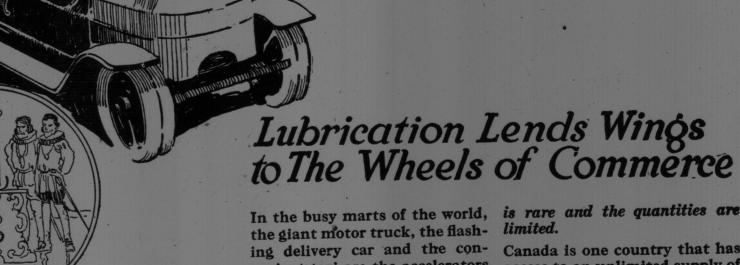


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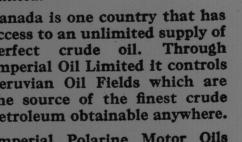
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