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### MR. MEIGHEN'S DILEMMA

The Ottawa correspondent of Conservative newspapers like the Montreal Gazette are saying that Premier Meighen personally favors an early appeal to the people. The Ottawa Journal is inclined to believe the elections will soon occur. These papers agree that most of Mr. Meighen's supporters in the house are opposed to an appeal to the country before another session, and the reason is quite obvious. Another seasonal allowance is much to be desired, and very few of the members have any hope of being in the new house. Mr. Meighen, however, has to consider his own position as leader and it may possibly lead him to disregard the views of any but those who advise him to consider the future, not of individuals, but of the party. To cling longer to office might, and undoubtedly would be to invite a more crushing defeat, and leave the Conservative party in a still worse position. The wildest optimist does not contend that the government will be sustained in the general elections. The cabinet has not been reorganised, and it has lost the confidence of the people. To attempt reorganisation now would be an extremely difficult task, since everybody can see whether the political tide is tending, and no man relies the prospect of defeat. If Mr. Meighen faces the issue now and goes down, he might at least be the leader of a fairly strong opposition, and he is not an old man. A number of his colleagues are ready for the retired list, and are a source of weakness to the government at the present time. The choice the premier has to make is whether he is ready to accept defeat now or wait and accept a worse one.

### IN IRELAND

Premier Lloyd George, on behalf of the British government, has offered Ireland such a measure of home rule as even the Home Rulers themselves in years gone by never dreamed of. Mr. De Valera has replied with a demand for Irish independence. Sir James Craig, speaking for Ulster, has made it clear that Ulster stands by its parliament and the imperial connection. The "republican parliament" meets today in Dublin for a four days' session to consider the situation. It has to choose between the very generous terms of the British government, which Gen. Smuts very strongly urges it to adopt, and a renewal of bitter strife. The government has made it clear that separation is not to be considered for a moment. The hour of decision is at hand. The true has given the people time for reflection, and it may be that the extremists will be outnumbered. There is a suggestion that the question may be submitted to a plebiscite of the people of southern Ireland, or that a new "parliament" may be elected. The general tone of discussion is still optimistic, perhaps because few persons can persuade themselves to believe the Irish people would deliberately choose war in the face of a measure of home rule so broad that one Ulster journal asserts it would, if given effect, disrupt the Empire. There can be no doubt that if the terms offered are flatly rejected the conditions in Ireland will be made infinitely worse than they have ever been. The door is still open, however, and the counsels of Gen. Smuts may yet prevail.

### ROCKWOOD MEMORIAL

The Rockwood Park memorial, erected in memory of seven young men who gave their lives in the great war, is a tribute to the patriotic zeal of the young ladies who form the Rockwood Comfort Club; and it is a memorial which through the coming years will remind all visitors to the Public Gardens that they who fell in the cause of right and for the preservation of the British Empire and the great principles of democracy are not forgotten. It is well to have these monuments erected, to record for future generations the deeds of brave men gone before, which preserved the heritage of Canadians and advanced the cause of Christian civilization. We reflect all too little in this age of universal hurry and mad pursuit of worldly aims, and it is well if now and then the sight of a monument such as the Rockwood Park memorial of enduring granite causes us to pause and reflect upon those principles and virtues which are the guarantee of human welfare in every age and clime.

The announcement that Premier Briand of France will attend the Washington conference encourages the belief that Premier Lloyd George will also attend. A conference of such transcendent possibilities calls for the presence of national leaders.

The United States and Great Britain are planning great battleships. One writer aptly observes that they seem to be arming for the disarmament conference. That conference, however, may have a very marked effect upon the armament for battleships.

A bug that eats the potato bug has been discovered in Ontario. We are all interested in this bug. May his tribe increase.

### LIGHTER VEIN.

A Candid View.  
"You have been returned to your distinguished position many times."  
"I have," replied Senator Sorghum.  
"Your constituents felt they couldn't do better."  
"I wouldn't say that. They were afraid they might do worse."—Washington Star.

### Strained Music.

The organist at Gloucester Cathedral declares that the present vogue of wearing hair over the eyes is responsible for a lot of poor singing. His opinion is open to criticism, but it is generally admitted that it would be better if some singers wore the hair over their mouths instead.—Eve (London).

### Proud Moment.

An old gentleman was interviewing applicants for the post of gardener. He was looking at a pupil to a night school, but the old gentleman thought he would give him a fair chance.

"How long were you in your last place?" he asked.  
"Off his guard, the applicant replied: "A month, sir."  
"Eh! that's not long. And the place before that?"  
"The months, sir," the applicant replied boldly.

"That's better now; and the time before that?"  
The applicant drew himself up proudly as he said: "There weren't no time before that, sir. I got off with a \$10 fine."—Los Angeles Times.

Her name was Fannie Adams, her color Cuban brown, her age sixty, and she came as a pupil to a night school. She announced and teacher wrote it for her and set her to copying it. She had to teach Fannie Adams after the first had been accomplished. Night after night a class of women sat in the same class-room learning to write it without the copy—and she was seen no more in class. But three months later, to the surprise and satisfaction of teacher, she looked up one night to behold Fannie Adams among her pupils. "Well, Fannie," she said, "did you want to learn to write?"  
"Yes, ma'am," she said, "but you did learn to do it, didn't you?"  
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### SAY COAL COMPANY OWES THE MINERS

Sydney U. M. W. Intends to Place Lien on One of Port Hood Coal Mines.

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 16.—Unless the wage money is forthcoming, the United Mine Workers will place a lien on the coal mines at Port Hood, J. B. McLachlan, district United Mine Workers' secretary, stated yesterday.

### THE ADVANCE OF EDUCATION IN PALESTINE MARKED

London, July 30.—So comprehensive is the education plan of the government of Palestine that, at the present rate of progress, the whole country will be provided with schools within four years, it is announced here.

### SAYS TENNESSEE "DEVIL" MAY BE INDIAN RELIC

50-Pound Winged Indians, Dug Up by Coal Prospector, Perhaps Carved by Cliff Dwellers.

### GOVERNOR SMALL

Of Illinois, the indicted governor. He says: "It is a hard job working for the interests of the people."

### A NOTABLE CONVERSION.

The Mail and Empire asks, "What other question of world politics transcends that of bringing the British Empire and the United States into operation for promoting and maintaining the peace of the world?" We freely admit the importance of that object, and we agree with our contemporary that such an entente has been the dream of many of the largest minded friends of mankind. It goes on to say that Mr. Meighen's strongest party opponent should be willing to render him full credit for the signal service he did to Canada, to the empire, and to the world by removing a wedge of distrust between Great Britain and the United States.

We have no desire to withhold credit from Mr. Meighen for taking a friendly attitude toward the United States, but we cannot forget that he and his party friends, and the Mail and Empire itself, are very recent converts to that position. Until recently it was their fashion to denounce the Liberal party as pro-American. Twice at least—in 1891 and in 1911—the Liberal party proposed a union with the United States. Not content with opposing the project on economic grounds, which was legitimate enough, the Conservative party described it as a disguise for a movement for political union. Liberals were branded as traitors to Canada and the empire, while Americans were accused of slyly endeavoring to entrap Canada into annexation. Their neighbors were described in most unfriendly terms, and every possible effort was made to arouse anti-American prejudice in Canada. Even within the past year the campaign literature of the Conservative party said to those who were advocating duties in Canada were friends of the American manufacturers, and were no better than friends of the Kaiser. There was evidence that a vigorous anti-American campaign would be part of the programme for keeping the Meighen government in office.

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