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**ULSTER CABINET TO MEET AND
CONSIDER RELATIONS BETWEEN
NORTH AND SOUTH OF IRELAND****Sinn Fein Leaders to
Frame Reply to British
Government****IRISH CLERGY
TAKING ACTION****Addresses by De Valera
And Other Irish Lead-
ers Yesterday.**

Dublin, Aug. 23.—Irish Republican leaders gathered here to frame the reply to the British government's offer of Dominion status for Ireland, divided their activities today between the secret sessions of the Dail Eireann and a meeting of the executive committee of the Sinn Fein.

The meetings of the two bodies were held in the Mansion House, and it was believed both would concern themselves with the attitude taken by the Irish republicans toward the terms laid down by Premier Lloyd-George as the basis of a settlement of the Irish controversy.

Meetings of the Sinn Fein executive committee were placed under ban long ago by the British government, and so far as known the prohibition has never been lifted. When it was announced the committee would meet there was some apprehension lest crown forces would interfere in the gathering, but up until this morning no intimation had been given that British authorities in Ireland frowned on the proposed assembly.

The Church Intervenes
Considerable speculation was caused here last night by the delivery of a message to Mr. De Valera by Monsignor Edward Mulhern, Bishop of Down. It was asserted the message had not come from Cardinal Logue, head of the Catholic Church in Ireland, but there was no further information relative to the origin of the message, except it came from "highest authority." It was the subject of protracted consultations by the Sinn Fein leaders. Shortly after the Dail Eireann convened, it was declared in some quarters that the Irish clergy was urging such action as would preclude resumption of war between the republican forces and the British soldiery or constabulary.

Two sessions of the Dail Eireann were held yesterday and while details of them were withheld it was understood that the deputies asked Eamon De Valera and his colleagues for explanation of various phases of the situation. It was indicative that no extended addresses were made, with the exception of speeches by Mr. De Valera or others in the course of the provisional republican government.

These addresses, it was declared, were made only in response to questions by deputies. Actual framing of the Irish answer that will be sent to London was apparently postponed.

Sir James Craig, Premier of Ulster, planned to meet his cabinet at Belfast today, and it was believed probable that relations between Belfast and Dublin would be considered.

Disorders at Belfast.
Belfast, Aug. 23.—Sunday night's bomb throwing in Tyrone street was followed up in the same area by sharp rifle and revolver firing last night. A hand grenade also was used, but failed to explode. A number of lamps had been extinguished to prevent detection of the participants in the firing. The disturbances continued during the curfew time. Belfast is the only part of Ireland where the curfew is now in operation.

**BRITISH M. P. TO
RESIGN POSITION**

London, Aug. 23.—Sir Charles Hanson, at one time associated with the Montreal stock broking firm of Hanson & Ferguson, will retire from the representation in the House of Commons of Bodmin, in Cornwall, at the close of the present parliamentary session, owing to ill-health.

Sir Charles has recently resigned as alderman of the city of London. He was a partner of the late Sir E. Coates.

**Giant Dirigible to Make
Trial Trip in England Today**

British and United States Officers in Charge of the Great Baloon Which Will Shortly Wing Its Way Across the Atlantic to American Shores

Howden, England, Aug. 23.—The dirigible Z. R. 2, purchased from Great Britain by the United States, commenced a trial trip at 7.10 o'clock this morning. British and United States aerial officers were in charge of the giant balloon, which will start on its flight across the Atlantic to the United States as soon as practicable.

If the conclusion of today's test should be successful, Commander Maxwell, with the concurrence of the Naval Department in Washington, will take over the craft. The next step will be the training of the crew in one or two 15 or 20 hour flights and then, barring unexpected difficulties, all will be ready for the jump off toward America.

**An Independent Republic
For Ireland Impossible**

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.]
NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—As an indication of the views held by British Dominions toward the Irish peace negotiations, the New York Times this morning publishes the following:

Australian cable despatches received here show that the Melbourne Argus and The Morning Herald of Sydney refuse to believe that de Valera proposes to plunge Ireland back into strife.

The Morning Herald says the right of secession can no more be granted to Ireland than to the Southern States of America.

The Melbourne Age calls the claim for an independent republic utterly impossible.

The Sydney Herald refuses to believe that de Valera is serious. The Telegraph thinks he must merely be manoeuvring.

The Sydney News praises England for the generosity of the offer.

The Central News reports that at Sydney there is wide regret among Irishmen over de Valera's refusal of the proposal.

South African comment takes the same lines as the Australian. Disappointment at de Valera's action is emphasized.

The Cape Times warns him that in case of failure the Empire will know where to place the responsibility.

**THE RAILWAY MEN
PASS RESOLUTIONS**

Will Stand by Whatever Action the Railway Employees Department May Take

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.]
Toronto, Aug. 23.—What was practically an endorsement of the much discussed "plumb plan" for the nationalization of the railways of the United States was given by the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, in adoption at the closing meeting of their convention at Massey Hall of the minority report on industrial democracy of the American Federation of Labor.

In dealing with the situation brought about by the action of the United States Labor Board in doing away with the present system of overtime pay for Sundays and holidays, the convention headed the request of the railway Employees Department of the American Federation of Labor that no precipitate action be taken.

Accordingly they passed a resolution voicing their readiness to stand by whatever action the Railway Employees Department might feel to be necessary, that body having before it assurance that it had the matter well in hand.

**NEW YORK EXPECTS
A DROP IN RENTS**

Counsel of Rent-Profiteering Commission Says Reductions Coming Sure

New York, Aug. 23.—The present effort of landlords to increase apartment rentals is a last desperate attempt to "get all they can" before a general drop in rents, which is bound to come in the fall in the opinion of J. P. Wilson, chief counsel for the Mayor's committee on rent profiteering.

A decided decrease in rents is certain in the near future, Mr. Wilson asserts, because there are more apartments vacant now than there have been in years.

"When one or two landlords realize that they cannot hope for more rent when wages are being reduced steadily," Mr. Wilson said, "and they accept the condition and try to make the best of it, other landlords will follow and there will be a general reduction."

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**SAYS ALCOHOL
OBSTACLE TO
WORLD PEACE**

Swiss President Paints Dependent Picture of European Situation

**SHIPPING OF LIQUOR
THROUGH THE U. S.**

Bootleggers in United States Make Enormous Profits but Skip Income Tax

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.]
Lausanne, Aug. 23.—President Schulthess, of Switzerland, opening the anti-alcoholic congress here yesterday, declared alcohol was in the first rank of "obstacles hindering world pacification."

He painted a despondent picture of Europe's economic situation, saying it was due greatly to alcoholism.

Ship Canadian Liquor Through U. S.
Montreal, Aug. 23.—Since the embargo on the shipping of liquors in bond through the United States has been lifted, it was said yesterday by Montreal agents of the Canadian distilling and importing houses that very large quantities of Canadian and imported liquors were being shipped out of Canada through the United States.

Leading agents of the distilling companies here say that the trouble in the United States had been caused by a woman official at Washington, who was so ardent a prohibitionist that she not only wanted to enforce prohibition in the United States, but also to make the laws of that country so applicable as to prevent any liquors being shipped from one country to another in bond through the United States, even though trade treaties provided for this right.

Bootleggers' Enormous Profits.
New York, Aug. 23.—Federal prosecutors and representatives of the Internal Revenue Bureau announced after a conference yesterday that agents were gathering evidence for proceedings against bootleggers for failure to pay income taxes.

Some bootleggers declare their full income and pay the tax, specifying their business as speculation, an official says, but federal agents have discovered many who have not reported profits.

Reports concerning the latest variety of new rish, the bootlegging millionaire, attained concrete form recently when a Brooklyn woman suing for alimony charged in papers filed in court that her husband made \$50,000 weekly by bootlegging.

"When I object to his business," her petition recited, "he scorns me and declares, 'you ought to be proud to be the wife of a successful bootlegger.'"

**Nova Scotia Freight
Shed Was Destroyed**

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.]
Annapolis, N. S., Aug. 23.—The freight shed at Wallace station was destroyed by fire last evening, together with eight or nine thousand feet of lumber in the near vicinity of the freight shed. The fire started in one of the lumber piles and spread to the shed.

The fire was caused by a number of volunteer fire fighters were able to remove all the freight from the building before the fire gained control. The loss will be in the vicinity of three or four thousand dollars.

**GERMAN TREATY
OF PEACE WITH U. S.**

The Document Will Be Signed Within the Next Few Days, It Is Said

Berlin, Aug. 23.—Final instructions relating to the treaty of peace between the United States and Germany have been received from Secretary Hughes by Ellis L. Dresel, United States Commissioner here, and the treaty now awaits signature by the German government. It is expected the document will be signed in the next few days at a special meeting of the cabinet, which will be attended by President Ebert. The document will bear the President's signature and will be countersigned either by Dr. Joseph Wirth, the Chancellor, or Dr. Friedrich Rosen, the Foreign Minister.

For the first time since the peace negotiations have been in progress the prospect of early resumption of the subject extended consideration, apparently much to the embarrassment of the government, which attempted to keep all discussion out of the public prints. Editorial comments have been wholly non-committal, but they have concurred in expressing satisfaction over the prospect of early resumption of friendly relations with the last of the nations which were either active belligerents, or with which diplomatic intercourse was interrupted.

**THE MEXICAN OIL
COMPANY TROUBLES**

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.]
Mexico City, Aug. 23.—The newspaper El Universal says it is informed that the heads of the important oil companies in the United States will leave New York Wednesday for Mexico City for a conference with government officials here looking toward an amicable and definite settlement of petroleum questions.

Its advice, it says, state that the meeting has the approval of the State Department. The oil companies were requested yesterday by the Department of Commerce and Industry to make a complete return of the petroleum they had on hand here July 31, and subsequent storages.

**Serious Riots in India
And Attacks on Railways**

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.]
LONDON, Aug. 23.—A Reuter cable from Calcutta says that a serious situation has arisen in Madras in consequence of rioting by the Moplah sect of Mussalmans.

The railway telegraph lines of the South Indian Railway was pulled down and a repairing party was despatched, escorted by police, but they were unable to cope with the rioters and were compelled to return. The rioters looted two post offices, and a collision is reported to have occurred at Tirunagudi. Two officers and two constables are missing. A special train is conveying troops and police to the scene of the disturbance, the cause of which is at present unknown.

**General Opinion at Ottawa
That Present is Not Desirable
Time to Appeal to the People**

Premier Meighen Recognizes the Duty of Following Up a Census by a Redistribution Bill and This Will Likely Influence Him in Favor of Another Session

[Special despatch to The Daily Gleaner.]
Ottawa, Aug. 23.—A constant stream of members of Parliament, newspaper editors and others, presumed to be in touch with public opinion, particularly in Eastern Canada, has been passing through the capital during the last few days, consulting with the Premier and giving opinions as to the advisability, or otherwise, of a general election. Their views differ considerably, but the general burden of advice appears to be that the present is not an auspicious time to appeal to the people, and the opinion is growing that the Government will face Parliament once more.

The feeling of Premier Meighen on the subject is understood to be divided between an inclination to appeal to the people at once and a desire to pass a redistribution measure first, with the probability that the last named consideration will prove paramount. He is desirous of avoiding the appearance of unduly clinging to office and, if there were no question of redistribution to be considered, would probably decide for an election this autumn. He feels it incumbent on the Government, however, to recognize the duty of following up the census with a redistribution bill according to custom, and this will likely influence him in favor of another session and the passing of such a measure.

Others have been doubts expressed by opponents of the Government, particularly by the Farmers' party, which draws its strength so largely from the rural constituencies, as to the nature of such a measure. The suggestion has been freely made that the representation of the cities will be heavily increased as a means of combatting the Agrarian movement. The urban constituencies are now considerably under-represented, and a redistribution measure designed to alter this might fairly be passed. Yet there are other features to be considered. The redistribution measure, therefore, may be expected to be one which will arouse little controversy.

There is a cabinet council today.

**PANAMA TROOPS
HELD IN READINESS**

Will March on Border Should Costa Ricans Occupy Town of Coto

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.]
Panama, Aug. 23.—Panama's reply to the latest note from the United States' Secretary of State in which Panama was told that disputed territory along the Costa Rican frontier of this country would be placed under the jurisdiction of Costa Rica, has been considered by the Panamanian cabinet and possibly well be delivered on Wednesday.

United States diplomatic officials here are reticent regarding the situation, but it is known that the Panamanian reply has not as yet gone forward to Washington.

Although it is generally reported that armed forces have already been ordered to advance to Coto, in the disputed area, with a view to opposing possible Costa Rican occupation of that district, the most recent official declaration here indicates that troops have been dispatched only to David, a town some distance from the boundary.

It is said they have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness there to march toward Coto when ever orders are received.

REDUCE BEER PRICES

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 23.—The Provincial Liquor Control Board has announced that the price of beer would be reduced from \$4 a dozen quarts to \$3.50, and from 40 cents a single quart to 35 cents, it was learned today.

THE BRITISH CENSUS

London, Aug. 23.—It is stated unofficially that the census of England and Wales taken on June 19 will show an increase of about 2,000,000 in population notwithstanding the country's war losses.

**Moonshine Still in Operation
In a Southern School House**

Police Raid Building in West Virginia and Find Still Filled With Mash in Basement—Ten Gallon Fire Extinguisher Used as a Boiler

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.]
Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 23.—An improvised moonshine still in operation and more than six gallons of mash were found in the basement of a school building here last night by the police. The boiler or "cooker" was a ten gallon fire extinguisher from which a copper coil led to a granite kettle. The boiler was filled with mash, the police said, and more than 50 gallons more was discovered elsewhere in the basement. No arrests were made.

**MOORS DRIVEN
BACK WITH LOSS
FROM MELILLA**

The Tribesmen Using Cannon in Operations Against Spanish Trenches

**SPANISH PREPARING
PUNITIVE EXPEDITION**

Recruiting for a Spanish Foreign Legion Now Going on at New York

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.]
Madrid, Aug. 23.—Reports that France had sent Spain a note warning her to restrain her offensive operations against the Moroccan tribesmen in the Melilla zone are officially denied here.

Moors Attacking Melilla.
Melilla, Aug. 23.—Moroccan tribesmen are increasing their attacks upon the outer zone of the Spanish defences of the city, but have been repulsed with important losses. The enemy is using cannon in his operations against the Spanish trenches.

Commanding officers of the Spanish army have begun preparations for the punitive expedition against the tribesmen.

Recruiting in United States.
New York, Aug. 23.—Recruiting for a Spanish foreign legion for service in Morocco was in progress yesterday at the Spanish consulate here. About 250 men who have been recruited since last Thursday were told to be ready to leave today for Spain. More than half of that number are United States veterans of the A. E. F. The rest are Spaniards and South Americans.

The office was crowded with applicants all day. Most of the Americans said frankly that they were broke and were looking more for three months' pay than any military excitement. Some of the more prosperous looking ones said they were looking for adventure and hoped to find it in the Moroccan deserts.

Moors' Force Dwindling.
Madrid, Aug. 23.—The new Spanish offensive against the rebellious Rif tribesmen is expected to begin before the rainy season sets in, according to the latest despatches from Melilla. It is understood Gen. Berenguer, the Spanish High Commissioner, considers the men and material at his disposal and en route will be sufficient for the purpose.

It is said that the number of the Moors who began the recent attack which resulted so disastrously to the Spaniards was not more than 20,000 men, instead of 30,000, as previously believed.

This number is declared to be rapidly decreasing and the tribesmen in the field are now computed to number not more than 12,000.

It is anticipated by officials that even this figure will soon be decreased when seed time comes.

**ORGANIZATION OF
RETAIL MERCHANTS**

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.]
Winnipeg, Aug. 23.—Establishment in all Canadian provinces of district branches of the Retail Merchants Association and the classification of all retail merchants into individual trade sections were discussed at a gathering of provincial association secretaries yesterday.

The meeting was preliminary to the annual convention of the Retail Merchants Association, which opens today.

REBUILDING AYLMER

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—In its reconstruction plans for the fire devastated section of the town of Aylmer the town council at a meeting last night made it compulsory that all building in the business section of the town be built of non-inflammable material. The restricted building will front four blocks on Main Street, with a depth of three blocks. Only stone, brick and stucco brick building with asbestos or metal roofs will be erected.