

SMUTS CRITICISM CREATES SENSATION

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Special Cable to the Canadian Press by Geo. Hamilton, Staff Correspondent.

London, Oct. 24.—The startling speech made by Premier Smuts of South Africa, at the South African dinner here last night on the European situation, has created the greatest sensation because of the silence which has hitherto been preserved in public. At one of the sittings of the Imperial Conference Premier Smuts is understood to have expressed himself in no uncertain terms, but such summaries of his remarks as were officially published bore no mention of his criticisms.

Premier Smuts has accepted five invitations and at functions which he attended previous to that of last night he has said nothing. According to one report he is not altogether satisfied with the direction in which he thinks the conference is tending and thus has taken the opportunity to express his mind.

The decision of the Canadian government to participate, if invited to attend Premier Smuts' proposed international conference on reparations, would depend, it is intimated, on the nature of the conference. If the conference were purely one of conciliation, Canada could probably accept an invitation to it, as she did to the Geneva conference.

In some quarters here the speech of the South African premier is regarded as heralding Smuts' departure from South Africa to embark on a wider field of British politics.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

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London, Oct. 24.—A supplementary distribution of naval prize money is to be made. The announcement will be of interest to Canadians who served in the R. O. N. V. R.

CLASSIFIED ADVS.—CONTINUED.

WANTED—Experienced first or second class female teacher for district 7, Parkhill, Quebec. Apply Herbert W. Caverhill, Mill St., No. 4, York Co.—2354.

WANTED—Second hand 24" smoke stack, 40 or 42 feet high. Also one rope feed drum. A. A. Bailey, Ripley, N. B.—2374.

FOR SALE—Seven room house. Modern conveniences. Freehold. Large garden in rear. Also garage. Apply phone 315-21 or 341 Union street.—2374.

FOR SALE—Good work horse, sound and kind. Also cream separator. Cheap for cash. Phone 184-11.—2374.

TO LET—Concrete bungalow at Barker's Point, York Co. Possession obtained at once. Apply to W. McKinnon.—2374.

TO LET—Small downtown flat, 250 George St. Apply to G. R. Perkins.—2374.

LOST—Monday evening at Opera House, pair sand colored wool gloves. Finder please phone 3500-32 or leave at Gleaner Office.—2374.

LOST—Amethyst brooch, between St. Dunstan's church and Queen. Finder kindly leave at Gleaner Office.—2374.

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Shots Stamped Demonstrators at Mount Joy Prison

Dublin, Oct. 24.—Shots were fired over the heads of women demonstrators outside Mount Joy prison last night. A wild stampede followed but no one was hurt.

It is announced that there has been a great decrease in the number of hunger strikers in the prison.

Dockers Strike Nears End. Dublin, Oct. 24.—The prolonged strike of the dockers and transport workers, which has caused a stagnation of trade and brought suffering to thousands of people, is coming to an end.

The Cork dockers, idle for three months, agreed yesterday to resume work forthwith on the terms suggested by the government, namely, a wage reduction of one shilling a day and the establishment of a commission to investigate the cost of living.

The executive committee of the Transport Workers' Union, meeting in Dublin last evening, decided to order all locals to arrange for the resumption of work as soon as possible.

NON. DR. PUGSLEY IS SERIOUSLY ILL

St. John, N. B., Oct. 24.—A telegram from Hon. Dr. William Pugsley, who is seriously ill at St. Luke's Hospital, Ottawa, to F. M. Ross, managing director of the St. John Dry Dock Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., expressed Dr. Pugsley's keen regret that he would be unable to attend the dry dock opening ceremony next Monday.

Dr. Pugsley explained that his physician would not permit his removal from the hospital.

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HEAVY MOVEMENT OF WESTERN GRAIN

Canadian Pacific to Eclipse All Other Records for Month of October.

[Special Despatch to The Daily Gleaner.] Winnipeg, Oct. 24.—Making the heaviest movement of western grain in the history of the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company officials stated that, at the present rate of loading grain, October would eclipse any previous records. Up to the present, 23,393 cars of grain have been moved this month, making an average daily loading so far of 1,672 cars.

Continuing until the end of the month on the same basis, more than 43,000 cars of grain would be loaded. It is anticipated, however, that the figure will reach approximately 50,000 cars, or nearly as many as the entire season movement. Since September there has been loaded 54,739 cars.

Last October, which established a record up to that date, there were 3,999 more cars loaded than in the previous heavy year of 1915, and officials believe this October will exceed last October by 5,000 cars.

Marketing of wheat continues heavy in western Canada, according to figures issued by railway officials. Loading and inspections keep pace with the marketing, the figures for the week ending being well in excess of those for the corresponding period of last year, in every department.

On Canadian Pacific lines, 2,835,555 bushels were marketed Saturday, against 2,209,039 bushels on the corresponding date a year ago. Loadings were 3,228,700 bushels, against 1,944,720, and the total loaded since September 1st is \$9,913,540, as compared with 75,729,212 for the corresponding period.

The Canadian Pacific during the past week, has loaded another 5,000,000 bushels of grain in Alberta, according to reports furnished by officials of the company on Saturday at Calgary.

During the past fortnight the total quantity of grain moved has been ten and a half million bushels, an outstanding record in grain handling for such a period in the annals of the province.

Since Sept. 1st, approximately 2,900,000 bushels of grain have been moved by the Canadian Pacific Railway to Vancouver. Permits had been issued for 8,000,000 bushels and additional permits are now being issued.

As the fifteen minutes ticked off, Herr Buhr shouted to the Separatists: "Send us a truck and two Belgian soldiers and we'll go," called down one of the men. However, after a hurried consultation between the French, Belgian and British, the Belgians decided not to interfere. A few moments later, a Separatist leaned from a window and speaking in French shouted:

"We are looking to France and Belgium to help us out of this situation. We suffered for France and Belgium and we welcome any thing they do, but we have nothing to do with these Prussians."

The time had now expired and every one was waiting tensely. Finally a voice shouted from the window:

"Within the next few minutes a truck load of blue police arrived and clearing the approaches to the building put officers were beginning to ascend when Herr Buhr called upon them to halt. After a short conversation among the Allied officers it was decided not to let the police to storm the building as this would involve more bloodshed.

Thus the situation remained at sunset. However, soon after eight o'clock lights received word that the republican movement had spread to Coblentz and that their conscripts had set up a government in that city, making it the capital. The news was received with cheers.

Until this new turn in the Separatist fortunes was made known, it appeared as though Deekers was about to surrender to the republicans, with those inside the building had been going on for some time. But after hearing the encouraging reports from Coblentz, the spirits of the beleaguered rose considerably and the word was sent to the German officials that if the latter wanted the building they should come and get it by force.

The structure was entered by British Consul and Belgian consuls, by whom Deekers arranged to send a letter to the Belgian commanding general, stating the predicament of the Separatists and demanding protection.

At ten o'clock those in the street heard the rattling of chains and the slipping of bolts from behind the big doors. It was assumed that Deekers and his company were locking up for the night.

During the negotiations between the German officials and Deekers, Republicans and Loyals became almost chummy and to satisfy the photographers who had stacked here from Paris, the leaders of the interned band agreed to come into the open if the police would give assurance there will be no firing. The officers replied they would do almost anything reason to accommodate the photographers and soon afterwards Deekers appeared at the front door with Fraulein Emily Walters, also a Separatist. These two, with 28 men, posed for the movies for a quarter of an hour.

Former Fredericton Boy Weds. Word has been received here of the marriage, which took place at Cleveland, Ohio, recently, of Frank Coburn, of Palm Beach, Fla., formerly of this city, and Miss Blodwin Edwards, of Cleveland, the ceremony taking place at St. John's Episcopal church, Cleveland. The bride is an English girl, a trained nurse, who saw service in France during the war. She made her home in Cleveland for a number of years and spent last winter in writing. Mr. Coburn went to Palm Beach about three years ago, where he is a bookkeeper in the Farmers' Bank. The honeymoon was spent at Niagara Falls and points in Canada and they have taken up their residence on Gou Road, Northwood, Palm Beach. The groom who is a brother of Mrs. John H. Walker, of this city, has many friends here who will extend hearty congratulations.

Men's Heavy Twilled Homespun Pants, regular \$4.00 quality, for \$2.35 at Oak Hall.

Declared exports \$12,126,363.

MILD IN THE YUKON. Dawson City, Oct. 24.—Unusually mild weather continues in the Yukon, which for the first time in its history continues its autumn activities in late October and enjoys unhampered navigation down the Yukon river. Good dredging operations continue and there is no sign yet of a freeze up.

Men's Tweed Suits, real good quality, special to clear at \$9.00 each.

End of the Fight For Aix La Chapelle

Aix La Chapelle, Oct. 24.—Half a dozen persons were killed and scores wounded as the Loyals regained possession of Aix La Chapelle.

The movement to oust the separatists from the Government building in which they had gained strength Tuesday morning and before noon some of the Separatists who had been in the structure were attacked by the crown forces.

Their comrades in the building went to the rescue, seized a number of motor trucks and drove through the streets, firing right and left into the throng.

The situation became too much for the local police and Belgian troops arrived on the scene, clearing the streets, firing right and left into the throng.

After a semblance of order had been restored, Police Commissioner Buhr went to the Government building, in which only forty Republicans, commanded by Leo Deekers, were left, and gave the invaders until three o'clock in the afternoon to evacuate the premises.

A few minutes later the correspondent, ignorant of the ultimatum, went to the Government building. Deekers answered the knock: "Come in," he said. The correspondent did so, and immediately he was bolted and barricaded behind the door. He appeared to have no other way out, the reporter attempted to telephone the British consul for help, but the instrument was down.

He then tried to induce some green uniformed ambulance men who were tending three wounded Separatists to get out, but to no avail. Finally, prodding by the absence of Republican upstairs, the correspondent pulled away the obstructions from the door and left the building. One with 75,729,212 for the corresponding period.

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