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It is a matter of record, it is declared, that the Baltic troops (German) have not been the attackers, but that their return to Germany has been delayed and hindered by hostile acts of the Letts and Estonians.

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Mineola, N. Y., Oct. 13.—Completing its trip from Parramatta, N. S. W., to Mineola by landing here today, after a short "hop" from Greenport, where it had been forced to descend for fuel, the great Handley-Page bomber "Atlantic" piloted by the veteran aviator, Vice-Admiral Mark Kerr, immediately took off again to visit New York and Thomas A. Edison's home in New Jersey.

Carrying ten persons, the machine headed straight for New York's financial district, circled three times around the Woolworth building and then crossed the Hudson. At West Orange, N. J., Dr. M. R. Hutchinson, a passenger and former associate of Mr. Edison's, dropped a note which read:

"Salutations from the air, from the greatest land machine in the world to the greatest inventor in the world."

On its return the machine passed over Hell Gate, at an altitude of 2,000 feet, and then "dipped" Fifth avenue. Major Markley O'Connell, of the American Flying Club, another passenger, dropped a letter to his colleagues at their headquarters.

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## LET CANADIAN PACIFIC OPERATE GRAND TRUNK

### Quebec, Que., Oct. 3.—The Quebec Chronicle, in discussing the government purchase of the Grand Trunk Railway, will suggest, editorially, tomorrow morning that the government, while retaining ownership of the National Railways, should let them be operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The Chronicle considers that an efficient monopoly is to be preferred to a wasteful one, and that, if the Canadian Pacific management cannot turn this doubtful venture into a financial success, no one else can.

## ATTEMPTS TO KILL WIFE AND SELF

### Family Quarrel Results in An Attempt at Murder and Suicide.

Halifax, Oct. 13.—George Strumm, of Dartmouth, while at the North West Arm in this city, shot his wife in the head and then sent a bullet into his own head. Neither proved fatal. The police arrived and busied and wife were removed to the hospital where the doctors may be able to save their lives. The two had not been on good terms.

## FALLS FROM RAFT AND IS DROWNED

### Young Lady of Dartmouth Slips from Raft While Taking Snap Shots.

Halifax, Oct. 13.—Miss Jennie Gibb, of Dartmouth, a 16 year old Canadian, was drowned today at Chatham. She was on a raft of logs taking photographs when she slipped and fell into the water. Before assistance came, she had lost her life.

## CARDINAL MERCIER TO VISIT TORONTO

Toronto, Oct. 13.—His Eminence Cardinal Mercier will arrive in Toronto tomorrow morning and will be the guest of His Grace, Archbishop McNeil. The Cardinal will address the Women's Canadian Club in Massey Hall tomorrow afternoon.

## TWO OFFICERS EXCITED OVER THE RUM RATION

### Both Rush into Print Following Publication of Statements One is Alleged to Have Made Over Liquors in the Army.

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## Denikine Is Making Progress

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General Denikine's forces also occupied the important capital Chernoff, about 75 miles north of Kiev. The advance continues.

Recent reports received by Copenhagen place General Denikine's troops within 30 miles of Orsk, on the road to Moscow, and scarcely more than 200 miles from Moscow itself. The Bolsheviks were then reported to be discouraged and surrendering in large numbers, but evidently gathering their forces for a counter-attack in the hope of saving that important railroad and commercial centre.

The capture of Chernoff is quite another field of operations indicated that General Denikine is making head against both Bolshevik and Ukrainian forces.

## LONG WANTED IN MAINE ON LARCENY CHARGE

### Augusta, Me., Oct. 13.—Extradition papers for George A. Long, now on trial at Montpelier, charged with murder, were issued today by the Governor. Long is wanted to answer to an indictment for larceny of a diamond ring and \$140 at Greenville in May, 1917. He was known as Greenhill, according to Piscataquis county officials, as George W. Rath.

## LONGSHOREMEN DETERMINED TO REMAIN OUT

### New York, Oct. 13.—Thousands of longshoremen massed tonight in Cooper Union to vote on the question of calling off the strike, which has virtually tied up New York harbor, with a view to evidence that they intended to stay out that their international officers abandoned their intention of putting the matter to a vote.

## SWIFT EMPLOYEES VOTE TO STRIKE

### Jersey City, N. Y., Oct. 13.—About 1,100 employees of Swift and Company, packers, voted tonight to strike tomorrow for a 25 per cent wage increase. Approximately 300 are women.

## BLOCKADE OF THE BALTIC ESTABLISHED BY ENTENTE POWERS ON SATURDAY

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## ENDEAVORING TO GET TOGETHER ON INCOME TAX

### British Commission in Conference With Representatives of Overseas Dominions.

London, Oct. 13.—Two meetings have already been held between the Royal Commission on Income Tax and representatives of the Overseas Dominions with a view to discovering proposals acceptable to the Home and Dominions' governments, under which payment of double income tax may be avoided. The main difficulty is finding a formula which will cover all examples of such double payment. It is stated that the imperial treasury would sacrifice twenty-two million pounds sterling yearly if existing payments were cancelled.

## CANADIAN FLYING HONORS GAZETTED

### London, Oct. 13.—Canadian Flying honors gazetted as officers of the British Empire include Majors Osborne MacPherson and John Mitchell and Lieut. William Percy Smith.

Distinguished Flying Cross—Lieut. William Buttrill. Legion of Honor and Croix Chevalier—Lieut. Gerald Bell. Croix De Guerre—Lieutenants R. Green and Arthur Jarvis.

Officers in the vicinity of Kiev and in Poland army.

## COBALT WILL ENTERTAIN PRINCE ON THURSDAY

### Cobalt, Ont., Oct. 2.—Arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the Prince of Wales, when he revisits Cobalt for two hours on Thursday of this week, have been completed. The program calls for a half hour reception at the station, immediately after the arrival of the party, where Mayor McKinnon will read an address of welcome, after which visits will be paid to the Consols, Mining Corporation and Bryden mines, with an automobile drive through the township. Special dinners of the camp will be prepared for the Prince, who is to leave for Hamilton at eleven o'clock.

## POLITICS LIVE QUESTION NOW IN CARL-VICT.

### This Constituency Warning up to the Importance of the Federal Bye-Election Scheduled for Oct. 27th.

## THREE-CORNERED FIGHT EXPECTED

### Unionists to Meet in Convention on Thursday to Decide Upon Candidate for Their Standard Bearer.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, Oct. 13.—Carlton-Victoria is about to come into its own. For years the electors in this constituency have the reputation of being the greatest political lighters on the map, and from present indications it is a cinch that that reputation is to be borne out in the forthcoming bye-election. It has been said the electors of these two counties did nothing but eat, sleep and think in things political. If you wanted to start some scrap that goes to a velvet meeting or bet on a horse-race. It was a part of their living. Party feeling was intense and was always quick to show itself.

The electors of these two magnificent, prosperous and productive counties are thinkers. Don't lose sight of that. When the Nation reaches a crisis allegiance to one political faith or the other was given but scant consideration. The voters rallied to the support of Unionism to win the war and help deliver the knock out punch to the solar plexus of the weakling Kaiser. That rally came during the trying days of the war, when the great question was whether the Dominion of Canada should support the boys overseas, advocated by the Union Party, or leave them to their own fate, as preached by the Laurier Liberals. The record of Carlton-Victoria in the contest is too fresh in the public mind to need any review at this time.

Lately, but little attention has been given to things political. The only thing the people have been interested in, up to within the past week, was the great Exhibition plan, and its superb race course. That has been officially opened, its reputation established and, with a Federal bye-election approaching, this Constituency returns to its first love-politics.

A new and untried contestant tosses a hat into the ring in the United Farmers. They are pushing forth a candidate in the person of Thomas Caldwell, who is at the head of that organization. He is a rugged Liberal of the old school, who had much rather talk Liberalism than discuss the best methods of making two blades of grass grow where one formerly blossomed. He was always looked upon as a rank partisan. When his candidacy was first announced the old school of Liberals chuckled and fell all over him. In fact, it was quietly talked that Liberals would unite in support of the Farmer's candidate.

The Unionists have not lost sight of the fact that they sprang into being to win the war, and those in this constituency realize that their task is only half completed. The war, he sure, is won but the mighty task of reconstruction, and re-establishment on a peace basis still calls for self-sacrifice and they believe that only can the party, which did its part in bringing success to allied arms, be expected to do that work.

All hailed with delight the announcement of Dr. Rankin's candidacy. He was the man of the hour. Unfortunately this highly respected physician had decided that he cannot withdraw from his practice at this time, as it would entail a big loss to himself, and he has a great obligation to do by going to Ottawa. Believing that this constituency should uphold its proud record of the past two years, the Unionists have called a convention to meet in Woodstock, Thursday evening, October 16th, to discuss the advisability of placing a candidate in the field for the Federal bye-election. In this connection several prominent names are mentioned as possible candidates, and among them is that of B. Frank Smith, who has been the hero of many a hard fought political campaign.

The Liberals are beginning to fear that should Mr. Caldwell prove a winner they might not find the going any too easy along the patronage trail, and they too will hold a convention at Amherst, Thursday afternoon to select a candidate. George W. Upham of this city desires to be the Standard bearer of the old time Liberals and will undoubtedly be their candidate.

## STEEL MAKING AT SYDNEY IS ONCE MORE ON THE BOOM

### After a Shut-down of Over Three Months the Scotia Steel is Producing Ingots.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 3.—Steel making is once more in progress at Sydney Mines. After a shut-down of three and a half months, a portion of the open hearth furnaces of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company are once again producing ingots. The re-lining of the blast furnace has just been completed, and steel officials expect to have the furnace blown in within the next few days. Under the most favorable conditions it takes several days to re-liner a furnace and produce a hot blast, but it is not the intention of the officials to force a quick cast, as the new lining is to be given every chance to become gradually accustomed to the increasing heat pressure. The blast furnace and open hearth furnaces were closed down about the first of July and have been under repairs ever since then. The first ingots since that date being produced on Saturday. As far as could be learned, winter prospects at the Scotia plant during the coming winter are fairly bright. This seems to be particularly true as regards the steel industry. The company, it is understood, have some fairly large orders in view but have not yet closed with them. Negotiations are in progress and, unless some unforeseen obstacle arises, the contracts will shortly be completed. The situation at the collieries of this company seems to be somewhat uncertain at present. Just now three of the four collieries of the company are working every day with the other, the Jubilee, operates from three to four days a week. Whether this situation will continue indefinitely will depend largely on market conditions.

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