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IRISH REPLY IN LONDON SOON

Expected Thursday Night or Friday Morning.

Delivery May Precede Proposed Public Meeting of Dail Eireann— Speculation on the Situation.

Dublin, Aug. 24—The reply to Great Britian's terms for a settlement of the Irish question will be delivered at Premier Lloyd George's official residence in Downing street Thursday night or Friday morning, it is expected here.

The delivery, it is thought, will precede the proposed public meeting of the Dail Eireann.

In preparation of the reply, on which De Valera and the other leaders were working today while the Dail Eireann was taking a recess, the cabinet has the benefit of advice from the members of the Sinn Fein executive committee, which is composed of somewhat older men than the average of the Dail membership. These men were participants in the conference today over the terms of the reply now being framed.

More Meetings Today.

Dublin, Aug. 24.—Ramonn De Valera and his cabinet began today what promised to be final consideration of the Sinn Fein reply to Great Britain's terms for a settlement of the Irish question. The executive of the Sinn Fein was also in session, but the Irish Republican parliament did not meet, an adjournment today being taken so that the cabinet might be free to devote its entire attention to the note to be sent to London.

It was expected that work would be expedited and that the completed draft of the reply would be ready for submission to the Daily Eireann at tomorrow morning's session.

It was apparent yesterday that Mr. De Valera and his colleagues wished to bring all Sinn Fein bodies into accord on the subjects to be covered in the reply to Great Britain, and it seemed that differences of opinion had developed over the nature of the note.

There were indications that new elements had entered into the situation, and it was believed the Republican leaders found it necessary to take more time before committing the Sinn Fein to a course of action that had not been most carefully considered.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE ONTARIO LICENSE BOARD

Toronto, Aug. 24—James Hales is to succeed J. D. Flavelle as chairman of the Ontario License Board, while he is also appointed director of executions under the Ontario Temperance Act.

The work of the Ontario license board under the chairmanship of Mr. Hales will divide itself into four departments, the conduct of the government dispensaries, the supervision of the issuance of prescriptions by doctors, the employment of alcohol in the manufacture of patent medicines for popular consumption and the supervision of hotel accommodation for the traveling public.

HARD FIGHTING IN MOROCCO

Madrid, Aug. 24—Savage attacks upon the Spanish lines south of Melilla have been made by rebellious tribesmen, but they have been repulsed with heavy losses, said an official statement issued here last night. The Spanish forces launched a counter attack and compelled the enemy to abandon positions.

London, Aug. 24—Several encounters with the Moorish tribesmen in Morocco have developed into hand-to-hand struggles, says a Reuter despatch from Melilla.

DESTRUCTION OF BUSINESS PLACES

Hornell, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Fourteen business places were destroyed and sixteen families rendered homeless by fire which swept through Loder street in Wellsville this morning. The loss will exceed $200,000.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 24.—(Canadian Press.)—The nineteenth annual meeting of the Dominion Association of Chartered Accountants has opened here with more than 100 delegates registered. D. Creighton, Halifax, is vice-president and automatically will become president for next year.

REWARD OF $500.

The New Brunswick Power Company has offered a reward of $500 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person who at about half-past ten o'clock on Monday evening, August 22, at the junction of Sand Cove road and Lancaster avenue, West St. John, threw a stone through the windows of street car number 118. The criminal code imposes a penalty of imprisonment for life for this offence. Severe injury might have been caused to several lady and children passengers on the car.

FOOTBALL IN N. S.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 24—A resolution stating that no player would be permitted to take part in any games played under the Nova Scotia Football Association rules unless he could prove his amateur status, was adopted unanimously by a special committee appointed to re-organize the association last night.

A resolution was also adopted stating the committee's belief that the best interest of sport could be served only by cordial co-operation between the Dominion Football Association and the Canadian A. A. U. and that these two bodies should come to some understanding whereby the amateur standing of players would not be imperilled by playing with soccer teams.

Sir Sam Hughes Died This Morning

Former Minister was Unconscious All Yesterday.

Very Ill Since Return from Old Country Last Winter and Wonder was That He Survived So Long— Death Due to Pernicious Anaemia.

Lindsay, Ont., Aug. 24—Sir Sam Hughes, former minister of militia and defence in the federal government died at one o'clock this morning at his home here. He had a bad turn on August 9, but had rallied and last week was strong enough to sit up in bed.

On Monday the former minister began to sink and was unconscious all yesterday. His friends realized that the end was near, and a cable was sent to his son, Gen. Garnet Hughes, in England, last night.

The brothers and sisters of Sir Sam are Major Gen. John Hughes, of Bowmanville, Dr. James L. Hughes, of Toronto, Brig.-Gen. St. Pierre Hughes, superintendent of prisons, Ottawa; Mrs. Scott, wife of the late Prof. Scott, Toronto, Mrs. J. A. MacAlpine of Lindsay, and Mrs. McDonald, of the United States, formerly Mrs. Robert Thexton, of Lindsay.

Lady Hughes, one son and two daughters survive—Lt. Gen. Garnet B. Hughes London, Eng; Mrs. Byron Green, of Chatham, Ont., and Miss Aileen Hughes, at home.

Sir Sam Hughes had been in failing health ever since his return from the old country last winter. He made the trip despite the earnest advice of his physicians who realized that his health needed extreme care.

In April last, in Ottawa, he suffered a second attack of pernicious anaemia. Constantly attended by two doctors, who at many periods of his illness, regarded his case as hopeless, that he ever lived to see the session out and return to Lindsay, was in the nature of a miracle.

Two transfusions of blood were given him while in Ottawa and one soon after he returned to Lindsay. All three were regarded as successful and after each he seemed to improve somewhat.

A few weeks ago the former minister of militia suffered a severe relapse. Dr. J MsAlpine, his physician, holding out no hope for his recovery. This occurred during the extremely hot weather but with the advent of cooler days, Sir Sam rallied. He recovered sufficiently to take an interest in current events and jestingly remarked to his relatives that he "was by no means dead yet."

The late Sir Sam Hughes was for nearly thirty years a member of the dominion parliament and took an active part in the political, educational, social and business life of the dominion, yet he is associated most prominently in the public mind with the profession of arms, and his place in history will turn upon his career as war minister for Canada. When a boy of seventeen he volunteered to aid in the suppression of the Fenian Raid. Soon after that he joined the Canadian Militia and was closely identified with its growth and development for the rest of his life. In 1897 he was lieutenant-colonel of the 45th Battalion. At the outbreak of the South African war in 1899 he was a member of parliament and lieutenant-colonel to boot, but the combination did not bring for him the place he thought he should have in the Canadian contingent being organized for imperial service in that far distant battle ground. He was permitted to go with the contingent as a "special" or "attached" officer.

The scenes aboard the troopship on which he sailed with the Canadian troops at that time were re-echoed in the Canadian parliament half a generation later. However, the redoubtable Colonel Hughes reached South Africa, and served with the British troops there, receiving several decorations and being

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THE LATE SIR SAM HUGHES.

AGGRESSIVE TO THE LAST

Sir Sam's Doctor Tells of a Visit to Dying Man—Took His Case in His Own Hands.

Toronto, Aug. 24—That aggressiveness that was the great characteristic of Gen. Sir Sam Hughes as Canada's war minister during the earlier days of the war, would not be downed even on the death bed.

"When we motored down to Lindsay to see him—Captain Thomas Hock, E. W. Owens, K. C., and I—Sir Sam had been more or less in a state of comma and seemed very weak," says Dr. Norman Allen, who for many years had been the general's friend, counsellor and physician.

"Sir Sam spoke in a drawling voice, but at once recognized us and shook hands all around. Turning to Hook and Owens, he asked: 'Well boys, what's new in politics? How are the old farmers getting along? What sort of an impression did Meighen make overseas?—He's a good boy, Meighen, but what was there for him to do in England? I don't see what he went over for.' Sir Sam said, too, that he wished he could be back in his seat for another session."

The cause of Sir Sam Hughes' death was pernicious anaemia.

"Pernicious anaemia," his physician explained, "may be described as a toxinic poisoning of the blood. The beginning of his illness unquestionably was war strain, when he gave himself to his duties day and night, uninterrittently, unsparingly. There was no possible hope for him.

"Yes, he benefitted by a transfusion of blood, but transfusion could serve only as a stimulant. It could have no curative effect. Latterly he had refused emphatically, very emphatically, to follow professional advice. So soon as he was told there was no cure in his case, he baulked at medical discipline.

"'If you doctors can't cure me,' he said, 'I wish you'd leave me alone. I've no use for you doctors anyway. I'll take the case in my own hands'—and he did. Any other man would have been dead half a dozen times, but Sam wouldn't die.

"'I may be back in the House again for all you doctors say,' he declared that Sunday of our visit. 'I wish I'd taken hold of myself before. I've been cured of the anaemia since last July. Now I've got to make strength. His indomitable will carried him on—his will and a magnificent constitution."

"The greatest achievement which history will credit to Sam, in my mind," says Dr. Allan, "was the organiaztion by which he brought together, trained, equipped and sent over to France within six weeks after the declaration of war, no fewer than 30,000 Canadians, admittedly the best shots that ever faced the enemy, as proven at St. Julien.

"When some of the ministers with the premier (Sir Robert Borden) visited Valcartier Camp, they told Sir Sam the finances of the country would not stand the strain—neither could he get the ships. He was urged to send ten thousand only at first. Sam replied: "'These men all have rallied to the call of the empire. They have all come with the idea of meeting the German enemy. How can I go to them and say to one, you are going and to two others, you are to stay at home? I shall not do it.'

"Sam afterwards said to me: 'That was the only occasion on which Borden ever backed me up fully. In the face of all the ministers with him, he turned to me and said, 'Have it your own way, Sam.'"

To the last Sir Sam Hughes was dynamic—a worker. When Dr. Allen and his friends visited the dying general that Sunday, Sir Sam had a farewell request to make of his friend and physician: "Give Lady Hughes the devil before you go," he commanded heatedly. The doctor looked in amazement and urged explanation. "I'm feeling a lot better," the sick man declared. "I want to get on with my memoirs. I could dictate all right and she won't let me have my stenographer here."

About four weeks ago on a day when it seemed certain that death would ensue, Sir Sam seemed ready to admit it himself. The story is told that at the time he insisted on having his funeral set for the following Friday. It must be on the Friday. Moreover he wanted to see that the arrangements were complete. It would be a military funeral, he told those about his bedside.

"Get the guns ready," he commanded, according to the story, and he would not be satisfied until arrangements had been made for the gun carriage and the gunners and drivers for the cortege. Later when his condition improved, he ordered his instructions countermanded.

ESCAPED MAN GRIPS HOUND; TIED TO TREE

Spartanburg, S. C., Aug. 24—Jim Nesbit, negro, turned a novel trick on bloodhounds sent out to trail him, but was captured nevertheless. Serving life sentence for murder on the chain gang, Nesbit escaped on Monday. A bloodhound was set on his trail. The negro waited until the bloodhound caught up, tied the animal to a tree and continued his flight. He was captured later.

Bloodhounds in real life, are not as ferocious as in Uncle Tom's cabin. Dog experts know that they seldom bite and are of value only for their powers of scent.

FUR AUCTIONS

New York, Aug. 24. — (Canadian Press.) — The schedule of the annual fur sales in this city for the season of 1921-22 was announced yesterday. The fall sale will begin on September 19, and the last day for receiving consignments of furs for it will be Saturday of this week. The winter sale will commence on February 20, with shipments closing on January 21. The spring auction will start on April 24, with March 21 the final receiving date. All of the sales will be held in the Masonic Hall here. Shipments of furs for the coming fall sales have been large and one of the best auctions in some time is anticipated by officials in charge.

FUNERAL OF SIR SAM HUGHES ON FRIDAY

Lindsay, Ont., Aug. 24—Sir Sam will be buried with full military honors on Friday, Aug. 26. There will be a private service at the family residence in Glenn street at eleven o'clock, after which the body will be conveyed to the Lindsay Armouries and remain in state. The public service will commence at 2.30 o'clock. Interment will take place in the family plot in Riverside cemetery, Lindsay. Members of the Orange Order will attend in a body.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well, sir," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "this old town does love a boat-race. Wasn't it great, out there to Renforth yisterday? They couldn't hev picked a nicer day. An' did you notice they didn't hev no trouble? No drunken rows—no drunken drivers o' cars—no winmin scart—an' nobody hurt. Now that's what I call a record to paste úp where everybody'll know about it—fer we're gonto hev that there plebiscite next month—an' you'll hear a lot o' fellers hollerin' that prohibition aint no good. But wasn't it a great day? I guess the' couldn't a been many folks left in town. But I want to say right here that when the next race comes off I'm gonto take my old shot-gun—an' any slab-sided galoot that goes out on the course with a motor boat'll git what's comin' to him. I was so mad sometimes I was afeard Jedge Ritchie 'ud hear what I said—but I guess he'd hev to fine himself—if it come to that—fer he was het up, too. Don't it beat all that you can't git a crowd nowheres but the's somebody hes to show how little they care fer anybody else—or fer doin' what's right? But wasn't it a great day? I aint seen the likes of it fer fifty years—By Hen!"

MOB LAW IN SOME PARTS OF INDIA

Grave Situation as Seditious Agitators Stir Up Natives' Religious Fanaticism.

Bombay, Aug. 24—A grave situation has arisen in the Malabar district on the west coast of British India, where seditious agitators have been working on the religious fanaticism of the ignorant natives.

Their activities have resulted in serious mass rioting, bloodshed and destruction of property. Military forces have fired upon rioters, causing many casualties.

Railway lines have been cut, post offices have been robbed and mob law is almost supreme in several small towns.

Military reinforcements have arrived at Bangalore, capital of the district of Mysore.

NEW REGULATION OFF UNTIL JAN. 1

Montreal, Aug. 26.—Official word was yesterday received by the Montreal board of trade that the date of application of the new regulations for the marking of all imported goods with the country of origin has been postponed until January 1, 1922.

This is in accordance with the request of the Montreal body, which pointed out that it would be impossible to conform to the new regulations in the time originally specified, October 1.

CONVENTION IN WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, N. B., Aug. 24—A convention of Christian workers is being held in the Methodist church this week in the interests of Sunday school work. The convention is non denominational. For the opening session yesterday morning about fifty delegates had arrived and more were expected today. The congregation of the churches of the town will entertain the delegates at picnic teas on island park each day during the sessions.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The general distribution of pressure shows little change. Showers are reported from some localities of northern Ontario and more generally over the lower St. Lawrence and Gulf. The weather has been fair elsewhere in Canada.

Fair.

Maritime—Light to moderate winds, fair with not much change in temperature today and Thursday.

Gulf and North Shore—Light to moderate winds, a few showers, but partly fair today and tomorrow.

New England—Fair tonight and tomorrow. Little change in temperature; moderate to fresh northeast and east winds.

Toronto, Aug. 24.—Temperatures:

Stations.	8 a. m.	Highest during yesterday.	Lowest night.
Prince Rupert	52	62	52
Victoria	42	64	50
Kamloops	50	70	48
Calgary	50	84	64
Edmonton	62	50	46
Prince Albert	58	76	56
Winnipeg	52	58	46
White River	62	58	48
Sault Ste. Marie	62	76	58
Toronto	64	72	54
Kingston	62	..	56
Ottawa	..	76	..
Montreal	62	68	60
Quebec	60	74	56
St. John, N .B.	60	72	52
Halifax	64	62	46
St. John's, N fld.	56	74	52
Detroit	66	76	62
New York	66	72	62

People Should Take A Greater Interest

WORD OF PLAN TO BE KING AGAIN

Outline of Reported Project for Restoration of Charles of Hungary.

Paris, Aug. 24—Former Emperor Charles has planned, with Admiral Horthy, the Hungarian regent, a restoration of the crown in Hungary, says the Geneva correspondent of the Journal. The return of King Constantine to Greece is declared to have been made the precedent in the scheme for Charles' resumption of royal status. The papal nuncio in Berne, it is asserted, was the intermediary between Charles and the regent.

Hungary will appear at the meeting of the assembly of the League of Nations in Geneva next month and ask for admission, says the correspondent in outlining the alleged plan. In the event this appeal is granted, the Hungarian parliament would be dissolved and the government would call for an election in which the dynastic question would be the principal issue. It is assumed by the Royalists that they would be victorious, and that the election would be followed by a call to Charles to take the Hungarian throne.

A veto on the part of the entente, it is said, would be met by an appeal to the League of Nations, which would be asked to uphold the principle of self-determination and permit Charles to reign in Hungary.

The "little entente" composed of Jugo-Slavia, Czecho-Slovakia and Roumania, threatened to declare war on Hungary when Charles attempted to resume the throne last March, and should they repeat this threat after Charles had been called from Switzerland, the league would be asked to avert hostilities.

H. C. CREIGHTON CLAIMS AGENT

Notice of Appointment of Canadian National Express Officials.

Toronto, Aug. 24.—F. N. Wiggins, formerly superintendent of the Canadian National Express at Toronto, has been appointed general superintendent at Moncton, N. B., in charge of the eastern division of the company. Other officials of the eastern district include: H. C. Creighton, claims agent, St. John; H. R. Hauch, superintendent of the maritime division, Moncton; C. L. Bowles, superintendent of the Quebec division, Quebec.

GREAT BALLOON CAUGHT IN STORM BUT IS SAFE

Pullham, Eng., Aug. 24.—The giant dirigible Z. R. 2, which was expected to arrive here at dawn today and complete a trial trip begun early yesterday at Howden, was apparently driven from her course by a terrific electrical and rain storm early this morning. The airship, however, reported herself safe off Howden a little after seven o'clock. It is not expected here that the airplane will start for the U. S. before August 30, at least.

The trial trip, which was intended to last but twelve hours, already has lasted thirty, and it may be a forty hours' trip before she will land at Pullham. This would be approximately half the time she is expected to take to cross the Atlantic.

REFUSE REPLY TO QUERIES ABOUT RUM RUNNING

New York, Aug. 24—Michael Murphy and Robert Pike, members of the crew of the British schooner Henry L. Marshal, which was seized by the coast guard cutter Senaca, off the New Jersey coast last month, are held in contempt of court for refusal to answer questions concerning the personnel and the alleged rum running activities of the vessel.

Joseph Maul, a French-Canadian, and a third member of the crew, who professed not to understand the oath required of witnesses, was held for a hearing later upon his refusal to give the information desired.. They declined to answer questions on the ground that the answers might incriminate them.

GERMANY AND U. S. TO BE AT PEACE TODAY

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Friendly relations between the governments of Germany and the U. S., which were interrupted on February 3, 1917, were to be restored by the signature of the treaty of peace between the two nations here today.

Immediate resumption of diplomatic relations was to be provided for, but it was understood that matters pertaining to commercial, economic and financial affairs were to be settled in supplementary agreements.

H. R. McLellan Speaks on Public Affairs.

As President of Municipalities Union Sets Out Relation of the Body and the Public — Report of Sec. Kelley to Municipalities Convention.

Municipal officials from all over New Brunswick are in the city today to attend the sixteenth annual convention of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities which opened this morning in the Masonic building. This is the first meeting since 1916. The early part of the morning was taken up with the registration of delegates, after which there was a meeting of the executive committee. About noon the delegates left by automobile for the municipal home where they were entertained at luncheon.

H. R. McLellan, the president, welcomed the delegates, and told them that there was a duty on each one of them to participate in the deliberations and to bring forward any suggestions which appeared to him to make for the betterment of municipal government.

J. King Kelley, the secretary, announced that a visit would probably be made this afternoon to the hospital at East St. John. The management of the Imperial theatre had extended an invitation to the delegates to be its guests this evening at 8.30. Tomorrow at 11 o'clock it was proposed to visit the hydro-electric plant at Musquash. Business would be resumed in the afternoon and in the evening there would be a public meeting in the Pythian Castle at which addresses on maritime union would be given by H. J. Logan, K.C., of Amherst; Dr. J. B. M. Baxter and H. R. McLellan of this city. After the meeting there would be a banquet at the Victoria Hotel.

Government and Officials.

T. H. Bullock said that he understood the aim of the meeting was to be democratic and therefore moved that the meeting of the executive be open to all for discussion.

This motion was carried and the meeting passed into executive session. The business of the executive committee was to take up the notices of resolution which had been filed and if it was thought fit, recommend them to the meeting for discussion and action. The first resolution was one from Westmorland county and was as follows: "Resolved, that in the opinion of this Westmorland Municipal Council it is desirable that all officials whose appointment is vested in the provincial government should be paid for their services by the said provincial government; otherwise the appointment, except police magistrate, should be vested in the municipal councils of this province." On motion of Mr. Bullock this resolution was recommended for debate at the meeting.

C. E. Fish of Newcastle asked concerning a resolution by the municipality of the city and county of St. John which was to the effect that the city and county would urge that the administration of justice be left entirely in the hands of the municipalities. He thought this resolution and the foregoing might be coupled. J. K. Kelley explained that the St. John resolution which introduced as the result of an injustice which he claimed had been done. He said that at the time the military service act was in force men had been arrested and brought to St. John from the counties Queens, York and Sunbury and kept in the county jail here. In due time they had been fined and the department of justice at Ottawa had demanded that the fines be paid over to it. After some trouble this was done but in the opinion of the speaker, when the men had been cared for and fed here and the county had paid for their keep, the county should be entitled to the fines. The recommendation that the St. John resolution be referred to the meeting was moved by C. E. Fish.

A resolution passed by the town of St. Stephen insisting that part of the license fees for motor vehicles be divided with the municipalities and asking the union to endorse their proposition was moved by J. W. Vroom of St. Stephen and carried.

Premier Foster was present for a time this morning and welcomed the delegates Mr. McLellan notified the delegates of a change in the programme involving an address by the premier. Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts and Hon. P. J. Veniot will also speak.

The Delegates.

The following delegates registered this morning: W. M. Campbell, West St. John; J. King Kelley, St. John; Gesner A. Taylor, Dorchester; J. W. Carter, Salisbury; Thomas Murray, Sackville; Edgar P. Smith, Sackville; J. Y. Mersereau, Chatham; C. E. Fish, Newcastle; W. J. Cassidy, Chatham; Dr. Simard, Edmunston; Thomas Emecrette, Edmundston; J. E. Michaud, Edmundston; T. H. Bullock, St. John; F. P. Hunter, St. Stephen; John T. O'Brien, Lancaster T. A. Goggin, Albert; C. L. Peck, Hopewell Cape; H. R. McLellan, St. John; J. C. Dalzell, East St. John; E. A. Schofield, St. John; Thomas Gilliland, Hammond River; G. O. D. Otty, Hampton; J. E. T. Lindon, Newcastle; C. C. Campbell, Sackville; R. F. Armstrong, Woodstock; D. A. Adamson, Gagetown; J. W. Vroom, St. Stephen; J. A. Fowlie, Chatham; Elwood Allen, Marysville; Tabor C. Everett, R. R. No. 6, Fredericton; Robert A. Graham, Prince William; F. A. Taylor, Hoyte Station; James O' Donnell, Dipper Harbor.

Presidential Address.

H. R. McLellan, president, addressed the union as follows:

Officers and Members of The Union of New Brunswick Municipalities:—

Gentlemen:—

At this the sixteenth annual convention of this Union, as president, it is my privilege to address you.

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PUT BAN ON FIGHT PURSES

New York State Says Must be Percentage.

No Guarantees for Fighters—Uniform Count on Knockdowns — Ohio Declares Downey Champion—Single G. After Record.

New York, Aug. 24—The New York State A. Commission decided yesterday that beginning September 1, all main, or so-called star bouts arranged for by boxing clubs in this state, must be on a percentage basis. No guarantees or special bonuses to so-called drawing cards or stars will be permitted.

The commission also adopted a rule providing for a uniform count on knockdowns. Under the rule, the time-keeper shall rise immediately after the knockdown, and call the seconds from his watch up to the ninth second, and at the tenth shall strike the gong twice while the referee, without neglecting any of the duties requiring his attention to the boxers, shall count in unison with the time-keeper as evenly as possible. When a round terminates before the count of ten is reached, the time-keeper is instructed to ring the gong twice, indicating the end of the round, and to announce how far the count has gone.

Say Downey Champion.

Columbus, Ohio., Aug. 24—Bryan Downey of Cleveland, is the middleweight champion of the world, according to a decision of the Ohio state association of boxing commissioners at a meeting here today.

Invitations were sent to Jimmy Dunn, Downey's manager and to Martin Killitea, Wilson's manager, but neither attended, Dunn being en route east with Downey to finish his training, while Killitea wired that Wilson is champion.

Jimmy Gardner, who refereed the recent Downey-Wilson fight in Cleveland was barred permanently from officiating in this state and Wilson and Killitea were barred for one year, starting September 7.

Cleveland, Aug. 24—A victory for the Yankees over the Indians today in the second game of their series here will place the New York team in the lead in the American league pennant race.

The Indians were leading their eastern rivals by one point this morning with a precentage of .615 as against .615 for the Yankees.

On the other hand should Cleveland win today they are assured of first place throughout the series, as a defeat tomorrow would give them a percentage of .613 and New York .612.

Note—In sport column the precentage of the Cleveland and Yankees are incorrectly given.

After Record.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Aug. 24—An attempt will be made at the Grand Circuit race meeting here today my Single G., 1.59, to lower the track record of 2.00 3-4, now held jointly by Napoleon Direct and Miss Harris M.

There are three other events on the card today.

STARVATION FOR 30 MILLIONS

Fearful Outlook in Volga Region — Paper Says British and French Aid May be Refused.

Riga, Aug. 24—The number of peasants threatened with starvation in the Volga region is now placed at 30,000,000 by the Moscow wireless despatch. Of this number, 9,500,000 are children. Several instances of hungering families committing suicide in groups are reported from Tartar villages, where, according to the despatch, the peasants seal up rooms, light fires in the stoves, close up chimneys and await asphyxiation.

London, Aug. 24—Russia will be compelled to decline British and French famine aid, said the Pravada of Moscow, because these countries have agreed to assist only on conditions that the Soviet government recognize the debts of the former Russian regime, amounting to several billion gold rubles. The newspaper, which is quoted in a Reuter despatch from Riga, declares the Soviet government would prefer to purchase the necessary food itself at a cost of one hundred rubles, rather than pay even the interest on these debts, amounting to about 500,000,000 rubles.

MASSEY AGREES WITH PREMIER OF AUSTRALIA

London, Aug. 24.—Willis Ferguson Massey, premier of New Zealand, in an interview with the London Times, expressed keen regret that the United States had not permitted the holding of a preliminary conference on disarmament and Far Eastern affairs.

He said he felt strongly on the subject, because it apparently would be impossible for either Premier Hughes of Australia or himself to attend the Washington conference on the date specified.

Mr. Massey declared there was hardly anything he could think of that would be so conducive to the success of the disarmament conference as an undestanding between the United States, Japan and Great Britain for a solution of the Pacific problem. In fact, he added, such an understanding would seem to be an indispensable preliminary to the attainment of the ideal of disarmament.