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Clash Feared Between Russia and Rumania

Norwegian Collier and Royal Mail Liner Collide in St. Lawrence—Poincare to Meet MacDonald at Chequers Court—New Pneumonia Serum Discovered.

CLASH SITUATIONS BETWEEN RUSSIA AND RUMANIA.

ROME, May 9. Special reports to the Corriere d'Informazione declare the situation extremely tense on the Russo-Rumanian frontier. A clash between the two countries is possible. Detachments of Rumanian troops have been rushed to the border.

STEAMERS COLLIDE.

FATHER PT., Que., May 9. The steamer Porsanger collided with the Royal Mail steamer Packet Orea last night in a dense fog. The Orea was hit amidships and made in her side about 15 ft. of water. She is taking on water. No one was injured. Both steamers proceeded on their way.

LIVER ABLE TO PROCEED.

QUEBEC, May 9. After telling her way out of the St. Lawrence through a dense fog, the Royal Mail Packet Liner Orea, which came from Europe from New York, Quebec, was rammed by the Norwegian freighter Porsanger last night. The Orea was hit amidships and made in her side about 15 ft. of water. She is taking on water. No one was injured. Both steamers proceeded on their way.

NEW PNEUMONIA SERUM.

BOSTON, May 9. Discovery of a new treatment for pneumonia in the form of proved serum, which, it is said, might reduce the death rate from this disease by 25 or possibly fifty per cent., was announced by Dr. Lloyd D. Felton, Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine at Harvard Medical School in an address at New England Health Institute, yesterday.

CANADIAN INCOME TAX.

OTTAWA, May 9. Since its inception, the income tax has contributed to the public treasury some \$215,000,000, beginning with about \$9,500,000 in the fiscal year, 1913-1914, it gradually increased and reached the peak of \$78,500,000 in 1921-22. In the fiscal year, 1922-23, it dropped to \$59,750,000. The figures for the last fiscal year are not available.

POINCARÉ THE GUEST OF MACDONALD.

PARIS, May 9. Premier Poincaré has accepted Prime Minister MacDonald's invitation to go to Chequers Court on May 20 for an informal visit with the head of the British Government.

BIG PURCHASE OF CANADIAN HORSES.

MOSCOW, May 9. It is reported that the "Ukraine Agricultural Bank" intends to make a preliminary purchase of 1,000 horses from Canada at once, and later this year will make more purchases, the total amounting to 30,000 horses. Arrangements are being made to supply the poor peasants with Canadian horses on a credit basis.

SIX DROWNED WHEN RIVER FLOODS.

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., May 9. Six members of the family of William Miller, an orchardist, were drowned in the flood waters of a small

mountain stream, ten miles from here late yesterday.

RAFTING ICE ENDANGERS WAHANA.

GLACE BAY, May 9. The coal steamer Wahana, which has been off this port since yesterday morning, was forced yesterday to leave the harbor during the forenoon. Raft ice has prevented her from putting into Sydney, whither she was bound. At noon it appeared as if she were making for Louisbourg. The Wahana was due at Sydney to load 7,000 tons of coal, and both shovels were working at No. 7 Banking Station this morning. Failure of the steamer to make port made it necessary to discontinue operations at the bank. She will probably load at Louisbourg.

As New Zealand Sees Singapore

Outspoken utterances of disappointment over the British Labor Government's decision not to make a naval base of Singapore are found in the New Zealand press, which show the problem as it appears to Britain's possessions in the Pacific. This act of the Labor Government, says the Auckland New Zealand Herald, raises a constitutional question of the first magnitude, namely: "What has become of the scheme for consulting the Dominions in matters of imperial interest?" The facts are, it says, the Committee of Imperial Defense and the Imperial Conference reached definite conclusions concerning Singapore, and the Labor Government deliberately rejected these conclusions. To make matters worse, this daily asserts, the Labor Government went through the farce of asking the Dominions' views of that rejection without the slightest intention of giving effect to any of their replies that might traverse the Government's decision. We read then:

"Inevitably there arises a doubt as to whether anything remains of the consultative scheme built up laboriously in recent years. It would appear that the Labor Government has dealt it a destructive blow. The question is not affected by any discussion of the pros and cons of the Singapore proposals themselves. That lies outside the constitutional issue. The Committee and the Conference, exercising powers definitely given to them as responsible Imperial authorities, brought the proposals to the notice of the British Government, and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Cabinet has treated the proposals as if they had never been made. India, Australia and New Zealand, as the overseas territories most closely concerned, have requested that the proposals be given effect, and the Secretary of State for the Colonies has told the Commons that the view these territories deem urgent important has not been considered by his Government. This is not merely the collapse of consultation. It is the wanton destruction of it. Chapter and verse for these facts are contained in the resolutions of the Committee of Imperial Defense and the Imperial Conference and in the records of the Colonial Office."

Another New Zealand view is expressed by the Wellington Dominion,

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which says that the Labor Government's rejection of the Singapore plan is "conclusive for the moment," but "it does not follow that this substantial majority against the development of the Pacific base will be maintained."

Mr. MacDonald fails to bring about an international agreement for a further limitation of naval armaments. The British Government, we are told then, is no longer attempting to challenge the dicta of the naval experts who favor a base at Singapore and "rests its case apparently on the unconvincing contention that it can bargain better for mutual disarmament without the base than with it." This newspaper goes on to say:

"No doubt the vote of the House of Commons was influenced by the existing good relations between the Pacific Powers, and also by the fact that economic conditions in Britain are so bad at present that any expenditure at all on armaments is likely to be regarded with a considerable amount of disfavor."

"The position reached, however, is one which neither Britain nor the Dominions can afford to regard with unconcern. At the same time it is a position which will be changed greatly for the better if the British Government is able to exercise a successful initiative in promoting a further limitation of naval armaments. The big point in doubt at the moment is whether the unconditional, the possibly temporary, abandonment of the Singapore base is a factually sound move in that direction."

"According to the Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. J. H. Thomas), the British Government is going to make a genuine effort at disarmament. If they succeeded," he added, "there would be no regrets. If they failed, they would stand the consequences."

This puts the issue fairly and plainly, according to The Dominion, which adds that it goes without saying the people of Australia and New Zealand would welcome as readily as those of Great Britain an equitable mutual limitation of naval armaments in the Pacific. But it questions whether such an agreement will easily be reached, and continues:

"There are strong grounds also for believing that the British Government would have had better prospects of success in its effort at disarmament had it made the abandonment of the Singapore base contingent upon the conclusion of a new naval agreement instead of a step preliminary to negotiation."

"It clears the air to some extent, however, that the spokesmen of the present British Government have in effect recognized that the abandonment of the Singapore scheme can only be justified by a further mutual limitation of naval armaments in the Pacific. Mr. Thomas has put the position bluntly from this standpoint in his reference to standing the consequences, but Mr. MacDonald had already said that 'Singapore would become necessary when the conditions made it necessary.'"

"Should disarmament negotiations fail, naval defensive measures in the Pacific will be demanded as imperatively in the interests of Great Britain as in those of Australia and New Zealand and other British countries in touch with the Pacific. Apart from her vital trading interests on this side of the world, Britain can ill afford to throw the Dominions on their own resources in the matter of defense."

"A co-operative scheme of Imperial defense admittedly is essential to the security of the Dominions, and would still be essential even if their populations were being built up much more rapidly than at present by immigration and by natural increase. As a country importing vast quantities of food and raw material, however, and liable to be starved by an interruption of overseas supplies in the event of war, Britain is equally dependent for security upon a scheme of defense comprehending the whole Empire."

"These simple facts no doubt will speedily command attention in Britain as well as in the Dominions should the hopes on which the British Government is basing its policy with regard to Singapore prove to be illusory."—Literary Digest.

McShane and Habel Win Rounds of Applause

MAJESTIC THEATRE ARTISTS VOTED THE BEST YET.

Following the pronounced successful engagement of Cameron Geddes the Majestic management scored another success in securing Misses McShane and Habel, two exceedingly clever vaudeville workers, who won first fame with the Keith Circuit. Coming direct from Boston these two ladies enjoy a splendid reputation as entertainers. Last night they delighted the audience of the first night when they were enthusiastically applauded. There is no doubt about it that Misses McShane and Habel are the two best workers in this line we have had here for many years. The violin playing was indeed a rare treat whilst the singing and duets were likewise applauded and encored, and those who had the good fortune to hear them voted them the best yet. To-night the same bill is repeated also at the matinee this afternoon, when the picture "The Little Orphan" will delight the children.

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EVENSONG.

Gower St.—11, Rev. R. E. Fairbairn; 6.30, Rev. Hammond Johnson. George St.—11, Rev. J. G. Joyce; 6.30, Rev. R. E. Fairbairn. Cochrane St.—11, Rev. Hammond Johnson; 6.30, Rev. C. H. Johnson. Yechey—11, Rev. C. H. Johnson; 6.30, Rev. J. G. Joyce. Gospel Mission (Adelaide St.)—Services at 2.45 and 7, both of which will be conducted by Rev. Edwin Moore. Congregational (Queen's Road)—11 and 6.30, Rev. Dr. Darby. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church—11 and 6.30, Rev. R. J. Power, M.A. Adventist (Cookstown Road)—8.30, Subject, "God's Answers to Man's Excuses. Is God Particular?" Speaker, Evangelist L. N. Davies. International Bible Students' Association (Victoria Hall)—3, Round Table Study; 7, Discourse, "If the Wages of Sin is Death, why do Saints Die?"

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