



DOWN along Lake Ontario there is a pretty little town that lately has indulged in some pardonably big feelings. Over in France lately there has been an American Admiral who feels himself a little taller in his boots than he did a few weeks ago. The town's name is Port Hope, Ont. The Admiral's name is William Howden Sims, at present commander of the U. S. destroyer fleet in British waters.



GEN. SMUTS, Boer warrior and British citizen, should take a trip through Quebec. He cleaned up his work in Africa, and went to the Imperial War Conference clad in the King's Khaki. Fifteen years ago he was an enemy. To-day he is a worker for the unity of South Africa—with minority rights guaranteed. He is here seen accepting the gift of an Imperial Air Fleet Aeroplane from the London Chamber of Commerce.

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT

What Admiral Sims has to do with Port Hope is just what any great man has to do with the place where he spent his boyhood. He wasn't born at Port Hope, but at the old Lowden homestead, east of the village of Dale, three miles north of Port Hope. That was 60 years ago. His father, Albert Sims, was a young engineer who came to Port Hope, at the time of the building of the Midland Railway. Here he met and married Miss Adelaide Sowden, who became the mother of the future Admiral. While still an infant, the family moved into the town of Port Hope. When young Sims was ten years old they moved to Pennsylvania. Admiral Sims entered the United States Navy at the age of fifteen. His wife was Miss Hitchcock, daughter of Senator Hitchcock. Admiral Sims' parents are dead. The Admiral is particularly well known for what he has contributed to the development of the science of gunnery. This led to his being appointed, last February, to the Presidency of the Naval War College. At the great allied war conference, held recently, Admiral Sims had the honour of representing the United States.



EVERY little while Sir John Jellicoe steps back into the public gaze. Since he gave over his command of the great High Seas Fleet to Sir David Beatty and became our First Sea Lord, now Chief of the new Naval Staff, he has become less mysterious than he was as the jailer of the German Navy in the North Sea. He is here seen leaving the Conference of the Allied Military and Naval leaders in Paris.



THE first wedding which has ever taken place at Government House, Ottawa, was celebrated on May 24th, when Lady Mary Hamilton, eldest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, became the bride of Captain Robert Kenyon-Slaney, Grenadier Guards, only son of Colonel the Right Hon. W. S. and Lady Mabel Kenyon-Slaney. Lady Mary arrived from England only recently, and has been the guest of Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire.

FIFTEEN years ago nobody could decide whether Queen Alexandra or the Czarina was the more beautiful woman. The late Dr. Talmage described the Czarina as a June morning. But the June morning from Germany is now a captive in the Palace of Tsarkoe-Selo. The once Queen of England is here seen at St. Dunstan's Bazaar, accompanied by Sir Arthur Pearson.

