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## Poland And Lithuania.

### POLAND WARNS LITHUANIA.

LONDON, Sept. 6. The Polish Government has despatched a note to Lithuania the tenor of which amounts to an ultimatum, says a Warsaw dispatch to the London Times to-day. The note says that unless Lithuania completely halts the southward movement of her troops Poland will be forced to consider a state of war exists between the two countries. A full statement of the case has been forwarded to the League of Nations.

### DISASTER AT NIAGARA.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Sept. 6. Three persons were killed and two injured this afternoon by a fall of rock on the Cave of the Winds, Niagara Falls. The dead are A. Hartman, his wife, Louise Hartman, and Clara Faust, Pittsburg. The injured are T. W. Lee, Pittsburg, and Frank Hebling, Detroit. The party was on one of the bridges when the slide of shale rock fell upon them. The bodies of the dead have not been recovered and it

may take days to dig them out of the debris. Identification was made at the office at the entrance to the Cave of Winds where visitors register. The roar of the Falls in the cave is so great that no warring of the slide of stone could be heard by any of the party.

### DEMPSEY RETAINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

RING SIDE, Benton Hr., Mich., Sept. 6. Jack Dempsey, World's Heavyweight Champion, defending his title for the first time knocked out Billy Miske, St. Paul in the third round of the scheduled ten round championship fight. The finish came after they had fought one minute and thirteen seconds of the third round. The challenger had been felled with a right hand punch to the chin and Miske took the count of nine. He staggered to his feet, Dempsey whipped over another right hander, and Miske fell in his corner. The fight was witnessed by a crowd of approximately seventeen thousand.

### The Sugar Situation.

Ottawa, Aug. 28.—The following statement dealing with the present sugar situation was issued by the Board of Commerce last night: "As has been already unofficially announced in the press, a conference between the Board of Commerce and the sugar refiners has resulted in a reduction of two cents a pound on the price of sugar. This reduction extends to all grades and effective forthwith, leaving the selling price of refiners at 22 cents a pound. Former orders of the Board of Commerce which remain in effect limit to two cents per pound the increased cost to the consumer, this limitation of profits applying equally, of course, to purchases made at prices below 22 cents. The sugar markets of the world remain an uncertain quantity, with a tendency downward during the last week or two. The high sugar prices obtaining in the United States during the past year have been no doubt largely responsible for attracting to that country cheaper offerings from various parts of the world, with the result that several sharp breaks in the United States market have occurred recently and prices here and there fell to a point which made it profitable to bring sugar over the boundary line into Canada despite the duty and difference at exchange. The reduction effected by the co-operation of the Canadian refiners is in face of the fact that the refiners have been heavily stocked with sugar purchased at high prices, though not, of course, at the highest prices, and the selling price fixed becomes possible only by certain proportions of these stocks being sold at considerable loss. Two conditions, either or both of which may bring further benefits to the Canadian consumer, are a special reduction in the price of raws or a continued fall in the price of sugar in the United States. No prediction is ventured with respect to these points, but the Board of Commerce will continue to watch the situation closely and is prepared to take to the limits of its facilities action necessary for the protection of the public."

### The Pilgrim Fathers.

This week the famous Cape Cod district will commemorate with elaborate celebrations and historical pageants the coming of the Pilgrim Fathers, the first of the many spectacles which are to be staged in the United States to commemorate the story of the Mayflower and the historic landing at Plymouth, three centuries ago. There are celebrations at Provincetown, Truro and Cornhill. It is true the voyagers did not land at the top of "Cape Cod" until November 21st, 1620, but the thrifty Cape people want to get the benefit of the presence of the "summer folks" who throng their towns and villages at this season.

Provincetown, for instance, intends that all her women shall wear the garb of Priscilla, and is trying to induce the men also to dress as did the Pilgrim Fathers. Truro reminds the nation that long before the landing on the Rock, the Pilgrim there found the buried corn that saved them from starvation and that the explorers there drank their first draughts of real New England water.

England meantime has been holding tercentenary celebrations. Southampton has celebrated the anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower on the first of the three starts she made ere she actually fared across the sea. And that English port proudly marked the fact that there John Aiden became a member of the band of emigrants. As some of the Pilgrims came from Essex, several towns in that County have held celebrations, among them Chelmsford and Billericay, the latter of which lost the final letter of its name when the Atlantic was crossed. American Ambassador Davis has unveiled a memorial in the Congregational Church at Billericay in the name of the four Pilgrims who came from that place.

The British press is signaling these celebrations as events of great significance and importance. "The Pilgrim Fathers," says the London Daily Telegraph, in a typical article, "went forth into the wilderness, crusaders for conscience's sake, apostles of a greater religion than any yet established or endowed, the religion of private judgment in the spiritual sphere. It was the foundation on which the liberties of the American people have been built, the real basis of their democracy, whereof, indeed, these rather dour Puritan settlers of Plymouth Bay were the originators."—Morning Chronicle.

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### A Catch Somewhere.

A well-known clergyman is in the habit of repeating his sentences several times over to enable the congregation thoroughly to grasp their meaning. On one occasion, while preaching in a very poor district, he came to the following words:—

"Who was John the Baptist?" He brought them out slowly and distinctly, and then repeated them. After glancing round the church, he once more repeated the words, "Who was John the Baptist?"

To his surprise, a very seedy-looking individual at the back of the church shuffled to his feet and remarked, with a smile, "Look here, guv'nor, I know there's a catch somewhere; but come on, who was he?"

### Spoiled the Effect.

"Gentlemen of the jury," the eminent counsel wound up his eloquent oration, "I leave the rest to you. You come of a chivalrous race. As men, you would scorn to insult a woman—or ill-treat one—to say aught which is unbecoming or unmanly to one of the gentle sex."

He paused, with an angry glance at the back of the court, where there was a sudden disturbance. Then he shrank back as a stern-looking woman faced him.

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It is far cheaper to beat your wife or half-murder your enemy than offend against the excise laws.

During the War a City merchant was charged with shipping opium to the East in cases labelled pictorial postcards. He pleaded guilty, and his offence cost him £750.

A little earlier another man was detected in an attempt to smuggle a quantity of saccharin into the country, and in this case the penalties which had to be paid were £5,428.

Tricks with tobacco are not looked upon leniently by our Customs authorities. A certain firm of importers were charged not long ago with under-weighting a large number of cases of tobacco in the bonded warehouse. It was alleged that, by means of slipping a weight into the counterpoise, the recorded weight of each hogshead was made four pounds less than it really was.

The penalty recovered in the case was £26,336 16s. The story never got into the newspapers until it was discovered in a Blue Book.

The United States Customs are notoriously severe. A lady tried to hide a pearl necklace in her hat and so smuggled it through. Caught, she was condemned to pay £2,400 duty on the pearls and £1,000 as fine. Seeing that the original cost of the pearls was only £1,500, it would have been distinctly cheaper for their owner to have declared them.

Still harder was the fate of a firm of art dealers who have premises both in London and New York, who were charged with under-valuing imports. The sum claimed from them was very nearly a quarter of a million. They were fined £4,000 into the bargain.

### Holyrood Garden Party.

The annual Garden Party at Holyrood in aid of the Parish Church will be held on to-morrow the last general holiday. Rev. Father Finn, P.P., and the Committee in charge are making every arrangement to have the Party a big success and a number of friends on this end are helping the cause along. A programme of interesting sports is being arranged. The 2:30 excursion train will go as far as Holyrood, returning will leave there at 9 o'clock.

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