

# Members of Irish Cabinet Returned

## Results Look Promising for the Government--Belgian Note on Reparations Suggests Priority Claims--Dr. Banting Insured for Five Million Dollars--Discovery in Alaska of Placer Gold--Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda is Dead.

### IRISH ELECTION RESULTS.

DUBLIN, Aug. 29. President Wm. T. Cosgrave has been elected on the first preference by the voters of the Irish Free State. The President's list, headed by Mr. Cosgrave, was elected by a majority of 1,000,000. The Minister for Defence, and Mr. Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, both at present in the cabinet, were also returned from Dublin. Mr. Cosgrave, Government candidate, was also elected. Professor John McNeill, Minister of Education, was returned for the National University. Professor Michael Hayes, Minister of the last Dail, and Professor McGeehan also were elected for the National University. Mr. Higgins, Minister for the Government in the last Dail, was returned to the Dail from County Wick.

### THE BELGIAN REPLY.

PARIS, Aug. 29. Belgium's reply to the British Foreign Minister's proposal for a method of procedure in the reparations, suggesting conversations among the Allies "without reference to the old system of conferences," is that if reduction in Germany's debt is necessary, the balance sheet should be paid up to apply to the damages only. This might be understood as meaning the elimination of pensions from the Allied claims, thus reducing the total to a sum which would be paid to the Germans in the form of a loan. It is to be by their violence and actions, and M. Jaspar holds Germany responsible for the existing situation in the Ruhr. Six of the two pages of the note are devoted to a discussion of Belgium's claims for reparations. In his report, M. Jaspar states that Belgium has received in cash from the Germans, in the form of a loan, 1,257,000,000 francs, 1,175,000,000 francs, 1,000,000,000 francs, 1,420,000,000 francs, and 1,420,000,000 francs. In conclusion the Belgian Foreign Minister declares that so long as the security of the countries which have been invaded is not assured there can be no enduring peace and reduction in armament.

### WITHOUT JURISDICTION.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 28. The ground that the United States is without jurisdiction in the United States Commissioner's office today refused to issue warrants for the arrest of seven men who last week attacked the Canadian steamer J. Scott Haskinson, off Cape Cod, and shot her skipper, Capt. J. W. Moore, and cook, Harry Harm. The Department of Justice at Washington has been asked for instructions.

### HEAVY INSURANCE.

TORONTO, Aug. 28. Life insurance policies amounting to millions of dollars have been issued on the life of Dr. F. G. Banting, discoverer of insulin. It is understood that the premiums are being guaranteed by the Rockefeller Foundation. The statement is made that Dr. Banting has thus become one of the best insured men in the world.

### THIEFS MAKE WHISKEY HAUL.

CHICAGO, Aug. 28. While three armed men stood guard over three watchmen, seven robbers to-day loaded 45 barrels of whiskey from the warehouse of W. J. McLaughlin, a government bonded warehouse, into a truck. The robbers escaped with liquor. The prices would place the value of the whiskey at ninety thousand dollars.

### DEATH OF INDIAN PRINCE.

FLUSHING, Holland, Aug. 28. Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda, said to be the richest Prince in India, died here to-night on a journey from Berlin. He was taken ill on the train and died just as Flushing was reached. It was the Maharaja of Baroda who created a sensation at the Delhi Durbar in 1912, when he turned his back upon King George. Instead of walking backward, as is customary in the presence of royalty, any doubt of his loyalty was dispersed through his gallant assistance to the Empire during the Great War. He was sixty years old.

### GLoucester Disappointed.

GLoucester, Aug. 28. Thousands of people, crowding the shore, and about in all manner of craft, were disappointed to-day when the open schooner race for the Lipton

### ALASKAN GOLD RUSH.

ALASKA, Aug. 28. Discovery of placer gold, reported to run as high as four dollars gold to the pan, on Toklat River, sixty miles from the Alaska railroad, was the signal for a general stampede from Menan and other interior points. The find was made by Indians.

### MORE ASSASSINATIONS.

LONDON, Aug. 28. General Telina, President of the Commission for delimitation of the Graeco-Albania frontier, Surgeon Smert, the General's chauffeur, and his aide-camp have been assassinated, says an Athens despatch to the Central News. Word of the assassination came from Janina, Albania.

### BELGIUM'S REPLY.

PARIS, Aug. 28. The Belgian Government, in reply to the last British Reparations note, stands with France on the principal points of contention, maintaining that the legality of the Ruhr occupation has been established by the previous action of the Allies, including Great Britain and that evacuation of the Ruhr valley is impossible on promises from Germany.

### FISHERMEN'S RACE.

GLoucester, Aug. 28. Rumors in Gloucester that United States vessels might refuse to participate in any future International Fishermen's series as the result of the incidents during last year's series here, were dispelled to-day, when it became known that Captain Clayton Morrissey would take the Henry Ford to Halifax to race the Bluenose, if no other United States schooner is elected challenger. It also became known that if the new schooner Columbia desires to challenge it will first have to defeat the Henry Ford in the elimination series.

### ANOTHER BANK MERGER.

OTTAWA, Aug. 28. Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, announced on Monday evening that, at the request of the directors of the two banks concerned and in conformity with the provisions of the Bank Act, he has given consent to the making of an agreement for the sale of the assets of the Bank of Hamilton and the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

### FREE STATE ELECTION.

DUBLIN, Aug. 28. The electorate of the Irish Free State went to the polls in 29 constituencies for the election of 150 members of the new Dail Eireann, but the results will be secret for several days. It is understood, up to the last, the campaign was quiet and orderly, almost to dullness. There were trifling exceptions to this in a few cases, where enthusiasm outran discretion, and resulted in slight disturbances. The universal verdict was that yesterday's was a quiet election in Irish history. Polling has not been heavy. It is believed that sixty per cent. of the electors voted. Gunfire in Dublin early in the morning led many to believe that the Republicans had abandoned their stand for law and order, but no explanation has been forthcoming as to the cause of the firing. No doubt is entertained that General Mulcahy will lead the polling for North City and Kevin O'Higgins is certain of election in Dublin County. President Cosgrave is considered a certainty as head of the polls in Carlow, and in Government circles most cautious prophets estimate that the candidates pledged to support Cosgrave will win at least seventy seats.

and Prentiss trophy were postponed on account of fog. The break in the programme cast a gloom over the whole day's proceedings, but one remaining feature was the announcement that with the event postponed until Thursday, the Boston schooner Mayflower, notorious because of the controversy over her non-eligibility to contest in the International schooner series, would be able to participate in the open event. According to the race committee, any bona fide fishing schooner from any part of the world may enter the open event on Thursday, providing it comes to the starting line before the gun is fired.

### Rare Musical Program at the Nickel.

MARGARET FREER ENTHUSIASTIC WITH ENTHUSIASM.

A vocalist of unusual charm is Miss Margaret Freer, who, since opening her engagement at the Nickel last Friday has aroused great enthusiasm among the music lovers of St. John's. Her singing is such as to carry the listener along with the theme of the selection and makes you almost forget you are sitting in a theatre in St. John's. Her singing last evening left nothing lacking. As for tone-value, clarity and diction, Miss Freer is an artist from every sense of the word. This lady has not only a remarkable mezzo-soprano voice, but has a charming personality that is as great an asset as her singing. "The Sting of the Lash," Pauline Frederick's latest starring vehicle which was shown at this theatre yesterday is a powerful dramatic story in which the noted star has just the sort of role for which her remarkable talents and versatility are best suited. She enacts the part of a wife, whose undying devotion to her erring husband, not only reclaims the man, but wins happiness for herself after many bitter struggles.

### Jack Burke Pounds Dempsey.

HE FOUND THE CHAMPION AN EASY TARGET FOR RIGHT HANDED BLOWS.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y., Aug. 24.--Jack Burke, the hard hitting heavy-weight, uncorked a weakness in Jack Dempsey's defense to-day which the world's heavyweight champion must correct before he faces Luis Angel Firpo in their round contest at the Polo Grounds, September 14. Burke, an accurate and stiff fighter, found Dempsey an easy target for right hand blows, the most effective punch in Firpo's collection. He nailed the champion with solid smashes with such speed that Dempsey was fighting mad at the finish of their two slogging rounds. In the first Burke reached Dempsey's face and jaw four straight times, without a return. He also landed a one-two punch, following this up with lefts and rights that knocked the champion's head gear to rickety angles. Dempsey landed only one effective blow in the first round, but scored more frequently in the second, although observers agreed that Burke clearly had the better of the title holder. Burke left the ring bleeding from the mouth and nose as a result of stopping left hooks.

### Degrees of Torture.

Sometimes when a toothache agonizes us we wonder what it must be to get a real hurt. But of ailments, the three which cause most pain are toothache, earache, and neuralgia of the fifth nerve. The latter has been known to drive the sufferers quite mad for the time being. While a deep and dangerous wound often causes nothing but a dull ache, a slight surface injury is often intensely painful. A splinter driven into the quick of the foot causes the most exquisite agony. The tips of the fingers and the tip of the tongue are the most sensitive portions of the human frame. The corner of the eye is also extremely sensitive, and the hand is a mass of nerves.

### Will Lecture on Poultry Culture

President Geo. R. Williams and Mr. A. J. Bayly Esq., of the Newfoundland Poultry Association, will probably visit Bell Island during the week to lecture on poultry raising. Arrangements have been made to hold the lecture in the Star Hall to-night, but as the place has been engaged for the day by Committee of Management of the Methodist Garden Party, the lecture has been postponed to a later date.

### Look out for the Independent.

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### BILLY'S UNCLE

WELL, MARTHAS MA SAYS MRS. WATT WOULD MAKE A DANDY WIFE FOR YOU 'CAUSE SHE'S A FIRST CLASS HOUSEKEEPER--AN' I KNOW SHE'S A GOOD COOK 'CAUSE I'VE TASTED HER PIES!

### Electrification of Steam?

The question of electrifying steam railroads is necessarily of deep interest to Canadians owing to the announcement that Sir Henry Thornton intends to embark on such a policy in connection with Canadian National Railway lines in the Toronto-Niagara zone. All over this continent railroad men generally are canvassing the question, "Does Railroad Electrification Pay?" and special importance is attached to a recent article in the "Railway Review" by Sidney Withington, electrical engineer of the New Haven System, with reference to the results of electrification in the New York Central and New Haven Systems. Electrification has already been adopted in the West, notably the mountain sections of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R., and among experts the advantages of electricity over steam in meeting the physical conditions of mountain grades are accepted as proven.

The electrification of New York terminals was a most important experiment, owing to the fact that passenger and freight traffic in that area is perhaps the heaviest in the world; civic problems and advantages unknown in mountain sections come to the fore. With the New York Central and New Haven systems, electrification was not voluntary. It was forced on companies by the New York State Legislature which for sanitary and civic reasons wished to abolish the steam and smoke nuisance in the populous northern districts of the American metropolis. The legislature, we take it, was indifferent to the question whether the new system involved additional costs to the railroads or not. Mr. Withington in his article emphasizes the fact that while "direct" savings like a reduction in coal consumption of \$200,000 tons per annum can be tabulated and on the whole make an excellent showing they will not in themselves justify electrification, because they are more than counteracted by the heavy overhead charges due to the high installation cost, and other considerations.

On the credit side, however, he places many incidental advantages resulting from the change, part from the boon to citizens in the diminution of the smoke nuisance. With the new mechanical appliances which are rendered available through the change from steam to electricity, operation has been speeded up, especially in the rush hours when hundreds of thousands of workers go to and from the suburbs of New York. The necessity for extra track facilities has been postponed for a number of years, owing to the greater ease with which electric trains can be handled in comparison with steam traction. A very important space saving is effected by the fact that in the Grand Central terminals, passenger tracks are on two levels--a condition impossible under steam operation. This by the way, is an important matter in connection with the proposed viaduct on Toronto's esplanade which Sir Henry Thornton is said to favor.

The greatest gain accruing from electrification in the New York zone is clearly in the reduction of the necessary terminal area, which it is stated, would under steam operation be twice what it is at present. It is estimated that the land rendered available for commercial buildings by this saving of space represents a value that amounts to more than the entire cost of the New York Central and New Haven electrified zones. The advantages which thus arise are applicable only to populous civic areas. There is as yet apparently no experience on which to base an estimate as to the economic merits of electricity as compared with steam in long stretches of open country.

### Change Islands.

The schooners Humber Deal with 300 qts. Sniper, 300 qts. and Balala, 500 qts. have arrived from the Straits.

### Fogo.

The schr. Mabel A. Payne, master, has arrived from Belle Isle with 1,300 qts.

### From Wild Cove Point, Seal Bay.

To Hare Bay Head, sub-collector R. T. Scott reports the total landed to date as 2,500 qts., with nothing last week; 190 boats are fishing and he considers prospect fair.

### Busses will take you from Rawlins' Cross and top McBride's Hill to the Oddfellows Outing on Wednesday at 2.45 p.m.--aug 28, 21

## Wonderful Big Programme at the Nickel To-Day

**Margaret A Freer**  
MEZZO-SOPRANO  
Sings (a) WERE MY SONG WITH WINGS PROVIDED--Hahn.  
(b) LITTLE GREY HOME IN THE WEST--Lohr.

**PAULINE FREDERICK**  
in a powerful Social Melo-drama. A soul reclaimed. A story of undying love. The greatest dramatic role of her career entitled "THE STING OF THE LASH."  
EDDIE BARRY in a Christie Comedy "FALLING FOR FANNY." You are always sure of a good show at the Nickel.

### Fishery Reports.

The following fishery reports have been received during the week by the Secretary of the Nrd. Board of Trade:

### Ferryland.

From Aguaforte to Caplin Bay, the catch to date is 5,100 quintals, with 210 for the week. Some 30 traps, 49 motor boats, and 18 dories have been engaged and last week ten traps were taken up as the fish has struck off and only a few motor boats are now operating.

From Renewe to Seal Cove the total to date is 4,400 quintals with 1,000 for last week. All traps have been taken up and the fishery was plentiful at Renewe Rock and a record voyage is anticipated.

### Placentia.

From Cape Race to St. Shott's 7,550 quintals have been landed to date. There is now very little doing and all traps have been taken up after having a fairly good season. There is still a sign of fish with trawls.

### Burin.

From Fortune to Carmel, sub-collector Roy Spencer reports 3,100 qts. landed to date, with 100 qts. for last week. The prospects are poor.

### Fortune Bay.

From South side of Hermitage Bay to North side of Conagrag Bay only 200 qts. have been landed to date. The weather has been stormy, but sub-collector Roy reports prospects good. From English Harbour to Boxey Point the total landed is 3,330 quintals with 60 for last week. Bait is reported scarce in this section. From Eagle Point to Mall Bay 3,560 qts. have been landed to date, and this includes the catches of the schooners Wren, M. Corp, 550 qts.; Alice M. Pike, 300 qts., and Flora S. Nickerson, 850 qts., all three arriving last week.

### Burgeo.

From Richard's Hr. to Raymond's Point East the total landed is 6,300 qts., with 200 for last week. There are 214 shifts fishing and prospects are favourable for a good squid season. Mr. W. J. Bragg reports that 1,190 qts. have been landed to date at Channel and Port aux Basques, but there was nothing doing last week. The weather has been very stormy and the fishermen were unable to get on the grounds.

### Bay de Verde.

Meads Brook to Break Heart Point. The fishery here has been a failure, only 540 qts. being landed for the season. Sub-collector Barrett reports that the fishermen are greatly discouraged, and there is no hope of their securing enough to pay expenses.

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### Creatures We Can't Catch.

BIRDS AND BEASTS THE ZOO WOULD WELCOME.

It was reported recently that photographs have been obtained of a notorious, almost unknown, flightless bird, of which only four specimens have ever been secured. There are many other birds and beasts at large in various parts of the world of which photographs have not even been obtained, and the zoological societies would pay substantial sums for specimens of them.

There is a nameless creature living in the region of the Andes, for instance, that has so far escaped capture. It has been seen by various travellers, and bones and other remains that have been discovered bear out the belief that the animal is a true member of the rat family--but a rather terrifying member, since it is the size of a fully grown mastiff! Then there is the okapi, an animal known to exist in certain parts of the Congo forest. It was discovered just over twenty years ago, by Sir Harry Johnston, who believed it to be of the same species as certain fossilized remains which were found in Greece. The subsequent discovery of some skulls and a complete hide, however, proved the okapi to be an unknown animal, apparently a cross between the giraffe and zebra.

Another creature still at large is the mylodon, a species of the ground sloth. Some few years ago Hesketh Pritchard, the author and big game hunter, led an expedition into Patagonia in search of this beast. Although no mylodon was captured, it is firmly believed that specimens of the creature are still at large there.

A great deal of interest was aroused by the reports regarding the discovery on the Congo of a huge beast weighing about 100 tons and covered with "armour." Nothing further has been heard of this animal, however, nor has the water elephant, also said to live in the same part, been captured. On the other hand, a new animal of the hog species has been run to earth, as also has a species of the mouse-deer.

Among the birds that the Zoo would welcome may be mentioned the bell bird, which has often been heard singing in a clear, bell-like tone, but never yet caught.

"My son-in-law is a model young man," remarked Mrs. Pecky. "I exercise a great influence over him. Ever since I've been at his house he has been slogging hard at it in the City until ten and eleven o'clock every night."