

FACE CRUCIAL PERIOD AGAIN

Irish Parleys At Breaking Point But the Door Still Open.

London, Aug. 15.—Great Britain to-day faced the crucial period in the negotiations looking to the establishment of peace in Ireland. The action between Prime Minister Lloyd George and Eamonn de Valera, Irish "republican" leader, showed the people that a virtual deadlock existed, and although the door was declared to have been left open for further parleys, it was apparent that the situation was one of considerable gravity.

De Valera has refused Lloyd George's latest offer and the Sinn Fein are insisting on independence. "They have no right to secede," says Lloyd George.

Reports from Dublin, which might indicate what the Irish "republicans" would do to counter any unexpected move of the government in giving the correspondence to the press, were anxiously awaited. It appeared that the next step should be made in that city as Lloyd George literally "laid his cards on the table" yesterday, and it seemed that Mr. de Valera and his colleagues must meet the situation thus created.

Government Offer Generous.
London, Aug. 15.—Most of London's newspapers, in their comment on the new developments in the Irish situation this morning, reflected the belief that the government's proposals offered a generous settlement of the controversy. "They show great statesmanship, courage and decision on the part of the government," said the London Times. "Broadly these concessions represent the extreme limit to which this or any British government is likely to go. Mr. de Valera's reply approaches more closely to the tone desirable in such negotiations than any of his past utterances. It is a reasoned refusal, which appears deliberately to avoid any final rupture. The prime minister's reply is the only possible rejoinder, and we hope the Irish people will give deep consideration to the statesmanlike advice of General Smuts, premier of the union of South Africa, whose letter to Mr. de Valera, made public on Saturday, urged the acceptance of the government's offer."

Irish People Disappointed.
Dublin, Aug. 15.—The people of Ireland, who have enjoyed a month of peace, found it hard to-day to believe that negotiations between Eamonn de Valera and the prime minister, Lloyd George, were at the breaking point. They were placing their hopes in the Irish "republican parliament," which will meet tomorrow, to consider the whole correspondence and frame a reply to the prime minister's latest letter.

What Britain Offered.
London, Aug. 15.—The British proposals, which were dated July 20th, said:

"The British government is actuated by an earnest desire to end the unhappy divisions between Great Britain and Ireland which have produced so many conflicts in the past and which have once more shattered the peace and well-being of Ireland. At the present time they long with his majesty the king, in the words of his gracious speech in Ireland last month, for a satisfactory solution of those age-long Irish problems which our fathers as they now weigh heavy on us." And they wish to do their utmost to secure that every man of Irish birth should work in harmony with the free communities on which the British empire is based.

"They are convinced that the Irish people are an expression of their political and spiritual ideals within the empire as any of the numerous and varied nations united in allegiance to his majesty's throne and they desire such consummation not only for the welfare of Great Britain and Ireland and the empire as a whole but also for the cause of peace and harmony throughout the world.

"There is not a part of the world where Irishmen have made their homes but suffers from our ancient feuds. No part of it but looks to this meeting between the British govern-

HUSBAND AND WIFE



My wife rolls her stockings.—M. A. N.
What Does Your Wife Do?

Lenine Drops Free Service Soviet Ideas Gradual Change to Monetary System

Riga, Aug. 15.—Formal decision to revoke free postal, railway, telegraph and tramway service in soviet Russia, together with the abandonment of the free grant of tools and household goods to workmen and the possibility of a gradual change to the monetary system instead of the exchange of goods are announced in dispatches received here from Rosta News Agency, the official soviet news disseminator at Moscow.

These important steps toward putting into effect Lenine's new policy, which are taken as indication that his plan is moving still further in the direction of the industrial and capitalist system of the rest of the world than was at first believed, are announced in decrees to the people's commissars, signed by Lenine.

ment and the Irish leaders to resolve these feuds in a new understanding, honorable and satisfactory to all the people involved.

In British Dominions.
The free nations which compose the British empire are drawn from many races with different histories, traditions and ideals. In the Dominion of Canada the British and French have long forgotten, the bitter conflicts which divided their ancestors. In South Africa, the Transvaal republic and the Orange Free State have joined with two British colonies to make a great self-governing union, under his majesty's sway.

"The British people cannot believe that where Canada and South Africa with equal or even greater difficulties have so signally succeeded, Ireland will fail, and they are determined, so far as they themselves can assure it, nothing shall hinder Irish statesmen from joining together to build up an Irish state in free and willing co-operation with the other peoples of the empire."

"Moved by these considerations, the British government invites Ireland to take her place in the great association of free nations over which his majesty reigns. As an earnest of their desire to obliterate old quarrels and to enable Ireland to face the future with her own strength and hope, they propose that Ireland shall assume forthwith the status of a dominion which all the powers and privileges set forth in this document."

Complete Anatomy.
"Then by the adoption of dominion status it is understood that Ireland shall enjoy complete autonomy in taxation and finance; that she shall maintain her own military forces for home defense; her home constabulary and her own police; that she shall take the Irish postal service and all matters relating thereto; education, land agriculture, mines and minerals, forestry, housing, labor, unemployment, transport, trade, public health, health insurance and liquor traffic, and in sum that she shall exercise all those powers and privileges on which the autonomy of self-governing dominions is based, subject the considerations set forth in the ensuing paragraphs.

"Guaranteed in these liberties, which no foreign people can challenge, without challenging the empire as a whole, the dominions hold each and severally, by virtue of their close fellowship, a standing amongst the nations equivalent not merely to their individual strength, but of the combined power and influence of all the nations of the commonwealth."

Relief Not Surprised.
Belfast, Aug. 15.—Little surprise was felt here at the tenor of the letter from Eamonn de Valera to Lloyd George, rejecting the government's offer of dominion status for Ireland, as talk of peace has been regarded with much scepticism. It is pointed out that should the truce in Southern Ireland be ended the government difficulties would be enormously increased through having recognized the Sinn Fein as belligerents.

Glad Parleys Not Broken.
Dublin, Aug. 15.—In discussing the situation which has arisen through the publication of letters exchanged by Eamonn de Valera and Lloyd George, the Dublin correspondent today rejoiced that negotiations looking to peace in Ireland had not been broken.

"It would be tragic if they were," the newspaper said, "and it is strongly to be hoped there will be a satisfactory settlement, thereby averting the possibility of intensified warfare, which, if it occurred, would open an appalling prospect. Nothing should now be said or done to make more difficult the task of those who have the destiny of Ireland in their hands."

The Republican Parliament.
Dublin, Aug. 15.—An informal meeting of the Irish "republican parliament" was the chief manifestation today of activity observable in both Sinn Fein and Dublin castle quarters as the result of the new turn in the Irish negotiations, following the disclosure in the correspondence between Lloyd George and Eamonn de Valera. The meeting was held in the Mansion house at noon to give the members, many of whom had never met, an opportunity to

The decision to change for the postal, tramway and other services was made, says the Rosta agency, "to restore the value of the currency."

By another decree the government organizations are instructed to secure payment for everything furnished workmen, except for food rations and medicine given those having cards. This is interpreted as meaning a great curtailment of the free ration list through strict limitation of cards to actual workmen, who will be subjected to collective rationing, factories or departments to receive a food supply based on their output, irrespective of the number of the employees.

A message to Die Riga Rundschau from Moscow states that the taxes in Russia will be payable in money.

come acquainted and exchange notes prior to the summoned meeting to be held tomorrow to consider the whole question of the negotiations.

TEACHER BAYLEY IS FIRED.
School Board Cannot Swallow His Ideas About God.

Winnipeg, Aug. 15.—The school board of St. Boniface decided Friday night to dispense with the services of W. D. Bayley, principal of St. George's school, because of what was termed his "atheistical" utterances in a speech at the Labor church. Bayley is also Labor member for Assiniboia in the legislature. His words as quoted were:

"The idea that there is a supreme being who looks at all that is going on in the world, and is supposed to direct all things, is preposterous."

Mr. Bayley attended the meeting when his dismissal was decided upon and put in the claim that the board had no power to dismiss him as his statements had not been made in a public school building. He will appeal to the conciliation board provided for disputes between school boards and their employees.

LEE HONG'S LIQUOR GONE.
Rather Involved Case in Which Celestial Figures.

Cobourg, Aug. 15.—Lee Hong, Brighton, who appeared before P. M. Floyd some time ago on a charge of B.O.T.A. and was fined \$200 and costs, appealed to the commission for a refund of fine and liquor—three cases of gin, as the breach was purely a technical one. The commission considered the case and it was ordered that the liquor be returned, providing Mr. Hong could get a legal place to keep the liquor.

Accordingly the liquor was expressed to Brighton in Mr. Goodrich's name, but later word came to Cobourg that the gin, or part of it, at least, had been stolen. Mr. Goodrich left for Brighton to investigate.

M.P.P.'S WON'T GO DOWN
In Their Jeans For Alberta Subscription Hunters.

Edmonton, Aug. 15.—One of the first official acts of the members of the new Farmers' government is to place themselves on record against the custom of demands being made upon members of the legislature to head subscription lists with general donations. The members-elect fail to see, even though it may have been a custom generally observed, in past legislatures, why they should be mulcted more heavily than private citizens. Times are hard, and the new legislators are losing no time in letting the whole province know where they stand on the matter of subscriptions.

Hughes Heads Delegation.
Washington, Aug. 15.—Secretary of State Hughes will head the American delegation at the international conference on armament limitation and Pacific and far eastern questions to be held here in November.

The Japanese Embassy has informed the Washington state department that it will require suitable accommodation for between one hundred and two hundred persons officially attached to the Japanese delegation to the disarmament conference. The British government is said to be anxious to obtain complete possession of two hotels.

Six heavily armed bootleggers, members of a country-wide gang of hoodlums, were vanquished Sunday in a thrilling pistol battle between fifteen members of the gang and fourteen deputy United States marshals on the Jericho turnpike near Huntington, L. I.

Victim Was New Jersey Girl.
Niagara Falls, Aug. 15.—The body of the woman who leaped or fell into the Niagara river 40 feet above the American falls and was swept to death over the cataract on Thursday night, August 4th, was identified as that of Ethel G. Reed, twenty-four years old, of Oak Tree, N.J.

Deserts the Coalition.
London, Aug. 15.—Sir Cecil Beck, formerly Liberal whip and parliamentary secretary, has severed connection with the Coalition party supporting the Lloyd George government. Only recent secessions are Col. Archer Shee and Col. John Gretton.

Forty-five Seamen Believed Drowned.
Kobe, Japan, Aug. 15.—Forty-five seamen are believed to have been drowned following the wreck of the freight steamer Shosha Maru, which was disabled by a typhoon and battered to pieces on the rocks off Loochoo Islands. Only one of the ship's personnel is known to have survived.

NEW BRITISH SEA TITANS

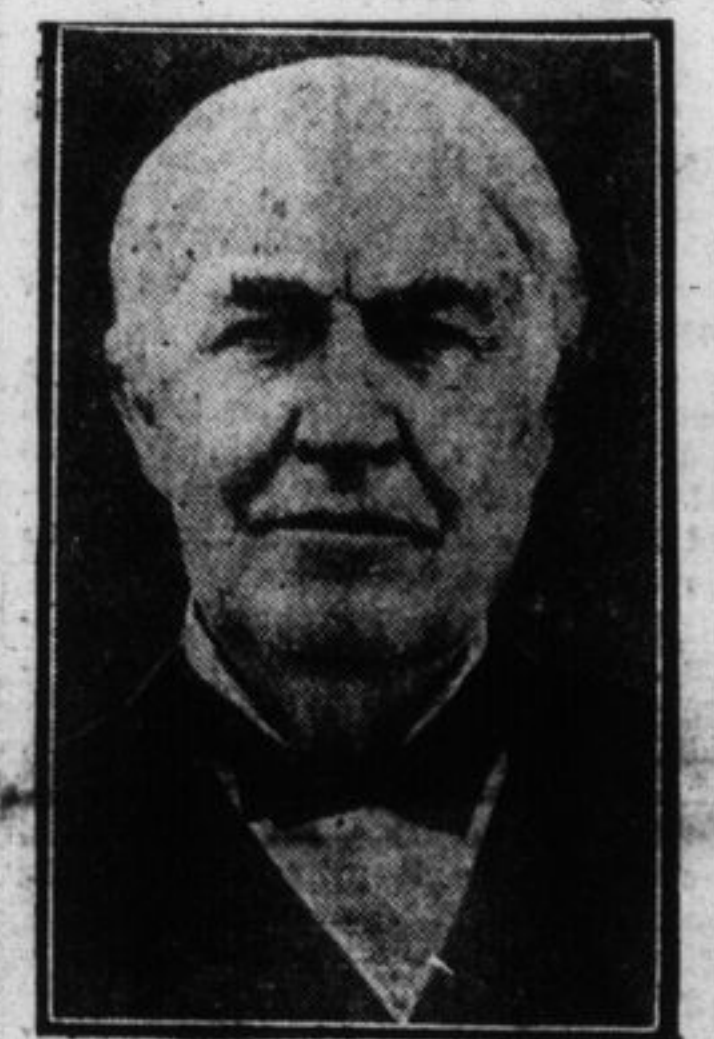
Eight Battleships, Most Powerful in World, Included in Programme.

London, Aug. 15.—Great Britain is planning eight gigantic battleships, to be the most powerful in the world, the Daily Sketch declared. These crafts, four of which were said to be provided in this year's estimates and four for next year, were described as radical departures from anything now afloat.

The ships, according to the newspaper, will be nearly 1,000 feet long, will have a displacement of 50,000 tons and a speed of 35 knots. The four provided for this year will carry nine 16-inch guns, while those in next year's budget will be armed with 18-inch guns, the most powerful naval ordnance yet attempted. There will be no secondary battery except a few anti-submarine and anti-aircraft rapid firers.

The ships will cost 7,500,000 pounds (nearly \$37,500,000) each. An additional expense will be required to construct special docks in which to build them, as there is none in England now large enough. These ships are to form the nucleus of Great Britain's post-Jutland fleet. No capital ships have been constructed since the armistice.

"The type of new capital ship has been settled," the newspaper said, "it is a monster, as fast as a destroyer and as powerful as a battleship."



THOMAS EDISON
Recently Mr. Edison put a long list of questions to several hundred men who had made application for positions in one or other of his plants. The questions covered such a wide range and seemed so tricky that quite a storm was raised about them.

Enough Without Radials,
Says London Advertiser

London, Ont., Aug. 15.—Commenting editorially on the report of the Sutherland Hydro-Radial Commission, the London Advertiser says:

"Ontario has enough on her hands at the present moment without plunging into an unknown sea of troubles, and it would be well, as the committee suggests, to wait for the safe arrival in port of some of the other ventures which have been launched before setting out on a new trip without chart or compass. The elaborate and costly system of highways which is now in progress has not sufficiently advanced to fully demonstrate its utility, let alone the cost, and in addition to this drawback, several of the proposed radial lines would parallel the lines of the Canadian National Railways and compete with them."

SEAL SHIPS USE PLANES.
For Scout to Locate Thousands of Victims.

London, Aug. 15.—"Turn about! Sail east!" The seals are making for the open sea!

This terse signal, wirelessly from an aerial observer 5,000 feet up over the ice fields to the sealing captains picking a cautious way along the grand banks of Newfoundland, was the first time an airman has had a hand in seal hunting.

The sealing captains took the hint. Round went the bows of their ships, and within half an hour the squat hulls were lost to sight in the distant Atlantic. Before sunset of the following day they had rounded up 110,000 seals.

Mysterious Poison Used.
New York, Aug. 15.—Health authorities are working to solve the mystery of a poison which has taken the lives of three children of one family within a week and resulted in the illness of a half-dozen others in the same neighborhood. A theory advanced was that the children had eaten poison berries found on vacant lots near their home.

BOGUS MONEY MADE WITHIN PRISON WALLS
Inmates of Ohio Reformatory Design and Circulate Spurious \$5 Bills.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 15.—A counterfeit plot hatched at the Ohio State reformatory at Mansfield by prisoners who carried out their work of manufacturing and circulating bogus bank notes for months within prison walls, was revealed by United States secret service agents here.

As a result two prisoners, King Williams and John Kometz, to be paroled soon, will be arrested upon their release and turned over to the federal authorities to be tried on charges of counterfeiting federal officials said.

A close watch was kept on several suspects in the reformatory. Several weeks ago, Assistant Superintendent Rowe said, he caught Williams in the act of putting the finishing touches on a bogus \$5 bill. After a severe examination, reformatory officials said, Williams admitted making and passing counterfeit bills for months.

Sees America a Foreign Country With Foreign Ideas And Ideals

Washington, Aug. 15.—A "Blue Law" for the girls was introduced in the house by Representative Herrick, Republican, of Oklahoma.

Representative Herrick would prevent girls from going into the movies or on the stage. His bill is designed to prohibit beauty contests conducted by newspapers and by film organizations.

"My motive for introducing this bill," said Mr. Herrick, "is that the young American woman of to-day is drifting away from home life, ceasing to be interested in maintaining a home, being a wife and rearing a family."

"It is a notorious fact that the American-born population is decreasing and that the recent immigrants and their immediate offspring are increasing and that if the same conditions continue for another decade, America may be converted into a foreign country with foreign ideas and ideals."

PROTECTED GIRL AND IS MURDERED
Montreal Youth Dies From Hammer Blow on the Head.

Montreal, Aug. 15.—Albert Smith, 587 Albert street, who received a blow on the head with a hammer during a quarrel on July 16th, died Sunday morning in the General Hospital from the effects of the injury.

Two months ago Smith and a friend were seated on the latter's steps on Albert street, when they heard another man address an insulting remark to a girl. They immediately went over and interfered. A fight ensued, in which the father of the man who had insulted the girl joined, apparently not knowing the reason why Smith and his friend had attacked his son. The father rushed into the house and emerged with a heavy hammer, which he used to strike Smith. The latter, although seriously injured, was not taken to the hospital until August 4th, when his wound became infected. It grew steadily worse and he succumbed.

WE ARE A GREAT COUNTRY.
At Least So Thinks the National Bank Review.

New York, Aug. 15.—The history of the world has shown no more well-balanced developments of a great country than has Canada says the National City Bank Review in a survey of conditions in the dominion. After referring to the vast territories in Canada and the resources which require the hardest kind of pioneers to bring them to the service of the world, it has steadily forged ahead, today, and stands in position to solidly withstand great strain of war. The Review predicts coming prosperity for Canada based on its crop condition as reported by its banks agents in that country and also expects lower living costs. It thinks the passage of the United States tariff will be the greatest factor in returning the cost of living by cutting down Canadian exports of food stuffs to the United States from one-half to two-thirds.

109 Years of Age And Enjoys Living
Brockville, Aug. 15.—Although now in his 110th year, Rufus Avery, of the counties' house of industry at Athens, still enjoys his pipe several times daily and is said by the superintendent to be in remarkable health. Only his hearing is affected. He is in company with his wife, several years his junior. He was born in the township of Augusta, Grenville county, April 9th, 1812, and spent all his life in that township as a farmer.

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DREAMSTICKS

THE GREAT LAWYER SAT AT HIS DESK IN DEEP STUDY, WHEN A STRANGER RUSHED IN DEMANDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: "IF THE ELECTRIC SIGNS, WHAT WILL THE PIG-PEN?"

ATTORNEY'S FEE \$100.00!