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## Attempt on Mussolini's Life Fails—Great Magician Houdini Is Dead

### THRILLING SEA FIGHT STAGED BY THE NAVY

Imperial Conference Delegates Saw Fifty Warships in Action.

### A COMPLETE PICTURE

Of Naval Battle in All its Phases Under Conditions of Modern War.

London, Nov. 1.—Britain's ready and mighty right arm hit a real and noisy blow Saturday.

Fifty ships of the line, including H.M.S. Hood, the greatest fighting machine afloat, engaged five hundred eyes in the party of Imperial Conference delegates and others for five hours off Portland when, under the direction of Admiral Sir H. F. Oliver, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic Fleet, the gray guardians of the free seas presented a graphic and complete picture of naval battle in all its phases under conditions of modern war.

There was shown a fleet leaving harbor, groping its way through an enemy mine field, being attacked by submarines, engaging the enemy in battle formation and finally destroying the foe by gunfire. It was, for both natives of this isle and for the eager dominion visitors a thrilling spectacle.

All dominion delegates, excepting Premier King, who has a severe cold, and Premier Cosgrave, were there. For the first time, women were permitted on the spectators' ships. The Rt. Hon. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty and Lt. Col. The Rt. Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, Dominion Secretary, represented the British Government.

**COLLIVER NOMINATED AT PICTON MEETING**

Prince Edward Conservatives—Endorse Ferguson's Liquor Policy.

Pictou, Nov. 1.—The Conservative convention for Prince Edward, held here on Saturday to select a candidate for the coming elections, tendered the nomination to Horace S. Colliver, former M.L.A. Mr. Colliver, in his address, expressed his undivided support of the policy of his leader, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, as recently outlined in his speeches at Kempsville and Bellville. Mrs. M. B. Weese, president of the Woman's Conservative Association of the county, offered a resolution endorsing the platform of the present Premier.

**Coal Strike Must Find Own Solution**

London, Nov. 1.—The coal industry, like other industries, must find on its own feet; hope for further government intervention merely tends to prolong the dispute.

reads a passage in a letter which Premier Baldwin has addressed to a Conservative candidate for Howden, Yorkshire. The passage seems to give the coal strike, which on Monday will be half a year old, a new aspect.

**Customs Returns.**

The customs returns for October are: Import duties—\$15,994.45; import taxes, \$3,192.37; excise taxes, \$15,150.86; excise duties, \$1,968.54; sundry collections, \$394.85; total, \$35,861.47. Last month's total was \$28,865.95.

**WOULD ASSIST FARMERS WHO WISH TO MOVE**

Quebec, Nov. 1.—"Canadian farmers who wish to migrate from one part of the dominion to another should receive financial assistance of a similar nature to that extended farmers and immigrants coming to Canada under the three-pound scheme," stated Rev. Abbe Casgrain, Roman Catholic chaplain at Quebec, "and I am going to have the matter brought up in parliament at the next session."

### Principal Taylor's Appeal to Kingston On Behalf of Queen's Endowment Fund

Principal R. Bruce Taylor of Queen's University issued a statement to-day in answer to the question he himself raises in connection with the endowment campaign in Kingston this week, in which the citizens of Kingston are co-operating in an effort to secure \$250,000—one-tenth of the university's country-wide objective of \$2,500,000.

His statement follows:

What is the money needed for? For even in these days when we think in large figures, two and a half millions is a large sum. And why is it in view of the fact that income and expenditure are just balancing, that the administration of the University does not call a halt and say, "Our funds are so



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much, let our expenditures not exceed this present figure?"

**Advance of Knowledge.**

1. Knowledge keeps on growing and a University is not a University unless it tries to maintain itself abreast of the advance of knowledge. Can you think of a medical school not equipped to deal with the germ theory of medicine, of an engineering laboratory equipped only with triple expansion steam engines and innocent of an internal combustion engine, of a Faculty of Arts in which the study of economics did not take a large place, and where the men and women, afterwards to be the leaders of the Dominion's thought, were not able to study the constitutional experiments that Canada has made and is making. New knowledge must be taken into consideration whether it be in literary, economic, or historical records, in applied mathematical science, in the chemistry of the bodily processes. Discovery is a constant process and Queen's University would cease to be a university if it were behind hand in following advances in learning.

2. But the setting forth of the new things implies new buildings, additional men to work in them, and all the increased overhead that goes with a growing plant. Since the war the value of money has largely decreased, wages, repairs, material, all cost more and a sum that ten years ago was sufficient for a certain duty has now to be supplemented by at least 40 per cent.

**To Maintain Its Great Place.**

3. An affair such as the present cannot always be in process, and those who be often come to be regarded as nuisances to their neighbors. The life of the University may be regarded as perpetual and those who administer it have to lay their plans, not for to-morrow or the next day, but for a generation ahead. We ask money not to pull us out of any hole, for no debt has been incurred, but to enable a great institution to maintain its great place.

4. Nearly forty years ago Dupuis and Grant hit upon the idea of extra-mural education and thereby gave the opportunity of advancement to thousands of men and women who but for it would have found their range limited. This work increases all the time until now the invisible student body in Arts and Banking and Accountancy may be numbered at about 1,300. This work, if it is to maintain its quality, has to be done with the utmost care and it involves a staff larger than the University would otherwise carry. It is not telling the whole story by any means to say that a professor lectures ten or twelve hours a week. He is never free from the constant burden, carried so willingly only because of the interest of the work imposed upon him by that invisible student body.

**Staff Additions Necessary.**

5. Additions to the staff are absolutely necessary first of all because of the growth in the number of students and secondly because of the increasing elaboration of courses. When Professor G. D. Ferguson was appointed to the staff about sixty years ago he was pro-

feessor of history, of English language and literature, and of modern languages. It is obvious that no one man, however great his qualifications, could give adequate instruction in all these branches of knowledge. That work is now covered by seventeen members of staff.

6. Money is needed for the provision of Fellowships. Under this system promising students can help a great deal in undertaking the care of the libraries and in relieving professors of much of the drudgery of correcting papers. It is poor economy to overwork the man who has originality and research in him, and the real professor will never be happy in his work unless he have time to keep abreast of the best thought in his subject.

7. The whole position of the professorate requires to be improved. Men are working on salaries which leave them no margin whatever for the buying of books or for intercourse with men eminent in their own branches of study. The large universities on either side of us and the institutions of learning throughout the States are able to pay salaries considerably larger than those in Queen's. The University has kept its staff just because of the loyalty of the men employed to the place in which they work. The life in Kingston is itself a happy and reasonable thing and the attractions of the small town are many. The laborer is worthy of his hire. Queen's has its tradition of learning and omeaten, but the tradition should not be unduly stressed.

**Great Benefit to Kingston.**

8. Kingston should realize how great a benefit it is to the city on the strictly educational side to have the University in its midst. The enrollment of students is 1,300, 229 of these belonging to Kingston itself. Hamilton and Ottawa, cities five times as large as Kingston, have each of them about 230 students scattered through Toronto, Queen's and McGill Universities. Were there no University in Kingston, it may, therefore, be assumed that only a fourth or fifth of these Kingston students enjoying university training would have the opportunity given them.

9. If they so desire it, those making contributions can have them earmarked for special purposes. The University is specially anxious to have to as great an extent as possible the disposal of the revenue of the funds to be raised. But one man may be interested, let us say, in the Library, another in some special side of technical training, another in the social life of the students—whatever his particular interest may be he may be certain that his contribution will be used in the meeting of that interest so far, of course, as it is in harmony with general university policy.

**Students' Union.**

10. No special appeal is being made for new buildings although it is obvious that a hydraulic laboratory and a new mining mill must be provided in the near future. As a matter of honor, however, apart altogether from the advantage that such a building would be to the students, the University is pledged as a War Memorial to a Students' Union in which undergraduates activities may find a home and where members of the various Faculties may meet together. This project has been delayed until those who have it much on their minds have almost lost heart. The carrying out of such a plan is a first charge upon the funds to be raised, and the students deserve this assistance from the University and its friends.

To enter into further detail is not necessary. The citizens of Kingston have watched with interest the development of the Summer School, an educational adventure which has opened doors to hundreds of public school teachers. To look around upon the splendid pile of buildings is to see that the institution is very much alive. Familiarity may blind the eyes of the unimaginative to the great thing that is going on year by year in Kingston, but the general body of the citizens has never been insensible to the advantages that the University conferred upon Kingston and to the position of added dignity that Kingston has gained through-out the Dominion because of the presence within its limits of Queen's University.

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**Urges Police to Act.**

London, Ont., Nov. 1.—G. A. Waddell, father of County Motorcyclist Officer John Waddell, murdered on Sept. 13th, 1924, while attempting the arrest of Edward Hartling, has forwarded to Attorney-General Price and Warden McDonald, of Middlesex county council strong letters urging that a more serious attempt be made to bring Hartling to justice. It has been reported that several people have seen Hartling in Toronto recently.

### YOUTH TRIED TO END LIFE OF MUSSOLINI

Italian Premier Escaped—Crowd Killed Would-be Assassin.

### HIS POSITIVE BELIEF

That Nothing Can Happen to Him Before His Task for Italy Is Done.

Bologna, Nov. 1.—Benito Mussolini has once again escaped the assassin's bullet. A youth fired on him yesterday, the bullet ripping a piece out of the Premier's coat. Immediately the infuriated crowd killed the assailant.

The Fascist Premier was leaving a meeting at the Stadium and was at the moment being acclaimed by the great assemblage. The youth stepped forward and, with quick motion, fired point-blank. The bullet cut the sash of the Grand Cordon of the Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus, which adorned the Premier's uniform, ripped away a piece of cloth from the coat and grazed the sleeve of the Mayor of Bologna, who accompanied him.

There were startled exclamations, a tremulous silence, and a fury swept through the multitude. The Duke's assailant, seemingly a mere boy of eighteen, was seized and, before the police could throw a protecting cordon around him, was killed by the mob.

Mussolini remained calm and composed. His automobile halted for a few moments and then proceeded to the railway station.

**Mussolini's Statement.**

Forli, Italy, Nov. 1.—"Nothing can happen to me before my task is done."

This was Mussolini's assurance to-day to Fascists of all Italy following yesterday's attempt against his life at Bologna. It was contained in a message sent after his arrival at his home here to Deputy Leandruo Argenti, chief of the Bologna Fascists. The message read in part: "I wish to renew sentiments of my joy and my commendation for the unforgettable manifestations of yesterday by Fascism of Bologna, known always for the height of its traditions and the gloriousness of the work it has accomplished for the future. I am sending you the cordon of St. Maurice (which he wore across his breast) pierced by a projectile. You will conserve it among the souvenirs of Bologna. I would say one word of absolute certainty to all comrades throughout Italy, 'Nothing can happen to me before my task is done'."

**The Pope's Congratulations.**

Roma, Nov. 1.—Pope Pius, informed of the attempt upon Premier Mussolini, immediately sent a message deploring the attack and congratulating the Fascist chief on his escape.

### FEW THREE-CORNERED FIGHTS IN CAMPAIGN

Liberals and Progressives Are to Unite to Save the O.T.A.

Toronto, Nov. 1.—So far as Liberals and Progressives are concerned there will be a minimum of three-cornered fights in the provincial election campaign.

The movement for mutual readjustment and co-operation with the aim of saving the O. T. A. has progressed to the stage where most of the difficulties have disappeared.

It is not unlikely that the definite result will be the official nomination of 90 to 95 Liberals and 15 to 20 Progressives on nomination day. Leaders and workers who are handling the situation with full knowledge of the local conditions in each case believe that by nomination day danger of three-cornered battles will be removed from practically all ridings, particularly those which have voted strongly dry in successive plebiscites.

### A Former M.P. Dead

Sherbrooke, Nov. 1.—Francis N. McCrea, Liberal member for Shegongon in the House of Commons from 1911 to 1925, and long prominent in the business life of Sherbrooke and the Eastern Townships, died on Saturday. Mr. McCrea had suffered for several years from heart trouble, a previous illness having been almost fatal.

### EQUALITY OF STATUS IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Being Considered by Imperial Conference

### PENSIONS FOR AGED NURSES ADVOCATED

Better Salaries Would Maintain Standard of Calling, Says Professor.

London, Nov. 1.—The committee of premiers which is investigating the inter-imperial relations, continued its inquiries at the Imperial Conference today along two lines: 1. Equality of status in the Empire; 2. Inter-imperial communications, with which is linked the question of relations to foreign countries.

About a week is expected to elapse before any concrete results of the committee's deliberations are probable. So far the proceedings have mainly consisted of throwing ideas into a common pot and exchanging views.

Under the first head, the equality of status in the empire, the committee's difficulty apparently lies in reaching definitions. Premier Hertzog, who at the opening of the conference raised the issue, has, it is understood, emphasized that he does not desire the separation of South Africa from the Empire at all. What he wants is a more exact definition than now exists of a dominion's equality of status within the Empire.

Toronto, Nov. 1.—"In my opinion, the nursing profession is at a critical point," said Prof. Lyle Cummins, of the University of Cardiff, Wales, addressing the Ontario Hospitals Association.

"There are many avenues to-day for the women seeking employment. Nursing must be made more attractive to get the proper type of recruits for the profession. We find in England that it is not so easy to secure attendant nurses as it once was. Not by trade-union methods, but by the creation of public opinion. I believe, you should see to it that nurses secure proper salaries. In addition, there should be provision for old age. There should be a system of pension whereby the nurse who has grown old in her profession will not want after her usefulness is over."

### FERGUSON IGNORED RIDING EXECUTIVES

So Says Dr. Weston, Quitting as Chairman of Tillsonburg Tories.

Woodstock, Nov. 1.—The resignation of Dr. R. E. Weston as chairman of the Conservative organization in Tillsonburg and member of the Conservative executive for South Oxford, has created a furor throughout the riding.

Dr. Weston gives the following declaration of his views: "I am prepared to support the candidate personally, but I am not prepared to get out and work nor to take any responsibility in this election. I do not consider it an ordinary election. If Mr. Ferguson sees fit to throw the temperance question into politics, that is his business, but local executives have not been consulted, and if a member of a local executive does not feel like working, he should be allowed to refrain from doing so. If he cannot, so much the worse for the Conservative party."

### FOUR KILLED IN QUARREL OF A ROBBER GANG

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 1.—Four persons were killed, one a policeman, as the result of what police believe to have been a quarrel between members of a robber-gang in a fashionable apartment house here early yesterday.

The dead are: Ernest Jones, 35, a patrolman; William J. Olson, 35, a henchman for bank robbery; James Caniffe, alias J. B. Quinn, wanted in New Jersey for murder and robbery, and an unidentified woman.

### BOYS' HALLOWE'EN PRANK BRINGS SERIOUS INJURY

Perth, Nov. 1.—A boyish Halloween prank proved almost fatal to Mr. Peter Lavoigne, aged 55, when a number of boys removed the front steps of his home. The victim stepped out of the door with the intention of visiting a neighbor, and fell to the granite walk, with the result that he lies in the Memorial Hospital. The doctors think Mr. Lavoigne's skull is fractured. The police were notified and an investigation will take place.

### VESSELS FEARED LOST

Quebec, Nov. 1.—A small fleet of vessels that left Quebec last weekend for coastal ports on both the south and north shores of the St. Lawrence are feared lost, because of their failure to report three or four days after schedule, and enquiries are being instituted by owners of these vessels and their agents for news as to their whereabouts.

### BIG FREIGHTER LAUNCHED

Loraine, Ohio, Nov. 1.—The lake freighter Robert Hobson, under construction for the Ingraham Steamship Company, Cleveland, was successfully launched here Saturday. The ship was christened by Miss Margaret Hartry Brown of Hamilton, Ont., niece of Robert Hobson, for whom the ship was named. The vessel is a 600-ton craft.

### THE GREATEST MAGICIAN OF ALL TIME DIES

Harry Houdini Succumbs to Peritonitis in Detroit, Mich.

### SECRETS UNREVEALED

And Are Carried With Him to the Grave—Tribute From Sir Conan Doyle.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 1.—Harry Houdini, the magician, died yesterday.

The noted escape artist, whose adeptness of freeing himself from straight-jackets, chains and cells mystified audiences in all parts of the world, died after a second surgical attempt had been made to save his life from the effects of peritonitis.

Harry Houdini, in private life Harry Weiss, of Milwaukee, world-famed magician, died in Grace Hospital from appendicitis which was followed by streptococcus peritonitis. A second operation made Friday and the initial use of a new found serum failed to save him.

Harry Houdini's mysterious feats which thrilled spectators throughout the world in his life, to-day are locked in the mystery of death. Hailed by his fellow-workers as the greatest magician of all time, Houdini has taken with him to the grave the secrets of how he performed his marvelous feats which included escapes from manacles, chains, coffins, straight-jackets and other contrivances, performances which no other man ever duplicated under his challenge. While the magician wrote copiously on magic, his managers announced that his own methods never were revealed. Holding that the works of mediums, hypnotists and mesmerists were spurious, he waged continuous war upon what he termed their frauds by virtue of stage exhibitions and through books.

**Conan Doyle's Tribute.**

London, Nov. 1.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, noted author and spiritualist, to-day paid tribute to the late Harry Houdini as the "world's master trickster." "His death is a great shock and a deep mystery to me," he said. "He was a teetotaler, did not smoke and was one of the cleanest living men I have ever known. I greatly admired him and cannot understand how he came to die. He told me much in confidence, but never a secret regarding his tricks. How he did them, I do not know. We agreed upon everything excepting spiritualism."

### QUEEN'S CAMPAIGN STARTS WITH BANG

Endowment Fund Opens With Blowing of Whistles and Ringing of Bells.

At exactly 9 o'clock Monday morning, just as Big Ben had finished striking nine the whistles of the local factories and the fire bell gave out their signal that "something was up." Many people were anxiously making enquiries as to the reason for the noise, and they were informed that this was the signal that the Queen's Endowment Campaign had started.

The whistles and fire bell kept up the noise for five minutes, giving the people warning that the campaigners had started out on their calls. The football indicator at the corner of Bagot and Princess streets started to move and will continue to do so until the end of the week.

**Tunes in Vaudeville.**

New York, Nov. 1.—A vaudeville syndicate has announced that Gene Tunney shortly will appear before the footlights in a short dialogue, with a partner not yet selected. He will also box a round or two. The heavyweight champion will receive \$7,000 a week, the announcer said. A vacation in Bermuda is filling Tunney's time just now.

### TWO BARGES RELEASED STEAMER IS AGROUND

Steamer Simpson Ran Ashore Near Alexandria Bay and Called for Assistance.

The Donnelly Salvage and Wrecking Company has successfully released the barge Jeanon L. and Eredon L. which were aground at the Rapids du Plat, near Morrisburg. The second barge was released Sunday morning at 9.30 o'clock.

The tugs and men were to arrive back in the city at noon to-day but they received another call for assistance from the steamer Simpson which is aground near Alexandria Bay. The Simpson is owned by a Mr. Madden of Ogdensburg and was aground in the river before this season and sent a call to the Donnelly Company at Kingston. The tugs Donnelly and Johnston are at present working on the release of the Simpson.

### 850,000.00 IS REQUIRED.

Erivan, Armenia, Nov. 1.—A movement has been started here to interest the United States in the flotation of an international loan to finance the reconstruction of the region devastated by last week's earthquake. It is estimated that \$50,000,000 worth of ruined property must be replaced.

### TWO ARE KILLED IN A PAPER MILL

Merrifton, Nov. 1.—A pulp beater blew up in the paper mill here yesterday, killing James Boyle and Thomas Costiff, and injuring three others.

### James McGuire, asleep between the tracks at Ottawa, did not waken as train passed directly above him.

Rockefeller plans a model tenement for negroes in Harlem. Harry Greb left \$75,000 to his 7-year-old daughter.

### GIRLS' DESIRE TO BE SLIM IS INCREASING TUBERCULOSIS

New York, Nov. 1.—Dr. M. Alice Asserson of the New York Tuberculosis Association, thinks the principal reasons for an increase in deaths from tuberculosis among New York girls are a desire to be slim, and the economy of working girls on lunch in order to save money for pretty frocks.

### B. O. T. A. CONVICTIONS.

Toronto, Nov. 1.—For the twelve months ending Saturday there were 1,463 B.O.T.A. convictions registered for a total amount of fines of \$217,495, as compared to 1,434 convictions for \$293,830 during the 12 months ending October 31st, 1925. In the former case 1,011 persons convicted paid \$102,910, leaving \$114,495 unpaid, and 452 persons going to jail. In the latter case 854 persons paid \$116,426, leaving \$177,410 unpaid and 530 committed.

### ERIVAN, ARMENIA, NOV. 1.—A MOVEMENT HAS BEEN STARTED HERE TO INTEREST THE UNITED STATES IN THE FLOTATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL LOAN TO FINANCE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE REGION DEVASTATED BY LAST WEEK'S EARTHQUAKE.

### IT IS ESTIMATED THAT \$50,000,000 WORTH OF RUINED PROPERTY MUST BE REPLACED.

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