

SMUTS' RETURN LEADS TO TALK OF ARMISTICE

Dowling Street Session Devoted to Effort to Suspend Irish Hostilities.

BLOCK COMMONS DEBATE

LONDON, July 6.—British officials concentrated their efforts, yesterday, working out the basis of an armistice in Ireland.

Following a conference at Premier Lloyd George's official residence in Downing street, when Gen. Jan Christian Smuts made a report, a communiqué was issued, saying: "The conference was devoted to efforts of arriving at a modus operandi whereby hostilities will be suspended."

Premier Lloyd George will make a statement in Commons on the Irish situation tomorrow.

General Smuts, who is acting as mediator, will speak at the South African dinner tonight. His speech may deal with Ireland.

An attempt was made to precipitate debate on Ireland in the House of Commons this afternoon, but it was blocked by Sir Hanmer Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, who said there should be no discussions "in view of the more hopeful circumstances regarding Ireland."

SMUTS RETURNS

General Smuts, premier of South Africa, today returned from his flying peace trip to Dublin. It is understood that he brought back with him an important message of a political nature.

General Smuts arrived at 5 o'clock. He went to a hotel for breakfast and shortly afterward departed for Premier Lloyd George's official residence at 10 Downing street for a conference.

The conference of the Premier and General Smuts was joined by Lord Middleton, an Irish Unionist, and Sir James Craig, head of the Ulster government.

The International News Service, learned that General Smuts attaches the greatest importance to the proposed Irish armistice.

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DIPLOMATS OF OTHER POWERS GET NO LIQUOR

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty has affirmed the Department of Justice's decision of Feb. 4, barring from the United States liquor in transit.

During the last Administration while Former Attorney General Mitchell Palmer was absent from his office, Frank K. Nebecker, acting to him, signed an opinion ruling against the landing of intoxicating beverages. It was understood at the time that Miss Annette Abbott Adams, Assistant Attorney General, had written the decision, and that she naturally was inclined to be "dry."

Immediately after President Harding came in attorneys for liquor interests in Canada and Latin-American countries and anti-Prohibitionists in the United States, asked for a review of the facts. At first Mr. Daugherty decided to consider the proposition, but finally yielded, and after a hearing stood by Mr. Nebecker. Miss Adams, who still is in the department, helped to convince Mr. Daugherty that her original recommendation was the proper one.

The extremists contend that under this ruling not only is the liquor intended for legations at Washington barred from transport, but that foreign liners cannot land at United States ports with liquors on board under penalty of fine, and even seizure under the provisions of the law that makes the import of transporting liquor illegal.

The law applies to United States territory and all waters within the three-mile limit—only the Panama Canal being exempted—and obviously the Imperator, Olympic, Paris, etc., cannot dock at New York without traversing the forbidden zone.

There is general belief, however, that the State department, which preserved the convivial rights of the diplomats before, will prove to be less resourceful this time.

This ruling, however, puts an absolute stop to the big freight business through which Canadian distillers shipped their product across this country to South America and the West Indies and the return traffic of Jamaica and Bocas del Rio.

In effect, the decision of the Department of Justice means that the presence of liquor on board a ship bound for the United States is prima facie evidence of intent to violate the national prohibition act. It will result in the issuance of regulations prohibiting "in transit" shipments of liquor for beverage purposes touching at the ports of moving through the United States when originating in and destined to foreign countries.

Head of Humane Society Refuses to Give Out Report on Medical College Dogs

D. W. Roberts, president of the Indianapolis Humane Society, today refused to make public a report on the dogs maintained by the Indiana Medical College, Dr. W. J. Mitchell, of the Weather Bureau.

Mr. Butler, who is at the head of the Indianapolis Federal Bureau of Animal Industry, submitted the report to the Humane Society members at the regular meeting last night. It was not made public at that time and since then Mr. Roberts has declined to give it out.

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for Wednesday, July 7, 1921. Generally fair and continued warm tonight and Thursday.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m.	73
7 a. m.	73
8 a. m.	73
9 a. m.	80
10 a. m.	92
11 a. m.	92
12 noon	94
1 p. m.	94
2 p. m.	94

WEST INDIANAPOLIS WISHES TO SECEDE
Says Ninety-five Per Cent of the Property Owners Sign Petition
UNFAIRNESS IS CHARGED AGAINST CITY

PEOPLE DECIDE TO WAIT A WEEK TO TAKE ACTION

Document to Be Filed With Council or Court of County.

Ninety-five per cent of the resident property owners of West Indianapolis have signed the petition requesting that territory bounded by White River on the east, the Big Four railroad on the north and the corporation line on the west be disengaged from the rest of the city, Heydon W. Buchanan, president of the Enterprise Civic League, announced today.

A total of 4,000 signatures, which includes both property owners and renters has been obtained and nine principal streets of the section remain to be covered. By next Tuesday evening, when a meeting of the league to report progress will be held, it is expected that practically 100 per cent of the voters will have signed, he said.

At a meeting of the league in Assumption hall, 1105 Blaine avenue, Tuesday evening, it was decided to wait another week before presenting the petition. It was decided not to take the document to the board of public works, as was originally planned, but to file it directly with the city council or Marion County court. Just where it will be filed remains to be determined. Officers of the league said that their attorneys have found law to back their contention that if 75 per cent or more of the property owners petition for disengagement the council

will be forced by the courts to give the citizens what they want.

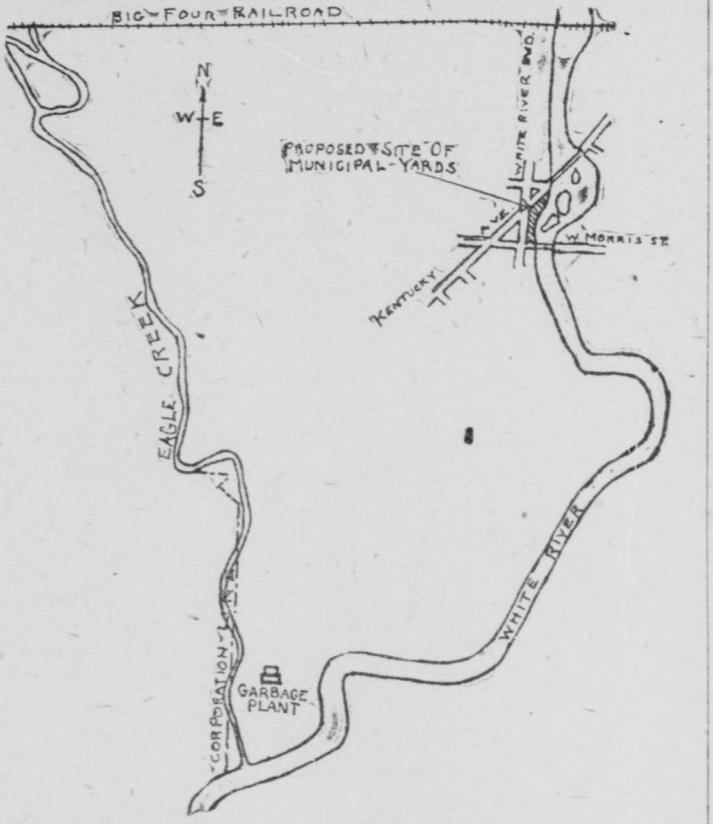
GENERAL VOTES

DISSANEXATION.

More than 400 people attended the meeting last night. Sentiment for secession was unanimous, following speeches by President Buchanan, the Rev. Joseph F. Weber, rector of the Church of the Assumption; Stephen J. Fullen, chairman of the nuisance committee; Harry O. Sheets, former State Senator Henry Harman, and other citizens which the league had held against the proposed disengagement. All city administrations were reviewed in detail. So aroused are the citizens that even were the administration of Mayor Charles W. Jewett to decide not to locate the wagon cleaning rule for a while it will only be a short time before a driver gets from a livery stable just at quitting time, and we all know that he will go to the municipal yards at Kentucky avenue and White River, the possibility of which causes the west sides to open hostilities, the association leaders said. It would not be abated a particle, because officials said.

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The map shows the boundaries of the railroad to the north and the corporation line to the west face of the triangular section. It contains approximately 25,000 inhabitants and ten and one-half square miles of territory.

ers with assertions that no garbage wagon ever will be permitted to stand in the municipal yards until after it has been steam cleaned at the garbage plant.

NO CONFIDENCE IN PROMISES.

"That's what they say," said Mr. Buchanan. "Any one who knows anything about politics knows that property employees are going to get careless. We all know that while they may enforce the wagon cleaning rule for a while it will only be a short time before a driver gets from a livery stable just at quitting time, and we all know that he will go to the municipal yards at Kentucky avenue and White River, the possibility of which causes the west sides to open hostilities, the association leaders said.

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ers within the past few weeks, a small amount of grading on some of the unimproved streets, it was asserted.

"We can give ourselves four times the service for one-fourth the cost," said Mr. Buchanan.

NEGLECT CHARGED AGAINST CITY.

League officials have figured that the amount of money spent for \$60,000 in salaries, leaving the rest of the \$230,000 to be spent on improvements for a few years, after which the tax rate could be materially reduced.

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SENATORS PLAN TO MAKE TOUR OF HOSPITALS

Special Committee Told Broomstick Used at Marion, Ind.

HEAR OTHER VETERANS

WASHINGTON, July 6.—A personal inspection of many hospitals, sanitariums and vocational education center is planned by the special Senate committee investigating charges of neglect and ill treatment of disabled and sick World War veterans in such institutions.

Senator Walsh (Dem., Wash.), at whose request the investigation was authorized by the Senate, expressed the opinion today that the committee should accept from him knowledge of the conditions under which maimed and sick ex-soldiers are living.

MORE SOLDIERS TO TESTIFY.

When the committee resumed its hearings late this afternoon, more ex-soldiers were to testify as to their personal experiences, some of whom are disabled as a result of Government's actions intended for their welfare. The hearings are expected to continue another month. Walsh declared they already have developed a "national scandal which should make the Government ashamed of its treatment of the men who fought under the American flag in the World War."

Some of the most startling testimony yet given before the committee is that of William A. Baugh, of Marion, who, in respect to conditions at the Marion National Sanitarium, at Marion, Ind., where Baugh has been since Feb. 28, suffering from a nervous breakdown. He was sent there from the public health service hospital at St. Louis.

FOURTH HOSPITAL AND THE WORST.

"It is my fourth hospital and it is the worst," Baugh testified. "A number of us were supposed to have therapeutic treatment. We were unable to get it. We were able to get a slight electrical treatment. My condition is worse than when I went there."

Baugh charged that some of the "mentally patients" at the institution are "manhandled by attendants who strap them to beds and keep them in locked wards."

"They strap them down and let them stay in one fit to another," Baugh continued. "One man can give any treatment he wants to the attendants of the attendants. He will work on him."

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