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### GENERAL SMUTS TOO MUCH FOR DIPLOMAT

Paris, April 9.—General Smuts was, according to Le Matin, the figure high in the counsel of the Entente Allies," referred to by Premier Clemenceau in his statement, denying the assertion of Count Czernin that the French minister had sought to open peace negotiations with Austria-Hungary. The representative of the dual monarchy who met General Smuts in Swit erland was Count Mensdorf-Pouilly-Dietrichtein, Austro-Hungarian ambassador at London when the war broke out.

Immediately upon being introduced to Count Mensdorf, says the newspaper in relating the interview, General Smuts, taking the initiative in the conversation, bluntly said:

"Is it true that you wish to make a separate peace?"

This direct question was too much for the trained diplomat, and the count began a long evasive reply.

"Yes, or no," retorted the Brit-

Obtaining no direct reply, General Smuts said:

"Then, goodnight."

The interview lasted barely a point of three minutes. Vienna was shockincluding all that fore-jed, Le Matin says, at the boorish are between high-water and low-water. manner of the old Transvaal

### FRENCH PRESIDENT FULL OF CONFIDENCE

Paris, April 9 .- Premier Clemenceau told the committee on Mineral foreign and military affairs of the and Canal Mining chamber of deputies at a joint session yesterday that they could have confidence regarding the outcome of the great battle now Fred Ritchie in progress.

C.) act "We have an admirable army," he said, in summing up the situation after giving details to the committee. "Our officers and our men are equally brave. They are endowed with the best qualities of our race. They possess material means of great power. All this permits us to have confidence."

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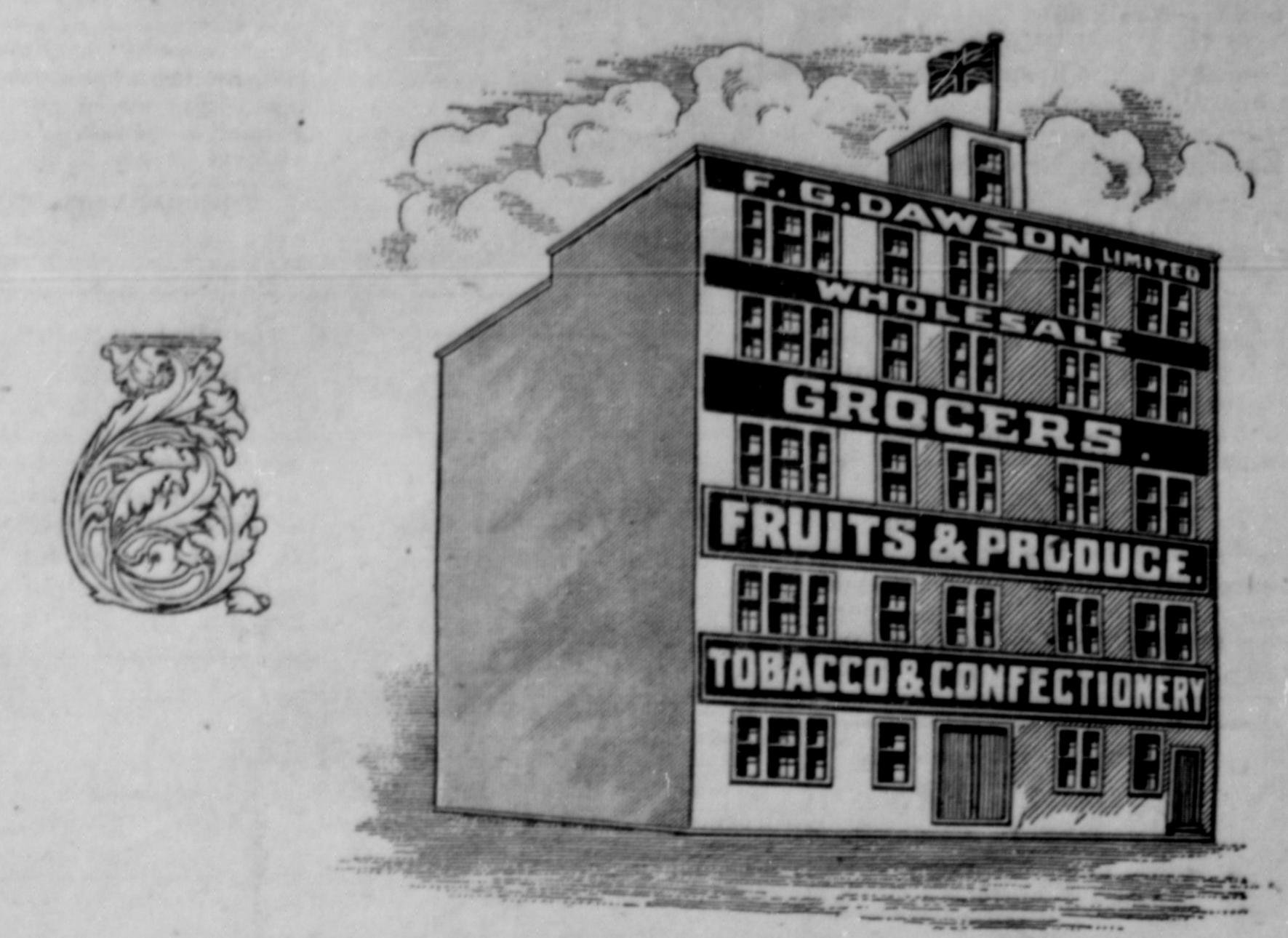
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