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A CHALLENGE.

Let me introduce the Mayor of Maidstone and the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells, the principals in a unique duel.

SPEECH.

Mr. Mayor, it is a very great pleasure to meet you this morning and offer on behalf of Royal Tunbridge Wells a challenge - very friendly challenge - in connection with the National Savings Campaign for War Savings, as to which of our two Boroughs shall raise the greater sum by the end of this year. I understand that our meeting was to have been at the Town Hall, and I can only assume that our change of place is by way of intimidation or as a hint as to the ultimate fate, or possible fate of the loser.

Mr. Mayor, I accept your challenge with the greatest pleasure. I hope Mr. Mayor that we have not disappointed very much members of the public and press by not entering the Lions Den this morning, but I feel sure you will agree that in these strenuous times, officials are most important people, and that any accident might possibly have done more harm than by our stopping outside.

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