

HOME BANK FAILURE COMES UP IN COMMONS TODAY

LABOR MEMBER TO INTRODUCE BANK QUESTION

Winnipeg Representative Seeks To Have Committee Probe Failure.

URGE REAL INQUIRY

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 20.—The Home Bank is expected to be the chief subject of discussion in the Commons today. It is to be brought up by William Irvine, labor member for Calgary East, who has a motion on the order paper calling for the appointment of a committee of the House to investigate the Home Bank failure. The Irvine motion provides that the committee should endeavor to amend the Bank Act to prevent similar occurrences in future, should devise some means to protect depositors generally, and should make recommendations as to the possibility of saving the Home Bank depositors from loss.

The debate is regarded as likely to bring to a considerable number of the members of the House, and is arousing much interest in parliamentary circles. In view of the appointment of a royal commissioner to investigate this matter, it is not regarded as likely that the government will announce its decision on the question of recouping the Home Bank depositors for their losses, although it is likely the cabinet will make known whether it is willing to have a parliamentary committee conduct an inquiry parallel with that of the royal commission. It would not cause great surprise if the appointment of the royal commission was given as a ground for declining to appoint a committee of the House. In this connection much notice has been attracted by the inclusion in the powers of the royal commission of authority to investigate withdrawals of deposits just before the bank's failure, especially in view of the fact that one of these withdrawals was made by Hon. James Mordue, minister of labor.

C. E. F. CHAPTER PLANS TO DECORATE GRAVES

Mrs. J. B. Dunlevy, Regent, Seeks Co-operation of All City Societies.

"Let us forget" is the stand taken by the C. E. F. Returned Chapter, of which Mrs. J. B. Dunlevy is the regent, when at their meeting yesterday afternoon in the clubrooms, Sunday, June 15, was named as the date when the chapter, with the assistance of the Great War Veterans, plan to decorate the graves of all soldiers buried in the three cemeteries.

"We hope to make this an annual affair and Dominion-wide, but in this we must receive the co-operation of all organizations in London," declared Mrs. Dunlevy.

Union Jacks will be placed on all the soldiers' graves and impressive services will mark the occasion.

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IDLE GOSSIP INJUSTICE TO SCREEN MASTERPIECE

There is idle gossip going the rounds concerning the screening of Rex Ingram's Metro masterpiece, "Scaramouche," at Loew's Theatre this week. Many are under the impression, following its presentation here at the Majestic, that Loew's have secured a cut print and charted the story, thereby being able to screen it at the usual low price.

To correct this erroneous impression, Manager Jackson of Loew's assures patrons that the print of "Scaramouche" is the same which played at the Majestic.

FINISHES SATURDAY.

Stan Reid, the popular secretary of the A. A., whose resignation has been accepted by the postal department, completes his duties on Saturday. He goes to Messrs. Greene-Swift.

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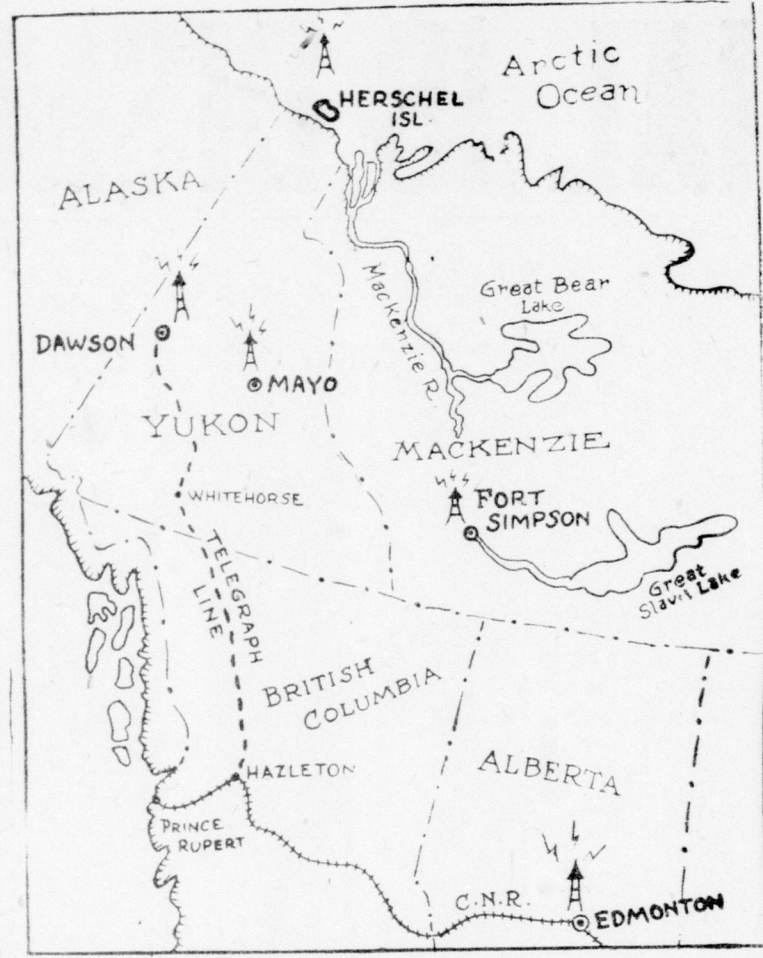
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GOVERNMENT PLANS WIRELESS SERVICE.
Herschel Island, Mayo, Dawson City and other distant points are to be linked with the outside world by a government wireless system. The above map shows the present telegraph wire from Hazelton to Dawson City, which is to be scrapped, and where the wireless stations will be located.

DINE'S MEMORY SHOWS GREAT IMPROVEMENT

Several Admissions Have Made in Connection With Recent California Shooting.

Associated Press Despatch.
Los Angeles, Cal., March 20.—The latest hearing of the charge against Horace A. Greer, former chauffeur for Mabel Normand, film actress, of attempted murder against Courtland S. Dines, Denver oil operator, which resulted yesterday in Greer being held in lieu of \$100,000, instead of one, as previously reported, showed improvement in Dines' memory, embracing his admission to Justice J. Walter Harty, that he was drunk at the time of the shooting. Dines' admission that he was in quite a "rage" at Greer's insistence on Miss Normand leaving the Dines' apartment for home. Dines' testimony that Miss Normand was in the room with him when Greer arrived and for some time afterwards, and the evidence of Miss Edna Purviance that from the bathroom door she saw Miss Normand entering the bedroom from the living-room, where Dines and Greer were, immediately after the shooting. (Miss Normand has maintained that she was not in the room at the time of the shooting.)

PASSENGER PLANE IS TARGET FOR BULLETS

French Sergeant Placed Under Observation After Incident.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, March 20.—A giant aeroplane loaded with passengers and baggage had just taken off for London from the Bourget air port yesterday when there was a volley of bullets from an automatic pistol and the plane descended. Soldier mechanics and attendants overpowered and disarmed the man with the weapon. Investigation showed that no one aboard the plane had been injured, the bullets having buried themselves in the body of the machine and the flight was resumed. The shooter proved to be Georges Piolet, an armorer sergeant in the air corps. He was sent to a hospital for mental observation.

LONDON EMPLOYEES ARE EXPECTED TO VOTE

Several Admissions Have Made in Connection With Recent California Shooting.

The action of the government at Ottawa yesterday, when it was decided that the bonus system affecting postal employees could not be continued, will probably result in some action on the part of local civil servants. It is likely that a meeting will be called for Friday night, when ball-reports will be distributed. A secret vote will be taken. It has been pointed out that the men feel that they are not justly paid, that out of one hundred and fifty employees only ten per cent get over \$1,500 a year. The salaries go down as low as \$750 a year. The majority receive one thousand to eleven hundred a year.

VOODOO SACRIFICE TAKES GIRL OF THREE

Another Gruesome Story of Ritual Practiced Reaches Havana, Cuba.

Associated Press Despatch.
Havana, March 20.—Another one of the gruesome stories of voodooism which comes to the front occasionally in Cuba was told in newspaper dispatches from Simon Reyes, a town in Camaguey province. The body of a little girl of three years of age who had been missing for several days was discovered near there with evidence that the tongue and bronchial tubes had been removed and the arms slashed for the purpose of drawing the blood in what the authorities were declared to believe was unmistakable evidence of the sacrifice of the child in the rites of voodooism. Five persons were detained for investigation, the dispatches said and the whole countryside had taken part in the search for the little girl.

TORONTO ARCHITECT DIES FROM PARALYTIC STROKE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, March 20.—While convalescing from an illness that kept him from his office in the city hall intermittently for a year, G. F. W. Phelan, 60, architect, died last night of a stroke last night and died early this morning. In February, 1920, he was appointed city architect and held that post until his death, specializing in the demand for fireproof buildings.

Besides his wife, the late Mr. Price is survived by one daughter, Mary E., and one son, Cecil K. Price.

FRENCH FRANC ADVANCES

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, March 20.—An overnight advance of five points brought the price of the French franc to its new high record for the year at 5.12. Renewed buying of the currency followed publication of another favorable statement by the Bank of France. On the basis of the figures in the statement, bankers here estimated that European speculators had been caught short approximately 500,000,000 francs; on which they have so far failed to make delivery.

LIFE PROBLEM CLUB MEETS.

A meeting of the Life Problem Club was held at Central Y. M. C. A. last night. The subject before the present was "What's Wrong With Bluff and Knock." Mr. Sherwin presided.

NEWSIES GATHER.

Three groups of newsboys held a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. last night. The program included physical exercises, followed by Bible study. The meeting was opened by Grand Chief Ranger Ernie Wilson. Leaders March, Walker and Richardson took part.

MITCHELL'S COURT RECORD BIDS FAIR TO HOLD THE LEAD

Magistrate Warns Habitué Against Actions Toward His Wife.

NEIGHBORS COMPLAIN

Frank Mitchell's lead in the police court attendance is now so big that it is questionable if any of his competitors will ever catch up to him. Four months ago he had Walter Kelly beaten by one point, but since then he has increased his average considerably, having been arrested four times since the first of the year. Last night was the fourth time. Responding to a call from Mitchell's neighbors, who said Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were having a fight, police entered the Mitchell abode and warned the family they must be quiet. Two hours later another call was put in and officers nabbed Mitchell and his friend, John Brown, as they were imbibing of rubbing alcohol.

Brown, who just got out of the reformatory, said he entered Mitchell's place and found the latter and his wife "chewing the rag."

"I was just acting as a peacifier," Brown explained.

Sergeant Middleaugh said he discovered Brown in bed when he arrived. Apparently the prisoner had decided to go to bed when he heard constables at the front doorstep, for he did not have time to disrobe. Brown claimed he had been asleep for two hours.

Mitchell could not attend police court, having been badly bruised in the course of their quarrel. Mitchell declared they were having an "argument."

"The people next door are to blame," he said. "They have a spite against me and are always phoning the police."

"They phone to protest against your brutality to your wife," the magistrate stated. "Your family is much better off without you. The best place for men of your ilk is the reformatory. However, I'll fine you \$10 and costs this time."

Brown received a similar fine.

MURRELL MUST DIE UNLESS OTTAWA ACTS

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Chief Justice Latchford—Oh, nonsense. The revolver said to have been used by Murrell was before the court. It was the largest made. Crown witnesses had stated that the fatal shot was fired three or four inches from Campbell.

"Now," said Mr. Donahue, "would not the clothing have been burned and the hole larger, if the 45th had inflicted the wound?"

The crown said it was assassination, but our view was based on a different and a vague, but not a reckless, bullet.

Mr. Donahue described the bank's situation, and the tragedy from his client's standpoint. The plan was, according to the five judges today.

Questions Counsel.

Mr. Justice Masten questioned Mr. Donahue as to the shots, one went into the ceiling and a second through a glass door. Murrell said he had fired three shots. His gun had been aimed at the ceiling, but, according to Murrell, he gave it to a friend and picked it up later.

Mr. Justice Smith—You don't deny that the judge had the right to the jury what he thought of evidence to murder or manslaughter, and to tell it emphatically?

"I do not."

"So the judge was right so far?"

Chief Justice Latchford reminded Mr. Donahue that four men had set out to rob the bank. All were armed, and Murrell had, so to speak, the lethal one.

Mr. Donahue—He explains that he had given the 45 to a companion.

Chief Justice Latchford—We understand that.

Mr. Justice Middleton—If a man goes out to rob and goes armed, I am not shocked to find it murder when a person is killed.

Mr. Donahue—It is not the law of the land.

"You must convince us," Mr. Donahue was told.

Mr. Donahue—I have tried my best.

Chief Justice Latchford—Nobody could have done better but the facts and the law are against you. Such is my opinion.

In giving the judgment of the court as against the appeal chief justice said: "Even assuming the trial judge's attitude as to murder and manslaughter, he instructed the jury later to find on the facts. Going back to the circumstances as to facts not disputed, on Murrell's own statements, the killing of Campbell was murder within 253 D of the code. The appeal must fail. There has been no miscarriage of justice."

Mr. Justice Masten: "The trial judge did not remove from the consideration of the jury the facts as to manslaughter."

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IS PROVIDED BY ARMY

On paying their admission fee of a shilling last night, the 299 people who attended the musical evening given by the Salvation Army enjoyed a program of varied musical numbers. The concert was put on by the Rescue Home, and on the completion of the program Adjutant Holland rendered a vote of thanks for the generous response. The program included selections by the Songster Brigade, marches by the No. 1 Citadel Band, recitations by Miss Hayden, solo by Mrs. Mann, pianoforte selections by Benjamin Gare and selections by the Shepherd brothers.



KERMIT ROOSEVELT.
Roosevelt, who has just returned from a tour of the world, while in France Kermit and his mother visited the grave of Quentin Roosevelt, who was killed while on active service.

FREE STATE ARMY HEADS TO RESIGN

Sensational Developments Are Expected To Follow Raid in Dublin.

Associated Press Despatch.
Dublin, March 20.—The early morning raid on a meeting of army officers in Parnell Square yesterday is having far-reaching results, and a complete new regime for the Free State army is foreseen.

Among the sensational developments following the raid were the resignation of Richard Mulcahy as minister of defence, and a meeting of the executive council, at which in addition to Mulcahy's retirement, the members decided to ask for the resignations of General McMahon, chief of staff, General O'Sullivan, adjutant-general, and General O'Meara, the quartermaster-general.

The whole affair grows out of the army "mutiny" which was brought to heel by the issuance of a letter by Gen. Liam Tobin and Col. Dalton, demanding a change in the army council and denouncing the policy of widespread demobilization of officers who had "seniorized" to place the country on the road to freedom.

The meeting of officers yesterday was raided by troops acting under orders from Defence Minister Mulcahy and the army council. It is said without consulting either the executive council or General Owen O'Duffy, who was lately given supreme authority over every man in uniform.

PIONEER RESIDENT DIES IN CITY TODAY

Widow of Late John Sheahan Was 77 Years of Age.

Mrs. Susanna Sheahan, a resident of London for four years died today at the residence of her son-in-law, P. S. Connelley, 350 Princes Avenue. She was 77 years of age and the widow of the late John Sheahan.

She is survived by five sons, Dr. John and Dr. Frederick Sheahan of St. Catharines; Dr. William E. and Dr. Edwin of New York; and Thomas of Norwich; three daughters, Mrs. C. M. Murphy, Hamilton; Mrs. P. S. Connelley, city; and Miss Stella Sheahan; one sister, Mrs. John McMahon and one brother, William Moore.

The funeral will be held on Saturday morning from the residence of her son-in-law to St. Peter's Cathedral, where requiem high mass will be sung at 10.30, after which the remains will be shipped due Norwich for interment.

VETERANS' BAND PREPARES FOR NEXT COMPETITION

Under the leadership of Lieut. C. C. Irwin, the G. W. V. A. (Second Machine Gun Band) is developing into one of the finest musical bodies that this summer will be privileged to hear this summer. All members are clever musicians, and with several talented artists added to their ranks, they hope to again compete in the band contest at the Canadian National Exhibition. Last year they were among the topnotchers, but were not up to the required number. This has been overcome, and Lieut. Irwin is only waiting for the chance to give his musicians an opportunity to appear before the public.

POPULAR PASTIME.

Breaking the motor vehicle act and traffic bylaws has been a popular pastime this week. Six offenders were hauled into Chief Robert Birrell's hall of justice this morning for infringement of the regulations in this respect and each pleaded guilty. They were assessed the customary \$5 and costs.

PETITION SIGNED.

City Engineer Near reports that the petition for a pavement on the Wellington road, from Clarke's bridge to the city limits, has reached him, sufficiently signed. Work will commence just as soon as waterworks and sewer connections are laid.

WELFARE DRIVE TO BOOST WORK OF CHILDREN'S AID

Local Society Accomplishes Splendid Results in Preserving the Home.

SECRETARY SPEAKS

One of the farthest-reaching agencies to which all of London citizens will have the opportunity to contribute in the canvass for the London United Welfare Fund, which begins March 31, is the Children's Aid Society, whose varied work involved the welfare of almost 2,900 children during 1923.

"Not long ago," he relates, "I received a visit from a distraught mother who had determined to break up a much-disturbed home, and appealed to our society to care for the three children. The conversation with her, in which she was urged to preserve the home at all costs, was almost immediately followed by a visit from the husband and father, who came to press the same request upon our organization."

"Within a few days I stood beside the casket containing the infant child of that home, who, through the sudden death had shocked the parents into new sympathy with each other in their common struggle."

"Poverty," continued Mr. Kelly, "is one of the deadliest foes of the homes with which we deal. We find many parents just ready to give up the struggle, and a little timely assistance helps them over the hard place, as in the case of a poor woman whose home was saved the other day by the judicious use of \$5, placed in the hands of a sympathetic grocer."

"These pictures," added Mr. Kelly, "speak for themselves," and he held up the photograph of an emaciated baby in the arms of the nurse of the society's home taken when the infant was five months old. Another picture of the same infant, taken at ten months, showed a round-faced, clear-eyed, healthy youngster, who would have won first prize at the neighborhood baby show.

"Don't start too many things in one year," is the advice from Aid. John Greer, who suggests that "something be left for the mayor of 1925 to proceed with."

In connection with Mayor Wenige's proposal that the city council petition the government to appoint a full-time police magistrate, the chairman states, "I think that we are doing pretty well under the present arrangement, and that the present incumbent of that office, I have not given the question much consideration, but that would be my offhand opinion. Let's not start too many things in one year. We don't need 'go much action.'"

ALD. GREER AGAINST STARTING TOO MUCH

Disagrees With Wenige That Full-Time Magistrate Is Needed.

London C. of C. Unable To Send Representative to Sessions March 27, 28.

A national economy conference, at which boards of trade from many districts and cities all over Canada will be represented, is to be held at Ottawa on March 27 and 28, the local Chamber of Commerce was informed this morning.

The conference will discuss the need for national, provincial and municipal economy. Resolutions have been drawn up pointing out the necessity for thrift in all public and private expenditures in the Dominion. The representatives who attend will, after forming their conclusions, submit the findings before the federal cabinet by joint deputation.

The Chamber of Commerce here finds it impossible to send a representative for the meeting, but hearty support has been given the aims of those who arranged the conference.

TOWN PLANNING CHAIRMAN WOULD DISBAND BODY

Chairman Drake of the town planning commission contemplates a move to disband that organization. "I don't see much use having a commission," he explained. "The entire matter ought to be left to the board of works. The members of that board have to discuss and consider everything that comes from the town planning commission, in any event. They have to fuss around with the plans before they are sent on to the council."

GOES TO TORONTO.

Senior School Inspector V. K. Greer has gone to Toronto today to attend a meeting of the special committee on text books of the provincial department of education. He expects to be back on Friday.

MEET, THEN CONTRIBUTE.

When three good fellows get together they are likely to land in jail, especially if they advertise their celebration too much. This maxim was impressed on three boisterous ones this morning. Each was fined \$10 and costs. The defendants paid their fines out of court.

Flapper Bandit Strikes Again

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, March 20.—A bobbed haired woman bandit, similar in actions and appearance to the one who has robbed more than a score of Brooklyn merchants invaded uptown Manhattan last night and took \$75 in a leather goods store holdup.

CORONER BLAMES COAL GAS FOR COSSEY DEATH

Body of 76-Year-Old Resident Found in Layard Street Home.

Coal gas is attributed by Coroner Dr. Cameron Wilson as causing the death of Robert Cossey, 76, at his home, 623 Layard street.

Cossey was found dead by police-men, who forced an entrance to his home. Only one body was found lying across the bed, as if he had intended to leave for the night.

It was stated that an inquest was unnecessary, and the body of A. L. Oatman. Funeral arrangements pending the arrival of the wife from Saskatchewan.

HAYDEN OPPOSES MOVE TO REPLACE CITY CLERK BAKER

Mayor's Corporation Lawyer Plan Strongly Objected To By Alderman.

BAKER IS LAUDED

Ald. Edmund Hayden is one member of the city council unimpressed with Mayor Wenige's suggestion to replace City Clerk Sam Baker with a corporation lawyer. He will not be able to support him in this venture, he declares, and essays the opinion that the mayor will "never be able to put it over."

"I know that the mayor has been harping on that proposal for some time," Ald. Hayden stated, "but it is my opinion that we would have to travel a good many miles to get as good a clerk as we have, lawyer or no lawyer. I think that he is as good, if not better, on municipal affairs than any lawyer we would be able to get for the post."

"Why, City Clerk Baker is regarded throughout the country as one of the best in that line, and I certainly do not think that it would be advisable to replace him with a solicitor at this time."

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