

FEARS PRIVATE POWER DEVELOPMENT IN CANADA

NINE INVESTORS HERE HAVE FAILED TO 'COME ACROSS'

Bailiffs Will Act Unless Home Bank Stockholders Pay Liability May 1.

BUCHNER IS ADVISED

Unless they pay their double liability before May 1, nine Home Bank shareholders in this city will receive a visit from bailiffs to collect the amounts. A Toronto despatch states after May 1 the bailiffs will be deputed to clean up the outstanding liabilities, and The Advertiser was informed today that nine shareholders in London have not yet "come across."

Altogether there are fourteen Home Bank shareholders in this city. Five of these, it is understood, have already met the double obligation imposed on holders of stock in the event of a bank's failure. The largest shareholder is C. Norman Spencer, who is said to have a \$10,000 interest in the defunct institution.

A. Buchner, Home Bank inspector, stated today that he had received a brief from G. T. Clarkson, liquidator, outlining the Home Bank situation in full. The same brief was presented to the government by Mr. Clarkson.

Since the Home Bank investigation commenced the London Home Bank Depositors' Association has practically ceased to exist. Members now believe that any action of the association is a waste of time. With the announcement that the total Home Bank loss comes to more than \$1,000,000, depositors have abandoned hope of receiving another 25 per cent dividend for several months.

C. N. HOLIDAY SEASON NOW IN FULL SWING

Vacation Period in the London Division Will Last Until September.

Holidays for the office staff of the divisional superintendent's office of the C. N. R. have now begun, and will continue well into September before the employees have been given their usual two weeks' vacation.

The holiday season commenced last Monday, when Miss M. Gibson, stenographer to Chief Clerk W. Hart, left her vacation. During her absence, Miss I. Bernhart of this office, is relieving.

It is expected that, starting next week, many more including the yard office and the office will be granted their vacation.

DEPOSITORS DECLARE WARNING NOT HEEDED

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can get that information from Sir Thomas Browning's statement.

Mr. Browning's statement to the commission was as follows: "Your consideration of the evidence submitted on behalf of the depositors appears at times to be aimed at directors, and not at the depositors against whom the evidence is directed."

"Council will argue that the government, having been in possession of information sufficient to cast upon them the duty of making an independent inquiry, the responsibility must rest upon it for not making such inquiry and for allowing the directors to function in 1914 to 1923."

"Our claim for relief is made solely against the government. They may, in turn, proceed against the directors or the liquidator, but we do not wish that we are not at present concerned."

Deposits After Warning. Following the contention of the counsel for the depositors that they will argue that the Dominion government is responsible for the losses of the Home Bank collapse, W. J. T. Lea, one of the depositors' counsel, will produce an exhibit indicating that the bank accepted \$10,000,000 in deposits subsequent to the warnings of 1916. The \$10,000,000 included \$2,000,000 in deposits at branches newly opened in that period.

There was another notice today that S. H. Jones, late auditor for the bank, refused to give evidence before the commission. Mr. Jones is under indictment and refused to appear on advice of counsel. From a letter already produced, E. Ladue, K.C., government counsel, drew the inference that there was no special audit made under the bank act. The commission adjourned to sit in Ottawa tomorrow morning.

EYESTRAIN

Almost all recurring headaches are caused by eyestrain, tired feeling, dizziness, etc. Any person who has any doubt about their eyes consulting London's Leading Optician, F. Steele, 2522, and make an appointment for examination. Mr. Steele has nineteen years experience, and in many cases gives muscular exercises which correct eye defects without the use of glasses.—Adv. b

KING'S SPEECH OPENS BIG EMPIRE EXHIBITION

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casting, the speeches were sent over the cables to the farthestmost parts of the empire.

Thousands Attend.

Long before opening time long queues of people waited at the various entrances to get a glimpse of the royal procession. When the gates were opened thousands of persons poured through the turnstiles and took up vantage points. Meantime the massed bands of various regiments played selections, as well as accompanying a great choir of 10,000 voices, under the conductorship of Sir Edward Elgar, which sang excerpts from standard choral works. The people kept on pouring in from all parts of London by scores of special trains and swarms of motor buses and private cars until scores of thousands of persons were in the grounds. A feature of the attendance was an enormous number of school children marshaled by their teachers.

The great stadium presented a vast appearance with the multi-colored attire of the huge crowd, which rose and cheered when the Prince of Wales arrived to the strains of the national anthem and again roared a welcome to King George and Queen Mary as they drove up to the thrones specially erected for them.

Prince Addresses King.

The Prince of Wales, turning over the exhibition to King George, said: "Your Majesty: As president, I ask you graciously to declare open to your people this British Empire Exhibition, the greatest of the world."

"The dominions, India, the colonies, protectorates and the mandated territories under your care have joined together in the great task of presenting the picture of your commonwealth of nations. The exhibition is thus the work of the whole empire, and it shows the craftsmanship and agricultural skill, the trading and manufacturing organizations of all our peoples and all our territories."

It gives also a living picture of the history of the empire and its present structure. It will suggest to the world, I truly believe, that the most powerful agency of civilization has its heart in the peace and the good of mankind."

"The lighter side of the organization of a great exhibition has not been forgotten. It is essential to the success of an enterprise such as this that it should be attractive, that it should encourage the desire for sports, entertainments, music and arrangements for the comfort of our visitors have been carefully planned."

Is a Great Work.

"As president, I wish to express my gratitude to those who have helped in this great undertaking to those men of great vision who are responsible for the first proposal for the exhibition made before the war to the representatives of the dominions, India and the colonies."

"The great work has been carried through with splendid loyalty and energy. I hope that the result of this exhibition will be to impress upon all the peoples of your empire more than one conviction—they should be fully awake to their responsibilities as heirs to so great an heritage and that they should be in no wise slothful stewards, but they should work unitedly and energetically to develop the resources of the empire for the benefit of the British race, for the benefit of those other peoples which have accepted our guardianship over their destinies and for the benefit of mankind generally."

The King's Speech.

"His Majesty King George, in opening the British Empire Exhibition today addressed a large gathering as follows:

"It gives me the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to come here today with the Queen, for the purpose of opening to the world this Empire Exhibition. Our heartfelt congratulations are due to the board of management, to the executive council, and to all who worked with and under them for the marvelous organization and industry which has produced this triumphal result."

"I am well aware of the numerous adverse circumstances, including exceptional unfavorable weather, which had to be faced. These were successfully overcome by arduous labors carried out with resolution and devotion by those who, like the Queen and myself, have seen the work in the earlier stages, can appreciate to the utmost the skill and toil which have translated the magnificent conception into the reality that now stands before us."

"I am happy to welcome the representatives, official and unofficial, of my dominions beyond the seas, and to express the pleasure we all feel that they are taking part in today's opening."

"You have said that your object has been to produce a picture of our commonwealth of the empire, and I can doubt that this has been fully attained."

Reveals Empire.

"The exhibition may be said to reveal to the whole empire in little, containing within its 229 acres a vivid model of the architecture, art and industry of all the races which come under the British flag. It will afford to the world a graphic illustration of that spirit of free and tolerant co-operation which has inspired the peoples of the different races, creeds, industries and ways of thought to unite in a single commonwealth, and to contribute their varying national gifts to the one great end."

"This exhibition will enable us to take stock of the resources, actual and potential, of the empire as a whole; to consider where these exist, and how they can best be developed and utilized; to take counsel together as to how the peoples can co-operate to supply one another's needs and to promote the national well-being. It stands for the co-ordination of our scientific knowledge and common effort to overcome disease and to better the difficult conditions which beset the one great end."

IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE. A party of four Finns arrived at noon today via C. N. R. and were met by John Farrell of the Ontario Immigration Department. They were all sent out to farm positions this afternoon.

Belgium Accepts Experts' Report

Associated Press Despatch.

Brussels, April 23.—Belgium's reply to the reparations commission's communication with regard to the experts' report is a full and complete acceptance of the report, according to the semi-official independence Belge. The news-paper adds the Premier, Poincaré and Thémisys and Paul Hymans, head of the Belgian representation on the commission, will meet soon to discuss the reparations question.

still surround life in many parts of the empire. "Think, for example, of the scientific work accomplished in recent years for the prevention and treatment of tropical disease, and it is easy to imagine how greatly this exhibition can contribute towards the progress of the empire and the development of the unexplored capacities of the empire."

Back to 1851.

"Our thoughts go back to the great exhibition of 1851, associated for all time with the memories of Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort, and to the brilliant hopes of the growth of international peace and friendship with which it was inaugurated."

"Our object here is not quite so ambitious, and for that very reason perhaps it is the more hopeful of attainment. We believe this exhibition will bring the peoples of the empire to a better knowledge of how to meet their reciprocal wants and aspirations, and that where a brotherly feeling and habit of united action already exist, the growth of imperial trade will make the bonds of sympathy yet closer and stronger. Business relations between strangers may or may not lead to friendship, but co-operation between brothers for the development of the family estate can hardly fail to promote family affection."

"And we hope further that the success of the exhibition may bring lasting benefits not to the empire only but to mankind in general. No nation or group of nations can isolate itself from the main stream of modern development, and this exhibition leads to greater development of the material resources of the empire and expansion of trade, it will at the same time be raising the economic life of the world from the disorganization caused by the war."

"I declare the British Empire Exhibition open, and I pray that by the unity and prosperity of all peoples, and to the peace and well-being of the world."

BUNNELL TO EXPLAIN HIS FAMOUS REPORT

London Branch of the Canadian Engineering Institute To Hear Address.

A. E. K. Bunnell, author of the now famous street railway report, will explain tonight to the members of the London Branch of the Canadian Engineering Institute this report and also explain its exact bearing on the situation at present existing in London.

The meeting will be held in the board room of the public utilities commission at 8 o'clock. This is a somewhat time being looking forward to not only from its strictly technical standpoint, but also in view of the strenuous political winds that have blown across the city since the recommendations since it first saw the light of day and the city council.

Church News

TALBOT STREET MISSION BAND. The Mission Band concert at Talbot Street Baptist Church on Tuesday evening was well attended. Supper was served for the children at 6:30, arrangements being made for this by Mrs. Tomlin, Mrs. McFadden, Mrs. Schott, and Mrs. Pickering. Following the supper, there were lantern slides on Japan, provided by D. McDermid. A splendid program was carried out, President James McGill presiding. The following took part: Alice Ladell, Paddy Gunther, Ruth Tomlin, Doris James, Bernice Gunther, Harrison Murray, Keillor Fay, Herbert Rapson, Kenneth Iverson, Donald Kennedy, Robert Wilson, Allan Gunther, Edith Rapson, Rene Wilts, Bobby McFadden, Evelyn McFadden, Marion Fay, Vera Smith, Margaret Schott, Ruth Pickering, Elizabeth McGill, Helen McGill, Lucy Dear, Eva Cameron, Charlotte Douglas, Malissa Bryce, Archie Bryce, Alice Clark, Leona Chute, Clement James, Vera Schott, Jean Schott, Francis Iverson, Muriel Davis, Arthur Davis, Elsie Davis.

During the evening Rev. Dr. Green addressed the children briefly, expressing his deep interest in the work they had in hand.

START WORK ON MAIN. Work on the main on Raymond avenue in Broughdale has commenced. It was announced today. Some fourteen families will be benefited by the water supply in London Township.

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COOLIDGE LEADS U. S. PRIMARIES IN NEW JERSEY

Daugherty Says President Harding Was Elected Freest Man to White House.

IS ALL CHEAP TALK

Associated Press Despatch. Newark, N.J., April 23.—President Coolidge yesterday overwhelmed Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California in the New Jersey preferential primary. With 479 election districts still unreported, the president had a lead of nearly 80,000 votes, which was being increased by belated returns.

President Coolidge captured the entire slate of 31 Republican national convention delegates. The seven Coolidge delegates at large were leading their Johnson opponents by approximately 70,000 votes, while in the congressional districts the Coolidge candidates were well ahead in every contest.

Governor George S. Silzer was endorsed by the Democrats for the presidential nomination.

WAS UNHAMPERED.

Washington, April 23.—Harry M. Daugherty, in a statement issued here last night, declared that "President Harding was nominated and elected the freest man that ever stepped across the threshold of the White House."

"All the cheap, sensational talk by a Jewish committee and others in regard to the manner in which President Harding was nominated and elected is false," the former attorney general declared. "There was no oil discussion at the convention or during the Harding campaign. No promises were made by him to any man, nor did I make any promises for him. I am not a Jew, and I am not authorized to make any promises and if they were made they never came to our ears."

The association with reference to the late president was made in the course of a defence of his position in connection with the senatorial investigations.

RADIATORS ARE GIVEN SPRING COAT OF PAINT

Board of Education Has Room Fixed Up—Benefactor Is Unknown.

Whoever was the mediator between the board of education and the painters who are spring cleaning the board and office rooms, the fact remains that the famous radiators are now covered with a nice coat of brown paint, in keeping with the white walls. The radiators in the future have to sit and gaze upon a row of unpainted iron pipes, as they expected to have to do, when the painters started their contract for the painting of the walls. The painters also said that they were quite willing to paint the walls behind the radiators, provided the board removed the radiators. This was the position a few days ago, since when some tactful person has evidently intervened with the result that the radiators now shine with reflected brightness.

U. S. DIRIGIBLE TC-3 ARRIVES WITHOUT MISHAP

Associated Press Despatch.

Belleville, Ill., April 23.—The U. S. army non-rigid dirigible, T. C. 3, which left here yesterday in a flight to San Antonio, Texas, arrived at Scott Field shortly after 5:30 o'clock this morning.

Officials at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, feared some disaster had overtaken the dirigible, because it was more than 12 hours overdue. The airship was to arrive at Kelly Field at 7 o'clock last night.

ISSUE WRIT FOR \$1,683.28. John E. Small has moved defendant in a supreme court writ issued at the court house today by J. W. G. Winnett, on behalf of Frank McWaine and George A. Slade. Messrs. McWaine and Slade allege that Mr. Smallman owes them \$1,683.28 for work done and material supplied under a contract dated Aug. 22, 1923.

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SIR RICHARD SQUIRES, former premier of Newfoundland, who was arrested at St. John's, Nfld., on charges arising out of the probe into liquor affairs in connection with his administration. Earl was accepted for his appearance for trial.



The Fun Shop

Sharps and Flats. The poet was telling the businessman, Of the spring bird's song and nature's plan:

"When you hear the trill from the bluebird's throat, Then you may look for the robin's note."

He is the bird I long to meet, Whether his song is harsh or sweet, I'll cheer for him the seasons through, The bird that is there when his note is due."

—D. A. Doran.

But Mama Was Not in Hearing. "Papa, why do brides wear long veils?" "To conceal their satisfaction, I presume, my son."

—Ezra Triplett.

It's usually when a man speaks without thinking that he says what he thinks.

The Eternal Mystery.

He found her behind the counter of Stacey's. And he fell madly, violently in love with her. Indeed he fell so far that he ever decided to marry her.

But, of course, he must first send her away to be educated so that she might be a mental companion to him. So he sent her away to be educated.

And when she returned, blooming like a rose, they were married. And now she chats lightly of the cosmic rug, of Ezra Pound, of Ellen Glasgow, of the Freudian theory, of the Italian system of bel canto; of Grieg; of Bokhara rugs; of Flemish tapestries; of Sex Complex; of—

—of— a woman, though, to pull a dirty trick like that. —Bachelor.

Every Rider Thinks His Own Hobby a Thoroughbred.

A recontre is known by the stories he doesn't tell.

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Readers are requested to contribute to the Epigrams (or humorous mottoes), jokes, anecdotes, poetry, burlesques, satires, and bright sayings of children, must be original and unpublished. Accepted material will be paid for. All manuscripts must be written on one side of the paper only, and should be addressed to The Fun Shop, The London Advertiser, 2522, and must be accompanied by the return address. The rates are \$1 to \$10 for accepted material, and 25 cents to \$1 a line for poetry.

STARTS AROUND EMPIRE.

Associated Press Despatch. Brisbane, Australia, April 23.—The British light cruiser squadron was given a memorable send-off as it departed today for New Zealand in its cruise round the Empire.

SESSION POSTPONED.

The regular session of the finance committee set for tonight, has been indefinitely postponed by Ald. Douglass in view of the fact that Mayor Wenige, Ald. Edwin Smith and other members will be presently identified with the St. George's Society banquet and celebration.

PLANS FOR DECORATION DAY.

Further arrangements for the Decoration Day to be held in June will be made at the meeting of the C. E. F. Returned Chapter, I. O. D. E., which is being held April 30. A sale of home-cooking is being held at the Majestic Theatre Saturday, April 26, with Mrs. A. Henderson as convener.

COMING TO LONDON.

On Tuesday, April 29, a special train of seven sleepers carrying Toronto and Sudbury Shriners will arrive in London at 5:15 p.m. to attend the big Shrine ceremonial to be held in this city on that date.

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ZEEBRUGGE NAVAL BATTLE WAGED SIX YEARS AGO TODAY

St. George's Day Now Being Marked by Englishmen All Over the World.

A CRUCIAL TEST

London Society Plans Elaborate Program in the Tecumseh House Tonight.

Six years ago today, while Englishmen at home celebrated St. George's Day and Shakespearean societies all over the world marked the birth of the Bard of Avon, one of the greatest naval battles of history was in progress. It was the famous Zeebrugge engagement off the Belgian coast, which was unquestionably the most spectacular naval event of the war.

Today, six years later, the anniversary of that historic battle will recall to many minds the unfeigned joy with which news of the great British naval enterprise was greeted. And while memories of those stirring times are revived, Englishmen everywhere will clink glasses to England's patron saint and England's greatest poet. For all three anniversaries are on April 23.

This evening, St. George's Society, which will celebrate the anniversary of its annual banquet in the Tecumseh House tonight, and the elaborate program indicates that it will prove an occasion of much rejoicing. Edwin LaVigne, president, and Edwin Smith, past president, and toastmaster, are scheduled to entertain the assembly with addresses. E. G. Wood, J. H. Hitchens, Rev. T. J. Charlton, J. W. Wild, Brig.-Gen. W. B. King, C.M.G., D.S.O., F. J. Chapell, A. E. Wood and Mayor Wenige are among the speakers.

Reference will doubtless be made to Zeebrugge, too. For among the British naval operations in the world war none created more interest than the attack on the Germans at Zeebrugge and Ostend off the Belgian coast in 1918, since the German occupation of the Belgian coast, Zeebrugge had been a source of anxiety to the Dover patrol. There the German navy, and their submarines lay in safety some 60 miles from the straits—a dagger to the British transport and the channel.

It will be remembered that the intention of the British fleet was to sink some obsolete battleships at the entrance to the Scheldt, and to extend harbors for the purpose of preventing the submarines from coming out. The efforts of the fleet at that time were directed entirely at the extermination of the German submarine navy.

Although the action at Ostend was not successful and that at Zeebrugge only partially so, the engagement shall be known as long as history. But for a turn in the wind and unfavorable conditions, the ingenuity and courage of the British would have reaped excellent results.

The action started at 8 o'clock in the morning and continued until far into the afternoon. There were nine Victoria Crosses awarded to men who took part in that great enterprise. British casualties amounted to 627 killed, wounded and missing. Although the engagement was not crowned with the success anticipated, it did much toward expediting the end of the war.

\$270,000 REAL ESTATE DEAL IS PUT THROUGH

Canadian Press Despatch.

Saskatoon, Sask., April 23.—Negotiations were completed yesterday for the sale of the Wilson farm at Harris, Sask., whereby Wilson Bros. disposed of their 5,588 acres of land, together with its equipment of machinery, 100 head of horses and a number of cattle, for a consideration of about \$270,000. This is said to be the largest real estate deal put through in the city in some years.

The purchasers are twenty Menopite farmers who have already taken possession.

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