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A STRIKING CONTRAST.

A cable from Paris yesterday announced that arrangements for the loan of \$180,000,000 to Austria by national banking groups had been to well advanced that there is no question of its success. No other country was so utterly despoiled by the war as Austria, yet she is able to get a great loan guaranteed by other powers.

Baron Frankenstein said yesterday: "The guarantees upon the loan, as now arranged, are: Great Britain, 24 1/2 per cent.; France, 24 1/2 per cent.; Czechoslovakia, 24 1/2; Italy, 20 1/2; Belgium, 2; Sweden, 2; Denmark, 1, and Holland, 1."

American bankers will take up a part of the loan. How is it possible that a nation so despoiled in the war and so prostrate after it can thus get help that is denied to Germany, whose total Austria was at the outset? The New York Tribune gives the answer.

"Austria suffered from the war immensely more than Germany did. Her political and economic power was broken. She was reduced to the rank of a second class nation. For a time her economy was great and her home depreciated even more disastrously than the German mark. Here was a country which seemed hopelessly bankrupt. Yet in a brief period she enabled her to borrow \$180,000,000. She can do this because she has courageously accepted the penalties of defeat. She has put her case openly before the Allied and neutral nations, brought their aid and submitted her case to the guidance. Her currency has been stabilized, her office-holding personnel has been ruthlessly reduced and all her resources have been pledged to re-establish her solvency."

In further explanation we have the statement of Baron Frankenstein yesterday. He said:—

"While the service of the proposed loan calls annually for not more than \$15,000,000, the actual revenues upon the customs and tobacco monopoly already showing at a rate of practically \$80,000,000. The fiscal, economic banking and taxation reforms laid down by the financial experts as conditions precedent to the undertaking of the present loan have already been in a considerable measure fulfilled. The rapid progress is being made in their completion. Further, our Finance Minister informs me that we are well within the estimated figures of output in our budget plans."

Thus Austria has shown a right spirit in defeat, and her creditors believe she will prove an honest debtor. By contrast Germany, as The Tribune observes, can float no loan abroad. Why?

"Because she has lost her reputation for business integrity. She is unwilling to open her books or to expose her assets. She has swindled her creditors, whether foreign or domestic. She is practicing an odious policy of repudiation and defalcation. How could she expect anybody to trust her or to come to her aid? Honesty and good sportsmanship pay a nation as well as an individual. Chancellor Cuno talks international loans and talks into the air. But Chancellor Seipel has brought home the foreign loan which is to rehabilitate Austria."

OLD FEUDS FORGOTTEN.

On Sunday last the British Naval and Military Veterans' Association of Massachusetts, which includes many natives of the Maritime Provinces, made their annual visit to Lexington, Bedford and Concord to decorate the graves of both British and American soldiers who fell in the revolutionary war. Detachments from the American Legion joined in the service, and it symbolized, as the speakers pointed out, the close community of interests between the United States and Great Britain. At the town hall in Lexington the British veterans laid a wreath on the war memorial, and another was laid on the soldiers' monument at the battle green. In Hancock Congregational church service was suspended while an address of welcome was delivered, to which Lt. Col. Arthur W. Rowe of the Canadian Royal Flying Corps replied. At Bedford the roll of honor of the war heroes, on the town common, was decorated. After luncheon at the town hall the visitors went to Concord. Marching to the Old North bridge, Lt. Col. John R. Sisk, commanding officer of the National Lancers, placed a wreath on the Minute Man monument on behalf of the British association. At the grave of the two unknown soldiers another wreath was laid. At Monument Square, the civil war monument was decorated, as was the Spanish war tablet at one end of the green. There was also an address by Rev. Dr. Edward T. Sullivan, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, New London Centre. Among the organizations represented in the British association were Canadian Expeditionary Force Veterans from Portland, Me.; the Canadian Great War Veterans, Vimy Camp, Canadian Greater War Veterans.

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WHEN THE BIRDS COME HOME.

(Helen B. Anderson in Toronto Globe.) There is joy in my heart when the birds come home; As they wing their way 'neath the azure dome I love the glint of their flashing wings, My heart is stung with the songs they sing.

O'er field and fallow and furrowed loam, I watch their flight when the birds come home.

There is cheer in my heart when the birds come back, As they wind their way o'er the airy track, For the songs they sing drive the gloom away, And the memory dear of a winter's day, And the spirit soars as on wings to roam, In that glad hour when the birds come home.

There's new life in my heart when the birds return; Their presence answers my spirit's yearning, And faith returns, like the morning light, To dispel the gloom of the darkest night; I can trust his care, who o'er land and foam, Guides their weary flight as the birds come home.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES.

Two sessions of the Public Utilities Board were held yesterday in connection with the petition of the Woodstock Light and Power Company for an order confirming an emergency increase in rates. A decision is expected on Friday. Mr. Carvell presided. Evidence was given by Mr. Carvell, president of the company, Town Manager Riddell and A. G. Bailey gave evidence. A decision is expected on Friday. Mr. Carvell presided. Evidence was given by Mr. Carvell, president of the company, Town Manager Riddell and A. G. Bailey gave evidence.

Sammy Kelly, an internationally known boxer of the early 1900s, died yesterday at his home in New York just three days after the death of his mother, from whom he had been practically inseparable. Kelly was 38 years old. He had been associated with Charles A. Steinhilber in the management of the latter's racing stables in Cuba. His most notable boxing achievement was the defeat of Billy Plimmer in England.

In answer to a question in the House of Commons yesterday Hon. George P. Graham announced that Sir Henry Thornton had accepted a seat on the board of the Canada Steamship Lines.

The Maritime Postal Clerks' Association met yesterday in Moncton and discussed matters pertaining to the welfare of the members. The association is now in the process of organizing a union, superannuation and examinations were discussed.

George S. Armstrong, former postmaster of Edmonton, was acquitted yesterday by a jury on a charge of theft of registered packages containing \$80,000 in August 1918.

The schooner *Edith* of New York, two weeks ago was floated yesterday during a very high tide and towed to New York for repairs. She is only slightly damaged.

Hearings were concluded yesterday in Woodstock in the case of the last will of W. L. Carr and judgment reserved. The will is being fought on the ground that it is not his last will.

JOHN PARNELL. (T. P. O'Connor in Sunday Times.) Poor John Parnell, who has just died at the age of eighty, had a certain resemblance to his brother, Charles Stewart Parnell, who was a man of like kind. As the great Parnell looked like a knight in one of Wagner's operas, John Parnell—though the complexion was pretty much the same—looked like a knight in one of Wagner's operas. He was a bit of a visionary too. He spent a great part of his life in trying to establish a big peach industry in Georgia, and I remember once Charles Parnell giving the specimen of his peach to the House of Commons. It was really a beautiful peach, but I think like most of John Parnell's enterprises, it ended in disaster, and, indeed, I think a great part of the £40,000 given to Parnell by grateful constituents went to meet more or less unsuccessful enterprises of members of his family.

John Parnell was devoted to his brother. He wrote one or two books about him; they gave a lot of information, but like himself, they were unimpaired.

FAIRVILLE METHODIST ANNUAL.

The Fairville Methodist church annual meeting was held last evening with Rev. J. M. Rice presiding. All the societies present made reports. It was shown that four new names had been added during the year while only one had been removed. The average attendance in the Sunday school had been 117. The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: Recording steward, Perry Kelly; treasurer, J. Stout; assistant treasurer, Miss Gladys Shaw; board of stewards, J. Stout, William McCavour, David Linton, B. L. Wood, P. Kelly, H. M. Stout and Harry Sweet. The missionary committee appointed was as follows: Rev. J. M. Rice, chairman, Miss Eva Taylor, and Mrs. William McCavour. As representatives from the quarterly board to the Sunday school committee the following were chosen: Mrs. E. H. Shaw, Mrs. J. Chessman and P. Kelly.

\$12,000 FOR A LOST MIND.

Widow Compromises Self for Injuries Which Debilitated Her.

New York, May 30.—While loading the Steamship *Vassonia* on March 12, 1922, Michael O'Connor, a longshoreman was struck on the head by a sling loaded with beams. The accident resulted in mental derangement. Mrs. Bridget O'Connor, his wife, brought suit against the Cunard Line for \$50,000 damages. It was stated that Mrs. O'Connor, through Owen E. O'Reilly of 18 Park Row, had settled with the company for \$12,000.

After the accident the line paid O'Connor \$10,000, but when it was found that he would never recover his wife brought suit.

J. Lannigan, a small boy, was struck by a motor car at Robesay yesterday but fortunately escaped serious injury.

HOUSE OF DAVID COUPLE REVOLT AGAINST FORCED MARRIAGE.



Years ago Mrs. Lillian Hannaford, left, was forced by "King" Benjamin, of the House of David, to marry a man many years her senior in spite of her protest that she loved another, "Benjamin" Hill, right, the disappointed youth, was also conscripted into wedlock against his choice, but his wife later left the colony and divorced him. Recently the pair eloped to Chicago, where Mrs. Hannaford is seeking a divorce so they may marry.

11th. Anniversary Of Edith Avenue Sunday School

A supper and entertainment was held in the Edith Avenue hall last evening in connection with the eleventh anniversary of the Sunday school there. Supper was served by the Ladies Aid under the leadership of Mrs. H. B. Franklin and the musical programme followed. Rev. Isaac Brindley acted as chairman and those taking part were: Eddie Flewelling, Harrison Morgan, David Legate, Robert Langstroth, Miss Edith Magee, Douglas Mawhinney and Mrs. H. B. Peck.

An interesting historical sketch of the Sunday school since its organization on May 26, 1912, with Arthur F. Burditt as superintendent, was given by J. W. Flewelling. It was recalled that the original enrollment was eighteen. The Edith Avenue Hall was built after the school had been organized and the hall was first occupied in January, 1918. On the celebration of the second anniversary, in 1914, the enrollment had grown to sixty-eight. In the sketch mention was made of the various pastors who had been in charge. Rev. Sterling W. Yate was the first pastor, and he had charge for eighteen months. Rev. Mr. Dakin was in charge here in the capacity of pastor, and he had charge for eighteen months. Rev. Mr. Dakin was in charge here in the capacity of pastor, and he had charge for eighteen months.

Another \$10,000 Granted to Civic Commission to Carry On—Question of Meter Tenders—Bids for New Water Main.

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Commissioner Frink recommended that the application of the N. B. Electric Power Commission for authority to construct a turnout in the Westmorland road be granted provided the surface with asphalt would restore the surface with asphalt and not with earth.

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In all, the letter stated, an amount of \$1,853 had been paid to the N. B. Electric Power Commission for engineering advice.

A communication from W. A. Vassil, requesting authority to erect an electric sign over his business premises in Charlotte street was referred to the committee on public works.

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A bill for \$214 from A. J. Boyce, for his share in the Public Safety deposit was presented by Commissioner Thornton and was ordered paid.

A petition of several residents in Germain street announcing that they were not opposed to the placing of a gasoline station in the vacant lot at the corner of Fricke and Germain streets was read and referred to Commissioner Thornton.

Commissioner Bullock expressed strong opposition to the site, claiming that it was part of a residential section.

Water Main Tenders.

Tenders for work on the new water main in West St. John were opened and referred to Commissioner Wigmore as follows:

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Rock Earth

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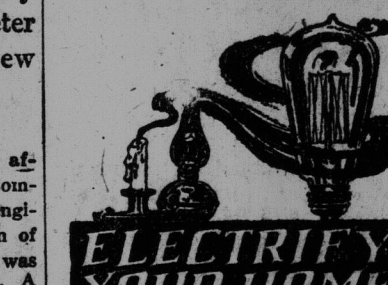
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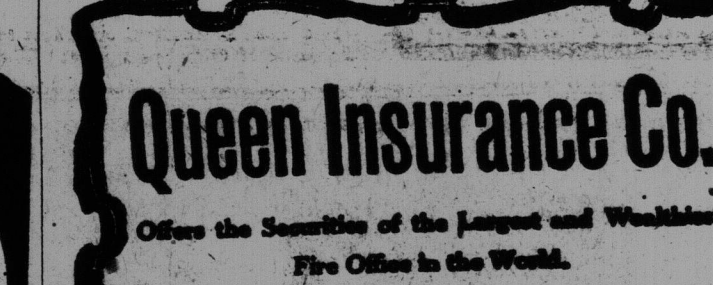
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