

## VILLAGE OF MADOC AND DALE'S BANK

Its Thousands Inhabitants Had Heavy Deposits—Some of the Depositors.

(Toronto Star)

Madoc, Ont., April 20.—Yesterday two towns of Madoc, snuggled among the hills of Hastings County, was a prosperous bustling place, of 1,000 inhabitants, full of the happiness of a growing town, but today the town is filled with grief. It still has its 1,000 people, but they are in a struggling state of dependency and hope; dependent because of the fact that in many cases the savings and all the results of years of toil and labor are locked in the vaults of J.C. Dale and Company, private bankers who closed their doors to the depositors three weeks ago and whose affairs are in such a shape as to necessitate an investigation by chartered accountants.

Despite the fact that many reports are being circulated through the town that the loss will be in the neighborhood of half a million dollars, a figure representing almost the total amount of the deposits, the silence of the investigators brings a feeling of hope to the hearts of the depositors. As quickly as a report is circulated that the loss is serious it is immediately followed by one that the bank's creditors will be paid in full.

In groups of three, four, five, six, and even a dozen, the townsfolk are gathered in the streets, stores, and post office, business men, farmers, and through many a financial panic, men who may lose some of their resources in the crash are eagerly telling how much John Jones or Dan Smith lost, and how they believe he will have to mortgage his home, but with one accord these men refuse to tell of their own losses. Practically every citizen of the town is a depositor to a certain extent, and from the small boy who worked after school for a few dollars a week to the aged couple who have managed to accumulate enough to keep them from the poorhouse during their old age, all are brought to realize the misery of their fortune.

### No Reproach for Banker

Throughout it all there have been but few words of complaint, not has there been a feeling of reproach against Mr. Dale, for as the citizens say, "he didn't know" and "he failed."

A few weeks ago, Mr. Dale, withdrawing his savings before the crash came. Probably one of the heaviest depositors of the bank is James W. Locklin, one of the wealthiest men in the town. He is one of the best-known business men of the district, and controls and owns a flour mill. He conducts a feed store a few doors from the closed bank. His deposit is said to be about \$10,000, but when interviewed by The Star he refused to deny or confirm the amount. He told this story in a cheerful way, as if the amount involved was of little consequence.

"I had done business with the bank for 20 years, practically ever since it opened its doors, and an equanimity never lived than Mr. Dale. His name was a synonym for honesty. The money I had on deposit was a trust account, but I kept my savings account there also, and had been adding to it from time to time."

### An April Fool Joke

"Only a few days before the bank closed I made a deposit of a considerable amount. On the morning of April 1 Mr. McBain, the cashier, came into my office and told me that the bank had suspended payment. I did not take the man seriously, but told him it must be an April fool joke, and that the bank would open the following day. I never once dreamed that the place had failed."

In the opinion of Mr. Whitlick the affair was the worst thing that had ever happened to the town of Madoc. "We cannot tell what the result will be until we see a statement of affairs. There are many stores that are hard hit, but there are farmers within a radius of twenty miles that have suffered, too."

### Tragedy for Chinese Boy

But different is the case of Mark Tong, the only Chinese boy of the town. A tragedy has come into his life. He lives with his uncle, who runs the laundry. His eyes, almost filled with tears when he told The Star he was "broke." Last fall he came to Madoc and while attending school helped his uncle in the laundry after hours. For this he was given a pitance, how much Mark with boyish pride refused to tell, but regularly the little fellow would go to the bank and deposit his wages. As the account grew the boy grew with pride, and was looked upon with respect by his Canadian companions, "because he was a saver and had money in the bank."

On Monday preceding the close the lad made his last deposit, and the amount to his credit amounted to \$23.

Walking through the almost deserted main street, snatches of conversation can be gathered at every turn. This is what was overheard by The Star, from two men:

### Had a Presentiment

"You know it is strange how you can often feel something is going to happen," said a laborer. "You know," he continued, "my wife told me not to put the last five dollars in the bank."

"How much did you have in?" asked his companion.

"About \$100, and it took me over

a year to save it."

"Well, why didn't you draw it out?"

"I don't know," replied the first speaker candidly. "We were going to buy a house the week after, too, wait."

### He Was Lucky

"The day before the bank closed," said Everett Tuttle as The Star entered his furniture store, "I went in with a deposit of 75 dollars, but the bank was closed for the day. When I went back the next morning the doors were closed and a notice posted saying that payments were suspended for nine days."

A meeting of the shareholders is expected today and it is expected that a report of the bank's affairs will be made.

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### OAK HILLS

Oak Hills, April 20.—We regret to hear that Mrs. Fred Elliott is not gaining.

Miss Mae Gallivan, of Syracuse, N.Y., is spending a couple weeks under the parental roof.

Mr. Roy Welbourne spent Sunday night in Stirling.

Miss Lillian Brown returned last week after spending her Easter holidays with friends at Deloro.

Sorry to hear Miss Lizzie Gallivan is on the sick list.

Miss Elsie Eggleston visited friends at Madoc, Ont., recently.

Several from here attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Anne Juby on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stapley spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. Phillip Carr on the West Huntingdon gravel.

Mr. Hubert Chambers, of the Bank of Toronto, spent Easter holidays with his parents here.

Mr. J. Brown was home over Sunday.

### A WOMAN'S MESSAGE TO WOMEN

If you are troubled with weak, tired feelings, headache, backache, nervousness, constipation, catarrhal conditions, pain in the sides regularly or irregularly, bloating or unnatural enlargements, sense of falling or misplacement of internal organs, nervousness, desire to cry, palpitation, hot flashes, dark rings under the eyes, or a loss of interest in life, I invite you to write and ask for my simple method of home treatment, with ten days' trial, entirely free of charge. Write to reference to Canadian ladies who gladly tell how they have regained health, strength, and happiness by this method. Write today. Address: Mrs. M. Summers, Box 87, Windsor, Ont.

### MELVILLE

Melville, April 20.—Miss Eva Locklin of the Napanee Collegiate Staff, and Miss Eva Locklin who is teaching near Lindsay, spent their Easter holidays at the home of their father, Mr. J. W. Locklin.

Miss Rockwell, of Napanee, accompanied Miss Helen Alexander, who has been visiting her parents during Easter week.

Mr. Stillman Harrington, of Concession, has been in the neighborhood for all the week with his buzz saw.

The members of the Adult Bible Class and the Young People's organ class, invaded the home of Mr. Reuben Vance, who has lately moved into the neighborhood and gave them a complete surprise but we trust they will feel that they have come among friends.

Miss George and Luella Young, have returned after spending a few days with their grandparents in Wellington.

The creek below French's Mill is running very high by the lantern of the fishermen appearing pike.

Miss Mabel Kinnear spent most of her holidays visiting in Toronto.

Mr. W. J. Locklin is on the sick list suffering from a severe attack of pleurisy.

Mr. Charles Norton made a business trip to Belleville on Saturday.

Mr. J. H. Chase accompanied his father A. D. Chase, to Toronto, where the latter is to undergo an operation for cancer.

Miss Ethel French and Mr. Clayton French went to Belleville on Saturday.

The bathing season has already opened. Mr. Clayton Palmer, the local blacksmith and Master George Young have had a plunge in the mill race. (They were looking for pike).

Navigation is now open in Concession Lake. The last ice was ground to pieces on Sunday afternoon, April 19.

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## BECK HAS NEW BILL TO INVADE MEXICO

Province Will Build, Equip and Operate Hydro Radiata.

United States May Seize Customs Houses To-day.

### CHANGES IN LIQUOR LAW

Hon. Mr. Hanna Introduced a Bill to Amend the Liquor Act—Good Friday Is Made Close Day For Selling and Administration of Scott Act Is Provided For—Other Changes.

TORONTO, April 21.—A provincial central and operating radial railways was presented by Hon. Adam Beck in the Legislature yesterday. The bill while repealing the special measure of 1913 provides that funds secured by Hydro-Electric bond issues guaranteed by the province may be used for the construction of the new railways.

The change in the plan relieves the municipalities from their responsibility of operation and supervision and provides a more substantial financing arrangement than that of floating municipal debentures. The burden will be distributed equally between province, commission and municipalities.

To save the Government and commission each municipality interested will deposit debentures equaling the expenditure, and they will also provide for the deficits which accrue from interest or sinking fund.

Following out some ideas suggested by deputations bonds for construction will be issued on a 50-year basis and for the first ten of these when the lines are struggling to get on their feet municipalities will not be charged any sinking fund deficits at all. No chance will be taken, however, of a municipality failing in its obligations, and their debentures may be sold in the market if the commission thinks necessary, the commission bonds being a first mortgage on the radials.

Before any municipality enters agreement the Lieutenant Governor's approval must be gained and the electors who vote on money bills will then vote on it at the polls.

The change in the Government policy is understood to have been caused by the desire to centralize the management and to ensure certain capable men being in charge. This bill is now taken to open the way for all places so desiring to advance at once upon electric railway schemes.

Hon. Mr. Hanna introduced amendments to the provincial liquor license act for the enforcement of the Scott act by means of the Government backing with consolidated revenue funds the operation of the act in municipalities where the lines collected are not large enough to permit of a separate enforcement. Government and municipality will each contribute one-half and a separate account subject to audit will be kept. The operation in unorganized districts will be under the Government entirely.

One change is to include on Friday along with Christmas as one of the days on which liquor cannot be sold.

The right to question an intoxicated person in local option districts will hereafter be allowed in any "dry" district, and he may be forced to explain the circumstances.

It is now left to the magistrate to place on the Indian list any person he thinks proper.

Druggists as well as 11-mens will have the privilege of appealing from conviction, and the fines and penalties accumulating in local option districts will be placed in a common fund for the use of the constituency in enforcing the law.

### "MILLIONAIRE" WAS CRAZY

So Judge Sets Aside Will Providing Medical Institution.

MONTREAL, April 21.—The will of Abraham Lincoln Pacaud, who died at Verdun (Asylum) on Jan. 29 last worth \$200, has been annulled by Justice Charbonneau on the ground of insanity.

Pacaud, who was a well-known insurance broker in the city, seemed to be under the illusion that he was a millionaire and left annuities totaling about \$50,000 a year to various parties, including young ladies the testator had known many years ago in Chicago.

Parties named the estate was to go to McGill University to found a department for the cure of malignant diseases such as cancer, to be known as the "Abraham Lincoln Pacaud Foundation."

### Fall Fatal After All

WINDSOR, Ont., April 21.—Achilles Morand, aged 18, who fell 45 feet from a windmill last Tuesday, and was apparently unhurt, took suddenly worse Sunday night and died in a few minutes.

Morand, who weighed 200 pounds, had got up after his fall and walked away without any apparent injury, after bouncing into a water trough.

R. H. Clemens Goes to Montreal. GALT, April 21.—It was announced yesterday that the resignation of R. H. Clemens, local district representative of the Department of Agriculture, has been tendered, to take effect on the first of June. Mr. Clemens is going to New Ontario to become manager of the Government demonstration and experimental farm at Montclair.

Newspaper Staff Summoned. HALIFAX, N.S., April 21.—Subpoenas have been issued for practically all the staff of The Evening Mail, the paper which incited in an article published last week that the Legislature passed the Framing Bill now before it the public could only conclude that the members had been bought.

Poachers Must Beware. BROCKVILLE, April 21.—Pot-hunters are finding inspectors among the St. Lawrence river, active this spring. Game Warden Stewart of Brockville made a big secure of guns, boats and decoys belonging to parties who were duck shooting near Mallory Town Landing.

### CONGRESS BACKS WILSON

Policy of Administration For Immediate Brastic Action Against Huerta Is Supported by All But a Small Minority in Houses—Plan of Action Is Decided at Conference of Officials.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—In thirty-six hours, possibly less, the United States Government will have taken possession of the Mexican custom houses at Tampico and Vera Cruz.

Detailed plans for landing of marines at these two important coastal towns were completed at a conference at the White House between President Wilson, Secretaries Bryan, Garrison and Daniels, Major-General Wood and Rear Admirals Fiske and Blue and John Lind.

"No order to the army and navy will be issued to-night," was the announcement made after the conference, action temporarily being referred until Congress acts on the joint purpose of using the armed forces of the United States to enforce its demands against Huerta, growing out of the arrest at Tampico of American bluejackets.

The resolution passed the House last night by a vote of 337 to 37, after a spirited debate. For several hours it was considered by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, with prospects of an all-night session of the Senate or a recess until early to-day.

The House adjourned until to-day, and President Wilson, worn out by the day's work, retired after hearing that the House had adopted the resolution.

Persons who were in touch with the situation in Mexico, which would be taken by the United States "short of war" were of a nature which would not require formal notification to the powers in the same sense that a declaration of blockade or other preliminary to war would. Foreign Governments will be kept informed of developments, however.

The debate in the House brought out the fact that while the navy probably would block Mexico off from commerce with the United States, it would not interfere with the passage to and fro of foreign vessels, though cargoes discharged on the shore might be held at the customs houses if they were occupied by American forces.

The joint resolution passed by the House, and which was before the Senate at a late hour last night, read as follows:

"A joint resolution justifying the employment of the armed forces of the United States in enforcing certain demands against Victoriano Huerta. Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Congress assembled, that the President of the United States is justified in the employment of the armed forces of the United States to force the demand upon Victoriano Huerta for unequivocal amendments to the Government of the United States for affronts and indignities committed against this Government by Gen. Huerta and his representatives."

The bill to appropriate \$50,000,000 to be expended by the President was introduced by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military affairs committee, to which the bill was referred.

The Chamberlain bill provides: "That the President of the United States be and he is hereby authorized to expend in his discretion for the national defence and for each and every purpose connected therewith the sum of fifty million dollars out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, which sum shall remain available until expended."

This is identical with the bill passed before the war with Spain.

Justification Strong. LONDON, April 21.—The Times, in an editorial on the Mexican crisis, says this morning:

"What war with Japan, the natural enemy of the United States, do, and what will the other powers do?"

The Boersen Courier sees in Gen. Huerta's refusal to salute "The first admission that he does not feel sure of his position and is now playing a last trump earlier than was expected—namely, the policy of rallying all elements in Mexico against the foreign aggression."

Huron Goes Dry May 1. GODERICH, Ont., April 21.—Uncertainty as to the license situation in Huron County has been cleared up by a message from Hon. Mr. Hanna to the effect that the Government will carry out its pledge. This means that licenses throughout the county will be cut off on May 1st next.

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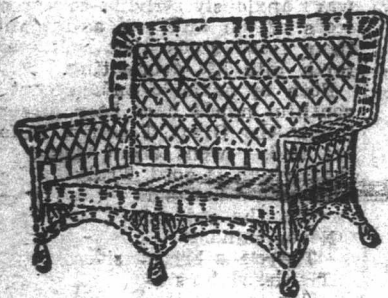
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