

ROBB TELLS OF EFFORTS TO SAVE HOME BANK

U.S. Federal Agents Arrest Andrew Pepall In California

GOVERNMENT RECOMPENSE NOT LIKELY, SAYS JUDGE

Commission Does Not Believe Such a Policy Would Be Adopted.

ROBB EXAMINED

Acting Finance Minister Tells of Efforts To Save Bank.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, May 14.—I don't think that the policy of recompensing the depositors and taking over the wreck of the bank would appeal to the government," said Commissioner H. A. McKeown this morning during the Home Bank inquiry. The commissioner was listening to argument by R. J. McLaughlin, K.C., one of the depositors' counsel, and was trying to ascertain whether or not it would be possible to discover the approximate amount necessary to meet the depositors' loss. While he was asking questions to this end, the suggestion was made that the government might consider not only reimbursing the depositors, but also taking over the wrecked bank, and the commissioner made the above statement.

"Of course, you know more about governments than I do," the commissioner smilingly remarked to Mr. McLaughlin.

Counsel for depositors agreed that, with the affairs of the bank in their present condition, it was almost impossible to determine the amount which would be required to pay the depositors. This was no reason why the commissioner should not declare in favor of such payment, however, it was pointed out by W. T. J. Lee, another of the depositors' counsel.

White Tells of Check.
Argument was not proceeded with until late in the morning sitting. Hon. James A. Robb, who was acting minister of finance when the crash came, and who was present at the midnight conference between members of the government and Director Stewart of the Home Bank a few days before the failure, was called to the stand. He told of visiting Montreal and attending the conference which took place between directors of the Home Bank and Sir Vincent Meredith, president of the Bank of Montreal, at which little encouragement was given to the directors. Hon. T. A. Cresser, former director of the bank, was recalled to the stand for a few minutes, and Sir Thomas White gave evidence in regard to the bank shortly before it failed. Argument will be continued this afternoon.

Hon. James A. Robb, acting minister of finance was examined this morning when the royal commission investigating the Home Bank resumed its hearing here.

In answer to H. J. Symington, counsel for the government, Mr. Robb said that he was acting for Finance Minister Fielding in August, 1923, when J. P. M. Stewart, one of the directors of the Home Bank, came to try and get help for the bank. Mr. Robb told of the conference at the

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The Weather

FORECASTS.

Moderate winds; partly fair today and Thursday; occasional showers; not much change in temperature.

Pressure continues high over the Great Lakes and Middle States, and high to the westward. The weather is somewhat unsettled in Ontario and Quebec and fine throughout the West.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 3 a.m. today were:

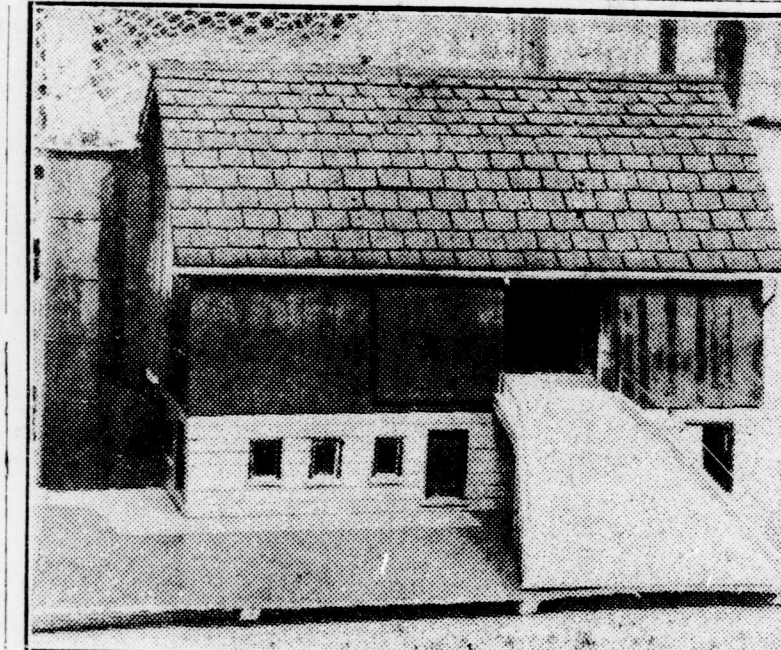
Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	58	52	Cloudy
Calgary	76	54	Clear
Winnipeg	46	44	Fair
Port Arthur	46	46	Clear
Perry Sound	53	43	Fair
Toronto	62	47	Fog
Kingston	54	44	Cloudy
Ottawa	59	44	Cloudy
Montreal	54	46	Clear
Quebec	53	43	Cloudy
Father Point	54	40	Cloudy
St. John	58	40	Cloudy
Halifax	45	38	Fog

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 3 o'clock last night were: Highest, 65; lowest, 40.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 3 a.m. today were: Highest, 64; lowest, 40.

Barometric Readings.
Tuesday—5 p.m., 29.99.
Today—3 a.m., 29.93.



A BOY'S KEEN HANDS AT WORK.
Here an Advertiser photographer shows the work of Roy Perry, 16 years old, of 36 Byron avenue, now on exhibition at the Hobby Fair. This barn, which is complete in every detail, is one of the finest specimens of workmanship now being displayed with dozens of others, all worth a visit at the Armories.

SYNOD KEENLY DEBATES QUESTIONS FOR BUDGET

Britain To Have Record Radio

Associated Press Despatch.
London, May 14.—Great Britain is to have what is claimed to be the largest and most powerful radio station in the world, according to the Daily Mail. Work is already in progress on a site of 560 acres near Rugby, where sixteen masts 220 feet high are being erected to carry the aerials. The station is to communicate directly with India and Australia, says the report.

PETER SMITH IS AGAIN REMANDED

Former Provincial Treasurer's Counsel Fails To Gain Particulars.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 14.—Peter Smith, former provincial treasurer, was remanded for eight days when he appeared in police court this afternoon on ten charges of conspiracy to defraud the province of Ontario.

H. H. Dowart, K.C., counsel for Mr. Smith, made another unsuccessful attempt to secure particulars of the charges against his client. He maintained that the attorney-general of Ontario should have allowed the information to be given out.

It is understood that when Aemilius Jarvis sen., Aemilius Jarvis, jun., and Harry Pepall, manager of the Jarvis company, appear on May 21 to answer conspiracy charges in which Mr. Smith is also involved, they will be remanded for one day, and the four men will appear for preliminary hearing on May 22.

ILLNESS PROVES FATAL TO 102-YEAR-OLD MAN

Paul Martin Dies After Remarking to Doctor He Would Not Recover.

Remarking to the doctor that he did not think he would get over his illness, Paul Martin, aged 102 years, died yesterday afternoon in Mount Hope, where he had made his home for the past five months.

Mr. Martin was remarkably active, although he had passed the century mark. Little is known of him other than that he has one son, Frank, living at Stoney Point.

The remains were shipped from E. C. Killingsworth's funeral home to day via C. P. R. to Tilbury, where requiem high mass will be sung tomorrow morning.

Interment will be made in Tilbury.

PRINCE WILL VISIT RHODESIA NEXT YEAR

Associated Press Despatch.
Salisbury, Rhodesia, May 14.—Sir John Chancellor, governor of Southern Rhodesia, announces that the Prince of Wales will visit Rhodesia early in the summer of 1925 or towards the end of the year.

AMENDMENT TO BRITISH LIQUOR ACT IS FAVORED

Temperance Committee of the Church of Scotland Suggests Change.

CONTROL CRITICIZED

Investigators Claim Government Supervision Has Not Proven Successful.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, May 14.—The temperance committee of the Church of Scotland favors an amendment being made to the temperance act to insure that where a vote is taken on various options a majority for "no license" over all the other options should carry a no-license policy in any area where the vote has been taken.

The committee has investigated the government control system ruling in Carlisle, and says the alcohol sold in the public houses under government control in that city seems to possess all the usual effects of alcohol sold under any other system, and the number of patrons of the Carlisle public houses under influence of liquor seemed no smaller than in public houses not under government control. Fifty per cent of the men seen issuing from the "pubs" in a poor locality in Carlisle on a certain Saturday night were drunk, the committee states, and 75 per cent of the women who came out of these places were in the same state.

In connection with the liquor question the United Free Church of Scotland has issued a statement commenting upon the increase in Scotland of Irish people, who, for the most part, are poor, improvident and intemperate, and who appear to have very little desire to raise themselves in national and municipal affairs, the statement says, has been a bar to temperance legislation.

MISSOURI MAY GRANT \$10,000 TO SCHOOL

Mass Meeting Held in Wellburn To Discuss Present Situation.

Following a mass meeting in the district school near the village of Wellburn last night, it is expected that Missouri Township council will make a grant of \$10,000 toward the Thorndale continuation school which will then be large enough to accommodate pupils of the district.

County Clerk John Stuart, who is greatly interested in rural education matters, and J. H. Davis, clerk of the township, spoke on the question after which the \$10,000 grant was almost unanimously approved by those present. Another meeting will be called to explain the matter to ratepayers in the southern part of the township next week.

A continuation school has been a live question in Missouri for the last 12 years. Thorndale was willing to take over the proposition and run it as a section school, provided a \$10,000 grant was made by the township toward the building.

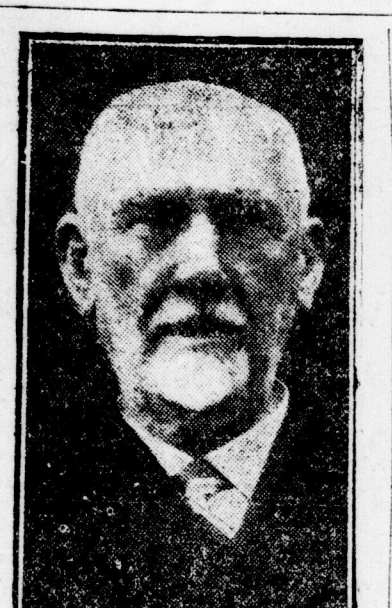
Hugh Jones, reeve of the township, presided at the gathering.

SIX LINERS ARE DUE IN HALIFAX THIS WEEK

Steamer America Brings 659 Passengers From Italian Ports.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Halifax, N. S., May 14.—The steamer America, of the Navigation General Italian Line, arrived here yesterday from Genoa and Messina and landed 659 passengers, the majority of them settlers for Ontario and western provinces.

Six liners are due in Halifax from European ports this week-end. They are the Hamburg-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam, from Rotterdam via Bonaire and Southampton; the Swedish-American liner Stockholm, from Gothenburg; the White Star liner Canopic, from Hamburg via Southampton and Cherbourg; the North German Lloyd liner Bremen, from Bremen; the Red Star liner Lapland, from Antwerp via Southampton and Cherbourg; and the French line steamer La Bourdonnais, from Marseilles.



THOMAS CRAWFORD, M.L.A., will be appointed registrar of deeds for Toronto in a few days. He will succeed the late J. W. Curry, K.C., whose death occurred two months ago.

U. S. WOULD HALT EXCLUSION BILL

Government Circles Feel Jaw Row Should Be Settled Diplomatically.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, May 14.—Further steps were taken by the United States Government today to postpone Japanese exclusion. The president is understood to have presented again the administration's view that Japanese exclusion should be postponed until diplomatic negotiations can be conducted with Japan. The basis for the administration's anxiety also over the matter was set forth to the house members by Secretary of State Hughes.

THOS. CRAWFORD, M.L.A. TO BE APPOINTED REGISTRAR

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 14.—It is reported on good authority that Thomas Crawford, member of the Ontario Legislature for Northwest Toronto, will be appointed registrar of deeds for Toronto. The post became vacant on the death of J. W. Curry, K.C.

SEEKS DECLARATION.
Jarvis Mining have issued a county court writ on behalf of Hamlet Kipp, asking for a declaration that the Jarvis Mining company is the owner of property on the Mill street, and for an injunction to restrain the defendant from trespassing on the property and interfering with the plaintiff's rights.

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Other schemes favored by engineers here who say they are working in harmony with the engineers of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, call for distribution of the water over the Falls by establishment of artificial islands, or by the construction of a submerged weir or dam some distance above the Falls.

Murder and Mystery Bring Officers Out "a Gallopin'"

In Search In Silent Night

Find Only Stillness To Greet Them and Start Hunt For Informer.

RUN TO EARTH

Beacon Light Finally Settles Over Roof of Tory Club.

Three buckets of blood and whispers of death!

Great guns and three toy pistols! The police station, the Free Press, a reporter's room, a doctor, an ambulance owner and a minister, all had had attacks of the "heebie jeebies" at 1:30 this morning when, according to the Free Press, a "gasp, choking" voice on the telephone broadcasted the information that a murder had been committed at Wolfe and Wellington streets.

All individuals mentioned above were on the scene in short order. The police patrol was on hand just one minute after the old Black Maria shot into the night from police portals. Driver Ayres was the first to arrive. He was joined shortly by Rev. Bruce Hunter, who lives on the next block; Dr. U. E. Bateman of Richmond street; the Oatman Ambulance and last but not least a springing reporter ready to write a thrilling yarn on the "most mysterious and blood-curdling murder that has ever baffled the local police."

Fine Night.
It was a fine night for a murder, right in the shadow of Victoria Park and a bed of tulips. Everything was fine, except that there was no corpse, not a sign of one, and not even a few drops of blood, such as were

Result Pleases Anatole France

Great French Writer Rejoices in Downfall of Poincare.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, May 14.—Anatole France, whose political allegiance is somewhere midway between Socialism and Communism, rejoices in the victory of the left bloc in Sunday's election, in a signed statement today in L'Oeuvre. "I salute this great victory," the octogenarian master of French prose declares. "France has just manifested its will for peace. Let us prepare for this longed-for peace. Let us beware of the old adage. In reality, if one wishes for peace one must prepare for peace. Such is our desire, such our care and such ought to be our work."

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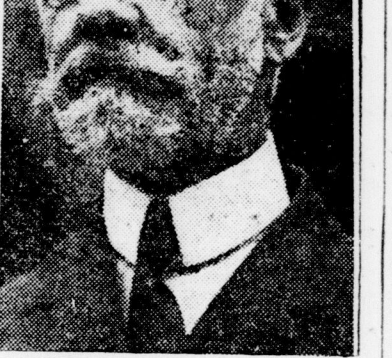
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HENRY CABOT LODGE, U. S. senator, who proposes an international tribunal to replace the present world court.

TWO NEW CARS ADDED TO LINE

Street Railway Increases Number of Large Cars For Springbank.

Two more street cars of the type that are now in operation on the Oxford street run, the long steel cars with the center door arrived in the city this morning from Cleveland, and were disembarked by the London Street Railway, and taken to the car barns to be fitted for their first run on Canadian soil.

C. B. King, the general manager, says they will be used on whatever run they may be needed by traffic conditions, and that they will go down to Springbank in the summer time. This will be an improvement on the openwork cars that often follow the river trail and allow the rain to blow in on unwary dancers from the Casino. They will be put into service by the end of the week.

BUSINESSMAN PRAISES FOREMAN'S DILIGENCE

Relates How Utilities Workman Stuck to Post at Main Corner.

A cigar store proprietor at Dundas and Richmond streets, just where the Public Utilities Commission is excavating the ground for the new transformer station, remarks on the diligence of the foreman of the job who carried as his baton a large roll of blue prints.

"I never saw a foreman work so hard since I came here," he said. "I had occasion to look on during the daytime, he was there just the same. He was, I think, the most conscientious workman I have seen in a day's journey in the city of London."

EIGHT HAVE CLOSE CALL WHEN VOLCANO ERUPTS

Rocks Hurlled Hundreds of Feet Into Air From Halemauuma Crater.

Associated Press Despatch.
Hilo, T. H., May 14.—A terrific minute and a half eruption of Halemauuma crater of Kilauea volcano Tuesday endangered the lives of eight persons, of whom three, including Thomas Boles, superintendent of Hawaii National Park, were injured in a rain of flying rocks. Rocks ranging from one pound to 300 pounds were hurled over a radius of 2,000 feet from the crater. Debris shot 100 feet into the air above the rim. Loss of life probably was prevented by the foresight of Boles, who had refused to permit any persons except newspapermen and cameramen to approach the rim.

The eruption was the fifth and most serious of the day.

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Los Angeles, May 14.—Andrew Pepall, glass company president, formerly of Toronto, was named in a warrant issued in Ontario several weeks ago against a provincial officer, accused of conspiring to defraud the government, agents said his arrest here was not in connection with the Canadian transaction.

Pepall declared last night he could not understand how the illegal entry charge could be brought against him, but would furnish \$1,000 bail early today.

OFFICIALS NOT ADVISED.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 14.—Andrew H. Pepall, arrested in Los Angeles last night on a charge of illegal entry into the United States, is named in conspiracy charges preferred by the province of Ontario against several prominent persons in the province, including Peter Smith, former provincial treasurer from 1919 to 1923, Aemilius Jarvis, Sen., well-known bond dealer and capitalist, and Harry Pepall, manager of the Jarvis company, and a brother of Andrew, arrested in California.

In connection with the charges, which followed an inquiry into the financial administration of the province by the Farmer-Labor government, headed by E. C. Drury, conducted by the public accounts committee of the legislature, four persons are awaiting preliminary hearings in police court and two are held under bond as material witnesses. Charles Matthews, former deputy provincial treasurer, and a brother of the committee, but so far they have not been arrested.

Times Mitchell, of the Dominion government immigration office, said that no request to secure the deportation of Pepall from the United States had gone through his office, neither had he been advised of the arrest. In all seriousness, the person against whom the charge of illegal entry was laid would be held until such time as the Canadian authorities had been communicated with. The American official of the authorities to establish citizenship of any one claiming to be born in Canada. In the case of Andrew Pepall, the inquiry would ultimately be made through Mr. Mitchell in Toronto.

NICKLE IS SILENT.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 14.—Y. F. Nickle, attorney general, refused to make any comment this morning in connection with the arrest of Pepall in the case of the States on a charge of illegal entry into the country.

"I have nothing to say about it," was the only statement that the attorney general would make. Hon. W. H. Price, Attorney General, who this morning was at his office following his holiday in Bermuda, was equally reluctant to make any comment on the Pepall phase of the case or the failure of the authorities to locate Charles Matthews, former deputy of his department. Col. Price stated that the matter was a legal one and was therefore in the hands of the attorney general.

Later in the day Hon. Mr. Nickle stated that he had not yet abandoned hope that Pepall would be brought back to Canada.

FIVE MINERS ARE RESCUED FROM COLORADO SHAFT

Associated Press Despatch.
Gilman, Colorado, May 14.—Five miners, entombed since Saturday afternoon in the Black Iron Mine of the Empire Zinc Mining Company near here, were rescued last night when a drift was driven through virgin granite to the slope in which the men were confined.

WOODSTOCK STUDENT IS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 14.—J. M. McLeod of Woodstock, Ont., is announced today as winner of the Gordon Southern No. 2 Memorial Scholarship at Upper Canada College. This scholarship is valued at \$600 per year for three years.