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THE ISSUE IS CLEAR.

The citizens of St. John have made no assault on the character of Mr. Bodell and Mr. Sanderson. Their supporters are busy telling the public what fine gentlemen they are and what great success they have attained in the business world, and how they would like to save St. John from plunging headlong into ruinous competition with the New Brunswick Power Company.

We all know whose interests Messrs. Bodell and Sanderson place first. It is not to be expected that they are worrying about St. John. It is their monopoly here with which they are chiefly concerned. The city has given the Power Company every opportunity to place a fair valuation on its property. What has happened? A figure has been named that could not be entertained for a moment by the taxpayers of this community.

Mr. Bodell's offer has been rejected in no uncertain manner, and the city must proceed to protect its own rights. No one outside the Power Company group will question the city's right to compete with the Power Company, which has refused to make any offer that is not based on an inflated valuation of its property. The taxpayers are not at all concerned about the business reputation of Mr. Bodell or Mr. Sanderson. That is not the issue. The issue is cheap power.

Messrs. Bodell and Sanderson are quite capable of taking care of themselves, and they will take care of themselves. They are sharp, shrewd business men of very wide experience—but it is doubtful if they are losing any sleep over the welfare of the consumers of electricity in St. John.

The people must remember this: They cannot lose in this fight if they continue to proceed with vigor and courage. They have welcomed and endorsed a great principle—a policy which if boldly carried out will mean an enormous saving to a monopoly-ridden community. Is there any person not interested in the New Brunswick Power Company who does not want electric current at cost—and all the conveniences and comfort it will bring?

ENFORCING THE LAW.

The law of Canada requires that certain information relating to the affairs of the banks of the country shall be made available to the proper government authorities in order that the task of safeguarding the interests of the public may be simplified. Penalties are provided for those who fail to furnish the required information or whose statements are untruthful.

When one of the large banking institutions of the Dominion became involved in difficulties, the revelations which followed startled the public, which had been taught to depend implicitly on the soundness of Canadian banking institutions. As a result of the conditions which came to light, the general manager of the bank was charged with having made "a false and deceptive return" to the Minister of Finance. After lengthy court proceedings, judgment has been given, and the bank manager has been freed of that charge.

Commenting on the decision and on the possibility of further action, the barrister who represented the federal government in the case said: "The point at issue is a very simple but very big one; it is whether the officers of the bank are mere automatons and have to sign the report that is presented to them as an official as a mere matter of form."

Apparently there is no question of proceeding against the official who had presented the report to the general manager for his automatic signature; presumably there is no provision for such action. The official who prepares the report is not held responsible to the law, and the official who signs it is freed of responsibility.

The decision of the learned judge would seem to open up some very interesting possibilities in connection with the signing of many documents other than bank reports.

EUROPE'S MELTING POT.

Just about the time when Europe begins to see the light of day after the war which rocked the world to its very foundations, along comes Turkey and starts a fire under the melting-pot, a fire which will result in serious complications for several of the Balkan states, and possibly affect Great Britain and Russia. Russia has protested against Allied activity in Constantinople, but the governments of both France and Great Britain realize the seriousness of the situation there, and already 1,000 soldiers have been sent into Mesopotamia by the British authorities.

Marshal D'Esperey, of France, points out that the Bosphorus in some places is only 800 yards wide and that the European quarters in Constantinople may find themselves under the fire of Turkish guns. The Italian foreign minister has expressed upon both France and Britain the necessity for a speedy conclusion of peace between Turkey and Greece to prevent the Greco-Turk conflict from broadening into a European question.

It is apparently a most dangerous time for the men who rule the destinies of Europe, but it is felt that they can be relied upon to see the thing through. A

conflict between the Allies and the Turks is a possibility, but with skillful diplomacy the world should be spared another serious disturbance.

How would the consumers of electricity in St. John like to have rates comparable to those enjoyed in Ontario? Power at cost is available, and the citizens have only to proceed with vigor and courage to secure it.

Those who have been circulating the petitions for the recall of Mayor McLellan have made splendid progress. They have done their work carefully and accurately so that little time will be lost in checking up after the names are presented at City Hall. That is well. The citizens are standing solidly for cheap power—and a new Mayor.

"Because of the Turkish victory the throne of Greece is said to be tottering," says the Toronto Globe, "a matter of much less importance than the fate of the Armenians."

RUSSIAN ARTISTS OVERRUN THE THEATRES OF EUROPE

Berlin, Aug. 27.—(Associated Press, by Mail).—Russian dramatic art is revolutionizing the theatres of Central Europe. Actors, singers and dancers who were forced to leave Russia because of political troubles and the food shortage first found their way into music halls and cabarets, and recently the regularly organized Russian companies have obtained permission from the Soviet government to leave Russia for short engagements in European capitals. Fifty players from the Moscow Art Theatre, in many ways the most celebrated theatre in the world, are now in Berlin offering a number of their productions just as they present them in Moscow. Among the plays in their repertory are "Cricket on the Hearth," Strindberg's "The Father" and "Twelfth Night."

Berlin now has a Russian population of nearly 200,000, and it consequently affords large audiences for productions in the Russian language. The company's work is notable for the natural methods of the players, the lack of stars, and the marvelous ability of all actors to contribute to the perfection of the stage picture. The ability of Russians as pantomimists and dancers has made it possible for them to enter the variety houses in all the European capitals as well as to the various seaside muscans. Ostend and Scheveningen are giving employment to many Russian performers and singers. They have found places in the French and German variety theatres, and they are making their way to America in large numbers.

Russian dancers are so thoroughly trained and are able to offer such a varied programme of classical, folk and character dances that dancers of other nations in Europe find it difficult to compete with them.

NIJNI, RUSSIA, TO GET LESSONS IN CLEANLINESS

Nijni, Russia, Aug. 23.—(Associated Press, by Mail).—A sanitary school where pupils will be instructed in cleanliness and the purposes of disinfection as a precautionary measure against conditions which may develop in connection with the American Red Cross has been organized here by Dr. Mark D. Godfrey, of Columbus, Ohio, in charge of medical work for the American Relief Administration in this district.

This step by Dr. Godfrey is a part of the nation-wide scheme inaugurated by the A. R. A. to blot out disease epidemics and clean up Russia, for which the American Red Cross has turned over \$3,000,000 of medical supplies and disinfectants.

"Disinfecting and disinfecting have been poorly carried out everywhere in this government," explained Dr. Godfrey. "This was no doubt due to lack of materials. However, with the arrival of equipment and medical supplies the work is now progressing."

A FLYING WORK SHOP WILL ACCOMPANY PLANES IN AIR

London, Aug. 30.—(Associated Press, by Mail).—There is now being built for the Air Ministry the first flying school and workshop ever constructed in this country. The machine has a large fuselage and is to be used to carry spare parts with operating air fleets. This will avoid the necessity of an airplane having to return to headquarters to obtain the requisite spare parts for repairs when some slight trouble has developed, or as an alternative, having to make a forced landing.

If a pilot, when flying on manoeuvres develops "trouble" of some sort, he will signal to the flying workshop which will carry spare parts of the type that are being used by the unit. The two machines will then alight in some suitable place where the necessary work can be done.

So soon as the first flying workshop is complete and satisfactorily tested, a number of similar craft will be built.

AMERICANS SEND WREATHS TO "UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER"

London, Aug. 30.—(Associated Press, by Mail).—An interesting ceremony occurred in Westminster Abbey recently when two wreaths were presented by Doctor and Mrs. L. Webster of Philadelphia to Canon Storr, who accepted them on behalf of the dead and laid them on the tomb of the unknown British warrior.

One wreath was from the Society of British Women in America and the other from the Transatlantic Society of Americans. The ceremony was witnessed by several hundred people.

At the time of the burial of the unknown American soldier in Washington, Mrs. Fox presented a wreath on behalf of British women and she was then asked to lay a wreath on their behalf on the British soldier's grave. The ceremony was the outcome of that request.

Captain A. E. Hernandez has taken command of the R. M. S. P. liner Caracquet. Captain Hernandez came from England to relieve Captain Shillito, who returns to the old country with his family.

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF RADIO EACH DAY

By Edward N. Davis

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Lesson No. 106.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE THREE-ELECTRODE TUBE

In a vacuum tube each of the three elements, namely the filament, grid and plate, have important functions to perform and these functions are so closely related that any change in the operation of one of the elements invariably produces changes in the condition of the other two.

Several different groups of characteristic curves may be constructed which demonstrate the various relations existing between the three elements of the tube. For example, a group of curves may be developed which show the resultant plate current due to changes in the plate voltage, these curves being dependent upon the temperature of the filament as is also the grid-voltage to grid-current group of curves.

The ability of small amounts of energy on the grid to control comparatively large amounts of energy in the plate circuit is an important property of the tube and the following diagram shows the action of the grid in controlling the plate current. In this diagram values of grid potential are laid off horizontally with the corresponding amounts of plate current plotted vertically.

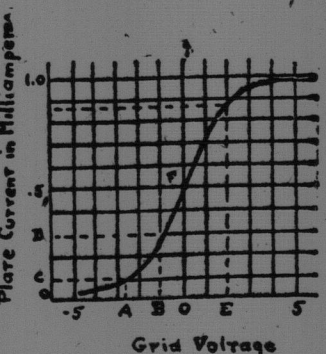
From this curve it will be seen that if the grid has a comparatively high negative potential, a small decrease of this potential causes a large increase of the plate current; for example, when the grid voltage decreases from (A) to (B) the plate current increases from (C) to (D). If the grid voltage is increased negatively, however, by the same amount, the relative decrease of the plate current is much smaller. Therefore, if the grid voltage is adjusted to the value (A) it is apparent from the curve that any increase of the grid potential due to the incoming oscillations causes an increase in the plate current much larger in value than the decrease produced by an equal reduction of the grid voltage.

On the upper bend of the curve the reverse condition takes place, that is, if the potential of the grid is adjusted to a value (E) an increase in the grid voltage produces only a small increase in the plate current while an equal decrease of the grid voltage produces a decrease in the plate current of a much larger value. If the grid potential, therefore, is adjusted to a value on either the upper or lower bends of the curve, the action of incoming oscillations upon the grid results in what amounts to a rectified current in the plate circuit, this current producing audible sounds in the receiving telephones.

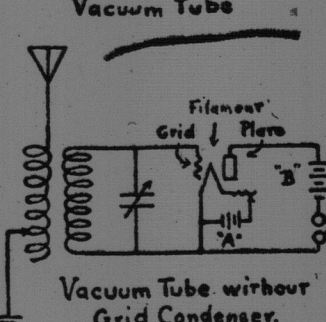
Along the straight line portion of the curve, for example, at point (F) an equal increase or decrease of the grid voltage produces an equal increase and decrease of the plate current, which renders the tube in proper adjustment for amplification by impressing equal changes of plate current upon a second tube.

It is important to note therefore that when no grid condenser is employed in conjunction with the vacuum tube that rectification is occasioned either by an increase or decrease of the plate current depending on whether this rectification takes place at the upper or lower bend of the grid voltage-plate current curve.

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Characteristic Curve of Vacuum Tube



Vacuum Tube without Grid Condenser

MY WINDOWS.

Three windows in my House of Life Look out three different ways. One turns with wistful longing To the Road of Yesterday, And another looks down the shadows Of the poplars, slim and tall, Point mutely at remembered days. And silence over all.

And one looks out with eager eyes Upon the Street of Now, And sees the passers up and down, And a minute and a half Frankel was standing beside Samuel Wilkenfeld and Louis Frankel, members of the firm, and Samuel Kirshbaum, a clerk, and escaped with more than \$2,000 worth of choice beaver skins.

Kirshbaum was working in the front of the store when the trio came in. In a minute the frightened clerk was walking toward the rear office in front of a pistol. The three men were standing beside Kirshbaum, hands in air, before the menacing weapon. Two of the thieves bound the men while the third began picking out good-looking skins. He was thus engaged when Wilkenfeld walked into the store.

The senior partner had hardly realized what was going on before he, too, was bound and placed beside Frankel and Kirshbaum. The robbers stuffed about 125 skins in a couple of minutes, hurried out to a waiting automobile. They had disappeared before any one knew of the hold-up. Wilkenfeld and Frankel gave a good description of the three thieves, as well as a description of the car in which they escaped.

SIR GILBERT PARKER.

(Toronto Star.)

Heralded as having just arrived to talk to Chautauque audiences across the line, he is one of the self-expatiated Canadians of whom we are taught to be proud—as we duly are. If a man is great when he reaches the mythical stage, Sir Gilbert is so indeed. We have known him to be proclaimed as a multimillionaire, who has never received a penny except from his books. He has been introduced as the first man who put Canada on the literary map, when he blew into London from down Belleville way with a bunch of Canadian manuscripts under his arm. Inspiring notes of a powerful career have been published without an allusion to his having been a properly ordained minister of the Anglican gospel. His age has been wrongly given to myriads of eager readers. Childlike, he has been represented as radiating sincerity and affection of the man to whom children instinctively run and cry "Grandpa!" And so on, and so forth.

BLISS CARMEN'S WILD RIDE

Bliss Carmen, a Canadian poet, has completed an adventurous trip down the rapids of the Kootenay river between the crossing of the Hanford and the crossing of the Canal Flats, eighty miles lower down. He had as guides Peter Berghem of Golden, one of the most experienced canoe men on the Columbia river, and Walter Nixon of Lake Windermere, who was for seven years game warden in the Kootenay valley. Owing to low jumps and the rapidity of the current, which averages fifteen miles an hour, the run is considered somewhat dangerous, but Bliss Carmen himself had experience with the paddle on New Brunswick rivers and decided to make the attempt. He wires from Lake Louise:

"Wild ride down the Kootenay great success. Eighty miles rapids all the way. Magnificent, but no place for amateurs." Before making this trip Dr. Carmen spent a week at Lake Windermere, taking part in the David Thompson memorial celebrations and in the camp fire meeting of the Canadian Authors' Association. He is now riding some of the more recently opened trails in the Canadian Rockies and will describe his experiences in the Vancouver Province.

MAY FIGHT DUEL OVER JEWS.

Hungarian Professors Wangle Over Number to Matriculate.

Budapest, Sept. 16.—The moot question of how many Jews shall be allowed to matriculate in Hungarian universities has brought about a challenge for a duel between two prominent Hungarian educators.

A controversy has been waging between the Universities of Budapest and Segedin, the point at issue being whether the law restricting the number applies to the Jewish refugees from the lost provinces.

Following the exchange of a number of uncompromising letters, the rector of Budapest University, Dr. Barsony, pro-

fessor of surgery, has challenged the rector of Segedin, Dr. Meny, part professor of civil jurisprudence, to a duel with swords.

BIND FURRIERS; STEAL 125 BEAR SKINS

Three Armed Robbers Hold Up Seventh Ave Shop—The Clerk and Two Members of Firm.

New York, Sept. 16.—Walking into the fur store of Wilkenfeld & Frankel, on the ground floor at 219 Seventh avenue, three robbers held up the place at the point of a pistol, bound Samuel Wilkenfeld and Louis Frankel, members of the firm, and Samuel Kirshbaum, a clerk, and escaped with more than \$2,000 worth of choice beaver skins.

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