

**BOTTOMLEY OFFERS
100,000 WITNESSES**

English Politician and Publisher Insists He Can Disprove Fraud Charges.

LONDON, May 26.—In a long speech outlining his own defence, at the close of which he broke into tears, Morton W. Bottomley, member of Parliament and former proprietor of "John Bull," asked the court's ruling as whether he could call 10,000 witnesses if necessary. He said that he had been asked by the prosecution's few witnesses to the effect that they had not received their money back or certificates therefor from the "John Bull" company. He said that "John Bull" is the founder and president. He is charged with diverting the funds of the organization to his private use. The court said that he was not asked, but added that he was not asked to any evidence.

Bottomley dramatically declared that he was not asked and called tears to his eyes, and he did not think there was a fury on earth that could say he would not do such a thing as rob ex-servants of their money. He said that if the court found him guilty on this indictment it would be a shock to the conscience of the community; it would be a shock to the conscience of the world. He said that if he is found guilty, no word will come from me of mercy. The agony and humiliation or having to go to such a thing as rob ex-servants of their money for no other reason than enough for me, even if I were guilty, but to an honest man who has done his best in difficult circumstances it is a

Bottomley went into the charges with remarkable legal skill and declared that if the charges were true he would be a victim of the law, the hypocrite of the deepest dye. He said the only question for the jury was, had he fraudulently dealt with money and tried to turn it into gold.

"I had no intention to steal from the poor devils who subscribed—ex-soldiers who depended on me for their lives. He recalled his speeches and writings during the war, "with the sole object of inspiring our troops and keeping them from depending on me," he said. "If the Crown counsel speaks for the defence he would say that Bottomley might have been a little reckless, but he was not a thief. He said that, through having his hands too full, but he had done nothing which should have led him to being dragged into a court of law. He said that he had been anxious and resolved to see that no man or woman should lose by any of the clubs he had formed or any of the clubs he had formed should not have formed the Victory Band Club because he was too busy; but he did it because he was not a thief. He said that he had many £20,000 a day, requesting it. He intimated that he would prove that he had laid out larger sums than he had received. He said that he would absolve him from charges of fraud. He stated that he himself would testify.

'Big Emma,' Shoplifter, Ends Her Life By Gas

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"She is the flower of my family," said the old man, "and I love her as I love myself."

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