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Cornwall and Channel Islands Experience Earth Shocks The Times Deals With Menacing Empire Problems—Sydney Steel Mills Announce Programme of Extensive Operations.

QUAKE SHOCKS IN CORNWALL.

LONDON, Feb. 2. Two distinct earthquake shocks of several seconds were felt at South and Camborne, in Cornwall, tonight. Doors and windows rattled and beds were shaken, but no damage was done. At about the same time several shocks lasting several seconds were felt in Jersey and the Channel Islands.

EMPIRE DIFFICULTIES.

LONDON, Feb. 2. Menacing position is the heading of the first of a series of articles in the Times is running dealing with the problem of a common empire policy. The writer, while discussing the bulk of ordinary diplomatic procedure as offering comparatively little difficulty, declares that danger lies in international affairs which are continually cropping up involving danger of war, because the Dominions have secured the right to abstain from any war in which other parts of the Empire are engaged, the only practical way of averting the danger is secession from the Empire.

EMBASSY TO VATICAN TO BE SUPPRESSED.

PARIS, Feb. 2. The Chamber of Deputies this evening voted for suppression of the French Embassy to the Vatican by 314 to 250. Premier Herriot had previously announced that he would raise the question of confidence on the proposition and the Chamber gave him the necessary vote.

BOND ISSUE FOR C.N.R.

OTTAWA, Feb. 2. The G. P. Graham, Minister of the Canadian National, returned from New York today when they floated a \$100,000 bond issue on the Canadian National Railway account. The issue guaranteed by the Dominion Government and carries interest at four and a half per cent. It was placed in the firm of Dillon, Read and company.

STEEL MILLS BECOMING ACTIVE.

SYDNEY, Feb. 2. The President J. E. McLurg, of the Empire Steel Corporation, today announced a programme of more extended operations of Sydney steel works providing for marked increase employment here.

PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION PROTESTS.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 2. The National Publishers Association announced that it has filed a protest with Chairman Borah of the Senate.

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To Save St. Paul's

There can be, of course, but one answer to the report of the Expert Commission appointed by the Dean and Chapter to examine into the structural condition of St. Paul's. What they suggest must be done, for they say that unless the work is put in hand at once and "vigorously pressed to a conclusion the situation may rapidly become grave," says the Telegraph.

Indeed, it is no secret that many architects of standing consider that it is grave now and has been for some time past, and they naturally express themselves in private with much greater frankness than they would allow themselves in public. But we need not look beyond the measured language of Sir Aston Webb's report to appreciate the fact that the strengthening of the pillars of the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral must be proceeded with instantly, if we are to avert all risk of a disaster for which, should it occur, we should be justly reproached by contemporary opinion throughout the world and by posterity for all times to come.

The Load of the Dome. It may be remembered that the Commission issued their first interim report as long ago as June 1, 1922, when they drew attention to the condition of the masonry of the main piers, which are described as "carrying a considerable proportion of the great load of the dome, the inner and outer domes, and the interior cone which strengthens the outer dome itself, and also carries the external lantern and cross above." In other words, the principal supports of the dome are in a bad state, which means that the dome itself must fall sooner or later unless the supports are strengthened.

These main piers, be it observed, are not solid. Their appearance of massive strength is highly deceptive. They are evidences rather of scamped work in the seventeenth century, for Wren's contractors filled the solid stone shells with rubble—and apparently indifferent rubble at that—and much of this has perished, while the stone casing itself is succumbing to the tooth of Time. Experiments have been carried out on the north-east pier with the object of forcing liquid cement under pressure into the interior so that it may set and take the place of the rubble which has perished and the idea is to follow this up by replacing with new stone the broken stones of the outer facing, as has already been done on the south-west pier.

The Commission say that they cannot be sure that all the perished rubble in the north-east pier has been replaced by cement and that it is now practically a solid pier, but they express themselves as "satisfied" with the result, and they do not hesitate to recommend that similar treatment shall be given to all the other piers.

Wanted £140,000. The alternative would be a much bigger undertaking. That would be to take off the dome and rebuild the main piers, but as the weight of the structure supported by the piers is over 40,000 tons, the operation would be big, lengthy, costly, and even hazardous. It may, indeed, come to that later on. If so, videtur posteris; it is a job we must leave to our descendants. Even what is proposed will cost, it is estimated, from £120,000 to £140,000, which means in all probability at least £250,000, judging by the way in which such estimates frequently work out. But the money must be found, and we see no reason why the State, pressed though it is, should not make a grant from the Treasury for this purpose.

If any building in this country can be truly styled a national and historic monument, it is St. Paul's Cathedral, and we cannot conceive that the faintest opposition would be raised in any responsible quarter. If we may venture to make comparisons between hallowed shrines, we should say that though St. Paul's is not so venerable as Westminster Abbey, which touches perhaps finer chords and appeals to even deeper emotions, yet St. Paul's means more to London and to Londoners. Assuredly, they would miss it more; the loss of its dome floating serenely above the turmoil would be felt more acutely and poignantly.

Londoners and St. Paul's. Londoners feel about St. Paul's what the old Romans felt about the Capitol—while stands the Capitol Rome shall stand. There would be

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What Fools We Mortals Be!

Little Jack Rabbit

By DAVID CORY.

"Cock-a-doodle, doodle, duple, Here's the early morning Bugle."

shouted Reddy Corn, the rooster newsboy, as dear Uncle Lucky finished his Clover Cereal.

Scampering down the hall, Little Miss Mousie opened the front door and picked up the paper. Right at the top of the first page, in big black letters, was printed:

"Old Man Wessel locked up in Jail. Brave Policeman Dog arrests the old robber."

While musing on the news in Mr. Duck's Lethbridgeford's Swallowtail Coat, "Uncle Lucky, Uncle Lucky!" shouted Little Miss Mousie, running back to the kitchen with the paper, "read the news. How did it ever get printed in time?"

"Some paper, this Bunbridge Bugle," laughed the dear old gentleman bunny, putting on his spectacles. "I declare, I must send a box of Cabbage Leaf Cigars to the kind Policeman Dog and a barrel of Lollypops to his little Bow-wow," and without waiting to read the paper, dear Uncle Lucky hopped over to the telephone:

"Hello, Central, don't delay Till my whiskers all turn gray."

"What number, please," asked the little telephone goose lady operator at the other end.

"Dear, dear, dearest me!" exclaimed dear Uncle Lucky. "I forgot to look in the book. I declare I'm getting full of rheumatism and forgetfulness."

"Here's the number," squeaked Little Miss Mousie, who like the devoted little housekeeper she was, had come to the old gentleman bunny's aid. "Bunbridge Corner, forty-four, Lucky Three-in-One Cent Store."

"Thank you," sighed polite Uncle Lucky, and then calling it over the wire, he shouted for an answer. The

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next minute he ordered a barrel of Lollypops and a box of Cabbage Leaf Cigars sent to the Policeman Dog's house, 23 Poodle Street, Rabbitville.

"There now, that's attended to," he murmured, sitting back in his old arm chair. "Did I finish my breakfast?"

"Yes, Shall I bring you the paper," answered Little Miss Mousie, and even before the nice old gentleman bunny could answer, she placed it on his lap. Just then, who should tap on the front door but Professor Jim Crow. He hadn't gone South with the other birds, preferring to remain all winter

in his warm Little Pine Cone Bungalow.

"Glad to see you," cried the nice old bunny gentleman as Little Miss Mousie ushered the old crow into the sitting room. "Howdy, What's on your mind?"

"Why, the news in the paper this morning," answered the old black bird. "How did Old Man Wessel ever get your swallowtail coat?"

"I'll tell you," answered obliging Uncle Lucky, and while the dear old bunny gentleman is explaining what I've already told to you boys and girls, I'll write to-morrow's story.

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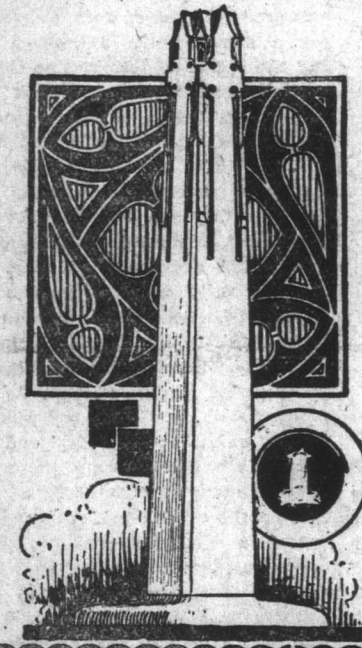
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Germany Looking for a Government

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"Thanks to the application of the Dawes Scheme, she is rapidly recovering economic stability; the nation as a whole and individual citizens can lay their plans, draw up reasonable budgets, and calculate ahead. Financially Germany is recovering. The currency is fixed, prices are steady, and the familiar processes of economic intercourse are working once more without too great friction. The chief cause of psychological and social disturbance has been removed. Yet this very fact, that the German people are again tranquilly at work,

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throws into relief the extraordinary political dilemma in which the country is now involved."

Don't say Sardines — say Queen Maud. — Jan 23, 24

Add some shredded coconut and raisins that have been nicely "plumped" to pineapple custard filling.

The liquor from canned peas can be heated, thickened with cornstarch, seasoned, and served with croutons.

Before dipping cut bananas in fritter batter, let them stand in sugar and orange juice for half an hour.

The breakfast dish of fried eggs might be garnished with a border of French fried potatoes and crisp watercress.

SNOODLES

He Gets Wise To The Way The World Weighs.

By CY HUNGERFORD

