OFFICIALS OF MERCHANTS' BANK ARE SUMMONED INTO COURT

Accused of Having Falsely and Negligently Concurred in the Preparation of the October Financial Statement of the Bank to the Department of Finance.

Montreal, March 24—(Canadian Press)—Sir Hugh Montague Allan, president, and D. C. Macarow, former general manager of the Merchant's Bank of Canada, now amalgamated with the Bank of Montreal, both appeared before Judge Cusson here today, in his capacity as Magistrate, at the Court House, to answer to charges laid against them by the Federal Government, for infringement of the Bank Act.

The monthly report of the Merchants' Bank for October, 1921, is the basis of the action, and the prosecution is on a charge by Robert B. Vlats, describing himself as a "civil servant" in the Department of Finance of Canada, resident at 539 Clarence street, Ottawa, who affirms in the charge that Sir Hugh Montagu Allan was guilty of having "falsely and negligently concurred in the preparation of the October financial statement of the bank to the Department of Finance." The charge against Mr. Macarow is for having "falsely and wilfully made a deceptive return to the Federal Government on the bank's standing."

The prosecution is being handled by the Finance Department, presided over by Hon. W. S. Fielding and sent on to the Department of Justice, presided over by Sir Lomer Gouin. Both the bankers pleaded not guilty to the charge against them.

Sir Montagu's Statement

Sir Hugh Montagu Allan gave out the following statment today:

"I do not consider myself guilty, and I will plead not guilty, but I am advised by my counsel that, in deference to the court, anything further I have to say should be said before the court at the proper time.

"Irrespective of the case, I would like to point out that if I had acted in any other manner than I did, there would have been a run on the bank and the situation of the shareholders would have been worse."

D. C. Macarow commented as follows:

"The charge against me has no foundation, and I hope this case will afford me opportunity to place the facts before the public in their true light. It would be unbecoming for me to add anything further at the present juncture."

Information is that the Government had in contemplation no other arrests for the present in connection with the Merchant's Bank's affairs, but, if, during enquiry, it should be shown that others are at fault under the law, additional steps will be taken.

Enquete was set in both cases for March 31.

Neither Greb Nor Gibbons Jack's Match

Neither Tom Gibbons nor Harry Greb are ready to be thrown in the cage with Jack Dempsey.

It was perfectly clear to all who saw the recent Gibbons-Greb fight that if they are the nearest contenders, Dempsey will not have to go to bed early every night.

The very serious doubt now exists that either will ever be a worthy opponent for the champion.

Most of the aspiring heavyweights go along on the theory: "We'll let Dempsey alone for a couple of years and he'll whip himself."

It may be all right to figure that Dempsey will lose some class with increasing age, but both Greb and Gibbons will be getting older at the same time and both have two or three years on the champion.

Greb is a great little fighter, but he is hardly more than a "heavy" middleweight. If he could ever lure Johnny Wilson into the ring, the title would pass over to him. If he could get Gene Tunney into the ring there would be a fine chance for a new light-heavyweight champion, but if he got Dempsey there could be nothing more than another victim on the Manassa mauler's list.

Friends of the Pittsburg boy point out that he mussed up the champion considerably when he sparred with him before the Dempsey-Brennan fight. He may have bothered him then and he would annoy the champion for a while if they went into the ring now, but it would be only for a while. Against Gibbons Greb showed that he can't hit a fick and no one is going to stand a chance with Dempsey who cannot hurt the big fellow.

Gibbons ought to make an opponent for Dempsey, but he lacks something. In the gym. he looks like a million dollars. He has the size, he is clever and can punch. Against slow, second-rate heavies he is a skilled, great fighter but against Greb recently he looked sluggish, slow thinking and wild. Usually he is a sharpshooter with either hand, but he hadn't an idea of range that night.

Jack Britton, welterweight champion, who had seen Gibbons working in the gym, advanced the theory that he was stale from too much indoor boxing and not enough road work. It was strikingly apparent that Gibbons was off form for some reason or other.

While it is plain that Dempsey is out of his class, it may be that judgment on Gibbons ought to be withheld until he has another chance with a first class opponent.

On his showing against Greb, it seems that Gibbons would be easy for Carpentier and that he could not whip Gene Tunney. Certainly to get a decision he would have to work harder, hit more accurately and get around quicker than he did with Greb.

The writer is of the opinion that Gibbons was stale, that he left himself in the gym and that the next time he will be a much better fighter. With a couple more hard fights under his belt, he ought to be about No. 1 among the light heavies. If he ever gets Greb again, and there is small chance for it, he will be almost sure to beat him.

However, the more the "logical contenders show themselves, the more supreme Dempsey looks in his class.

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PARLIAMENT ENQUIRY ON GOVERNMENT SHIPS

One Wooden Ship Completed at Victoria, B. C., Construction Suspended on Two.

Ottawa, Mar. 24—(Canadian Press)—One wooden sailing ship was completed for the Government at Victoria, B. C., construction was suspended on two hulls and part of the material for a fourth hull was ready was stated by the minister of marine and fisheries this afternoon in reply to a question by William Duff, (Liberal, Lunenburg).

The completed ship was of 1,497.08 net tons and was named "S. T. Tolmie". The department of finance advanced and expended $639,131.49 on the four ships to the end of February 1922. This amount was advanced on all four ships and any share of it was not apportioned to any one ship. The money advanced was secured by mortgages, but there was no market for the sale of the vessels at present.

MATTHEW BULLOCH LEAVES TORONTO

Learning Ku Klux Klan Were After Him He Changed His Address.

Toronto, March 24—Matthew Bullock, who won his fight in a Hamilton court against deportation to North Carolina where he is wanted on a charge of taking part in race riots, has disappeared, from Toronto and only intimate friends know his whereabouts. After leaving Hamilton the negro obtained work in Toronto Union Station, but a report from the United States that the Ku Klux Klan were after him suggested the wisdom of changing his address.

STEAMER COLLIDES WITH SCHOONER

The Latter Badly Damaged and Reported Leaking — Making for Port.

New York, March 24—The steamer Metapan, of the United Fruit Company, in-bound from Cartagena, collided with the Boston schooner Charles A. Dean, off the light at Barnegat, N. J., last night, wireless reports said today. The Metapan was not injured, but the schooner filled with water. The crew managed to keep her afloat, however, and she was reported to be making for the coast at two knots.

DISCONTENTED LITTLE WATER SPIDER.

Willy Spider was a dear little water spider. He lived with his mamma and his brothers and sisters down at the bottom of the beautiful lake in a lovely little air-bubble tent his mamma made for her children.

Mamma Water Spider had live a long, happy life in her little air bubble tent under the water. She came there quite a young spider carrying her air-bubble tent down with her, and when she found just the proper place she kicked off her air-bubble tent and followed it up among the weeds and lily pad. Then Mamma Water Spider busied herself bringing down more and more air-bubbles, and making them into air-bubble tents. She added each new one to the others until she had a lovely house, woven in among the lily pads.

Then she next thought of a family and spent many hours weaving a silken cocoon, which when it was finished was about the size of an acorn. Into this Mamma Water Spider crawled, and laid the tiny eggs from which her crowd of happy youngsters hatched.

My, how proud Mamma Water Spider was of them and how happy they were—that is, all except Willy, who somehow seemed more restless, and more selfish than the others. He was not only unhappy himself, but he tried to make his brothers and sisters unhappy also.

"I can't see if Mamma Spider can go up for air bubbles why we can't," he reasoned, and so Mamma Water Spider taught her children to build air bubbles earlier in life than most other spider mothers.

She led them all up to the lily leaf and showed them how to breathe so that the air would cling to their bodies and legs. And when they crawled down into the water again she showed them how the air bubbles made air-bubble tents for them. But still Willy Water Spider wasn't satisfied.

He always wanted to venture out into the meadow.

"I'd like to call on my cousins, the land spiders," he grumbled, and without asking for his mamma's consent hee sallied forth across the meadow.

Of course, Mrs. Land Spider and her children were glad to see their relative from the water world, and they all marveled at his wonderful tales of the air-bubble tents. But they all loved their own meadow homes so much that none of them cared to go home with him, so Willy Water Spider was invited to remain with them.

"Well, it would be a relief not to have a pair of goggle eyes forever watching you, and always ready to pounce out on you," laughed Willy Spider. "You see, down in our home we have to watch all the time or we'll be gobbled up before we know it by our enemies. But up here I guess you don't have to worry much."

Just then a pair of big goggle eyes peeked around a boulder and Mamma Hoppy Toad snapped out her long tongue—and if it hadn't been for Mamma Meadow Spider, Willy Water Spider would never have seen his mamma again. But she jerked him back under a leaf, and Willy Water Spider scampered away as fast as he could go, back to the edge of the water, hardly waiting to gather up an air-bubble tent before he plunged into the water.

Mamma Water Spider and his brothers and sisters were glad to see him and marveled at the tale of the queer creature that had frightened him home.

"You say it looked like a frog and yet wasn't one" asked Mamma. "Well," she continued when Willy nodded, "if it was covered with funny warty bumps on its back, it's a toad, and something for spiders to avoid."

Needless to say, Willy Water Spider never ventured very far from the water again. He'd had enough of the meadow.

ARMY OFFICERS ARE LESS FIT PHYSICALLY

Deterioration as Result of War Strain Reported in U. S. Memorandum.

Washington, March 24.—Physical examination of regular army officers now in progress has disclosed "the most clear cut evidence of physical deterioration," due to the "strain incident to the prosecution of the world war," according to a medical memorandum in the hands of War Department officials. This statement is based on informal reports from examining officers. A careful study probably will be made by the Medical Corps to gather data on which a formal scientific conclusion can be reated.

An outstanding feature noted by attending surgeons in making the annual physical examination of all officers, including general officers, was "the persistently large percentage of officers showing either excessively high or abnormally low blood pressure," according to Surgeon-Gen. Ireland's report to Major-Gen. Harbord, deputy chief of staff. The doctors are now rushed with this examination work as the requirement was omitted last year and a two year accumulation of symptoms must be dealt with.

Analysis of the records, Gen. Ireland said, "will probably show that physical deterioration was more marked in the commissioned personnel of the regular army than in the emergency forces, because a relatively larger percentage of the former was charged with greater responsibilities entailing excessive strain, both mental and physical."

Symptoms of physical deterioration noted by the staff of the attending surgeon here included:

Inability of the nervous system characterized more particularly by affection of the vazo-motor system.

An unnatural tendency to worry, fatigueability, low blood pressure and lowered resistance to all infectious diseases.

The doctors agreed in diagnosing the conditions found as "psychasthenia." They also have noted "a decided tendency toward increased introspection and mental exaggeration of all forms of worry and mild physical ills."

Drop In Price of Coal Predicted After The Strike

Springfield, Mass., March 24.—W. A. Clark of Northampton, president of the New England Coal Dealers' Association which opened its annual convention here today, said informally that in his opinion the price of coal would drop one or two dollars a ton after the strike, regardless of its outcome.

He said that the outcome was difficult to forecast, owing to unusual circumstances. New England, he said has about two onths' supply on hand at normal consumption. Dealers, he predicted, would lose money on coal purchased at present prices.

U. S. To Train Bank Men How To Shoot

Governors Island Rifle Range Is Placed at Their Disposal.

New York, March 24—An offer will be made in person today by a representative of the United States Army to the New York Clearing House extending the facilities of Governors Island to all local banks, trust companies and private banking institutions for the purpose of improving the marksmanship of officers and clerks who have rifle or pistol permits.

How many of the forty-seven institutions which are members of the Clearing House will accept the offer will not be learned until the Clearing House has notified its members of the new opportunity to learn how to shoot.

A canvass of the leading banks and trust companies disclosed great interest in the proposal. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which does the largest banking business in the United States, has for more than two years been making use of armories located in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The offer from Governor's Island will permit the use of the Twenty-second Infantry rifle range, with an army officer assigned as instructor. Lessons would be from 1 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

A mild sensation was caused in New street yesterday afternoon by the appearance outside the office building of Dier & Co., one of the brokerage firms which failed recently, of one of the latest type armored cars put into use by the Adams Express Company. The car resembled an ordinary inclosed automobile wagon except that it was built of steel throughout and the glass in the wind shield and side windows was of bulletproof variety, being more than an inch thick. The sides of the wagon were pierced for use of firearms from the interior, and in the rear was another protected loophole.

The car was manned by four men, one driver and three guards. The guards were dressed in natty new blue uniforms and peaked caps, resembling New York State police, and were armed with automatics.

HALL COMMANDEERED BY BRITISH REGIMENT

Two British Regiments Now at Belfast for Quick Action If Need Be.

Belfast March 24—The Y.M.C.A. hall was commandeered today for occupancy by a British regiment. Another British regiment, which has just arrived, is stationed at Clandeboye, near Belfast. At a Unionist meeting here last evening Lady Craig, wife of the Premier, announced that she had received a letter from a friend in London stating that in Greater London there were already 15,000 men waiting to take up arms in defense of Ulster.

He's Married.

"What's his present salary?"

"He says it's never present long enough to know."

PENN. FOUR-MILE RELAY TEAM IS OFF FOR BRITISH INVASION

Red and Blue Distance Stars Leave New York on Aquitania—Kilbane on Same Boat—Will First Visit Ireland and Then Tour Europe.

Coach Lawson Robertson and his University of Pennsylvania distance runners sailed on Tuesday from New York for England to compete in a four-mile relay race against the combined team of the Oxford-Cambridge universities in London on April 8.

Robertson and his Red and Blue runners feel confident that the team will be able to shatter traditions, for an American long-distance runner has never been able to prove victorious in a race in the British Isles. The Penn milers, who have shown some good form in their tryouts at Franklin Field recently, are out to humble the English collegians, for it will be remembered that a two-mile team of Oxford-Cambridge men broke the world's record in the Penn relay games at Franklin Field just two years ago.

England Has Great Material.

Tatham, Stallard and Milligan, three of the men who competed on this team, are still in college over there, and they, in all probability, will land places on the four-mile team that will compete against the Philadelphia invaders. Captain B. G. D. Rudd, who led the team in its record-breaking race here, has since been graduated, but Mountain, who is conceded to be a faster man than the former British team's leader, will, without doubt, make the fourth runner on the team.

Stallard and Tatham in their race here will be remembered as long, lanky fellows, who make the most of their size, and their extremely long legs are helpful in distance running. With Mountain running with this pair, about the same size, they will be able to come close to record time for the four miles.

For Penn's team, Coach Robertson has Captain Larry Brown, whose world's outdoor record of 2.12 1-5 for the 1,000 yards, was shattered by Hal Cutbill, Boston's flying parson, on an indoor track at Buffalo last Saturday night; Donald Head, Sayman Kerr, John Herr and Elmer McLean.

Kilbane Sails on Same Boat.

Kerr and McLean are both freshmen runners, and the rule against one-year men competing in varsity teams was suspended for this race with the English collegians to permit Robbie to take this pair abroad. McLane is the runner who gave Joie Ray, the Illinois A. C. flier, a hard battle in the mile run of the Millrose games in New York last month.

This will be the first invasion of England by an American athletic contingent, this year, boxing, tennis and golf stars also are scheduled to invade the British Isles later. Johnny Kilbane, eleven-year world's champion of the featherweight boxers, also sailed for England on the Aquitania with the Penn runners, but the Cleveland scrapper will go directly to Ireland.

Lloyd George And Wilson Split Over Michael Collins

London, March 23—The bitter attack upon Lloyd George, made in a letter written on St. Patrick's Day to Sir James Craig, wherein Field Marshal Sir Henry Hughes Wilson said it was "laughingly impossible to believe that the Lloyd George Government can re-establish law and order in Ireland," and "that men who are only capable of losing an Empire are obviously incapable of holding an Empire," has brought out a story of how Michael Collins was the cause of the apparent breaking up of what had been the close friendship of the Premier and the Field Marshal.

It is reported that during the Irish conference Sir Henry, summoned to No. 10 Downing street, found the Premier engaged and had to wait. Upon being called he saw a stranger in Mr. Lloyd George's sanctum, and the Premier said: "Oh, Wilson, let me introduce you to Mr. Michael Collins." Whereupon Sir Henry is alleged to have turned his back upon the proffered hand and walked out of the room.

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