

FLOOD DAMAGE LAID TO BRIDGE BY COMMITTEE

Damage caused by the overflow of North Mill creek at the site of the new, uncompleted, North Winter street bridge will cost the city \$310 if all the damage claims submitted to the city council meeting Monday night are allowed.

The six property owners involved had stated, according to Chairman Dancy of the bridge committee, that they do not want to impose unreasonable claims against the city but, that, in addition to the amounts submitted by them they want assurance that the overflow will not occur again.

To forestall a repetition of this overflow the bridge committee recommended that 48-inch pipes be laid on both sides of the creek to provide additional passage way for high water. The recent overflow was caused by obstruction of the creek while the construction of the bridge was in progress, but the bridge committee believes that with all obstruction removed the bridge will not afford sufficient clearance for high water, unless the pipes are installed. The committee's recommendation was adopted.

The high water of this winter was also almost to a level with the deck of the North Cottage street bridge. As to whether that bridge would have afforded enough clearance had the water not been blocked at the Winter street bridge, Chairman Dancy said that was a question that would have to be answered by the actual experience of high water.

The residents claiming damages lost shrubs, flowers, portions of lawns, and one of them, F. Ethel Lan had over three feet of water in her basement, which washed her wood from the basement.

The claimants and the amounts asked by each are: F. Ethel Lan, \$65; W. F. Pooman, \$25; P. A. Elker \$100; Mrs. L. C. Farmer, \$75; N. C. Kafoury, \$30; H. C. Epley, \$25.

It was said that if the city resorted to dredging the creek to give a free flow of water, dredging would be necessary every year.

QUESTION OF HONOR

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Mexican that very evening — The main thing, though, was to get to Glenn before it was too late. Everything else could wait.

Oddly enough, she did not once stop to consider that she was betraying the interests of the man whose name she had promised less than three hours since to marry. The obligation to him, the debt to her aunt—all were swept away overwhelmingly in the instinctive impulse to save the work of the man she loved. She did love him; there was no use trying to deceive herself about that any longer.

(To be continued)

TRAFFIC PROBLEM ACUTE FOR ROME

Rome (AP)—The traffic problem in Rome has arrived at the point where something must be done and the municipal government has decided to remove all the trolley lines from the center of the city and to replace them by bus lines. Work has already been started on this in some sections. Just how it is all going to work out, no one is as yet competent to judge.

Rome has a traffic problem all its own. The streets being of medieval layout are naturally narrow and were designed for slow moving vehicles such as used to traverse the city through the middle ages. The coming of heavy motor traffic has increased the problem.

Great congestion is everywhere evident, especially inside the trolley cars. Various plans and projects have been drawn up including one which is designed to give the Eternal City a subway. Much widening of streets has been done and attempts have been made to work out a system of one-way streets but these have only been half-way measures.

Besides, horse cabs are still in use in Rome so that oftentimes a horse cab will dictate the speed of the traffic, holding up a long line of motor-cars. The traffic regulations have tried to eliminate this inconvenience as much as possible by prohibiting horse-drawn vehicles the use of the main thoroughfares during the rush hours.

COSTLY DUTY SKIP
Woking, England (AP)—Sir Thomas Inskip, attorney-general in the late conservative government, has been fined 15 shillings for driving without a motor license. His old one expired in August, and he "skipped" the duty of renewing it.

MELLON A TARGET IN PROHIBITION CONTROVERSY



Demands on the part of Senator William E. Borah (left) of Idaho and Senator Smith W. Brookhart (right) of Iowa for the resignation or removal of Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury, as head of the prohibition forces have grown out of the current prohibition controversy in Washington.

MEXICAN DEBT, LAND PROBLEMS FACE MORROW

Mexico City, (United Press)—When Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow returns to his post here in the spring he will find, it is expected, that the completion of his work will center on the two remaining issues between the United States and Mexico—international debts and the land expropriation problem.

There is hope that some progress towards the solution of the debt matter may be made in New York and Washington during the ambassador's absence in London where he is to be a delegate of the naval conference.

Strictly speaking, the United States and Ambassador Morrow are not directly interested in the matter of Mexico's obligations to foreign creditors. However, since the recovery of the country in a financial sense is entirely dependent on the general settlement, the ambassador has made this one of his principal objects of study during the two years he has been in this capital.

It may be regarded as certain that any agreement which can be negotiated through the extra-official efforts of Morrow will be welcomed by the International Committee of Bankers and the foreign creditors of Mexico as a whole. These include British, Dutch, Swiss, Belgian and German interests.

Mexico's bills to the outside world total more than \$500,000,000 plus about \$200,000,000 interest charges which are in arrears. The half-billion dollars represents securities held by persons in Europe and the United States.

Besides this sum, there is a tremendous total of claims, Commissions from Spain, Germany, Italy, the United States and England are now attempting to settle in a general way the amounts due to nationals of these countries for property and personal damages incurred in the various revolutions.

J. Rushen Clark, Jr., former under-secretary of state in Washington, and Morrow's chief aide in the petroleum agreement negotiations, is at present in the embassy in Mexico concentrating on the agrarian matter. Possibly by the time the ambassador returns, Clark will have worked out some tentative plans for submission to the Mexican government whereby in the future such lands as are taken will be paid for promptly. To date, 13,000,000 acres have been seized.

Of this amount, 1,750,000 belonged to foreigners of which United States citizens lost 400,000 acres. One hundred and seventy-four claims for expropriations have been filed by Americans lately, seizures of United States citizen's property have considerably diminished.

MASSEY TO LEAVE
Amity Virgil Massey, who has been ill here for the last two weeks, has regained his health and is returning to his home in Castle Rock, Wash. Massey was formerly engaged in the practice of law at Woodburn and a few years ago served as city attorney at that place.

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Few Women Qualify For Foreign Service

Washington (AP)—Few women have made the grade for government foreign service despite the fact it was seven years ago that a woman blazed the trail into this field.

The examinations are held twice a year. No women passed the most recent one.

In the one held last spring, Miss Nelle B. Stogsdall of South Bend, Ind., and Miss Margaret Warner of Lincoln, Mass., passed and are now serving as vice consuls in Geneva and Beirut. There are now only four women in foreign service: Miss Pattie Field at Amsterdam and Miss Frances Willis at Valparaiso being the other two.

PROVIDE LAND FOR YOUNG ENGLISHMEN

Sydney, N. S. W. (AP)—A company is being formed to provide a scheme of land settlement for boys coming from England.

It will have the title, Little Brothers Farm Settlement, Ltd., and the prospectus has been issued. The company will acquire land within a reasonable distance of markets, suitable as a group settlement for intense culture, upon which Little Brothers, who have reached the age of 21 years and have been in the Commonwealth for not less than three years, and are in possession of a banking credit of not less than 200 pounds, may be settled under conditions to be determined by the board of management.

The scheme provides for the marketing of vegetables, poultry, pigs, etc. Land acquired by gift or purchase will be divided into suitable farms up to 10 acres. No dividends exceeding six per cent will be paid.

RUSSIANS BUY SHEEP TO REBUILD FLOCKS

Sydney, N. S. W. (AP)—Just before the Federal Ministry decided on prohibition of the export of stud merino sheep from Australia, the Tex-tilo import company, a Russian trading enterprise, purchased 3,000 sheep from Australian owners for shipment to Russia.

The shipment was the largest ever sent from Australia to Russia. The sheep were taken on board the Norwegian motor-ship Thalatta at Sydney and carried to a port in the Black Sea.

Late last year 200 merinos shipped at Sydney were landed at Novorossiysk, a Black Sea port. Thence they were taken by rail to country believed to be suitable for sheep breeding many hundreds of miles in the interior of Russia. The Textile Import company has its headquarters in Australia since 1927, principally as woolbuyers.

CABINET PAY HIKE SEEN FOR GREAT BRITAIN

London (AP)—A special committee representative of all English parties is now at work to consider the question of ministerial salaries. The committee's work is expected to result in an increased wage for England's ministers.

Nine years ago a similar committee recommended that, apart from the Lord Chancellor who receives 10,000 sterling a year, the scale for ministers should be: 12 at 5,000 sterling, six at 3,000 sterling, six at 2,000 sterling and three at 1,000 sterling. The report was adopted making ministerial salaries total 131,000 sterling annually.

Ministers of successive governments find that the salaries paid do not cover expenses. Officials at Whitehall say that it is notorious that most Prime Ministers of this century have left office poorer than they entered it.

The case of Ramsay MacDonald is a common one being referred to these days. He receives 5,000 sterling a year. This is brought down to 3,500 sterling by income tax and a super tax. His income is less than 700 sterling a week. Out of this amount he has to entertain, and pay for the upkeep of 10 Downing street.

Luncheons, dinners and receptions which are necessary take a part of this weekly income. All hospitality extended by him is not paid for by the government hospitality committee.

Cabinet officials point out the fact that living costs more now than it did formerly and that there is an increased demand on public servants in high offices.

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ARMS PARLEY TO WORK AMID TUDOR RELICS

London (AP)—Four centuries of time and the finest existing examples of Tudor grandeur will peer down at the delegates of the great naval nations of the world when they convene at St. James' Palace this month for the Five Power Conference to discuss naval limitation.

By curious coincidence the great conference will begin just 400 years after Henry VIII began to build the "magnificent and goodly house" of St. James' palace still remains the work prepared by Thomas Cromwell, whose nameake, a little later was to figure so prominently in the affairs of the Palace.

Notwithstanding the ravages of time, fires and unfriendly climate St. James' palace still remains the "magnificent and goodly house," its battlements and towers almost-living symbols of another age, another spirit, another era in the affairs of men.

To reach the conference room the delegates of the naval nations will have to pass through Priory Court, an outside court where for centuries tall guardsmen have stood at attention as generations of kings and queens and royal princes passed in and out.

To reach the floor where the conference room is located the delegates will use the main stairway, designed by the great Sir Christopher Wren and subsequently early in the Eighteenth Century, altered by William Kent. Then they will pass through the Tapestry Room, entirely covered with priceless tapestries especially made for Charles I, illustrating the armours of Venus and Mars, and bearing the monarch's monograms. This room contains a magnificent fire place. An interesting feature of this fireplace is the cipher H and A (Henry and Anne), joined by a true lover's knot. On the right, probably carved out later, is the lone initial H.

Then they will enter the conference room itself, known to history as Queen Anne's Drawing Room, one of the most imposing rooms in all England. The color scheme is soft red. The floor is entirely covered by a red figured carpet; the walls are covered with warm-red silk of beautiful, simple design.

The room is about 130 feet long, 50 feet wide. At one end stands a fine marble fireplace of classical design, believed to have been done by Sir Christopher Wren. The head of Medusa is in the center of the piece.

Bristol (AP)—Students greeted Winston Churchill, arriving for installation as Chancellor of the University, by singing, "Why was he born so beautiful, why was he born at all?"

ASK POLICE SHAKUP
Paris (AP)—Because there were 308 robberies and only 25 arrests in 1928 in the Versailles district, the Chamber of Deputies has been asked to reorganize and enlarge the police in the suburbs of Paris.

MAN LOSES FORTUNE IN SANDHILL SALE

Aberdeen, Wash. (AP)—Failure to pick the right kind of business when he found a huge bluff of sand on his lands cost G. H. Labor, Aberdeen machinist, a fortune.

Two years ago Labor purchased a tract of land. He decided to utilize a huge bluff of sand on the estate and went into the filling business. Hundreds of lots were filled with the sand.

Recently a party of Tacoma foundrymen, viewing the property, discovered that the sand used in filling the lots was a high grade molding sand and was worth a fortune.

MISSOURIAN 118 HAS SIMPLEST LIFE FORMULA

Poplar Bluff, Mo. (AP)—"Uncle Tommy" Kemp likes to remember when women used to wear dresses.

"Nowadays they wear handkerchiefs sewed together, or something not much bigger than handkerchiefs," he said.

And Uncle Tommy is rather qualified to reminisce as he is looking forward to celebrating his 118th birthday next September.

Uncle Tommy attributes his longevity to his philosophy of life which he brought to Missouri with him from southern Tennessee, 70 years ago—eat what you want, and do as you please so long as it does not intrude on the rights of your fellow men.

"I just think a normal life," Kemp said. "I walk plenty, work all I want to, and eat and drink what I please, and that includes coffee and tobacco. When I could get it I used to drink considerable whisky too."

Discussing the farm problem, Uncle Tommy spoke of conditions 50 to 75 years ago. "Farmers never hauled their produce to town," he said. "In those days the townfolk came out and bought what they wanted. Turkeys, for instance, sold for 50 cents each; chickens sold for 15 cents or so; and other produce was priced in proportion. Even with the low prices farmers were well fixed, had plenty of clothing and food."

A GOOD ALIBI—PERFECT!
London (AP)—A defendant at the Old Bailey, acquitted on a charge of housebreaking, stated that at the time of the burglary he was at the pictures with his sweetheart, witnessing "The Perfect Alibi."

HOT DOG MAYOR WANTS DALLAS FOR COMMONERS

Dallas, Texas (AP)—Mayor J. Waddy Tate would make Dallas a mecca for the plain people, hewers of wood and drawers of water.

Wearers of the soup and fish run second in his official derby. His heart beats in sympathy with that under the blue shirt, and to the tongue versed in lore of the laboring classes he lends the most attentive ear.

Since he swept into the office of chief executive of Dallas on a "hot dog platform" some nine months ago he has exerted a powerful influence toward his ideal.

"I'm for anything that suits the plain people, and whatever will help them is going over in this town if I have my say," he declared.

Tate's note of democracy rings out in the Highland Park annexation controversy, ranging about an elite suburban district.

"If it can come in just as any other section, it is welcome. But if it expects special favors for its aristocracy—stay out," Tate vehemently asserted.

How well the hot dog platform has been adhered to since it carried Tate to the mayoralty is attested by the following of his many "blue shirt" precedent-breakers:

Holding an inaugural ball—"First time a mayor in the United States did it, I guess, and nobody but a few from Highland Park crashed the gate," he declared.

Ordering removal of spikes from railings around the city hall—"So the people to whom the hall belongs can sit on them and rest."

Selling the snakes in the zoological gardens and substituting donkeys for the kiddies to ride—"While actors of the rich are riding their Shetland ponies."

Revoking the order closing city parks at 10 p. m.—"The parks belong to the people, and they can use them at any hour. Lovers are going to spoon somewhere, and if they park on the side of the road without lights, another car will hit them and kill somebody."

AMERICAN ACTOR IN NEW PUBLIC FAVOR

London (AP)—Phillip Yale Drew, the American actor who was a principal figure at the inquest into the murder of Alfred Oliver, a Reading tobacconist, has returned to the stage in the mystery play in which he was playing at the time of the murder.

Drew was the object of a public demonstration at the end of the inquest when it became apparent that no charge would be brought against him by Scotland Yard.

The show has been repeated in a London suburb and Drew is signing autographs every afternoon from noon until 3 p. m.

SPEEDY JUSTICE IS METED CHECK KITER

Pendleton, Ore. (AP)—Justice is speedy here. Two hours after he was taken on a forged check charge, Donald B. John was waiting to go to the state prison for a two year stay. He was taken soon after attempting to pass a worthless check on a Pendleton store and pleaded guilty in circuit court.

WHY NOT? WHY NOT?
Northwood, England (AP)—A dancing class for mothers has been started here.

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