

**GREAT BRITAIN
SOLID AS A ROCK**

London, Feb. 21.—Great Britain is fundamentally sound, both financially and economically, says the American chamber of commerce of London in a statement referring to differences in the financial position of Great Britain and the continental European countries. The chamber expresses the belief that the recent unprecedented drop in sterling exchange on America makes it particularly desirable that the best opinions on each side of the Atlantic concerning this question should be understood on the other side.

After a thorough discussion with the leaders of British finance, illuminated largely by the address of the chairman of five leading British banks to their stockholders in annual meeting the chamber of commerce has prepared a message to the American business public. The message reads in part as follows:

"The collapse of the pound sterling in New York is no index to Great Britain's financial strength or weakness. London is today, as before the war, the monetary center of Europe. With inadequate assistance from American credit in Europe, Great Britain has been forced to supply the credit needs of the continent as well as those of her own traders.

"Dollar exchange is really New York-Europe not New York-London" exchange. Great Britain is neither bankrupt nor anywhere near it, although her external debt is larger than ever before in history. This debt was incurred mainly to supply the needs of her continental allies and she is owed approximately twice as much as she owes America. While America may fairly expect to collect all her British debt, Great Britain is preparing to write off 50 per cent of her continental debt. In spite of these facts, British business and finance are in a fundamentally sound condition. Business men and workers are recovering from the demoralizing effect of the war. Their customary energy is reviving and British factories are increasing their output. According to estimates made public by one bank chairman, the present year's exports will produce a profit of from one billion to one billion five hundred million of dollars. The expression 'we are rounding the corner' is now heard

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on all sides. Neither British bankers nor the British government expect or ask further government or long-term loans from America.

Appeals for American credit in behalf of the destitute of Europe should not be misconstrued as veiled appeals for assistance to Great Britain.

Such emphatically is not the case, British bankers and business men look to American bankers and business men only for such friendly facilities as they have enjoyed and have themselves afforded in the past.

"One fourth of Great Britain's debt is to the United States. It is neither an easy nor engaging task to try to express the feeling in the city regarding this. For the most part it is not mentioned and no banker has been heard to express any doubt about the American debt being paid in full. Debts, between nations do not make for friendly feelings, however, and that is why British financial leaders, in confidential moments, some times express regret at their country's huge obligation and incline toward mutual cancellation all around. At the same time, they feel that it is for the creditor to make any such proposal. They have complete confidence in the continued supremacy or British finance 'qui s'exécuse s'accuse' (who excuses himself accuses himself) they say, and prefer to let the world know them by their deeds."

**HOUSE VOTES DOWN
BOND ISSUE BILL**

Strikes Out Resolving Words in Referendum on 3 Million Dollar Issue.

Columbia, Feb. 23.—The house tonight by a vote of 42 to 13 struck out the resolving words of the joint resolution by Mr. McLaurin, of Marlboro, proposing a statewide referendum on the question of a three million dollar bond issue to create a fund for state buildings at state college, penal and charitable institutions and state executive and administrative buildings.

A divided report was made tonight by the ways and means committee on the Baskin bill proposing to abolish the state pension commission. This measure was passed in the senate last week. The general appropriation bill was sent to the senate from the house tonight and was read the first time and referred to the senate pension committee. A telegram from Senator N. B. Dial was received in the house tonight urging legislation to encourage the sheep raising industry in the Piedmont. The telegram was read as information and ordered printed in the journal.

Prospects for final adjournment were practically destroyed tonight when several counties introduced their county supply bills. Getting these measures through both houses this week is almost impossible.

Fine Musician at Eight.
Sir Arthur Sullivan, whose name at once comes to mind at the mention of "The Mikado," or "H. M. S. Pinafore," was the son of a bandmaster. At the age of eight young Arthur could play all the wind instruments in the orchestra.

**POISONED OLIVES
SOLD TO PUBLIC**

Sold to Retail Trade Through a Chicago House. Frantic Efforts Made to Recover Deadly Fruit.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Federal and state food inspectors in fifty-two towns of eight states are making frantic efforts tonight to locate and destroy dozens of bottles of ripe stuffed olives containing poison in the form of the deadly bacillus botulinus.

A single case of olive poisoning at Kallispell, Montana, which led to discovery of the danger, is the only one reported so far. Federal chemists, who uncovered the widespread distribution of the poison fruit are bending every effort to confiscate the bottles and a warning has been sent broadcast advising housewives to return unopened all containers holding the suspected brands.

The olives, were sold to the retail trade through Sprague-Warner and Company, a Chicago wholesale grocery house. Major A. A. Sprague, head of the firm, and Federal fair price commissioner for Illinois, has furnished a record of all sales to Federal authorities and has also instructed his salesmen to call on every customer and take up the olives.

Five dozen bottles of the olives have been distributed to dealers in seventeen Illinois towns. It is not known exactly how many dozen are in stores in the other seven states.

The brands involved are "Batavia," "Ferdell," and "Richeleu." Only ripe olives, stuffed with pimentos and sold in bottles, are affected. J. L. McLaughlin, superintendent of the Illinois division of foods and dairies, said investigation disclosed that no blame attached to either packer, wholesaler or retailer.

The labels on the bottles show they were distributed by the Chicago firm but do not carry the name of the packer. The bottles contain six ounces net, and are of the number 10 size, according to the label.

Bacillus botulinus was discovered in 1899, appeared in ripe olives last fall when five persons died after a dinner at a Canton, Ohio club. The deaths were traced to the olives. Several other cases have since been reported, with fatal results in nearly every instance.

Prior to the discovery of the present case Federal authorities, according to Mr. McLaughlin, believed that the only dangerous olives on the market were the whole ripe olives packed in glass.

Investigators of the department of chemistry, Washington, uncovered a fatal case of olive poisoning at Kallispell, while investigating a number of botulinus cases in New York. Their investigations traced the poison to the stuffed olives shipped from here.

Mr. McLaughlin warned housewives to beware of preserved goods having an unpleasant odor. The affected olives have a noticeable smell and are usually soft. The germ, it is believed, can be killed by boiling the goods and Mr. McLaughlin advises housewives to cook all food taken from tin or glass containers.

**REPUBLICANS ARE
VERY, VERY BITTER**

Arraign the President Administration and Map Out Plans for the Year.

New York, Feb. 20.—Carrying out without change the program mapped out by party leaders, the unofficial Republican state convention closed today with the adoption of a platform bitterly arraigning the national administration and with the recommendation that United States Senators Wadsworth and Calder, and Nathan L. Miller and William Boyce Thompson be elected delegates at large to the national convention at the spring primaries.

Immediate ratification of the treaty of peace with the Senate, reservations retaining for the United States its right to withdraw from the League of Nations on proper notice, a declaration against article ten in its present form and demanding protection for the Monroe doctrine "in letter and spirit," were advocated in the platform adopted.

The platform opposes government ownership of railroads and the Plumb plan; favors a small standing army with a trained citizen reserve; urges other states to ratify the woman's suffrage amendment, and advocates a privately owned American merchant marine.

"The chief enemy of Democracy," the platform says, "no longer is the arbitrary government of a monarch or of a hereditary aristocracy, but the cruel and relentless domination of a class bent not upon protecting liberty and equality of opportunity, but upon exploiting all who are not of their own kind and group. We support and urge the most vigorous measures to prevent by education the spread in this country of the doctrines of this dangerous and undemocratic movement."

"WHERE LOVE RUNS WILD"

First Picture Play Where Real Gypsies are Employed.

The announcement made by the Manager of the Opera House, that on Thursday he will present as the feature picture on the program, Romany, "Where Love Runs Wild," recalls many interesting stories concerning that strange race of people familiarly known as gypsies. This tribe, whose authentic history dates back to the 10th Century has always called themselves "Romanies" or "Roms." Much fiction has been written about these wanderers but very little facts are known to the general public. It has been observed that a gypsy's hair seldom turns white. This is a fact peculiar among gypsies of pure blood. It is also not generally known that there were gypsies in India a thousand years before Christ. Many of their words are pure Sanskrit. It may be a surprise to the reader to know that John Banyan, the author of "Pilgrims' Progress" was a Romany. A contemporary of Rachel, the great French actress and Ristori, Italy's greatest tragedienne, said that the best acting of these two great artists was shallow compared to Janauschek, the Bohemian actress who was of Romany ancestry.

ROMANY, "Where Love Runs Wild," is the first picture play ever put on the screen in which real gypsies were employed to play parts and a real band of these wanderers were used in making the background of a most interesting feature. The director spent three months with screen actors roaming with the gypsies so that every detail in making his picture would be absolutely perfect.

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