

Boys Of 1936 Send Message To Boys Living In 1986

Silver Casket Will Be Kept Sealed For Fifty Years.

Edinburgh, Scotland.—A message from the boys of 1936 to the boys of 1986 is to be enclosed in a silver casket, locked and sealed, and not to be opened for 50 years, at the close of the performance of "Edinburgh Rock," the Boys' Brigade entertainment, at the King's Theatre, Edinburgh, this month.

On the evening of Thursday, April 23, the casket, made of solid silver, containing a sealed message from the boys of 1936 to the boys of 1986, with the signatures appended of every one of the 1,500 boys taking part in "Edinburgh Rock," along with a copy of the program, photographs of the scenes, and press notices, was locked and sealed by the Lord Provost at the end of the last scene. It will remain closed for 50 years. The silver casket has been specially designed for the occasion and has been gifted to the Battalion by M. M. Henderson.

The Lord Provost and the Lady Provost were the guests of honor that evening. On each of the other evenings a distinguished Scotsman was present in that capacity.

Seed Is Available For Those In Need In New Brunswick

To Be Distributed Through Relief Organizations.

Fredericton, N.B.—As one way toward the elimination of direct relief, the Government has decided to co-operate with the Municipalities of the Province in the distribution of seed to those in need of this assistance. This announcement was made last week by Premier Dymally following a meeting of the Government. This policy, he added, was entirely separate and distinct from any colonization project which may be undertaken.

It is the intention that the relief organizations now existing will be utilized in the operation of the seed distribution program, and it is also designed that the municipalities shall bear the burden of cost in the same proportion as they have been sharing in the payment of direct relief.

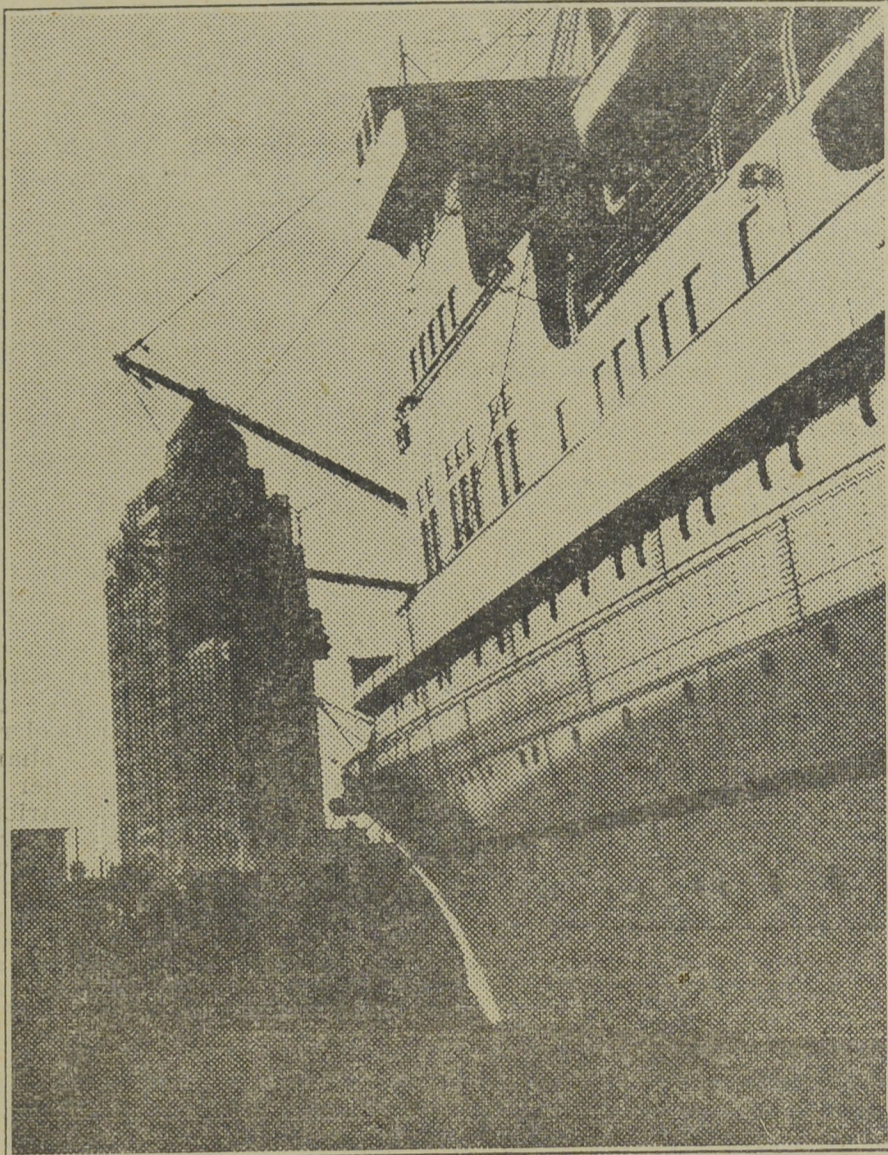
Seeds will be made available, explained the Premier, in rural communities and also in small urban areas on the basis of schedules which will be announced later.

Applications for seed will be received through established local relief organizations, which will decide whether or not the applicant is in need of assistance. The onus will be upon the municipality to insure that the seed is planted and the Government will require from the Municipality a statement to the effect that the seed was used for the purpose intended.

"It is our aim and expectation," observed the Premier, "that direct relief will be abolished and we have instituted the policy outlined above to insure that farmers will not be prevented from working their land because of inability to buy seed. It is also our design to enable people in urban communities to help themselves by planting garden plots to assist in furnishing themselves with provisions."

"During the course of a few days," said the Premier, "full details of the plan will be communicated to relief organizations in the various municipalities but in the meantime those anxious to secure assistance need not hesitate to make their applications."

AN EMPRESS ARRIVES HOME



Her holds debouching rich treasures of the storied East, the Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Japan" can be seen in this interesting picture above as she looms large at her dock on her arrival at Vancouver, B. C., from the Philippines, China, Japan and Hawaii. 25,000 tons of strength and beauty, the "Empress" seems to dwarf the graceful pile of the Marine Building, one of Vancouver's largest buildings, in the background.

Over 70,000 People Duped By "Drake Millions" Myth

Another Chapter Added to Fraud When Eight Men Were Convicted in Chicago.

By a recent conviction in Chicago of eight men accused of fraud, another chapter has been added to the strange story of the "Drake millions." They are said to be the unliquidated estate of Sir Francis Drake, and for 200 years innumerable attempts have been made to recover them. Near-

ly every person named Drake in England, America, and the Colonies has been a claimant.

A Missouri man, Ernest Drake, sent his family tree to England and asked for the title of baronet on the ground that he was a descendant of the great Sir Francis. Of course, the petition was re-

jected. Sir Francis was a knight, not a baronet, and a knighthood is not hereditary. Besides, a title and the ownership of property are not necessarily connected.

When General Dawes was the United States Ambassador in London, claimants were such a nuisance that he declared that anybody who subscribed to a fund for recovering the "Drake millions" was a fool and an unmitigated ass."

Subsequently Buckland Abbey, in Devonshire, the home of Lady Seaton, a descendant of the Drakes, had to be closed to the public in consequence of the calls of numerous visitors, most of whom were English claimants to the Drake estate.

Of combined efforts to recover

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the Elizabethan sailor's wealth there have been many. A number of Canadian Drakes claiming descent from Sir Francis sent an attorney to England with a view to enriching themselves. Settling in London, he lived on them for more than five years, and then returned empty-handed.

Still more remarkable a scheme for recovering Sir Francis's imaginary hoard was initiated about 15 years ago. Its author was an American ex-valet, who began by representing the Drake estate to be of stupendous value. According to him, it consisted of the whole of Devonshire, 1,100 acres in the heart of London, nine-tenths of North America, and some of the English Crown jewels. He estimated it to be worth £5,000,000,000!

In addition, though this was a mere trifle, a good deal of Sir Francis's gold and jewels was "hidden in a ship in the Thames, guarded by British troops. This ship," it was stated, "was recently moved to another part of the Thames by the Government, so that the rightful heirs should not know where it was!"

Subscriptions were then invited towards meeting the cost of prosecuting a claim to the "Drake millions," the ex-valet undertaking to return up to five thousand dollars for every dollar sent him. As a result, money poured in.

The flood continued for some years, until the subscribers numbered 70,000 Americans, in addition to a large number of people in England, among them many business men, who altogether provided £270,000 under the delusion that they would get a share of the Drake estate.

How the legend of the "Drake millions" originated is a mystery. The only basis seems to be that after Sir Francis returned from his voyage round the world a good deal of the booty he had secured was placed in the Tower of London, and that it lay there for some time pending a decision regarding its disposal. Some of it should, it was thought, be returned to those from whom it had been taken. In the end the whole of the treasure was distributed, Queen Elizabeth using it for public purposes.

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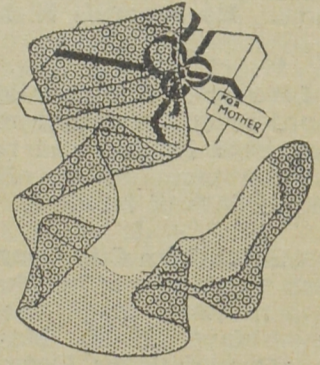


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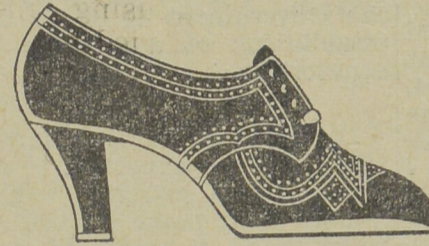
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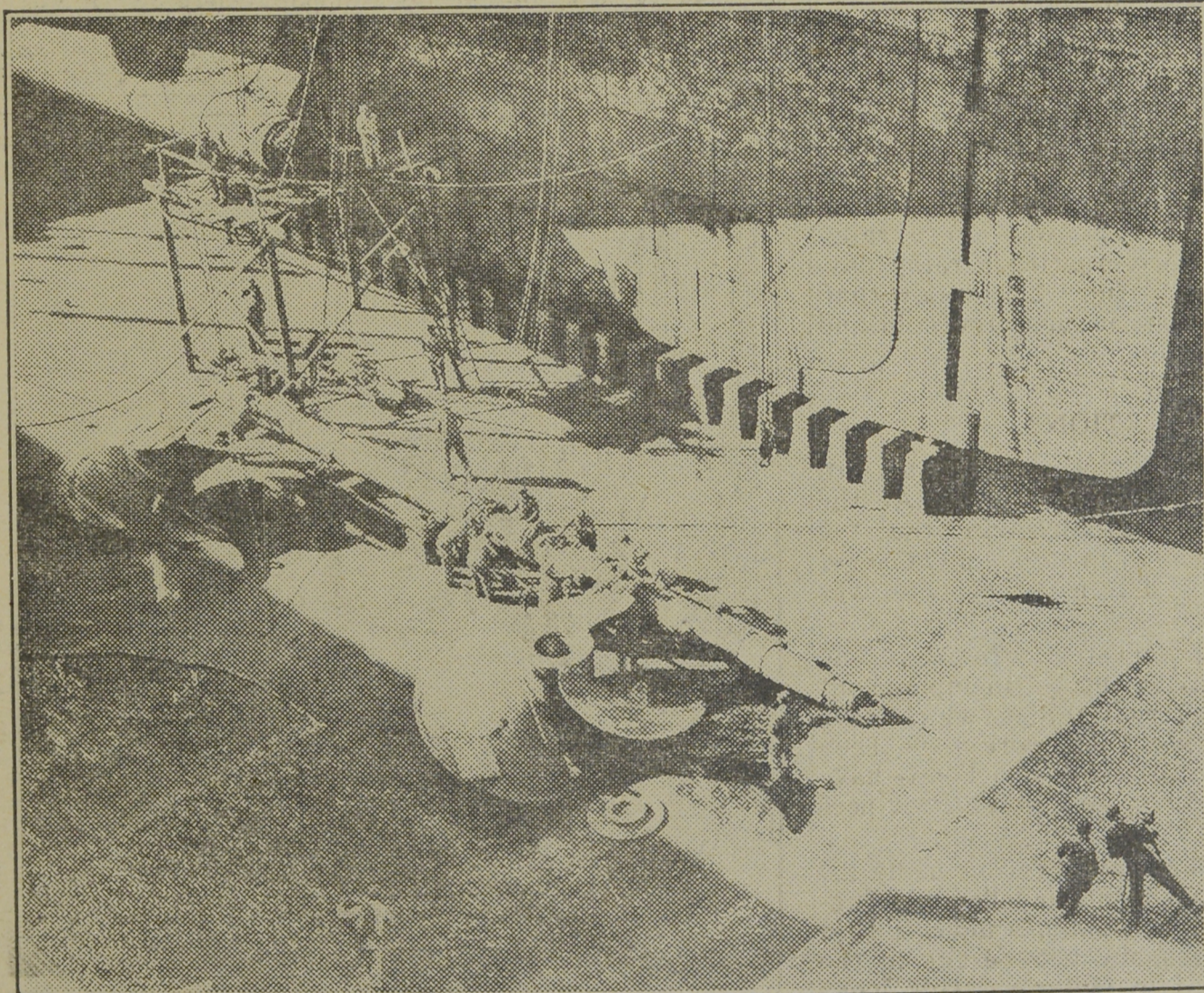


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GIANT FRENCH LINER LOSES PROPELLER



The French liner "Normandie," returning from speed trials in the English Channel, lost one of her new 35-ton propellers. The liner went into drydock after she arrived at Le Havre while two tugs began dragging for

the lost propeller, one of those recently installed in an effort to overcome vibration. The above picture shows workmen preparing to fit two of the giant propellers which are lying at the left of the picture.

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