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POLICE CHASE BURGLAR GANG

Auto Race---One Capture Made-Mills' Furs Recovered.

Following a sensational robbery at George Mills & Company's fur store on Princess street, about five road, and we followed. The car got through Yale constituency by the o'clock on Saturday morning, when about four blocks ahead of us. fur coats and muffs to the value of over \$3,000 were stolen. Police Constables Nicholas Timmerman and Lesslie Clark picked up the case thrown out of the car ahead of us. centre of population to greet the distorted was known among the United States funds. Viewed from shortly after the theft was reported, As we came along we could see four tinguished visitors. A special train Jews as a "good townsman" from the the standpoint of the Canadian maand arrested one man in connection coats lying on the roadside, but we carrying crowds came from as far old country, who lent money at a nufacturer, who is obliged to pay acwith the robbery and also recovered did not stop. We kept on going north as Sicamous on the main line small rate of interest, accepting fam-

a local livery stable, is the man revolver into the air. Then the oth- with banners. in the Police Court on Saturday I went to the left hand side of the morning, with "unlawfully stealing car and Constable Clark to the other. a number of fur coats," and after The driver of the car was the acthe evidence of Constable Timmer- cused. In the back seat of the auto man was taken he was committed we found two fur coats and a fur for trial.

known early on Saturday morning, other car with Mr. Wilson. On the caused a big sensation and the way back to the city we stopped and police court room was filled to over- picked up the fur coats off the roadflowing when the case against God- way. These coats were found in the the old courtesies of debate which

Henry Wilson Gave Warning. Henry Wilson, who works in George Boyd's garage, which is on stable Timmerman and Mr. Mills, store, heard a noise on the roof and kin for trial. Up till noon there had later on saw two men coming out of been no arrangements made for bail. a laneway nearby, carrying fur time, and then by a chance stroke of luck, they followed a car going along upper Johnson street, and after an exciting chase, in which the police car travelled over sixty miles an hour, the other car was overtaken and the arrest made, but not until after Constable Clark had fired a shot in the air. While the cars were engaged in their mad race on the Bath road, Forty Foot road and on . Ontario street, was enter-York road, Constables Clark and Timmerman, closing in on the run- tity of cigarettes and tobacco stolen. away car, saw a number of fur coats thrown out on to the roadway. Godkin was alone in the car when the police made the capture. Two

other men are believed to have been implicated in the case, and the police are now looking for them. The thieves secured an entrance to the store by smashing in a pane of glass on the second storey at the front entrance, on Princess street. They made their way up on the roof, and then took a great chance of going all the way to the front of the store where they would stand a chance of being seen from Princess street, and then they had to carry all the loot back again to Brock street, showing the big chances they took in order to gain their end. The big sign in front of the store no doubt hid the thieves from view from the street.

The burglars got into the Mills' fur factory on the second floor. The burglar-proof door prevented them Government Revises "Grubfrom getting down on to the main floor, and into the store proper. The coats stolen were ladies' coats, and some of them had already een sold and had the names of the

T. J. Rigney appeared on behalf of Godkin, but did not plead to the the coats he identified had been

purchasers on them.

son, employed at Boyd's garage.

hurried to the garage. "Mr. Wilson told us that two men ran out of the Queen's hotel said Constable Timmeron to Brock street. Constable Clark tary of Quincy, Mass., has accepted and I then engaged Mr. Wilson to the position of associate general drive us around in an auto. We secretary at the Newton, Mass., Y. M. drove around the lower part of the C. A.. During the war Mr. Bruton city for a time, and later on we served as "Y" secretary largely with noticed an automobile going up the merchant marine.

Johnson street, above Sydenham, at | a very fast rate of speed. We decided to follow this car. We followed it up Johnson street to Victoria and then over to Princess street and on to the Bath road. We came to what is known as the Fortyfoot road. As we passed the car I looked out and could see that Godkin was driving the car. I was in uniform and I leaned out of the car Is Expected In the Bye-Elecand signalled Godkin to stop. Both cars were running at a very high rate of speed. He did not stop up, nor did he even slow down. Both cars were racing along evenly till we got to the Forty-foot road. Our driver then stopped. The other car then turned on towards the York

Constable Fired Shot. muff. Constable Clarke got into the robbery, which became car with Godkin, and I got into the

the goods to the police station After hearing the evidence of Con- SHOT HUNDREDS OF Brock street, in the rear of Mills' Magistrate Farrell committed God-

A series of burglaries have occur-He immediately telephoned red in the city during the past few the police. Constables Timmerman weeks, and Chief Robinson, who is and Clark were soon on the scene greatly pleased over the work of the and in a car driven by Wilson, they police, and also over the action of toured around the city for a short Mr. Wlison, who promptly notified the police, is hoping that this start will be the means of clearing ui various robberies. With a very small staff of men the chief has been sadly handicapped.

> Still Another Robbery. On Saturday morning, it was learned that Robertson's wholesale, ed during Friday night, and a quan-

ASSESSMENT APPEAL AGAINST ASSESSOR

Brockville, Nov. 6 .- The unusual spectacle of an appeal being laid against the assessment of an assessor's residence, was witnessed at the Court of Revision, of the assessment roll here, when George P. Gamble appealed against the house of A. D. McDougall, assessor, on the ground that it was too low. The court, however, confirmed the assessment.

THE RUSH FOR OIL IN FAR NORTH BEGINS

stake" Ordinances to Protect Inexperienced.

Ottawa, Nov. 6 .- The mad and spectacular rush of hundreds of oil prospectors to the Far North, where oil discoveries are reported, is causing the government to revive the grub stake ordinances of the Yukon days, as the situation threatens to become serious. It is proposed to take steps that those who go in will not become a charge up- gues and the ambassador will meet on the Royal Canadian Mounted

good physical shape to stand the rigors of an Arctic winter and have enough "grub" to keep them, will be permitted to go. The Northwest Company that made the discovery has applied for leases, which will probably be granted, but under stringent regulations.

Changed Location. W. S. Bruton, formerly of Nap-

Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, Special Inspector, Held in Windsor Jail For Killing Hotel Man

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 6 .- Rev. J. 1 wich Methodist church, and special liquor license inspector, is detained in Sandwich jail, following the shooting to death, early to-day, of Bevknown as Chappell House, during a liquor raid on this hotel.

Beverly Trumble, one of the pro-Sandwich, was shot and killed this lin who says that Trumble produced the death of Charles Palmer, jourmorning at 3.30 by Rev. J. O. L. a revolver and declared, "I am go- nalist. The fight, therefore, will be of the hotel premises by liquor li- to Spracklin, he pushed the revolver fender of Kut, and an Independent + gas shortage in Blenheim a cerdiately surrendered, voluntarily, to his revolver and fired, striking the bor and Coalition vote is expected + fixtures for cooking except by + tained yesterday that biscuits and that immediate compliance is expect- pointed for that purpose, and will in the Windsor police headquarters, hotel keeper in the left abdomen, to go to General Townshend.

vestigation by the crown attorney, summoned, but Trumble died within

been in the hotel a short time before communities. and was beaten and thrown out. pracklin and his officers demanded admittance to the house. Trumble appeared and wanted to know their is being held subject to an in- Medical assistance was immediately

tion-Premier Meighen's Courtesy.

Vernon, B.C., Nov. 6 .- It was a brilliant conclusion of the tour city last Thursday on the steamship

impels this action and each time the examination. head of the Government has been applauded for his generosity. Then, too, the two candidates observe all same place where they had been distinguished the Fathers of Confethrown. We brought Godkin and deration.

CAPTURED PRISONERS

Gen. Budenny's Forces Have Slaughtered Many of Wrangel's Army.

Sebastopol, Nov. 6 .- Eight divisions of infantry and General Budenny's cavalry made up the Soviet army, the attack of which broke the strength of Baron Wrangel's forces in Taurida. These troops, advancing from Nikopol on October 31st, attacked both wings of the anti-Bolshevik army. Ten thousand of General Budenny's men swept southward as far as Salkova, where General Wrangel's counter-attack resulted in their surrender. Five columns of superior Soviet forces, however, continued to advance in all directions along a two hundred mile front, and, Baron Wrangel was forced to retreat. He was successful in withdrawing his men, horses and supplies into the Crimean peninsula, Anti-Bolshe- the Crimean peninsula, Anti-Bolshethe Crimean peninsula. Anti-Bolshevik troops, after their victories on November 1st, and 2nd, are said to have sorted from the prisoners and shot hundreds of Jewish Bolshevik commissaries, as well as Hungarians, Chinese, Rumanians and Germans.

Should They Aid? Constantinople, Nov. 6 .- British and French representatives here have asked their respective governments if their warships should support General Wrangel against the Soviet forces pressing on the Crimean penin-

FRANCE AND BRITAIN

France Approves Reparation Action-Difference Only in Minor Details.

Paris, Nov. 6 .- Any possibility of coolness between the British and French governments over their divergent views relative to German reparations, was dissipated by a note from the British government delivered at the French foreign office per- political settlement of the problem. sonally by Earl of Derby, British ambassador, last night. Premier Leytonight to complete the agreement.

It is said at the French foreign office that France now approves, not only of the Brussels conference of allied and German experts, but also an advisory meeting at Geneva of the allied representatives, which she formerly opposed. There is a possibility that the Germans will participate in this meeting. It is understood that the Geneva meeting, whether attended by allied premiers or not, draw up a basis for final action the reparations commission. Britain and France differ in their views of reparation problems, only in minor details, it is learned by Le

25,000 Adults in Alberta Cannot Speak English

vince of Alberta who cannot speak with the manager. The money has the English language, and a great not been recovered many more who cannot read, was the statement of J. Margan, supervisor of schools among the new Canadians, in an address before the Mr. Spracklin and his officers Northern Alberta Teachers' Associawere passing the Chappell House in tion, Thursday. These thousands of motor when they discovered a people, he said, should be able to man in a semi-conscious condition read and write, and the only direct on the verandah. The man, sup- avenues through which this great posed to be Ernest Deslippe, de- number can be reached is through clared, so the police say, that he had night schools for adults, in rural

Gen. Townshend Should Win. London, Nov. 6 .- The Coalition business. He disappeared into the party is not running a candidate in rietors of the Chappell House, hotel and was followed by Sprack- the Wrekin division, vacant through din, during an investigation ing to get you." Then according between General Townshend, the dedeers. Mr. Spracklin imme- towards him, and Spracklin drew candidate, Charles Duncan. The La- 4 tain woman, having no other 4

BY GOOD TOWNSMAN WE RAISED 50 JEWS SWINDLED

Generous Moneylender Accused of Decamping With \$168,000 of Their Cash.

New York, Nov. 6 .- As a result of stories told by about fifty Russian of Jews, who, according to the police, say they were swindled out of sums aggregating \$168,000, the police of this city today sent out a general alarm for the arrest of Israel Krumholz, 55 years old, of Christie St. Rumors that Krumholz left this

Rochambeau, for Havre, France. caused the police to send a wireless ently appreciated the disposition that way. He was held in \$2,500 bail for chants.



MAJOR WILLIAM GREENE, D.D.S.

New Schemes to Solve The Irish Question

though unofficial, attempts are being made to solve the Irish question, it developed to-day. The first of to decide. One of the most powerful these is an effort by influential poli- agents to enforce decisions of the tical quarters to induce the government to communicate with the Sinn Fein members of parliament in orde ARE NOW AGREED to try to reach a practical agreemen

and prevent the ruin of Ireland. The second is that three Coalition members of parliament will formally ginning hostilities. propose a plan for withdrawing the military in Ireland to strategic centres, and allowing the local author- league whose decisions its members ities to take the responsibility for the are pledged to fulfill by force of preservation of law and order, with the eventual view of negotiating a

FLEMING IS LIBERATED.

Bank's Request That Action Be Withdrawn Granted.

Toronto, Nov. 6 .- James Fleming, the accountant of the Royal Bank of Canada at Woodbridge, some freed this evening. Counsel for the on Avenue School yesterday. bank went before Magistrate Brunton the vault and safe; he slept on the a steel-studded collar it was wearing. bank premises and he left Woodbridge on his vacation rather hur- infected with rabies, the head will riedly after the robbery had been dis- be sent to Toronto for examination. covered. He told officers today that The boy, it is said, is in no danger. he did not take seriously the report Edmonton, Alta., Nov. 6 .- That that the Bank had been robbed and there are 25,000 adults in the pro- therefore did not wait to "check up" Doctors Are Seeking

London Welcomes Prince. London, Nov. 6 .- The Prince Wales paid a visti to the Mansion his return from his Australian and long. New Zealand tour. The prince, in to the address of welcome tendered him by the lord mayor, addressed a stirring appeal to the people of Great Britain "on behalf of his old comrades in the field."

ELECTRIC IRON ANSWERS FOR COOKING MEALS

OVER DEMANI

Canadian Manufacturers For Payment of Goods in U.S. Funds.

Ottawa, Nov. 6-Merchants in other parts of the British Empire are objecting, according to reports of Prime Minister and other leaders of message to the authorities on that trade commissioners to the Commerthe National-Liberal-Conservative boat asking them to detain Krumholz cial Intelligence Branch of the Departy that was staged Thursday and also a cable despatch to the partment of Trade and Commerce, to "With the light of our car we night. All the north end of the Great French authorities asking them to Canadian exporters' practice of incould see bundles of goods being Okanagan Valley came into the chief watch for him. Krumholz, according sisting upon payment for goods in nine fur coats and a couple of muffs at times over sixty miles an hour— of the C.P.R., and for another fifty ily jewels as security. The clients re- confronted by adverse exchange rates and eventually we overtook the oth- miles in every direction autos turned this money in instalments, the demand for payment in other Brier car near the cheese factory. Con- brought special parties. The city was and Krumholz was supposed to re- tish countries, however, express in-James D. Godkin, proprietor of stable Clark fired a shot from his decorated with flags and the big rink turn the jewels when final payments dignation that they should be urged placed under arrest. He was er car slowed down and came to a in Canadian politics that he would expect last the United States and yet be obligwere made. Recently he told some of to buy from Canada in preference to charged before Magistrate Farrell, bad our car stopped. We got out.

| Canadian politics that Premier payments by November 1st, but he disappeared before this date. A nep| Ges by Canadian steamship companopposition candidate in this by-elec- hew of Israel Krumholz, who said les in United States funds. On the California Girl Goes Into U.S. tion to take the platform at each of he was Hyman Krumholz, 34 years other hand the trade commissioner in his meetings and thus get the bene- old of 745 east 152nd street, the Brazil believes that it is better for fit of addressing the electors as- Bronx, was arrested Wednesday Canadian exporters to quote prices sembled to do honor to the head of night on suspicion, but denied having in United States funds, which are the Government. The people appar- been implicated with his uncle in any better understood by Brazilian mer-

Dr. H. Ross, trade commissioner in Australia, has sent cablegrams indicating that the condition of exfor Canadian goods, because ain during the past year have much exceeded her exports to the British balances in London from which payments to Canada were formerly culty in securing bills of exchange.

HARDING IN FAVOR OF

Would be in Nature of International Court of Justice.

Washington, Nov. 6 .- The proposed new association of nations which ! President-elect Harding will suggest icle states it has received from a resi- ada could secure a large number of to displace the present League of dent of Cork the following new settlers. The immigration author Nations will be based upon the inter- copy national court of arbitral justice for- by representatives of the officer mulated by former Secretary of State in charge of the local brigade of Irish Knox, it was learned here. Some of volunteers. the ideas contained in the thirty-two treaties of arbitration negotiated by No. 3.

Mr. Bryan will also be included. The permanent headquarters of the proposed association, it was stated by a high diplomatic official, will be at The Hague, where the machinery for a court is already available. Under the plan suggested, each

participating nation will have a resident delegate who will be a member London, Nov. 6 .- Two interesting, of the international court, which will pass upon all questions threatening | forces are running loose wherever little, will have one vote, a majority court will be the economic embargo, to meet them and to beat them. ercise against the offender. It is

ognized that so long as the world ts nations will fight, but it is ed to make the moral and econo- lieves in Ireland to help the army are penalties so impressive that they will ... tate a long time before be-

While the proposed organization is an association of nations backed by moral force, it is to be in

BREAKS THE NECK OF A MAD DOG

Windsor Teacher Gets a Boy Away From an Infuriated Animal.

Windsor, Nov. 6 .- Whorlow Bull, musical instructor at Windsor pub-20 miles from here, who was arrest- lic schools, broke the neck of a mad ed Wednesday in connection with the dog, which had bitten Walter Burtheft of \$13,000 from the bank, was bridge, 12 years old, pupil at Camer-Hearing cries of "mad dog," Mr

n the county police court and asked Bull rushed from the school to find that the proceedings be withdrawn. the teeth of the dog tearing the flesh Fleming had a clean record with the of the boy's right thigh. Using his bank, but an unfortunate chain of pocket knife, the instructor first circumstances had brought about his pried open the jaws of the animal arrest. He had the combination of and then broke its neck by twisting Fearing the animal may have been

the Longevity Secret

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 6 .- John Shell, who is 130 years old, will go to Chicago on December 15th to let the most prominent physicians of the House yesterday to receive a wel- country examine him and see if they

> "No pampering in boyhood; hard work through life; and no worry." He says he drink whiskey when he can get it, and that he eats everything he can get hold of. Shell has

Biscuits and Candy Also Down in Price

cas, turned her electric iron up- + candy have followed sugar and are ed. The situation may be clearly un- sist on the company making deliver Premier Lloyd George is certain & had tea ready, also porridge for & cents a pound cheaper. A Montreal company's offer, and the govern- customers, sweeping aside the ex-Inspector Spracklin declares that the shot was fired in self-detense the shot was fired in self-detense that pushed a revolver against the inspector's abdomen. The facts as volunteered by Mr. The facts as volunteered by Mr

TAKING CANADIAN MONEY AT PAR

Bridgeburg, Nov. 6. - Not that Canadian money is increasing in value particularly, but because border trade conditions are becoming dull, is the real object of the action of a number of merchants across the river recently, who announce that Canadian money will now be accepted at face

value. In many stores in Buffaib Canadian money now is being accepted at as low as eight per cent, discount, while a few weeks ago fifteen per cent, was demanded. The cause of the desire to regain a lot of the trade that has been lost through the discount problem is the fact, it is said, that American border merchants are themselves facing a big falling off in trade.

AMERICAN WOMAN

Foreign Trade Service.

change is making it difficult for Aus- Francisco, whence she will sail Nov. to come to Canada without the aid tralian importers to remit payment 13th, for Pekin, China. She is Miss of the British Government, because Australia's imports from Great Brit- secretary to Julian Arnold, Ameri- funds which after the war were de-Isles; Australian banks find their Angeles, Cal., has received her de- were reported early in the spring to made, greatly depleted. Consequent- to become a foreign trade adviser therefore took steps to supervise ly, Australian merchants have diffi- and specialize in foreign trade law. such immigration. Since then it has SOCIETY OF NATIONS tional Labor conference and several year four thousand British ex-service the last year or two.

LEVIES TAX FOR ARMS.

To Pay Duty.

"Arms fund for the Cork Brigaue

"A collection is being made in this area, by the authority of the general headquarters of our army, to enable me to carry on the work of arming the volunteers in this brigade and so sustain and increase the fight waged against the enemy here. You are asked to subscribe a fair amount. is for your own protection as well as for the national good. The enemy they get the opportunity. They are murdering defenseless people, they are pillaging, burning, outraging wherever they go. Arms are needed Money is required to get arms. That is a plain statement of the case. It is no appeal, it is a just request to

Ireland to carry on the fight." The Chronicle adds: "The housenolders apparently are assisted as to the amount expected from them, quite irrespective of their political views, and the notice is accompanied by a verbal threat that unless the amount fixed is paid ir cash, goods to that value will be seized. protest is met by the reply, 'These are our orders."

DESERTS GOVERNMENT.

Lord Cavendish-Bentinck Goes Over

London, Nov. 6 .- Much interest has been aroused by the secession of Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck from the Ministerial to the opposition side of the house of commons. Lord Finance Committee Makes Recom-Henry's family has high Conservative traditions. He was returned at the general election as a Tory-Demothey encountered each other in the | geois. commons' lobby. This explosion, in its personal aspect, evaporated in a few moments. Oswald Mosley also increase to \$1.75 but later made anaccompanies Lord Henry to the other other request for \$1.90. The city side of the House on the same secured the services of an expert to

Immigration Authorities Desire No More Settlers Than Can Be Absorbed.

Ottawa; Nov. 6 .- Surprise is expressed by officials of the Immigration Department at the cabled report that the Colonial Office has complained to the Canadian authorities in London of the treatment accorded British ex-service men who have come to the Dominion under the British government's scheme of assisted emigration. No such complaint has reached the Immigration Department nor any other department of the government here. Officials are consequently at a loss to know precisely the ground for the complaint. It is pointed out, however, that the effort of the Canadian immigration authorities has been to limit the number

of immigrants to that which can be absorbed in the Dominion. When the British Government formulated its scheme for paying the passage of ex-service men and women to the Dominions, it provided that grants should be made only with the approval of the representatives of the Dominion. The Canadian auth-Washington, Nov. 6 .- The first orities thereupon decided that assistwoman, as far as known here, to be alice be given only to farmers, farm appointed to a position in the foreign laborers and women intending to entrade service of the United States gage in domestic service. Some men will leave here tomorrow for San of other classes, however, were able A Viola Smith, who has been named they received grants from certain can, Commercial Attache in Pekin. voted to assist ex-soldiers and sailors Miss Smith, who is a native of Los to emigrate. About 150 such men gree of LL.B., from the Washington be in Vancouver and out of employ-College of Law, and her ambition is ment. The Dominion authorities

While here studying law she has permitted the entry of persons, othbeen employed in the office of the er than farmers, farmers' laborers assistant secretary of labor, and as- and domestic servants who had posisisted in the work of the Interna- tions awaiting them. In less than a othere conferences held here during men had come to Canada under the Imperial Government's scheme for assisting emigration. It was reported some weeks ago, however, that approximately two hundred thousand Sinn Feiners Call on Cork Citizens of such men were unemployed in Great Britain, Through the British London, Nov. 6 .- The Daily Chron- Government's scheme therefore Cansent to householders rities, however, feel that in fairness to the men themselves and in the interest of the Dominion, they should not encourage more immigrants to come to Canada than can be absorbed by the agricultural and other industries of the country.

AMERICANS SATISFIED.

Army of Occupation Enjoying Stay in

New York, Nov. 6 .- The American rmy of occupation is comfortably quartered and quite happy and conttented, according to Lieut. E. T. Harrison, of the eighth machine gun corps, who has just returned from Coblenz, Germany, where he has been stationed since the close of the war. He says, however, that the soldiers are suffering from an epidemic of

German brides. "The boys stationed in Germany seem well satisfied, and are not anxevery man and every woman who be-lieves in Ireland to help the army of Harrison at the Hotel Pennsylvania today. "On the transport on which I returned were twelve newly married couples-American boys married to German girls, who seem proud of the fact that they have become American

> "The people around Coblenz are better off than they have ever been in their lives. There are 16,000 in the American army of occupation, and 9,000 of these are quartered around and near Coblenz. They spend their money freely, and the Germans seem to like the Americans tremendously. "The wives of the American officers find the shopkeepers extremely amiable, and delight in the shopping districts."

QUEBEC GAS \$1.75.

Quebec, Nov. 6 .- The civic finance committee recommended to the city crat-Coalitionist, but has always council that the Quebec "Railway, shown an independence of party Light, Heat and Power Company be whips. With the Cecil family he has authorized to charge \$1.75 per 1,000 exhibited indignation against the cubic feet for gas for a period of one government concerning the alleged year, dating from November 11th. Irish reprisals as was indicated the providing the company will cede to other evening when high words pass- the city that portion of St. Cyrille ed between him and Sir Hamar street, between Belvedere road west-Greenwood, the Irish secretary when ward to avenue Marguerite Bour-

The company, which is now charge ing \$1.25 for gas, first asked for an determine what it cost the company to manufacture 1,000 feet of gas and The G. T. P. board of arbitration his report was that it cost the com-

House yesterday to receive a wel-country examine him and see if they of London, on can find out why he has lived so The Drury Government Will Not Accept Sir William Mackenzie's Power Proposal

Toronto, Nov. 6 .- The Drury gov- | up to fifteen thousand excess power the government was contained in a cept a fair price, as recommended !

rnment has refused to accept the and supply it directly to Hydro cusroposition made by Sir William tomers, "at the market or current daughter, 90, who lives near him, and MacKenzie for developing the excess contract prices." The government repower at Niagara and making it fuses to "give the whole crop for the available to relieve the strain on the services of the thresher," as Hon-Hydro Commission. The answer of Mr. Drury puts it. It is ready to ac new communication forwarded to the the commission of judges, which tw Electrical Development Company years ago set a price of \$9 on excess