

the more powerful lights in the bandstand which have replaced the former bulbs in the permanent installation since the arrival of the Navy Band, to remain there altogether. The light in the bandstand had been below the right mark heretofore, and possibly it will not be difficult to fix this little matter. Reference is made, not to the chain of lights put in by and for the use of the band temporarily, but to the bulbs which have been changed for stronger ones.

Correspondence

The energetic dog-catchers should have been in King St. between 1 and 2 this morning to capture 2 dogs, a black and a brown and white, which barked, fought and did everything to disturb

POOR LIGHT SLEEPERS.

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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Paris, Aug. 17th.—A reply to the British reparations note will be sent this evening to Brussels for the information of the Belgian Government and will probably be delivered in London at the beginning of next week. As soon as it is in the hands of the British Government it will be made public here and a new yellow book will be published, including both the British and French notes.

London, Aug. 17th.—Chinese bandits attacked the town of Baoshih yesterday morning, burning the London mission hospital, the Catholic Church and the foreign quarters, says a despatch from Hankow. The bandits later looted the town. Two Irish Catholic priests are reported missing.

Dublin, Aug. 17th.—Eamon De Valera was removed from Limerick to Dublin today, says the Central News. A despatch to the Daily Express from Rome says the Irish Republicans appealed to Pope Pius to intervene in behalf of De Valera. Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal Secretary of State, replied that the Vatican lacked the power to intervene officially.

Berlin, Aug. 17th.—Backing aggressive policies of the Stresseman administration, the Reichstag has authorized the Government to confiscate foreign currencies extant in Germany, if the projected national loan of 200,000,000 gold marks (about \$40,000,000) is not subscribed. It is hoped that this plan will compel industrialists and exporters to support the loan, which is imperative if the German budget is to be balanced. The new Government is tackling its job with bare fists. Yesterday it announced the first effective post war programme. Taxes are now an average of 400 times their 1922 figure, with an additional assessment for passive resistance in the

Ruhr. The new income tax is 2,100 times the previous figure, and is practically confiscatory of large incomes. Optimism prevails at the manner in which Dr. Stresseman is handling the situation. The Socialist newspaper "Vorwaerts", declares that there is nothing to impede negotiations, "even with the French". The tax law hits Americans and other foreigners with particular force. Non-residents sojourning for three months in Germany will be permitted to leave Germany only after showing a receipt for the new income tax.

Houston Texas, Aug. 17th.—Two tanks of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, at Webster, 25 miles south of here, are on fire today and the Republican Production Company's gusher on the Dolebear tract in the Hull Field, 55 miles east of here, is burning also, as a lighting strike result of yesterday afternoon. So far as the loss of Webster is estimated at 200,000 and to the gusher an 8,000 dollar damage.

Brookline, Mass. Aug. 17th.—Australia won the right today to meet the United States in the challenge round for the Davis Cup, by defeating France in hard fought doubles by a score of 3 games to two. The Australian team consisting of Anderson and Hawkes, were hard put to it to master the French, Lacoste and Brugnon. France won the first set, 8-3, and Australia the second 6-3. The antipodeans captured the 3rd 6-3, but yielded the 4th 6-8. The 5th set was exciting, and the play saw-sawed beyond the customary span until finally the champions from the land of the Southern Cross conquered the Continentals with a score of 9-7.

Ottawa, Aug. 17th.—An important cabinet adjustment was announced tonight. Mr. Robb, who has been Minister of Trade and Commerce since the formation of the King Government, has been given the portfolio of the Minister of Immigration and Colonization. Mr. Low, who has been a member of the cabinet without portfolio succeeds Mr. Robb as Minister of Trade and Commerce and Mr. McDonald, who entered the cabinet as minister without portfolio and has been acting minister of national defence without salary, takes over the portfolio of that department, and will seek reelection in Pictou. Mr. Low will also have to seek reelection in South Renfrew, Ontario, in accepting an office of emolument under the crown.

Toronto, Aug. 17th.—The following statement was issued from the head office of the Home Bank of Canada late this afternoon. "The board of directors of the Home Bank of Canada, announce that they have received from the recently appointed general manager of the bank an official report of a serious character as to the amount of bad and doubtful debts among the assets of the bank and as to the extent of appropriations necessary to be made in respect of a num-

ber of large loans and investments. It is apparent from this report and from inquiry with respect thereto by the board, that the resources of the bank have been seriously impaired, as no readjustment of capital or reserve could meet the situation disclosed. An endeavour has been made by the board to have the assets and liabilities of the bank, as a going concern, taken over by some other bank or banks, but this has been found impracticable in the circumstances stated, and as the immediate liquid resources of the bank have been practically depleted the board for the purpose of conserving the assets of the bank for the pro-rata benefit of its depositors and other creditors, according to their legal status respectively have decided to suspend payment. "The Canadian Bankers Association, having been notified of the action on the part of the board of directors, in accordance with provisions of the bank, appointed a curator to supervise the affairs of the bank and protect the rights and interests of its depositors and shareholders. It is with the deepest regret that the board of directors of the bank find themselves obliged to make this serious announcement to its depositors and shareholders and the public generally, and it is their earnest hope that with careful administration and realization of the assets of the bank, material loss to creditors may be avoided. The suspension in no way involves the value of the bills of the bank in circulation. These will be redeemed at their face value on presentation to any of the other chartered banks. The Home bank is one of the smaller banking institutions of Canada, but with branches in all the principal Canadian financial centres. It has an authorized capital of five millions of which two millions is subscribed with paid up \$1,960,474.79. The reserve is given as \$550,000.

Dublin, Aug. 17th.—President Cosgrave is scheduled to speak on Sunday at Ennis country Clare, where the ferment resulting from the arrest of De Valera has not subsided. Mr. Cosgrave's courage in facing whatever risks the situation there may hold is proudly extolled by his followers. He proposes to speak on the same day at Carlon Dagnaldstown, Kilkenny and Waterford.

Hankow, Aug. 18th.—The Catholic priests, who were kidnapped on Thursday at Baoshih by bandits who looted the town, have escaped, according to a despatch received here early today. It was said the priests disguised themselves in Chinese clothes and eluded their captors. Late despatches from Baoshih state that the bandits burned the London mission hospital and its adjoining buildings, instead of the Catholic Hospital. With the escape of the two priests it is believed the bandits have no other foreign captives although they are holding more than one hundred Chinese prisoners.