

# Report of Condition of the National Bank of Commerce

At Rochester in the State of New York  
At the Close of Business, March 7th, 1916  
RESOURCES

1. Loans and discounts	\$ 9,517,297 49
2. Overdrafts, unsecured	2,489 31
3. U. S. Bonds:	
a U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$500,000 00
b U. S. bonds pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value)	1,000 00
c U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	10,000 00
Total U. S. bonds	511,000 00
4. Bonds, securities, etc.:	
a Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits	\$ 84,549 31
b Bonds and securities pledged as collateral for State or other deposits (postal excluded) or bills payable	68,000 00
c Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	87,052 15
Total bonds securities, etc.	154,601 46
5. Stocks, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock:	
a Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	\$ 82,500 00
b Less amount unpaid	41,250 00
Total	41,250 00
6. Real estate owned other than banking house:	45,900 00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house:	1,421 47
8. Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank:	287,231 15
9. Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis:	\$303,765 85
10. Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities:	333,474 06
11. Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 10 or 11):	687,239 91
12. Exchanges for clearing house:	172,429 29
13. Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank:	36,346 53
14. Outside checks and other cash items:	1,439 97
15. Fractional currency, nickels, and cents:	1,124 62
16. Notes of other national banks:	2,691 68
17. Federal Reserve notes:	28,110 00
18. Coin and certificates:	2,810 00
19. Legal-tender notes:	500,853 50
20. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer:	31,080 00
21. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer:	25,000 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,030,146 76</b>

LIABILITIES	
22. Capital stock paid in:	\$ 750,000 00
23. Surplus fund:	625,000 00
24. Undivided profits:	\$207,530 29
a Reserved for taxes:	2,000 00
b Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid:	\$209,530 20
c Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid:	33,030 48
25. Circulating notes outstanding:	176,499 81
26. Due to banks and bankers:	500,000 00
27. Dividends unpaid:	1,210,628 06
28. Demand deposits:	300 00
29. Individual deposits subject to check:	7,910,918 53
30. Certificates of deposit due in less than 90 days:	281,722 47
31. Certified checks:	51,716 88
32. Cashier's checks outstanding:	489 91
33. United States deposits:	1,000 00
34. Postal savings deposits:	67,862 31
35. State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by item of "Resources":	50,000 00
36. Total demand deposits, Items 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38:	\$8,363,710 10
37. Time deposits (payable after 90 days, or subject to 90 days or more notice):	404,005 79
38. Certificates of deposit:	404,005 79
39. Total time deposits, Item 40:	\$404,005 79
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,030,146 76</b>

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF MONROE, SS:  
I, Bertram L. Search, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
BERTRAM L. SEARCH, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of March, 1916.  
GEORGE C. LENNOX, Notary Public.

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## THE SHAKESPEARE TRICENTENARY

Remarkable Celebration Now Being Organized.

THE most remarkable Shakespeare celebration that the world has yet known will take place on April 23 next, a day that marks the three hundredth anniversary of the poet's death. Though 300 years dead, Shakespeare is yet a very live issue, and the leading nation of the earth, the whole civilized world in fact, will do honor to Shakespeare's memory upon that day.

Plans for celebrating the tricentenary were begun by Shakespeare lovers and Shakespeare societies more than ten years ago. The original intention was to unite the whole world in a universal memorial festival. Circumstances have altered since until the idea is no longer practicable, but each of the great countries, even Japan, will observe the occasion in its own way.

The anniversary will be most adequately recognized here in the United States, perhaps because there is less to take the public mind off the subject. Banquets, public meetings, plays and pageants will be the chief features of the celebration. The Drama League of America is taking the lead in arranging the pageants and plays. Simplicity will be the keynote of the staging, so that the only qualification for putting on some bit of a dramatic tribute to the dramatist is the necessary amount



WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE AND HIS DESK IN THE FIREPLACE OF HIS HOME.

of enthusiasm. In Shakespeare's day they told the audience what the scene was by hanging a sign on the wall. The public schools of this country are taking a keen interest in the tricentenary celebration. At least 50,000 of them will hold special exercises in Shakespeare's honor on April 23. Some are to stage very elaborate programs that they are working on now and have been working on for some time.

Out in North Dakota there is a school twenty miles from a railroad where the teacher has been preparing for months a program of three plays for the local celebration. The children have caught the touch of her own enthusiasm and carried it into their homes, where Shakespeare for the most part was one of the things nobody worried about. That Dakota teacher has the true spirit of the tricentenary celebration—she is bringing the bigness of Shakespeare to people who knew him only by name.

In England the tricentenary celebration will not be quite as elaborate as it might have been in times of peace, but the heart will be by no means neglected. Numerous programs will be held in London, and there will be a national celebration in Stratford on Avon, the poet's birthplace, which many Londoners are planning to attend. In the rural districts pageants will be the order of the day.

Paris is holding a series of lectures on Shakespeare now, and they are well attended. Literary people of the French capital will give several Shakespearean banquets on April 23. The country school children of France are to take part in a number of Shakespeare pageants.

The plays of Shakespeare have recently been translated into the Japanese, and they have become very popular with the reading classes and as the basis of language and drama courses in the higher schools. Tokyo plans an elaborate outdoor Shakespeare festival with native Japanese actors and students taking part.

The continued vitality of popular interest in Shakespeare is one of the wonders of the literary world. More editions of his writings have been printed than of any other book in the world excepting the Bible, and the demand is increasing. Truly, Shakespeare still is, as Emerson has aptly put it, "the master of revels to mankind."

## SIRENS AND SONS.

Lord Edward de Walpole, one of England's wealthiest men, is known as that country's "most musical peer."

Private John Allen was discussing himself. "I do not feel at liberty to claim much for my past," he said, "but I can truthfully assert that my future is spotless."

Colonel David L. Brainard, U. S. A., now military attache of the Argentine Republic, is a survivor of the Greely arctic expedition.

Thomas A. Edison, celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his birth recently by working hard in his laboratory at West Orange, N. J., as he has done almost every day for many years.

Robert Bradford Marshall, chief geographer of the United States geological survey, has been appointed to the position of superintendent of national parks. He is a Virginian by birth and entered the survey in 1880.

Frederick Robert Harris, who has been appointed chief of the bureau of yards and docks of the navy department, with the rank of rear admiral, succeeding Rear Admiral Stanford, is a native of New York and is now in his fortieth year.

**Current Comment.**

The supreme bench is a quiet place after you get there—Washington Star. It is a significantly tenacious cabinet that lasts straight through.—Chicago News.

When the Father of Waters gets his crest up he can take a few trenches himself.—Washington Post.

Raising the price of coal may hurry the day when our houses shall be heated with the waste energy of wind and tide.—Boston Herald.

Opera in Chicago came out at the little end of the horn to the tune of \$98,000. The musical backers expected to lose \$100,000. And yet they say that grand opera doesn't pay!—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Short Stories.**

The violet is the national flower of Greece.

The world's richest tin mine is on the island of Mindanao.

Sour milk and black bread is a favorite dish with the Bulgarian soldier.

In six weeks the national guard of Hawaii increased from 700 to 3,000, exclusive of the naval militia.

A uniform system of type for the blind is now being introduced. Heretofore there have been five systems in use.

In China bacon and sugar are hung on to the bride's sedan chair as a bribe to the demons who might molest her on her journey.

**Industrial Items.**

There is one grocery store to every 300 inhabitants in this country.

One of the largest plants in the world for the dressing of sealakin is being established in St. Louis.

A big Chicago corporation has installed a shooting gallery as part of its amusement equipment for employees.

The wood consumed in this country in the manufacture of paper amounts annually to 4,600,000 cords, and every year the demand for some substitute grows more urgent.

**Electric Sparks.**

In this country electricity is a \$3,000,000,000 industry.

The international electrical exposition which Spain planned to hold at Barcelona this year has been postponed to 1917 and will be broadened in its scope.

A German electrical society offers a gold medal annually for the best device or process produced in the world for safeguarding life or limb or promoting health in the electrical industry.

**BRIGHT BRIEFS.**

Some things are bad, but the worst has never yet occurred.

More men are willing to say nothing than to amputate wood with a saw.

The good that men do rarely gets on the first page, for it isn't usually spectacular.

A Chinese statesman has just married his stenographer. That country is learning rapidly.

New York's rat population is 2,500,000. And the census rolls probably were not padded.

Among the stringent rules for power plants should be one barring out all hot-headed persons.

Within a few years we may expect automobiles to begin striking for higher wages and more hours.

The chemists have succeeded in delecting almost everything except a ham sandwich and a glass of milk.

If gasoline ever reaches 30 cents a gallon a lot of people will have to practice economy in some other direction.

A recent bird census discloses that there are about five birds to each person in the United States—and most of them are English sparrows.

The new emperor of China has postponed the coronation ceremonies, finding that his head rests more easily on things stand without the added worry of a crown.

## PLANS TO DOCK AT NORTH POLE

Captain Bernier Proposes to Sail to Top of World.

To attempt what Peary believed to be impossible, or at least impracticable—reach the north pole by an all water route—is the announced purpose of Captain J. E. Bernier of Quebec, and he will start early in the coming summer. He plans to push the nose of a specially constructed boat right near the pole itself.

Captain Bernier is an international authority on polar expeditions and has



CAPTAIN J. E. BERNIER.

for a number of years devoted his energies to the discovery of hitherto unknown islands in the far north. In his proposed expedition he will follow the Japan current.

"I believe that a new route may be found to the pole," Captain Bernier declared recently, "and that it leads through the open, moving ice caused by the southerly Japan current. This route, if followed, should lead north of Wrangel Island." Captain Bernier also said he expected to find open water in Melville strait, Lancaster sound, the lower part of Smith sound and north of Baffin bay, making it easy to reach a position from which a dash to the pole would be a comparatively simple matter.

"If there are any sportsmen who would like some real shooting and care to accompany me for three to six months I shall be glad to have them," he added. "The shooting is first class. On my last trip to Baffin bay I got 200 polar bears alone, and there are lots of deer, narwhal, seals and wolves. The wolves abound on Melville Island, and there are plenty of foxes to trap. Musk ox shooting is capital sport, and salmon-abound in almost every river emptying into Baffin's bay."

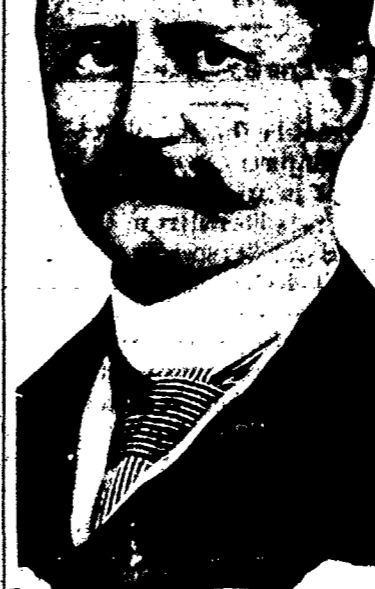
The ship which Captain Bernier has secured for his proposed expedition is a small one called the Guide and of only 156 tons register. Supplies for two years will be taken along, also an aeroplane and motion picture camera.

**THE PETROGRAD MISSION.**

David R. Francis of Missouri Selected For the Post.

David R. Francis, who has been named for the ambassadorship to Russia, made vacant by the resignation of George T. Marye, declined a year ago the ambassadorship to Argentina. Mr.

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DAVID R. FRANCIS.

Francis was a former governor of Missouri and secretary of the Interior under President Cleveland. He was president of the St. Louis exposition in 1904 and is a close student of European affairs.

The necessity for the negotiation of a new commercial treaty to take the place of the compact abrogated on account of discrimination against Jews and the delicate task of caring for German and Austrian interests make the ambassadorship at Petrograd of unusual importance at this time.

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