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Relieving the Burden of Taxation

The Chancellor of the Exchequer in delivering his Budget speech declared that an Economy Committee was to be given the task of cutting \$10,000,000 each year progressively off the expenditure of the Government Departments.

This expenditure at present is about \$200,000,000 as compared with \$197,000,000 at the commencement of the war. Since that year the amount raised by direct taxation has increased from \$3 11s. to \$15 18s. per head of population. While these sums may not particularly impress the reader, the more than four-fold increase shows clearly that when the burden is referred to as overwhelming, the expression can by no means be regarded as a figure of speech.

In Newfoundland in 1914-15 expenditure was \$4,008,623. In 1923-24 it amounted to \$10,022,137, which means that in order to meet current expenses at present we are called upon to pay about \$36.00 per head of the population. In 1914 it was \$16.00.

While it is evident that our position with regard to the amount which we pay in taxes is by no means as onerous as that of the people in Great Britain, who have other burdens in addition to those included in the figures quoted, the increase in our taxes during the past ten years must be made the chief question to be considered, and a way found to lighten them.

To this vital question we understand the Government will give its undivided attention prior to the next session. They have been criticized because a solution of all the difficulties has not already been found, but most of those who have indulged in criticism forget that they were chiefly instrumental in imposing the burden, and when the commissioners were appointed to make recommendations for a revision of the tariff, they were at the same time instructed that their powers did not permit them to make any reduction in the revenue which the revised tariff would provide.

Mr. Winston Churchill upon succeeding to the Chancellorship found a surplus of over \$3,000,000, which was the result of Mr. Philip Snowden's careful administration of the financial affairs of the country. The Minister of Finance and Customs, upon assuming control of his Department, found that he had to meet unpaid bills left by the last administration amounting to \$97,766, and in addition a deficit of over \$1,600,000. Despite that handicap, he was able to give the producers in the country a large measure of taxation relief by placing their chief requirements on the free list, without impairing the efficiency of the public service or adding to the burden of the other sections of the population.

It may confidently be expected that the Government will by the next session be able to present a tariff which will further ease the burden, and that no effort will be spared to effect a reduction in the cost of the country's public service. The encum-

brances are the growth of years, but are by no means useful or necessary appendages, and few will regret their disappearance.

A Hooligans' Rendezvous

We have been asked to call attention of the authorities to a crowd which nightly collects at the corner of Colonial Street and Bond Street and which are a source of annoyance to people living near there, also to passers-by. On Sunday evening last church-goers, who remonstrated with them because of their conduct in throwing stones at Fella College fence, playing "football" with an empty tin and generally making themselves a nuisance, received nothing more than considerable abuse, and the property in the neighbourhood shows many effects of the pranks indulged in. The visit of a plain clothes policeman to the vicinity every now and then might have a good effect.

Control the Street Traffic

It is a frequent occurrence to see motor cars, particularly at dinner hour and at six o'clock, speeding over Prescott Street, sometimes two abreast at a rate which, even within legal limits, cannot be considered as anything but dangerous. Duckworth Street, Gower St. and Bond Street, are crossed without any let up, regardless of traffic moving east and west, and the traffic regulation which says: "At no street intersection or curve in a city, town or village, where the driver has not a clear view, the rate shall not exceed ten miles an hour", is absolutely disregarded. Yesterday at six o'clock, within a few minutes we witnessed three car drivers violate the traffic regulations, on the junction of Duckworth and Prescott Streets, and two drivers of coal carts who committed the same offence, and there was no one to pull them up. A traffic officer stationed at this busy crossing would be of the greatest service in compelling motorists and others to respect the rules and the rights of pedestrians.

PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES

May 18th.—At the Club this day, Phipps tells me a droll tale of how a member of the watch, seeing a woman lying on the ground and a motor coach speeding up the street, did ask a man standing near if the coach did knock the woman down. "Indeed, no," replied the man. "The coach did stop to let her pass and she did faint from the shock of it." Falling into discourse of our fish markets, he tells me how it was given him on good authority that there is yet 100 thousand quintals of fish in the country and the markets are overstocked, yet has every hope that the year will be a prosperous one. By despatches out of America, news of the rum fleet now high dived away, being that the ex-convicts do pursue the bootleggers with more force than ever before. Yet do I venture to think that the country will never be dry, nor can any number of excise officers make it so even with the most extreme vigilance. This night, my wife and I to the Nickel house, there to see the "Originals," and she all of a twitter being the first time in many months that I have taken her to a play. But, Lord, I did never see a better performance, and above all else, Mr. Pearson impersonating a woman, did make such a pretty wretch that methinks all the men that were there did lose their hearts to him. I am determined to go another time to see it.

McMurdo's Store News

We have just received a shipment of the world famous Caulk Mercian Preparations. We have:
 Caulk Mercian Lotion \$1.10 bottle.
 Caulk Mer. Dentifrice, 45c. bottle.
 Caulk Denta Creme for artificial Dentures 60c. bottle.
 Caulk Mercirex, a new treatment for Skin Diseases 85c. Pot.
 Mercian Lotion is a mouth wash prepared by the Caulk Dental Research Clinic, and used by Dentists in their work. It has a very agreeable taste, and keeps the mouth in good condition. Mer Dentifrice is a different kind of Tooth Paste, not acid or strongly Alkaline. It is not a bleacher but it cleans and polishes the teeth in a natural way. Caulk Denta-Creme, for false teeth. This preparation removes all deposits, and restores the original smooth, comfortable polish without any damage.
 Mercirex is the Caulk treatment for Eczema, pimples, itch, boils, and other skin disorders.

Oporto Stocks

May 18	May 11
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42857	40972
4572	4915

A Splendid Revue

Jointly, Melody and Variety of "The Originals" Capitate The Audience.

The audience which filled the Nickel Theatre last night to witness the first production of "Stepping Out," by "The Originals," were quickly convinced that there was no other possible name for that talented troupe. Artistic settings, tuneful music, lightning-like changes, humorous skits, delightful singing and splendid elocution made the two and a half hours of the revue all too short, and it is certain that all who were present will take the earliest opportunity to see them again. It was the chance of a lifetime for a laugh, and it is seldom that we have seen an audience let itself go in such unrestrained mirth. In fact it was impossible to do otherwise. The whole programme is a rare combination of humor and melody, and the players are past masters in both. Certainly the Originals went right over the top, in spite of the fact that it was the opening performance right after a long journey, and they carried the whole house with them in an irresistible rush.

The whole public had heard a great deal about "Miss" Gene Pearson, but no one was quite prepared for the dazzling beauty, who appeared as Madame Helena, at the re-union of the original members of the -th Battery, in an amazing gown and thrilled the audience with "her" soprano voice and graceful acting. "Mrs." Alan Murray also, in the role of Madame's maid, which perhaps did not call for such grace of action or such melodious singing, was no less a surprise. The impersonation of these performers throughout the revue and that of Mr. Leonard Young, as the dear Duchess of Dishwater, were somewhat of a revelation, and we are quite convinced that there is more truth than fiction in the rumor that at several places where the troupe appeared, callers at the green room refused to be convinced that they had been deceived by appearances.

Mr. Bob Anderson, as John Willie Shuffbottom, scored a well deserved success in his numerous roles. His imitable stage appearance and his ready wit, thoroughly entertained the audience, and perhaps we are not far astray in saying that St. John's has seldom, if ever, been visited by a more versatile and gifted comedian.

Solos, duets, quartettes, sextettes and choruses, were all rendered in a delightful manner and Mr. Dunn in "Pasliacchi" won a hurricane of applause. One of the most striking scenes was "Heroes," a satirical tableau vivant, exceedingly well conceived and effectively carried out. It strikingly illustrated the tragic side of the hero in misfortune after the glamour of war had passed.

Those of the audience to whom vocal music makes the chief appeal, could desire nothing better than Bernard Langley's (Sgt. Major Pep) solo "Drinking," "Jog Along Jasper," "Rolling Down To Rio," by the Original Quartette, "Come Sing To Me," by the Pierrots, or "In The Night Time," by the Pierrots. In his various character sketches and particularly as the Rev. Mr. Philpott, Norman Blume made a tremendous hit.

It is impossible to do full justice to all who helped in this brilliant programme, but we feel certain that the gentlemen who make up the cast will be thoroughly well known by the music loving public in St. John's before their week's engagement is over, so that they will receive the appreciation they so fully merit is certain.

The executive staff and in particular Mr. Frederick Gordon, the musical director, are to be highly complimented on the general efficiency of the Company and the efficient manner in which the revue was staged.

Car Went Over Bridge

Last evening a motorist accompanied by a little child whilst coming out the Blackmarsh Road went over the bridge at the head of Mundy Pond. Fortunately the drop was not very great, and the child received only a few scratches. The car was slightly damaged. A woman who was getting a bucket of water at the point where the car went over had a narrow escape being killed as the machine missed her by only a few inches.

Took Precautions

About a month ago a serious throat infection broke out amongst horses in the city and in order to prevent the spread of the disease Inspector Barker, of the S.P.A., advised that the water be shut off from the drinking fountains. This plan was adopted and apparently was successful as the disease has now practically disappeared. The Council accordingly have turned on the water at the different fountains to-day.

Magistrate's Court

A man convicted for a breach of Sub-section 3, Section 24, of the Alcoholic Liquors Act, and a second charge for disorderly conduct on the public street, was fined \$10 or in default 30 days imprisonment.
 A second man charged with a breach of Sub-section 4, Section 23, of the Alcoholic Liquors Act, was convicted and fined \$10 or 30 days.

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

THE IRISH FLAG ON THE HIGH SEAS.

ROBOKEN, N.J., May 19.—The Irish flag will return to the sea to-morrow morning when the North German Lloyd steamer Bremen departs on its initial trip for Ireland. This will be the first time in 500 years it is said that the flag has flown at sea. The steamer will call at Queenstown. The German Steamship Co. decided to fly the Irish flag on the Bremen when the regular service to Ireland was begun, it was explained.

PROPAGANDISTS OF ABD-EL-KRIM BEST.

PARIS, May 19.—Abd-el-Krim, the Leader of the Rebel Rifian not only is mobilizing important forces in front of the French along the Ouergha River in Morocco, but is declared to be utilizing an extensive efficient propaganda organization behind the French. Marshal Lyautey is taking steps to clear out from the pacified regions of Morocco, the agents of Abd-el-Krim who everywhere are insidiously spreading the idea of revolt.

ESTHONIA'S DEBT TO U. S. A.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Secretary Mellon as Chairman of the United States Debt Commission is expected soon to receive a definite proposal from the Government of Esthonia for a funding of that nation's debt to the United States. Esthonia owes the United States \$17,784,000.

FRANCE INVESTIGATING THE DEBT QUESTION.

PARIS, May 19.—Pending the preliminary conversations on France's debt, the French Government is going ahead with the task of trying to find out exactly how much France borrowed from her allies and associates during the war, the conditions under which such debts were contracted, and the rate of interest agreed at the time. Also it will establish the credit side of France's ledger, totalling the amounts owed to France by the allies and associates and the legal conditions under which these obligations fall. The report on the amounts owed to France by her allies and associates will show that France had an amount due her which should quite materially reduce her war time indebtedness.

PRINCE'S AFRICAN TOUR EXTENDED.

CAPE TOWN, May 19.—It was officially announced to-day that the Prince of Wales' tour of South Africa will be extended one week. He will leave Cape Town for South America on July 28th, instead of the 22nd, as planned, and will thus have a week's rest at Cape Town after concluding the African tour.

SECOND READING OF BUDGET BILL.

LONDON, May 19.—The House of Commons began a lengthy debate on the second reading stage of the Bill embodying Chancellor Churchill's Budget, in connection with the insurance plan for granting pensions to widows, the principal criticisms of the measure have come from the Labor Party on the ground of its contributory principle, and friends of the Government also, who are apprehensive that the contributions demanded from employers of labor will prove a serious handicap to trade and industry.

BRITISH JOURNAL CRITICIZES U. S. PROPOSALS.

LONDON, May 19.—The Morning Post commenting upon the action of the United States in soliciting funding proposals from European debtors condemns the United States' attitude on the question, and deplores the present step. Assuming that considerations of international policy have something to do with the matter, the newspaper described the action of the Washington Government as another illustration of the unhappy influence which legislators exercise too frequently in these Democratic days in the realm of foreign affairs.

FRENCH REINFORCEMENTS IN HADAT, May 19.

General Billotte has arrived with heavy French reinforcements on the Rifian front in the Chachouan region. The troops being organized strong defenses in this territory, which is directly menaced by concentrations of Rifians. The situation is otherwise unchanged. French headquarters report.

EXTREMES OF TEMPERATURE.

SASKATOON, Sask., May 19.—With the aid of cooling breezes Saskatchewan is beginning to revive after the hottest day of the year. At mid afternoon yesterday thermometer in the city stood at 85; Sunday they touched 85; last Friday they were just a few degrees off freezing point.

Susu Sails North

S.S. Susu, Capt. Jacob Kean, sailed for the Fogo Mail Service route, at 2 p.m. The Susu took a full outward cargo for intermediate ports, besides the following passengers:—Willis Tulk, J. Brenson, Mrs. Wicks, Miss Gilligan, Mrs. A. Blackwood and Miss Blackwood. The body of Mr. Alpheus Wicks was also forwarded by the ship for interment at Greenspond.

SPECIAL MATINEE AT NICKEL

"ORIGINALS" in "STEPPING OUT"

To-Morrow, Wednesday, 2.30
 Balcony 30c. Main Floor, Reserved, 50 & 75c.

Oporto Market

Messrs. Lind and Couto, Fish Dealers, Oporto writing to the Board of Trade underdated April 23rd, say. Since we last wrote you demand for British fish has not been very active, which is a pity as our market is much overstocked. Norwegian and other cured are attracting considerable attention. The Iceland fish cured here is now on sale. A further shipment of 3755 bales of French codfish arrived here on the 8th, inst. by S. S. Duplex. Fortunately the weather has been fairly cool up to the present but we may expect warm weather at any time, in which case inferior qualities will have to be cleared at large reductions. As it is, prices of all qualities have fallen and if demand does not improve the situation will soon become very serious.

Caribou Will be Launched June 10th

Word was received by the Railway Management yesterday from the shipbuilders in Holland, stating that splendid progress is being made on the new ship Caribou, and she will be ready for launching by June 10th. Capt. Stewenson will take command of the ship and proceed to England where she will be outfitted. Steward John Pike, who is at present on the Kyle, will leave for the Old Country in a few weeks to look after the supplies, etc.

Personal

We regret to learn of the serious disposition of Mrs. Frank Morris, wife of His Honor Justice Morris of the Central District Court. Mrs. Morris was stricken suddenly whilst attending the theatre last night and lapsed into unconsciousness. This morning she showed but very little signs of improvement.

Sir John Crobble and Hon. M. S. Sullivan have been called out of town on important business and will be absent for a day or two.

Mr. Ken Goodyear, accompanied by Mrs. Goodyear and child, left by the express to-day for their home in Grand Falls.

Mr. W. I. Bishop, of the contracting firm of Bishop & Co., leaves by Sunday's express for Montreal.

Among the many Newfoundlanders who were successful in gaining distinctions in Canadian Colleges this year was Mr. Thomas Harris. He returned by yesterday's express for the holidays having successfully completed his course at St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish and obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Mr. Harris is the eldest son of the Deputy Minister of Public Works and is an ex-pupil of St. Bonaventure's College.

Government Boats

Argyle left Argentina 6.45 p.m. yesterday, going west.

Clyde left Lewisporte 9.30 a.m. yesterday.

Glencoe leaving Argentina after arrival Wednesday's train.

Home left for Greenspond 9.30 last night.

Kyle left Port aux Basques 8.35 p.m. yesterday.

Malakoff left Salvage 1.05 p.m. yesterday, outward.

Portia left La Pello 6 p.m. yesterday, coming east.

Prospero left Concho 9.15 a.m. yesterday, coming south.

Sagons left Curling 5.30 p.m. yesterday, outward.

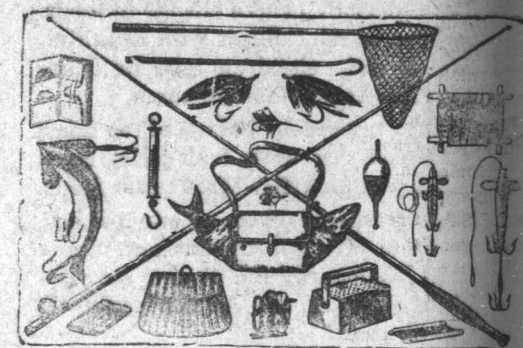
A Deserving Appeal

A case at Torbay well deserving of the small amount of assistance required has been brought to our attention. A boy of 15 years of age, named George Woodfine, who lost his sight some years ago, is desirous of proceeding to Halifax to enter the School for the Blind. All arrangements have been made with the Institution, but the sum of \$100.00 is required for clothing and other expenses. His mother is dead, his father was killed out west in an explosion, and his uncle, who has looked after him since then, is unable to provide the necessary cash.

We feel certain that in such a worthy cause the assistance needed will readily be forthcoming. No doubt Rev. A. Tulk, the Rector of Pouich Cove would be very willing to receive any contributions.

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 Counter Ferrules—
 14c. 17c. 20c. 22c. 30c. ea.
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 Landing Net Handles60c. 80c. ea.
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 15c. 17c. 20c. per 100
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BORN.

At Clare's Mercy Hospital, on 18th inst., a son to Const. and Mrs. Wade, St. Lawrence.

On May 15th, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. S. Rowsell, 12 Quiddi Vidi Road, St. John's.

MARRIED.

On April 19th, 1925, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Boston, by the Rev. A. P. Arnold, S.J., Miss Anna (Nancy) Goss of this city to Victor G. Gignac, Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

DIED.

Suddenly, on May 15th, at Halifax, N.S., Walter Guzewell, aged 68 years, leaving a wife, brother and sister in Nova Scotia; also one brother, Albert of this city.

At Grand Falls, on the 18th inst. Charlotte, beloved wife of Patrick Edwards, leaving 4 children and two sisters to mourn their sad loss. Funeral will take place this afternoon at 2.30 p.m. from St. G. Collier's Mortuary Rooms, R.I.P.

This morning, at 6 o'clock, Ellen Curtis, beloved wife of John Rogers of the Colonial Cordage Co., aged 75 years. She leaves one son, James and three grandchildren to mourn their sad loss. Funeral will take place this afternoon at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 14 Hutchings St. R.I.P.—Boston papers please copy.

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