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Taxes Are Staggering, Canadian Manufacturers Announce
BRITISH LABORERS' NEW SYSTEM

TAXES ARE UNBEARABLE IN CANADA
Canadian Manufacturers' Leader Says the Situation is Intolerable.

DISCUSSES TARIFF

Overhead Too Great and Too Many Railways for the Population.

(Canadian Press.)

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 24.—Pressure of high taxation and remedies for the same; tariff and its cause and effect—these were prominent questions discussed today at the special general meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. About 300 delegates are present, including a representative party from Western Canada, Quebec and the Maritimes.

"Our taxes at present are staggering," was the popular note struck by Howard Smith, of Montreal, president of the association, in an address at the noon luncheon. He proceeded to give his view of the situation. The condition in the Dominion arises, he said, chiefly because of the smallness of the population.

Too Great Overhead
"Our overhead is too great," said the president. "We have enough machinery now in the Dominion. Provincial and Municipal Governments to govern fifty millions of people instead of nine. We have enough railways to serve two or three times our population. Our present system of manufacturing, banking, retailing and wholesaling would provide for the wants of many millions with very little additional expense. Our taxes are only high in proportion to our population.

"If our population doubled or tripled in the next few years we would not have to worry about taxes. Under present conditions we are worrying because business cannot stand existing internal taxation. It has become intolerable and must be reduced."

Taxation Situation
Mr. Smith submitted propositions of immigration and tariff changes as remedial measures for the taxation situation. The tariff must be scientifically adjusted—raised or lowered to meet the needs of the industries—and proper migration assured, before any reduction of taxation in the Dominion could be expected.

Proposals for submission to the Dominion Government along the lines of the president's address are being taken up by the executive council this afternoon.

HOOVER TO ROW AROUND FLORIDA
Adopts New Method of Getting Ready for Olympic Try-Outs.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 24.—Walter Hoover, former world's sculling champion, plans to row himself and his training equipment 300 miles around the Florida coast from Jacksonville to Miami, before starting his regular conditioning exercises preliminary to the Olympic try-outs.

The Duluth sculler will leave here tomorrow accompanied by Al Rodin, his understudy, who is training to row with Hoover in the doubles sculling event. They expect to make 35 miles a day on their paddling excursion.

As long as the harbor here remains frozen over, Hoover and Rodin will stay in the south. The former champion believes he will be in top form by spring.

Reach Everest Top Likely This Year
London, Jan. 24.—The summit of Mount Everest will probably be reached this year, in the opinion of Dr. T. G. Longstaff, a member of the last expedition. "It all depends on the weather," he said. "If the climbing party reach the same altitude they did last time, 27,000 feet, before the eve of the blizzard season, they should successfully accomplish the final 2,000, but at that altitude a blizzard would just kill you."

Murderer in Sing Sing Has \$159,508

New York, Jan. 24.—Alphonse J. Stephani, a life convict at Sing Sing, has an estate of \$159,508, according to an accounting filed in the County Clerk's office by the Equitable Trust Company, committee of person. The accounting shows that Stephani paid an income tax of \$45.49 to the Government and \$25.80 to the State. Although numerous expenditures are listed in the accounting, including \$1,500 to Charles L. Hoffman, as referee, and the same amount to Theodore Gibson, as guardian, there is nothing to show that Stephani spent any money for his own comfort. He was sentenced to Sing Sing in 1903 for the murder of ex-Judge G. F. Reynolds, an attorney.

SAW GODWIN AT WHITESIDE HOUSE ON CHRISTMAS

Dry Dock Employee Says He Saw Prisoner Running to Steps.

That he saw Stewart Godwin running down to steps that lead to the dock on Christmas afternoon between 3:30 and 4 o'clock was the substance of evidence given this afternoon in the police court by Alvin Bates, an employee of the St. John Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co., when the preliminary hearing in connection with the East John murder charge against young Godwin was resumed this afternoon.

Mr. Bates said that on Christmas afternoon he was at East St. John and while passing the Whiteside house he saw a fellow run from the house down to the steps. He described the cap and sweater worn by the person he saw and said he wore his socks pulled over his pants.

The prisoner was asked to put on his cap and when the witness was asked if he was the person he saw there, he replied in the affirmative.

Vancouver Has Justified "Boost"

Toronto, Jan. 24.—The Toronto Globe says editorially today: "There was derisive laughter not long ago when some Vancouver boosters asserted that within a short time this city would do as much deep sea shipping as Montreal, and would in all probability become the greatest port on the Pacific coast of North America. Nobody is laughing now. With entirely inadequate elevator and warehousing facilities, Vancouver handled 24,000,000 bushels of grain in 1923, almost four million bushels more than Seattle and Portland combined."

Wire Briefs
Amsterdam, Jan. 24.—The Bank of the Netherlands today increased its discount rate to five per cent.

New England—Increasing cloudiness followed by snow and possibly rain. Warmer, increasing easterly winds.

Paris, Jan. 24.—The parliamentary session will be held in May, there is bound to be a big slump in the stock.

A Canadian Press cable quotes the financial editor of the Daily Express as saying: "It is expected by those directly concerned that the price of the Grand Trunk Pacific debenture stock will advance to 90. The present price is 45." The newspaper warns the people against being over sanguine and says it is difficult to see how a dividend can be paid if the subsidiary lines of the Canadian National Railways again show losses.

Dog Reveals Two Drownings
Rochdale, Jan. 21.—A wet dog that returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zajack of Greenville, long after supper time and refused to be cheered by the prospect of a meal, was the first inkling the Zajacks had that their two sons, Dominick, aged 10, and Michael, aged 12, who had fallen to appear at the usual hour for the evening meal, might be drowned.

The faithful animal led the way to a hole in the ice on the pond where the two lads had been skating, and hours afterward the bodies were recovered with grating tools.

BRITISHERS WIN AGAIN
Oakland, Calif., Jan. 24.—Arthur G. Havers, British open golf champion, and James Ockenden, French champion, yesterday defeated W. J. Fries, Claremont Country Club professional, and Johnny McHugh, California A. C., 7 and 6 in a 36 hole exhibition match.

REBELS ARE LOSING ALL ALONG LINE

Guadalajara Evacuated by Them as Federal Troops Steadily Advance.

END APPROACHES

Sonora Forces Joining Loyalists to Bring Revolution to Close.

(By Canadian Press.)

Washington, Jan. 24.—Mexican revolutionary forces under Gen. Estrada have evacuated Guadalajara, capital of the state of that name, in the face of a steady advance by federal troops, the Mexican embassy says in a statement summarizing official despatches.

The rebel defenses on the west of Jalisco front have completely collapsed, the statement adds. The city of Victoria, capital of the State of Tamaulipas, where a small band of federal troops went over to the rebels, has been retaken.

Gen. Aguirre, at the head of a large force of Sonora troops, is advancing into Tamaulipas to co-operate with the loyal federalists in bringing the rebellion to an end.

Sanchez Mortally Wounded
Laredo, Texas, Jan. 24.—Guadalupe Sanchez, one of the foremost revolutionaries in the Huasteca region, was mortally wounded in a personal encounter with Gen. Ponciano Carranza, his aide, according to information which the Mexican consulate here announced it had received.

Tampico, Jan. 24.—Federal forces engaged in driving rebel bands out of the oil district have taken the town of Quilpan in the Huasteca region. Rebels yesterday took possession of Linarses between Monterey and Ciudad Mier, but the rebels were driven from Monterey regained the town. More than fifty revolutionaries were killed in the fighting.

It is expected that rail service between Tampico and Monterey will be resumed in a few days.

G. T. P. DEBENTURES SPECULATED IN

Bull Operators in England Believe Long Overdue Interest Will Be Paid in March.

(By HARRY N. MOORE)

London, Jan. 24.—Heavy speculation in Grand Trunk Pacific four per cent debentures by bull operators during the last few days is believed due to a confident expectation on the part of investors that the long overdue interest will be forthcoming next March. This prediction ignores the fact that, so far, the Canadian Government has persisted in refusing to state its intentions in this matter. The bulls believe that this stock would rise at least fifteen points in the London market if the interest were paid. Should the prediction be unfounded and the Ottawa Government persist in its refusal to come to the rescue of the debenture holders, there is bound to be a big slump in the stock.

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SOLDIERS ARE AFTER PENSION OFFICERS
Veterans Demanding Dismissal of Officials, Following Royal Commission Hearing.

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Son's Poor Spelling Costs Mother \$1,003

New York, Jan. 24.—John Konop, 28, of Astoria, failed in a spelling test in the Long Island City Municipal Court, and Judge Hetherington entered a judgment of \$1,003 against Mrs. Anelia Konop, his mother. Mrs. Konop, the executor of her husband's estate, was sued on a promissory note by Andrew Knippert, director of the bank asked one of the Long Island City. She produced a typewritten receipt bearing the signature of Knippert, and her son testified that he had written the receipt on his typewriter and saw Knippert sign it when he received the money. Judge Hetherington thereupon directed the spelling test. He dictated words and phrases from the receipt to Konop, and the young man misspelled so many that Judge Hetherington decided against the validity of the receipt.

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It is understood that the committee's claim to government consideration is based on the contention that, during the Home Bank's operation, the government assumed national stability during the Home Bank's operation, and that the Home Bank's assets during 1916, 1917 and 1918, when deposits were expressed as to the bank's ability to carry on, the bank might have been wound up without loss to depositors. This being the case, the committee urges that Canada should assume the liability of the bank's failure.

A proposal was tentatively discussed here by Mr. Weldon that the government should loan \$1,000,000 to the Home Bank, as a guarantee for savings depositors, and that half of this sum should be loaned to the Home Bank to cover its deficit and reimburse depositors. It is estimated that within forty years interest on this loan would repay the government. The committee also waited upon Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, and received promise of sympathetic consideration.

WANT PROTECTION ON SHOES HIGHER
Convention in Montreal Passes Resolution in Matter of Imports.

Montreal, Jan. 24.—The appeal of the Canadian Shoe Mfg. Association for higher protection against imports of boots and shoes from Great Britain and Germany was supported unanimously at a joint meeting of representatives of all branches of the footwear industry at the convention which closed here yesterday.

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Old and the New



The wife and daughter of Chief Red Eagle, of the Ojibwa tribe, snapped on a Washington, D. C. street. The daughter Mary is dressed in the latest American fashion, while the mother clings to ancient tribal garb. The Indians are in the capital in interest of dining affairs.

SIXTEEN STEAMSHIP COMPANIES TO LAND THROG OF IMMIGRANTS AT HALIFAX

Toronto, Jan. 24.—Commencing early in March some sixteen steamship companies now making calls at New York, Portland, Boston and Philadelphia, will inaugurate a trans-Atlantic service between Halifax and European ports in connection with an aggressive colonization and immigration policy, it is announced, following the annual conference of executive heads and officers of the various departments of the C. N. R.

With the calling of these steamers at Halifax, it is contemplated that the newcomers from various parts of the continent reaching Canada with the early spring sailings will be the largest in the history of the Dominion. Plans for the handling and distribution of the newcomers at points between the Atlantic and the Pacific were discussed by the railway heads of the Government system.

GIVES SCHOOL TIP
Laurentide President Speaks of Education Value in Business.

Montreal, Jan. 24.—Addressing the 11th annual convention of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association here yesterday, George Chaloum, Jr., president of the Laurentide Company, Limited, spoke on "The place of the technical man in the paper industry," and maintained that success in business or in life would never be taught in college or school, and that the ability to handle men and inspire confidence was a factor more important than how to control material. He thought the curriculum of the standard engineering school laid too much stress on mathematics, physics and other nature sciences, almost excluding a study of economics, history, science of government, and many other subjects which dealt more directly with the human factors in industry and life in general.

Gives Evidence Against Anderson
New York, Jan. 24.—Wm. M. Potter, former head bookkeeper of the Anti-Saloon League, testified yesterday at the trial of Wm. H. Anderson, league superintendent, that at Anderson's direction he had transferred entries in the league books and written checks for Anderson which were charged to the salary account of O. Bertsall Phillips, collector.

British Bankers Help Government
London, Jan. 24.—(Canadian Press.)—Lord Colwyn, chairman of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank, declared yesterday that the bankers of Great Britain would do all in their power to render assistance to the new government no matter what personal or political views they held. He made this declaration at the annual meeting of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank.

Steamship Thought To Have Fought
Marseilles, Jan. 24.—The cargo steamer Montrose, which left Oran, Algeria, for Dunkirk, on January 8, has not been heard from, and is believed to have foundered in the recent tidal wave off the Atlantic coast. The vessel is owned here.

Weather Report
Toronto, Jan. 24.—Pressure is highest over the St. Lawrence Valley and the western provinces, while a deep impression is developing in the Mississippi Valley. The weather is very cold in the western provinces and the Ottawa Valley; elsewhere it is moderate.

Forecast:
Gales Tomorrow; Then Rain. Maritime—Moderate winds; fair and moderately cold today. Friday, southerly winds, increasing to gales, with rain at night.

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New York ... 26

C.P.R. LOSES ITS WINDSOR OFFICES
Cafe and Other Business Places Also Wiped Out in Fire.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 24.—The Cadillac Cafe, C. P. R. ticket and telegraph office, Reynolds & Sons' insurance office, Garfield Electric Stores, and Windsor News Co. offices are smoking ruins following a fire last night, which started in the kitchen of the cafe in Sandwich street west in the business section. The fire spread with such rapidity that patrons of the cafe were forced to flee without securing their outer wraps. Building loss alone is placed at about \$40,000.

U. S. TROOPS BURN PHILIPPINE TOWN
Take Stern Measures to Quell Uprising of Religious Fanatics.

Manila, Jan. 24.—One constabulary soldier and two fanatics were killed in a clash on Bucas Island, off the coast of Mindanao, where members of the religious Society of Colours have been causing trouble, according to advices here from Surigao.

The town of Socorro, where fanatics have entrenched themselves, has been burned by Colonel Bowers, constabulary commander of Surigao, who believes that its destruction will result in collapse of the uprising.

Colonel Bowers, who recently asked for reinforcements in measures to pacify the fanatics after they had killed 100 constabulary soldiers and lost 80 of their own number, telegraphed today that he landed at Socorro with 100 men under cover of machine gun fire from the gunboat Sacramento. He found the fanatics fortified and apparently prepared to hold the town.

Their number recently was reported to be 600. After burning the town Colonel Bowers took his force aboard the Sacramento.