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CHARGE AGAINST RETAIL MEN IN CITY OF TORONTO

Allegation That Some Have Been Pocketing Part of the Luxury Tax.

Toronto, Sept. 17.—It is alleged that Toronto retail merchants have been defrauding the dominion government in connection with the luxury tax, and that thousands of dollars that should have gone to the government has gone into the merchants' pockets instead.

One method by which retail merchants are said to connive with purchasers to avoid payment of the new luxury taxes, is by taking the invoice to cover more than one article. It is said that one retailer has been discovered in this. An article sold at \$4.00 over the taxable price was invoiced with several other non-taxable articles which the purchaser did not buy at all. They are entered only to split up the amount of the purchase and avoid the tax.

RAILWAY TOURS

Grand Trunk Arbitrators on Inspection — C. N. R. Visit East Soon.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—Sir Walter Cassels, Sir Thomas White and Hon. William Howard Taft, arbitration selected to fix the value of Grand Trunk Railway stock to be acquired by the dominion, will commence their inspection of Grand Trunk properties in Montreal on Monday. They will travel over the system later and will likely begin their enquiry early in November.

The directors of the Canadian National Railway will commence a tour of the western lines of the system on Monday.

A BIG SURPLUS FOR AUSTRALIA

Budget Statement — Swing of One Member Restores Government Majority.

London, Sept. 17.—(By Canadian Associated Press)—The Australian budget shows a revenue of more than £22,000,000 sterling and a £2,000,000 surplus. The customs and excise taxes amounted to £4,000,000 over the estimates and the total excess revenue was £6,000,000. The total war expenditure was £281,000,000 of which £70,000,000 has been paid from the revenue. The war debt is now £293,000,000 while other debts are £46,000,000. Nineteen millions has been spent on soldiers' repatriation.

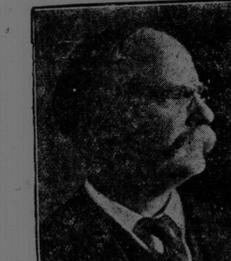
The political situation in Australia will prevent Premier Hughes attending the Geneva conference of the League of Nations. Senator Millen will be the Australian representative.

QUEBEC STREET CAR CONDUCTORS ARE DISMISSED

Quebec, Sept. 17.—(By Canadian Press)—Eight conductors on the Quebec street railway have been dismissed within the last few days. A special meeting of the employees' union has been called for Friday evening to look into the matter.

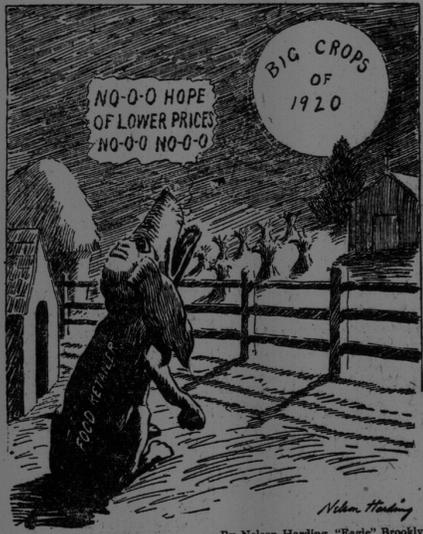
SOON SAYS CHIEF. Rev. W. D. Wilson, chief liquor inspector, is in the city today on official business but this morning said there was nothing to announce at present regarding appointments or resignations. He said, however, that announcements would be made in the near future.

LIKELY TO REPRESENT CANADA AT GENEVA



Hon. Charles Doherty, Minister of Justice, who is almost certain to be one of the Dominion's representatives to the Assembly of the League of Nations.

BAYING THE HARVEST MOON



—By Nelson Harding, "Eagle" Brooklyn.

Deaths in New York Explosion Now 33

INJURED ABOUT 200—EVIDENCE POINTS TO BOMB

New York, Sept. 17.—Partially revised lists at 11 o'clock today showed that thirty-three persons had lost their lives in the explosion in Wall street yesterday. Approximately 200 persons were injured, besides scores who received only slight cuts from flying glass.

The Commissioner Brennan reported today to Mayor Hylan that the explosion evidently was caused by a bomb. More than 150 pounds of broken glass weights and other metal fragments have been collected by the fire department at the scene of the disaster, and turned over to the police.

At police headquarters it was said the first task of detectives would be to assemble the fragments in an effort to reconstruct the bomb and determine whether it was made by skilled hands or by a novice.

The explosion, according to the official investigators "apparently occurred in a horse-drawn wagon at a point almost opposite an entrance to the United States assay office."

The investigators found that the wagon had a red running gear and that there were no marks on the harness other than to show it was for one horse. The small pieces of window weights with which the internal machine had been loaded had been "fused by intense heat," indicating they had been cut into slugs by a high powered gas burner.

An Infernal Machine. New York, Sept. 17.—The mysterious explosion that rocked New York's financial district yesterday, causing death to many and injury to 200, was probably caused by an infernal machine, possibly a time bomb, according to the almost unanimous opinion of expert investigators of the department of justice and the police today.

Search of the wreckage near the scene revealed, according to a high official, who requested that his name be withheld, fragments of clockwork, such as is commonly used in making bombs. There were also found pieces of curved metal, which were also found beneath the surface of the pavement in a hole caused by the explosion. Another piece of similar metal was taken from the body of Robert Westday, a sixteen year old messenger, who was killed, according to Dr. C. H. Norris, chief medical examiner.

New York, Sept. 17.—Two more names were added to the death list with the announcement that John Donohue, a Brooklyn accountant, and John W. Weil, a resident in hospitals this morning of injuries received in the explosion.

Prevention Elsewhere. The financial centres of big United States cities from coast to coast are armed camps today, with police and private sentries posted to guard against repetition of the explosion that rocked Wall street.

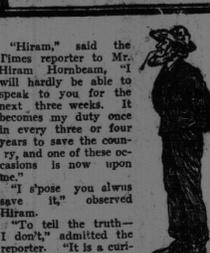
From Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Detroit, Baltimore, as far south as the Gulf of Mexico, and west to the Golden Gate, authorities announced heavy patrols of plain clothes men and police reserves in their big business districts, and federal agents worked with state and city officials to run down reports of widespread extremist plots.

The Wall street scene of yesterday's blast is roped off. The Stock Exchange and allied organizations resumed business at the usual hour this morning. K—Lead explosion. (See page 9).

PRESENTATION TO MR. BRINDLEY

Before leaving to resume his studies at Acadia, Wolfville, Thomas Brindley, who has been administering the Baptist congregation at Grand Bay during the summer was tendered a farewell social early in the week and a well filled purse was handed to him with the best wishes of the congregation. The event took place in the Baptist church and the presentation was made by Rev. W. R. Robinson.

As Hiram Sees It



"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I will hardly be able to speak to you for the next three weeks. It becomes my duty once in every three or four years to save the country, and one of these occasions is now upon me."

"I suppose you always save it," observed Hiram.

"To tell the truth—I don't," admitted the reporter. "It is a curious fact that there are times when it refuses to be saved. I have experienced such a condition more than once in years past."

"But you never was lonesome," said Hiram.

"Quite true," said the reporter. "There is never a shortage of earnest souls like myself ready to stave off national or provincial disaster, and the odd thing about it is that they do not always agree. Why I have had men tell me I was a wart on the body politic when I was going around with a cure for war. Strange—is it not?"

"Oh well," said Hiram, "it don't do to be too thin-skinned. Who be you going to elect this time?"

"Why my dear sir," said the reporter, "can you have any doubt on that point? Why there is only one—"

"Hold on there," said Hiram, "the people's choice may be three or four. I hev had a mind to do a little savin' this time myself. It's about time my government hed a chance—yes sir."

"Now see here," argued the reporter, "what is the use of talking like that? You know you can't get anywhere. The people—"

"You ain't the people," interrupted Hiram.

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Province Stirred By Call For Elections

SHARP AWAKENING OF INTEREST IN POLITICAL MATTERS

Significant Feature of Opposition Convention Notice—Foster Government Has Strong Grounds For Appeal, in Contrast to Record of Predecessors—Organization the Work of the Hour.

The province to-day is suddenly and busily talking politics. Apathy in connection with the federal by-election has been followed sharply by an awakening of general interest in political matters upon the announcement that the Foster government is going to the country and that the elections are to be held on October 9.

The local government is already busy with organization matters and preparation for the nomination of the candidates. The position of the farmers in several counties is attracting renewed attention, and the local opposition is calling a convention which, it is announced significantly, will deal with the matter of leadership, as well as of organization. This is taken to mean that after the failure of the last opposition convention to clean house, a belated attempt is now to be made to effect a shuffle in the leadership, in order to give a semblance of reform from the inside before going into battle.

Rumor says that Hon. James A. Murray is to be exchanged for Hon. Mr. Baxter, who was his close associate in the old government. There is a story in circulation that Hon. Mr. Murray is to be promoted a position within the gift of the federal government.

Organization is now the work of the hour, and a great deal depends upon the speed and efficiency with which friends of government carry out this work.

When the Foster government took over the conduct of affairs in New Brunswick conditions were undoubtedly bad, not only owing to the disorganization which they found as a legacy from the old government, but also because of the new administration faced a period of constantly rising prices, during which two dollars more was required to do the work which one did in the old years. Nevertheless, the government courageously carried on the various public departments at an exceptional high level of efficiency, greatly improving the roads and planning for still greater improvement, giving the forests increased protection and beginning their scientific classification, greatly extending the work of the department of agriculture and the benefit of the farming industry, introducing the Workmen's Compensation Act, giving the province an up-to-date health department, the work of which has already received strong and general commendation, giving votes to women, introducing vocational education, increasing the government grant to teachers in the public schools, carrying into force the prohibition law, finishing the Valley Railway, and launching the great enterprise for the development of hydro-electric power in the interests of the public.

Criticism of the government—and no government escapes criticism—has never been a serious character. There has been common recognition of the fact that the government was giving the province honest and enterprising service and striving earnestly to promote the best interests of the people.

The time has now come for active organization in every county in order that the government which has served the province so well since 1917 shall receive a strong public mandate to continue its good work.

QUESTION ABOUT GAME TOMORROW

"St. Peter's baseball team cannot play the St. George team here tomorrow and retain their amateur standing," was the ultimatum by A. W. Corey, president of the Maritime Amateur Athletic Union to a Times reporter this morning. The reason given is that the St. George team is not affiliated with the union.

The game between St. Peter's and St. George will be played tomorrow afternoon on St. Peter's diamond at 2:30 o'clock. With regard to the ultimatum issued by Mr. Corey, Thomas McGovern, manager of the team, said, "arrangements for the game were made with a understanding that St. George register that he was coming to the city for the express purpose of registering his team. Mr. McGovern said he learned that his application would not be accepted and he could not understand this. He said both he and Manager Doyle had acted in good faith and if the application was not accepted the game would be played."

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY OF MAYOR'S HUNGER STRIKE

London, Sept. 17.—Lord Mayor Terence MacSwiney, of Cork, who today begins the 36th day of his hunger strike at Brixton prison, passed a somewhat better night and had a little sleep, said a bulletin issued this morning by the Irish-Self-Determination League. It said the pains in his limbs and back continue, but that he was not suffering from the pain in his head from which he has frequently complained. It was declared a doctor had found him appreciably weaker but that he was still conscious.

O. B. U. BUT BIRD OF PASSAGE, SAYS LABOR MINISTER

Winnipeg, Sept. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Senator Gideon Robertson, minister of labor and member of the tariff commission, predicted here yesterday that the One Big Union was only a passing phase in the labor movement. "The legitimate labor movement," he said, "is an anchor to steady the workman from the waves of radicalism, which from time to time seek to wreck all that has been accomplished by way of constructive permanent improvement."

YARMOUTH LAD TO JOIN NAVY AS A MIDSHIPMAN

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—(By Canadian Press)—Four commissions as midshipmen in the Royal Canadian Navy have been granted to this year's graduates of the Royal Canadian Naval College—Patrick Willet Brock, Vancouver; Frederick Pickard, Victoria; Arthur Davy, Montreal, and Seymour Crowell, Yarmouth, N. S. They will sail soon for England to train on cruisers of the Imperial fleet.

COAL DIRECT FROM MINES FOR LABOR MEN IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Sept. 17.—The Montreal Trades and Labor Council last night decided to form a co-operative association for the purchase of coal direct from the mines in Pennsylvania.

GROUPS OF ATTACK ON SEARLES WILL

Boston Artist's Attempt to Prevent Millions Going Out of Family.

Salem, Mass., Sept. 17.—The issues on which Albert V. Searles, a Boston artist, will attempt to break the will of his uncle, Edward F. Searles of Methuen and New York, which left the residue of an estate estimated at \$50,000,000 to Arthur T. Walker, formerly a school teacher in Ontario and now of New York, will include questions whether the millionaire was of sound mind, when the will was drawn, and whether it was procured through fraud and undue influence.

Under the provisions of the will the Boston artist was given \$250,000, with the stipulation that he would forfeit all claims if he sought to break the will.

LOOKS LIKE BALTIMORE FOR THE PENNANT

Toronto, Sept. 17.—The championship of the International League will be decided between this and Sunday afternoon when all series games will have been played off. With one game to win and three to play Baltimore has a good chance for the pennant.

The Toronto team will play five games at Akron, Ohio, in the next couple of days.

FREDERICION RACES

Fredericton, Sept. 17.—For the horse races here September 21, 22 and 23 there are upwards of 100 entries with eighty horses entered in the nine races. Special trains to bring the horses to Fredericton are to leave St. Stephen and Woodstock on Sunday.

CONSERVATIVE LEAVES CONTEST

Means Another Supporter in Government Ranks in Manitoba.

The Pas, Man., Sept. 17.—Henry McKay of Grand Rapids, prospective Conservative candidate to oppose John Morrison in Rupert's Land withdrew on Wednesday and will not contest the seat. This practically assures Mr. Morrison's election by acclamation, adding another seat to the government benches of Manitoba.

LABOR SITUATION IN THE DOMINION

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Loss of time on account of industrial disputes was considerably less during August than during July this year or August, 1919. During the month there occurred twenty-three strikes involving 4,612 workers and resulting in the loss of 79,482 working days. Eight strikes were terminated during August leaving fifteen strikes, affecting only 744 workmen unsettled at the end of the month. Industrial employment throughout Canada showed a slightly downward tendency during the month.

OPENING THE LINE AFTER WASHOUTS

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 17.—The road-bed between Point Tupper and Iona, on the Cape Breton section of Canadian National Railways, rendered impassable during the past four days, has by washouts, has been repaired sufficiently for traffic today. The first through train is expected to reach Halifax tonight.

EXCHANGE TODAY

New York, Sept. 17.—Sterling exchange strong. Demand 3.501-4; cables 3.51. Canadian dollars 97-8 per cent discount.

OUTLINES AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCE POLICY

Premier Hughes, who, it is said, will be unable to attend important conferences in Europe because of problems confronting his government, has announced a defence scheme to cost more than \$36,000,000 annually. It includes compulsory training of boys of 16 years.

TRADE LARGER, EXPORTS SMALLER

Report on Canadian Business for Five Months Up to End of August.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Although the grant total of Canadian trade for five months of the fiscal year ended on August 31, shows an increase of \$202,829,838 as compared with the same period in 1919, the value of Canadian merchandise exported declined by more than \$20,000,000. The grand total of Canadian trade for the five months period of the present year was \$1,623,933,170, while in 1919 it was \$861,023,338.

PREDICTS WIN FOR 'DRYS' IN THE N. S. ELECTION

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 17.—"There is no question in my mind but that they will be a majority for prohibition in Nova Scotia when the referendum is held on the twenty-fifth" said Rev. H. R. Grant, chief "dry" organizer for the province to a representative of the Canadian Press last night.

The Local Council of women yesterday passed a resolution in approval of the referendum, and urged the women of the province the necessity of registering on the voters' lists immediately.

PHILIPS AND FERDINAND WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The low area which was in the Ottawa Valley yesterday has developed into a moderate storm now centered near Father Point, while over the western provinces and Great Lakes the barometer is quite high. The weather is showery in the Gulf and Maritime Provinces; elsewhere fine.

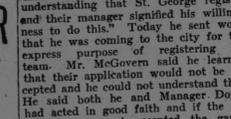
Fair and Cool. Maritime—Winds increasing to moderate gales from westward; showery, followed by clearing. Saturday, strong westerly winds, fair and cool.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—West and northwest gales, clearing. Saturday, westerly winds, fair and cool.

Northern New England—Fair tonight and Saturday; continued cool; fresh west to northwest winds.

The tennis matches there, against the wishes of his parents, who want to have him committed for treatment. He was a well known amateur tennis player about ten years ago, and once champion of New York state.

It is ridiculous to think that Ed. Fischer knew anything about this dreadful explosion," declared Mr. Ketchledge. "He was never a member of any radical organization. I think he was under one of his aberrations when he sent the post card, and it is just a coincidence that the explosion occurred the next day."



Ed. Fischer Had Sent Warnings to New York

Alleged to Be of Unsound Mind—Broker Says Aberrations Took Form of Hatred of Wall Street—Believes Him Free of Explosion Suspicion.

(Canadian Press Despatch). Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 17.—Edward P. Fischer, suspected of having knowledge of the bomb outrage in Wall street yesterday, was arrested in the Bank of Hamilton here this morning by the Hamilton police on allegation of insanity.

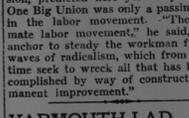
Fischer is alleged to have sent out post cards from Toronto to friends in New York, warning them of the explosion. His arrest came as the result of information laid with the local police by his brother-in-law, Robert Popo, of New York. The two men have been at the Royal Connaught Hotel here for the last couple of days.

Toronto, Sept. 17.—E. P. Fischer, who stayed at the Queens Hotel here for several days, leaving on Tuesday, the 14th, and was earlier registered at the Queen's Royal, Niagara on the lake, is said, while here, to have predicted that there would be an upheaval in New York yesterday. It is said, he talked wildly, denouncing millionaires.

New York, Sept. 17.—George W. Ketchledge, a broker in the financial district, received a post card from Toronto on Tuesday morning, according to this morning's World. It read: "Greetings. Get out of Wall street on the gone strike at three o'clock Wednesday (the 15th) good luck. Ed. Fischer."

Mr. Ketchledge told a World reporter yesterday that he had not been alarmed and noticed the warning only with a thought of sympathy for Fischer.

Fischer, the broker said, was a particularly good friend, was of a brilliant mind, but had been unable to practice his profession as a lawyer for the last fifteen years because of frequent attacks of paranoia which had always taken the form of an intense hatred for Wall Street. He said Fischer went to Toronto for work jury.



Hon. J. H. Thomas, M. P., President of the Trades Union Congress at Portsmouth who declares that the miners will not accept the government's offer but will hold to their claims.