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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1925 FORTY-SIXTH DOMINION GRANGE CONVENTION

Great Welcome For Constantine; Ministers Of Powers Hold Aloof

LUXURY TAX THAT WAS'S MUCH TALKED OF

Comment of Papers on Abolition of Impost

General Agreement that Dominion is Better Without It—Local Retail Merchants Association Congratulated on Victorious Fight.

Many telephone messages of congratulation were received by Miss P. P. Alward, secretary of the local branch of the Retail Merchants Association this morning on the victory which the association secured in the fight for abolition of the luxury tax.

Miss Alward said that the association had concentrated its efforts on the discontinuance of the tax and the substitution of a simple tax to be collected from the manufacturer or producer.

She said that Sir Henry Drayton, after his visit to this province, had told friends who are resident in St. John that Retail Merchants Association of New Brunswick had presented the best case in the fight against the tax of any organization in the dominion.

The dominion secretary, E. M. Trower, Miss Alward said, had been working hard against the taxation even since the budget was presented to the government, she found that the news of the cancellation of the luxury tax had already been received through the medium of the Canadian Press.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—The Morning Chronicle says: "The retail merchants have scored a victory in the fight against the abolition of the so-called 'luxury' tax. They protested against its imposition for several months. It will have few mourners."

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The Toronto World says: "There will be few mourners at the grave of the luxury tax, which has been suspended by an order-in-council, but which, we may take it for granted, has been for all practical purposes abolished."

Fredericton, Dec. 20.—The Gleaner says: "In abolishing the luxury tax, the Dominion government has acted wisely. It is for the government to determine just how the moneys which the direct tax supplied are to be made good in the budget of the next year, and there is no doubt that the government has already prepared the way."

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Satisfaction was generally expressed last night by prominent business men of this city, representative of the retail business interests on the decision of the federal government to remove the luxury tax.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—Leading merchants of Halifax last night expressed satisfaction when they heard of the abolition of the luxury tax.

Fifty Thousand Gathered as King Reads Address

Notable Ceremony in Cathedral in Athens—Allied Warships Said to Have Left Piraeus to Avoid Paying Honors.

Athens, Dec. 20.—Amid the thunder of cannon, the hum of circling airplanes and the roaring cheers of a great throng, Constantine of Greece entered Athens yesterday.

Immediately after alighting from the railway train, Constantine drove to the cathedral, where a magnificent service was held, all the bishops in Athens participating. It was noticeable that no foreign ministers were present during the welcoming ceremony.

The approach of the royal train was signalled by the arrival at the cathedral of the railway near Place de La Concorde of three royal carriages which stopped in front of the station at eleven o'clock.

In the throng were villages wearing the national costume of white skirt, red cap and black stockings, and a detachment of French blue-jackets was in evidence.

Constantine read his address in the presence of 50,000 persons. He was dressed in a marshal's uniform. Premier Rallis and Queen Victoria also were present.

Paris, Dec. 20.—An Athens dispatch says that Allied warships which had been in the harbor of Piraeus, the port of Athens, left prior to the arrival of Constantine on board the Greek cruiser Averoff, yesterday so as to avoid paying honors to the returning monarch.

U.S. AND OUR WHEAT

Report of Federal Trade Commission to President—Mr. Wilson's Powers.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The president of the United States is without power under existing law, "to shut out wheat imports," he apparently has certain powers under the Lever Act to stop future trading in wheat says the federal trade commission in a special report to President Wilson.

The commission says that "while evidence is not available that future trading is responsible for the decline in wheat prices, it does not appear that future trading in wheat as at present operating, is of indispensable service to the grain trade."

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—Landing merchants of Halifax last night expressed satisfaction when they heard of the abolition of the luxury tax.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—Harry Parnham, sixteen, of Riverside, is in hospital here with a bullet wound between the eyes as the result of a scuffle with his brother aged 10, who violently assaulted his claims to carry a twenty-two rifle with which the boys were hunting in the woods near Stewarville on last Friday.

BIG ROW ON IN THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT

Socialists and Nationalists in Fist Fight—A Terrible Time.

Rome, Dec. 20.—For two days there has been great excitement in the chamber of deputies over the discussion of resolutions presented by the Socialists concerning disorders which recently occurred at Lucca and in which the Socialists were beaten in an encounter with Nationalists.

Signor Corradini, under secretary of the interior, attempted on Saturday to describe the events at Lucca as they had been reported to the government, but the Socialists would not allow him to speak, hurling all sorts of insults at him.

Although many members tried to separate them, a terrible fight ensued. There were ten Socialists to each of the Nationalists.

Rome, Dec. 20.—Police carabinieri and troops were called out late on Saturday night to repress a demonstration before the chamber of deputies, made by persons favoring a bill granting an appropriation of more than 800,000,000 lire yearly in pensions to persons permanently disabled in the war and to orphans, widows and parents of those killed in the fighting.

London Institution Has Been Doing Business Largely With Small Depositors.

London, Dec. 20.—Farrow's Bank, an institution doing business largely with small depositors, has been doing business in the suburbs of London, where it had numerous branches, posted a notice this morning that payments were suspended.

GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE INTERESTS IN SHIP BUILDING

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—Competition of the ships of the Canadian government for the construction of the private shipping companies with those of private construction at a conference between Hon. C. B. Ballantyne, minister of marine, and prominent Halifax ocean transportation men here on Saturday afternoon according to the Halifax Herald.

Italy's Deficit Great

Rome, Dec. 20.—In presenting his budget statement in the chamber of deputies today Signor Meda, minister of finance, announced a budget deficit of nearly fourteen billion lire for 1925-26, which must be covered by loans or treasury operations.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well, sir," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I don't think the folks that goes into the stores is buyin' things the storekeepers won't hev no kick out of."

SENATOR DANIEL RESIGNS AS COMMISSIONER

Has Been 28 Years a Member of General Public Hospital Board.

Hon. Senator J. W. Daniel presented his resignation as a member of the board of commissioners of the General Public Hospital to the common council in the form of a letter which was read by the mayor this morning.

NO OPPOSITION BY ELECTION

Hon. D. W. Mersereau and Hon. J. E. Hetherington Returned Unopposed.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 20.—The provincial election today won two by-elections. Hon. J. E. Hetherington, provincial secretary-treasurer, and Hon. D. W. Mersereau, minister of agriculture, were returned without opposition in Queens and Sunbury counties.

WARSHIPS TUESDAY

Due at Halifax at 8 a. m.—The Order of Ceremonies to Be Observed.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—Wireless advices from the Aurora, Patriot and Patrician, which are now en route to this port, following their presentation by the British government to the people of Canada are that they will arrive at eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

Lowest Highest during 8 a. m. Yesterday night

Prince Rupert ... 28 44 28
Vancouver ... 42 49 40
Kamloops ... 32 30 30
Edmonton ... 16 16 16
Winnipeg ... 0 6 6
White River ... 21 28 20
Toronto ... 34 30 20
Kingston ... 24 30 18
St. John, N. B. ... 24 20 20
Montreal ... 16 28 22
Quebec ... 22 20 14
Halifax ... 28 24 18
St. John's, Nfld. ... 18 36 36
New York ... 26 24 18
Detroit ... 26 26 26
New York ... 27 26 26



Photo shows: J. C. Dixon, Moorefield, Ont.; Miss Hattie Robinson, St. Thomas, Ont.; Howard Bertram, Midhurst, Ont.; J. G. Leslie, M. P., Glencoe, Ont.; J. E. Orchard, Mining, Ont.; Miss Mary Thompson, Harrison, Ont.; Mrs. Lyle, St. Thomas, Ont.; John Pritchard, Harrison, Ont.; W. E. Wardell, St. Marys, Ont.; Judson Austin, Simcoe, Ont.; Harry Priest, Austen Mills, Ont.; Dawson Kennedy, Peterboro, Ont.

Dragnet Out For Every Crook In New York; 150 Are Taken

More Than 15,000 Police Taking Part in Round-up

Orders Are to "Drag Out Every Crook and Arrest Him at Sight"—If Nothing Proved Then Chase Him Out of the City.

New York, Dec. 20.—The most sweeping round up of crooks and suspicious characters in the history of New York, was under full swing today by the city's police force of 11,000 men, augmented by 4,800 reserves, in an effort to stem the wave of crime that startled the metropolis last week.

The crusade, which is being carried on in personal charge of the chief of police, is being carried on in the form of a letter which was read by the mayor this morning.

Several organizations called meetings for today to discuss the situation and to take counsel as to whether they should arm themselves.

MURDER CHARGE AGAINST SOLDIERS

Governor's Announcement Following Fatal Rioting in Philippines.

Manila, Dec. 20.—Charges of murder by the Philippine army against seven Filipino constabulary soldiers as a result of rioting on Wednesday, in which four United States citizens and seven Filipinos were killed, so Governor-General Francis Burton Harrison announced today.

POLICE COURT

In the police court today Tony Vasil, charged with having liquor in his presence unlawfully, pleaded not guilty.

MANY KILLED

Further Details of Earthquake and Landslide at Entrance to Bay in Italy.

Brindisi, Dec. 20.—Advices from Salerno, at the entrance of the Bay of Amalfi, give details of the earthquake which occurred there concurrently with the earthquake shocks signalled in the United States and Canada last Saturday.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Opening—Wheat 1.68 1/2; March 1.68. Corn Dec. 89 1/2; May 92 1/2. Oats Dec. 47 1/2; May 49 1/2.