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Warships for Canada Reach Halifax at The Hour Arranged

COMISKEY WANTS A HAND IN IT

Eager to Prosecute Crooked Ones in Baseball

Busy Winter Ahead for Ban Johnson—Dempsey Willing to Take on Winner of Greb-Smith Bout.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Work in connection with the prosecution of White Sox players under indictment for alleged throwing of games and in attempting to send to jail the gamblers who are said to have corrupted Comiskey's men in the 1919 world's series will give President Johnson, of the American League one of the busiest winters he has ever had in baseball so he said today on his return from New York.

It had been rumored that President Comiskey had endeavored to stop the gambling cases in order to have charge of the prosecution himself.

President Comiskey has placed the matter in the hands of his attorneys and has set aside \$10,000 to be used in unearthing the 1919 world's series scandal. His attorneys, it is said, are to confer with state's attorney, Robert Crowe, to learn just what can be done to hurry up the cases now before the courts.

Comiskey believes himself to be the one who suffered most from their dishonesty and that he should be allowed a hand in the prosecution.

Johnson also said he was working on a re-arrangement of the rules under which the major and minor leagues can operate.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 21.—Doy Moore of St. Paul, was awarded the judges' decision in a ten-round bout last night, Dempsey winning.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—John Bell, manager of the Motor Square Boxing Club, yesterday received a letter from Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, in which he stated that Dempsey was willing to box the winner of the Greb-Smith bout, to be held here Christmas day.

According to Bell, the Motor Square Club made an offer to Kearns last week of \$50,000 to have Dempsey box the winner of the Christmas afternoon bout. The proposed bout cannot under the law, be more than ten rounds.

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New York, Dec. 21.—(Canadian Press) The lowest rate since the war began was recorded here yesterday for New York exchange on Canada following a rapid decline last week which ended in a low level being reached on Saturday.

The price paid yesterday for drafts on cities in the Dominion was 83.9 per cent Canadian dollar which means that the Canadian dollar was selling at a discount of 16.1 per cent in this city.

For a long period last year exchange on the Dominion was weak, but a year ago it was selling at a discount of only seven or eight cents to the dollar.

During the present year the lowest rate occurred when the New York rate for Canadian funds stood at 92.8 cents for Canadian dollar on January 7. A month ago today the Canadian dollar demanded 86 cents in New York, and now the rate was 83.9.

Canadian bankers in this city ascribe the present exceptional depreciation both to the large balance of merchandise trade against Canada and in favor of the United States and to the large withdrawal of funds from Canada by houses in this country with a view to the year-end financial settlements.

During the ten months ended with October, the last year for which United States trade with Canada was separately reported, the surplus of exports from this country to Canada over imports of Canadian goods into this country was \$2,206,000, which compared with \$18,383,000.

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LUCKY FOX

As Hiram Sees It



Sometimes it must feel real good to be a pet, especially when all that is required is to crouch the neck of a beautiful woman just like this real live fox.

London, Dec. 21.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Receiving a delegation of members of parliament who advocated a system of federal devolution for the United Kingdom, Premier Lloyd George admitted the necessity of some such measure, as the present parliament could not possibly carry the great burdens of empire and at the same time give proper attention to matters of purely local concern.

He said it would be a simple matter to deal with Scotland and Wales, as the whole population of Scotland was only five millions, but how would they deal with England with its population of thirty-six millions? Were they to divide England into provinces, or have a separate parliament for England? If they had a separate parliament for England it would be so important that the imperial only laws should, desired applying the contents of the bottles into the tank, as alleged. He said he had never smelled gin in his life.

W. M. Ryan conducted the prosecution and J. A. Barry the defence. The case was postponed until tomorrow afternoon.

A case against Richard Kane and James Conway, on suspicion of stealing \$800 from a registered letter, was resumed. Sergeant Detective Power said that on December 15 he went to the central post office and after a conversation with J. S. Flager, assistant post master, found that some money had been stolen from \$99 Winter street, where he did not know anything about it, but he said Conway was with him. He took Kane to the post office and after another conversation with Mr. Flager, put him under arrest. He said he then went to 40 Brook street, where he found Conway, whom he also arrested. On searching the rooms of the accused he did not find any money. The case was postponed until tomorrow afternoon. J. A. Barry and E. S. Ritchie were the counsel for the defence.

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CONVENIENCE FOR PEOPLE TO SHOP IN CAPITAL

BEST PART OF A QUARTER OF BEEF STOLEN

Although several attempts to enter private dwellings have been frustrated, thieves are still at work and a break of an unusual kind was carried out yesterday. Mrs. James Keenan, 79 Mecklenburg street, got a quarter of beef yesterday morning and hung it in the shed at the back of her residence.

She had a small steak and left the knife on a barrel near the meat, which was covered with canvas. About two o'clock in the afternoon she went to the shed and much to her amazement found that the best part of the meat had been stolen.

She had a small portion of the meat which had been left nearby.

LOSS BY THE TAX ABOLITION HEAVY. Now There's a Problem To Do With Unused Stamps and Punches.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Latest statistics department show that luxury taxes brought into the government in November \$1,200,000 as against \$600,000 in June, the first full month in which the tax was collected.

This seems to show that the revenue from the taxes was not dropping off as indicated in official statements but that there was a jump upward in receipts.

It is believed to have resulted from large purchases made by merchants in order to have enough stamps for their revenue to December 15, will therefore be greatly curtailed, partly from the stamps used then having been bought in November and partly because of the refunds which the government will have to make for stamps unused and not cancelled.

It is estimated that the abolition will mean the loss to the end of the fiscal year of a little more than \$5,000,000, but it would probably have produced sixteen million dollars next year. It is contended, however, that the slowing up of the wheels of the commerce that resulted from its use, far offset this loss in revenue. It is now a problem for the customs and inland revenue department to solve to find a way for the unused stamps and to punches to perforate them which were distributed everywhere. The stamps will probably be made valid for other excise taxes.

CUP PRESENTED. Thomas McGovern, manager of St. Peter's baseball team, yesterday received from Commissioner Thornton a beautiful silver cup, suitably engraved. When the commissioner opened the City of whiskey, a shotgun and a rifle. Two of the men were arrested, J. W. Horley of Omaha and Fred Olson of Donnybrook.

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BRITISH VIEW IN OIL CONTROVERSY

Fair Share for Countries Other Than U. S.

London, Dec. 21.—Sir Charles Greenway, chairman of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, dealing with the oil controversy between Great Britain and the United States, said the Standard Oil Company before the war claimed certain oil rights in Palestine which would have the effect of neutralising the complaints against British acquired rights in Mesopotamia.

Sir Robert said there was no question of closing the door against the United States to the world's potential oil fields.

"If the Standard Oil Company's rights in Palestine are to be recognized—and there is no indication of any desire to abandon them—the rights of other nations, other than the enemy in the late Turkish Empire," he declared, "must be recognized."

"To act in any other way would be to adopt a policy of the 'closed door' in favor of the United States against British and other national interests.

"To bring forward a mandatory principle in support of monopoly and the faciliation of acquired rights would be a strong objection to their demanding a permanent eighty or eighty-five per cent of the world's supply and to recent months their opposition to Great Britain and other countries securing their fair share of the supplies.

"The London Times, discussing the address says the remarks of Sir Charles Greenway are important because they may be taken as representing the British official view of the controversy.

HOME TROUBLE, SAYS GLADYS CARTER. Girl Rescued in Harbor, and Sister, Tell Story in Court.

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WANT TAX OFF OTHER ARTICLES. Retail Merchants Board to Take up Matter of Candy, Patent Medicines, Etc.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—While the removal of the luxury tax from the greater majority of articles has been the cause of much rejoicing among retail merchants, there is dissatisfaction regarding confectionery, patent medicines and toilet preparations, as it is felt the tax should have been removed from them too.

Through the medium of the Dominion Board of Retail Merchants of Canada the matter will be brought to the minister of finance, said E. W. Trovren, secretary of the Dominion Board last night.

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