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CITY PROPOSES 2-CENT GASOLINE TAX

COUNCIL WANTS REVENUE FROM AUTO OWNERS

Legislation Also Relative To Taxes On Buildings

FIRE PROTECTION Safety at Docks Subject of Measure—Bagged Grain Matter Not Settled

The City Council this morning decided to go to the N. B. Legislature for power to impose a tax of two cents a gallon on all gasoline sold in the city.

Other Bills. It was also decided to send bills to the Legislature providing for exemption on improvements to buildings; for no taxes for two years on newly-built dwellings; that money paid on back taxes apply to the bill as a whole and not to any particular year; also to legalize certain bond issues for hydro.

A new by-law to make for greater safety from fire at the West Side docks was passed, and one to provide for an increase of the fine for unloading oil at night from \$100 to \$500.

Bagged Grain Unsettled. The proposed by-law to make the charge on bagged grain for export 20 cents a ton was not passed and will probably be taken up again on Monday.

The report of the city and road engineers on the sub-structure of No. 5 wharf was referred to the committee of the whole. They reported that the sub-structure was in bad condition, but did not make any recommendations.

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Mysterious Bill's Bugle To Cost U.S. \$1.55

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—What happened to Bill Fisk's bugle? This mystery is destined to go down with the questionable age of Ann as one of the great unsolved interrogations. Who is Bill? Why he had a bugle and what happened to it, no one knows. But the people of the United States are going to pay \$1.55 for it anyway, for the item has been approved by the Treasury Department, by House and Senate committees, by the President and innumerable other committees, commissions and officials.

In the claim sent to Congress, it reads: "Bill Fisk's bugle—\$1.55."

Costa Rica Quits League of Nations

This Reduces Membership of Body to 54—The Holdout Nations.

GENEVA, Jan. 22.—Costa Rica has resigned from membership in the League of Nations.

Costa Rica's resignation reduces the membership of the League of Nations to 54. Other nations not members of the league are: Afghanistan, Ecuador, Egypt, Germany, Mexico, Soviet Russia, Turkey and the United States.

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JAP PACT WITH RUSSIA CAUSES SPECULATION

London Speculates On Effect in Near East

BRITAIN IS WARY

Fear Grows That The Two Countries Seek Control Of China

By H. BAILEY. British United Press.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The change in relations between Russia and Japan, resulting from the treaty between the two countries which has just been signed, is arousing more than usual speculation and interest in official circles, since they are left wondering just what the effect of the treaty will be on Far Eastern relations and the attitude of Britain towards Japan.

It is known that Japan's chief objective is to secure oil from Szechuan for the Japanese navy, but there is a growing fear that Russia and Japan jointly are seeking to secure control of China and slowly to force the western powers out of the Far East. In spite of all the talk about Anglo-Japanese friendship there is constant diplomatic sparring between the representatives of the two countries and the situation is being watched very closely with an eye to protecting British policy and British interests in the Far East.

Abolish Degradation. The bill aims to adopt the rules of common law to military proceedings and provides for a general scaling down of the penalties now enforced and would do away with the ceremony of "military degradation" such as Captain Dreyfus suffered.

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Makes Bread To Keep Fresh For Over Year

PARIS, Jan. 22.—A journeyman baker claims to have found a formula for bread dough the use of which will keep the loaves in an edible condition for months or even years. Recent laboratory experiments have proved that the loaves could be kept relatively fresh for ten months, while the inventor, Jean Matti, says this period will be extended to two years.

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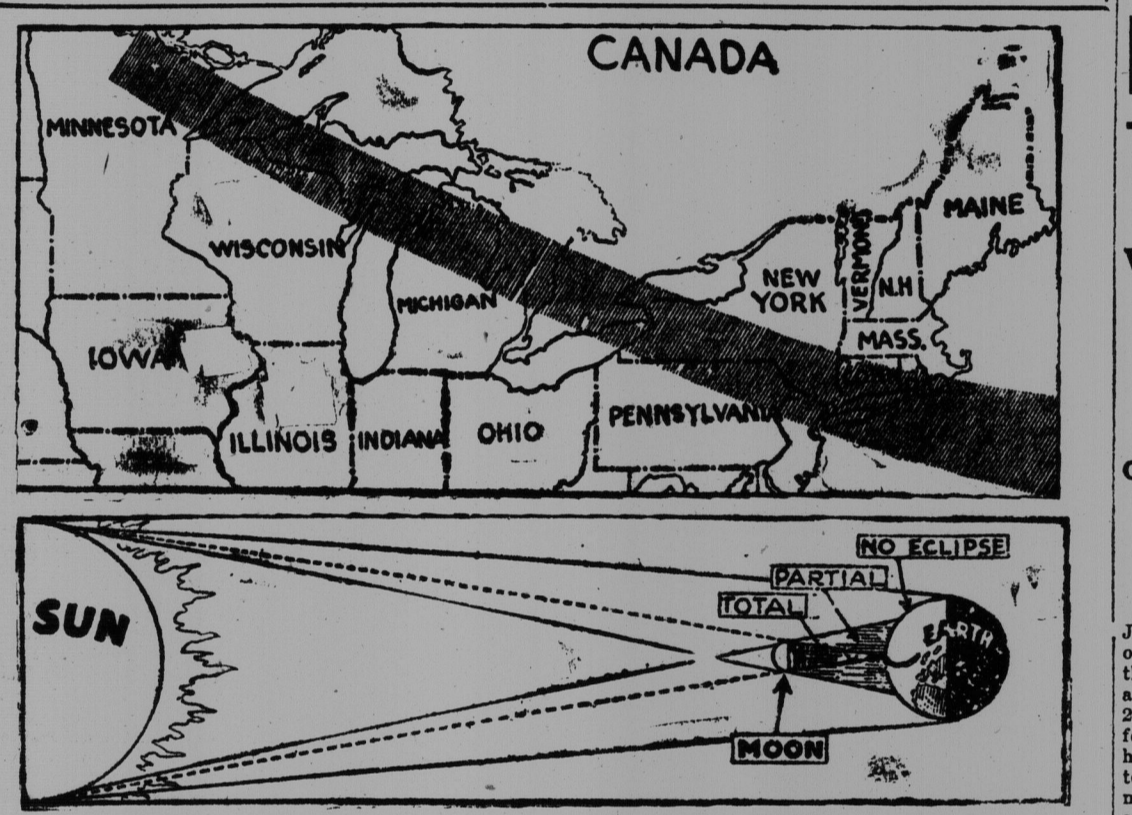
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The Why and How of The Eclipse



The path of the total eclipse is shown by the shaded band on the map running from northern Minnesota to the Atlantic coast. The diagram illustrates the how of an eclipse. The moon coming between the sun and earth throws a conical shadow the trail of which is called the shadow band on the earth. Outside this band the sun will be seen only in partial eclipse, as shown by the shaded surface touching the earth. Outside this, no eclipse will be seen.

40 CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY GIVE ASSURANCE OF SUPPORT TO EAST

General Manager of Canadian Manufacturers' Association Agrees Problem of Atlantic Provinces is a National One

By A. M. BELDING

TORONTO, Jan. 21.—For two hours this afternoon nearly 40 big business men of this city sat at a conference with me regarding Maritime Province matters.

They were members of the transportation and customs committee and of the foreign and domestic trade committee of the Board of Trade, and of the transportation committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and the Canadian Export Club affiliated with the C. M. A.

EMISSARY IS CORDIALLY RECEIVED

Too much cannot be said about their cordiality, their keen attention to the case as presented to them and their manifest desire to be helpful. The president of the Board of Trade sent his regrets that he could not be present, and Charles Marriot, a former president, took the chair.

After I had presented the Maritime situation and Maritime viewpoint a general discussion followed, every speaker expressing a desire to see a happy solution of our difficulties.

AUDITORS ASK POINTED QUESTIONS

Some pointed questions were asked, however. One asked what progress was being made in regard to the committee Sir Henry Thornton asked for.

Another asked if the Maritime Board of Trade, or any other organization, had a programme for remedying conditions which it could submit to organizations in the other provinces for their consideration and support.

With regard to confining all Canadian trade to Canadian channels it was pointed out that there was no steamship service from St. John or Halifax to some ports where shipments were to be made.

He Denies Besco Is Locking Out Miners

SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 22.—Emphatic denial that the corporation is locking out its miners, as charged by the U. M. W. executive, to the Minister of Labor, is made by J. E. McLurg, vice-president of Besco. Mr. McLurg points out that the mines are working as usual, although on somewhat short time due to the intermittent demand for coal.

DISCOUNTS REPORTS

White Star Official Says Cattle Space Sold Yesterday at Portland.

MONTREAL, Jan. 22.—Major F. V. Carry, general manager here of the White Star Dominion line today discounted reports that cattle carrying space on trans-Atlantic boats had been secured by cattle shippers. "We sold space through Portland only yesterday," he said.

He could not speak for the lines operating out of St. John but his opinion was that available space was fairly well booked up through that port.

British Warship Is Sent To Bottom

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FATHER BREAKS DOWN ON STAND TELLING STORY

Ward Foster Suffers As He Tells of Finding Daughters

PRISONER CALM

Occupies Time of Trial Gazing Almost Steadfastly at Ceiling

Special to The Times-Star.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 22.—Mr. Justice LeBlanc, presiding at the trial of Harry D. Williams, charged with the murder of his half-nieces, Cynthia and Nedra Foster, in Fredericton, Nov. 25, 1924, told the counsel for the defence this morning that, in as far as he had power, he would do everything to bring any witnesses to court who might give evidence either for or against the accused.

Crown Will Assist.

Peter J. Hughes, K. C., representing the Crown, stated that if the defence wanted any witnesses for which no money had been provided, he was sure the Crown would assist in bringing them here. Mr. Peters said that the defence this morning that, in as far as he had power, he would do everything to bring any witnesses to court who might give evidence either for or against the accused.

Witness Breaks Down.

When he was painting in words the night which met his view on the night of the murder when he reached Williams' camp, Mr. Foster had to stop several times in his recital. He put his hand over his eyes as though to shut out the awful scene. He recovered in a few minutes, however, and in a firm voice answered all questions put to him.

During the evidence Williams looked almost continuously at the ceiling; occasionally he would glance over the court room. The direction taken by the counsel for the defence was to prove that Williams had always been considered a pretty good fellow.

Father Testifies.

Ward E. Foster, of Fredericton, was the first witness called. Mr. Foster was the father of the murdered children. He had known Williams for 16 years, having first met him when he came to his house with his wife. He was then known as Darius Thornton.

He believed the prisoner had been born before the marriage of his mother, Ada Thornton. In 1914 the prisoner returned to his residence as (Continued on page 4, fourth column.)

MAKE MOVE AGAINST EGG BOOT-LEGGING

Produce Association Asks That Buyers and Receivers be Licensed.

TORONTO, Jan. 22.—Bootlegging in eggs is the latest form of trading in the prairie provinces. This fact was made known to the Canadian Produce Association convention here yesterday by delegates from Western Canada who declared that the traffic had reached such alarming proportions that something must be done to curb it. The convention adopted a resolution urging the Federal Government to license all buyers and receivers of eggs for sale.

Gold and Silver In Quebec Discovered

QUEBEC, Que., Jan. 22.—It is reported that gold and silver deposits have been discovered 60 miles from Mistassini, in the Lake St. John district.

Temperatures.

TORONTO, Jan. 22.—Lowest Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday night

Victoria ... 44 40 40
Calgary ... 20 24 32
Edmonton ... 18 2 28
Winnipeg ... 10 34 41
Toronto ... 34 33 34
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Explorer Will Try To Solve Fate of First Arctic Colony

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