WILL NOT SUSPEND NEW SALES TAX

DECIDE SALES TAX WILL BE ENFORCED ON JANUARY FIRST

Premier Declares Government Must Carry Out Will of Parliament.

WILL CONSIDER APPEALS

Canadian Press Despatch.

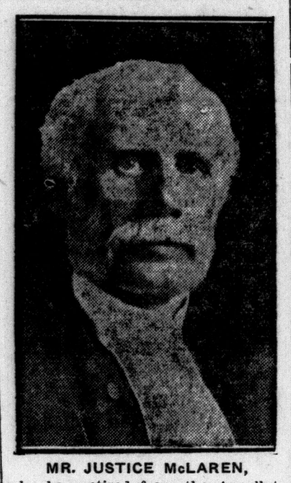
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—All doubt as to whether or not the new sales tax will go into effect on January 1 was removed this evening following a lengthy sitting of cabinet council, when Premier King stated positively that the tax would be enforced.

The prime minister said that the government must carry out the will of parliament which had approved the new tax. He intimated, however, that the minister of customs was prepared to consider appeals against the tax, and that where its operation appeared to work an injustice, efforts would be made to remedy this.

The new tax has met with much opposition on various grounds since it passed parliament and it was suggested that the government might suspend its operation until such time as parliament had an opportunity to look into some of the objections made.

The finance minister was requested by one influential organization to repeal the tax, substituting a turnover tax in its stead. It was claimed that the latter would realize as much or more revenue than the new sales tax at the same time bearing more lightly on trade.

It was objected that the returns to be made to the government under the new sales tax would necessitate a great deal of labor, inconvenience and expense to many business houses.



MR. JUSTICE McLAREN, who has retired from the Appellate bench of the Supreme Court of Ontario. He is eighty-one years of age.

PROTESTS BRITISH GUNBOATS IN CHINA

Sun Yat Sen Wires Ramsay Macdonald of Grave Situation.

Associated Press Despatch.

Hong Kong, Dec. 21.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, head of the Canton government, today telegraphed to Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the British Labor party, asking him to "bring to the notice of the British people, and particularly the workers, the grave situation which the British representatives in China mainly have been instrumental in creating at Canton."

"My government is being threatened with acts of war by an international force of nearly a score of cruisers and gunboats armed with soldiers, who have already landed at Shamen (the foreign section of Canton, where the administrative offices of other nations are located.

"This is the work of the diplomatic body at Peking, done at the instance of the British minister on advice of the senior consul at Canton, who is the British consul-general and the inspector-general of Chinese maritime customs, who is a British national."

Sun reminds the British Labor leader that China, admittedly one of the richest markets for British goods, "cannot be secured by a gunboat policy of old diplomacy," although it can be won by a policy aiming at the capture of Chinese good-will.

ELECTED AS COUNCILLOR.

Associated Press Despatch.

Kingston, Dec. 21.—G. H. Berkeley of St. Catharines, Ont., was today elected a member of the council of the American Phyto-Pathological Society here today.

LABOR PARTY PLANS FOR REORGANIZATION

Last Night's Session Was So Lightly Attended That No Action Taken.

So few attened a regular session of the London Labor Party last night that it was decided to adjourn until early in the new year. Ald. Frank McKay voiced the opinion that a general re-organization meeting should be held at that time in readiness for the coming federal campaign, and others in attendance including Ald. John Colbert, concurred. Election of officers for 1924 will be hel dat the next session.

AGENT OF KU KLUX KLAN CONVICTED OF MURDER

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—Phillip E. Fox, former publicity agent of the Ku Klux Klan, was found guilty of murder in his trial on a charge of slaying William S. Coburn, a Klan attorney, here November 5. The jury recommended mercy in the sentencing of the defendant.

The verdict, under Georgia laws, provides a life imprisonment sentence. After hearing evidence and arguments for more than a week, the jury received the case late last night.

HOLD DEATHS ACCIDENTAL BUT DENOUNCE CROSSING

Manotick, Ont., Dec. 21.—While no blame was attached to any one in connection with the death of Bessie, Doris, Hazel and Grace Tomkins, who were killed here Saturday in a collision between an automobile and the Ottawa-Toronto train, the inquest jury here last night held the opinion that repairs should be made to the level crossing where the accident occurred and which was characterized as very dangerous. The deaths were declared to be accidental.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Buffalo, Dec. 21.—County Judge Noonan yesterday sentenced Patrick J. Murphy to die in the electric chair during the week of January 28. He is one of five bandits implicated in the robbery of the Bingham-Dambach drug store on November 11, during which Mrs. Mayme Bingham was slain. A county court jury on Tuesday found Murphy guilty of murder, first degree, after deliberating less than ten minutes.

DRAKE IS LEADING IN THE RECOUNT IN WARD THREE

Alderman Regains Lead After Losing It in the Morning.

LABOR BACKS ASHTON

Ald. Gordon Drake now leads Ex-Ald. John Ashton by two votes in ward three's aldermanic recount, opened yesterday and which was adjourned after an all-day session until today at 2 p.m.

Seven more of the 25 subdivisions in the ward have yet to be checked over. It is tedious work, and the final result is not expected to be tabulated until late this afternoon.

The recount opened in the city hall at 10:30 a.m., with His Honor Judge Talbot Macbeth presiding, and when adjournment was ordered at 1:45 for lunch, after seven divisions had been checked, Ex-Ald. Ashton had taken the lead away from Ald. Drake, having gained three votes to the latter's one. This allowed him a majority of one, as Ald. Drake had a majority of one on election night.

Gains Eight Ballots.

During the afternoon session, when eleven more subdivisions were checked, Ald. Drake regained first place and increased his lead by one vote. During the day his net gain was eight ballots to seven of his opponent.

The advanced railwaymen's and commercial travelers' poll is one of the seven remaining subdivisions to be counted again, while the other six are from the extreme eastern section of the ward.

One other vote for Ex-Ald. Ashton is held in reserve, pending a final decision by Judge Macbeth, who seeks a ruling. The ballot is marked in a certain manner, and his honor understands that there is a supreme court ruling that would guide him in his judgment. This one ballot may yet enact a very important role.

In Case of Tie.

In the event of a tie vote, City Clerk Baker must cast the deciding vote. He will give it to Ald. Drake as now being in office. The clerk established this precedent when he voted for Dr. Hugh Stevenson when Col. Gartshore and the ex-mayor tied in a mayoralty contest.

Ald. Drake has served eight years in the council, and this would be his first defeat. Ex-Ald. Ashton is a representative of the Labor party, and served several years on the council, and was also chairman of the board of works.

J. M. Donahue appeared on behalf of Ex-Ald Ashton. The recount was ordered at the instigation of the London Labor Party.

H. J. BASSET IS HEAD OF THE KIWANIS CLUB

Officers Elected Yesterday—Poultry Association Is Reorganized.

Special to The Advertiser.

Galt, Dec. 21.—The Kiwanis Club elected as officers: President, H. J. Bassett; vice-president, Rev. S. L. W. Harton; directors, Fred Palmer, Ed. Willard, B. F. Bennett, Leon Shupe, Cecil Simpson, Allan Arnold, Ward Vair.

Poultry Association.

The Galt Poultry and Pet Stock Association has reorganized for 1924, with the following officers: President, Jas. Rose; vice-president, J. Paterson; treasurer, R. L. Wilson; show secretary, A. Martin; recording secretary, L. Hinrich; trustees, W. Lovell, H. Sheldon, J. Lowthorp; auditors, H. Sheldon, J. Newton.

Will Be Candidates.

Mayor D. N. Panabaker and Reeve G. A. Gruetzner of Hespeler, have announced their intention of seeking re-election. It is expected all the aldermen will do likewise.

SIR JOHN'S PORTRAYAL OF HAMLET IS ORIGINAL

Characterization of Tragedy Proves Naive and Distinct in Itself.

STRESSES RIGHT POINTS

Least of Supporting Artists Display Ability in Shakespearean Roles.

Sir John Martin Harvey's interpretation of those subtle and intensely morbid shades of character which have made Hamlet the greatest psychological enigma of all time, drew merited appreciation from Grand Theatre patrons last night. No other role, perhaps, is so admirably suited to the temperament of the noted English tragedian. The mighty Shakespeare himself could not have failed to commend this new and distinctly original characterization of the melancholy Danish philosopher.

There have been Hamlets and Hamlets. Some have been content to sacrifice the esthetic, emotional Hamlet for the virile, dominant Hamlet who so subtly reflects the undaunted philosophy of pessimism which was Shakespeare's. Sir John's Hamlet is not of the latter, and perhaps that is why his characterization seems so delightfully naive and distinct in itself.

The new Hamlet, whom Londoners have hitherto not seen, bares his soul to the world, and is unashamed. The torment of an introspective mind seeking to solve the riddle of life and death; the tolerant scorn of an heroic soul for the sickening orthodoxy of his fellows; the despair which genius always feels on finding that questionings bode no good and that the riddle of life and death shall always remain a riddle—these are the stressed points of this new Hamlet, who, by revealing his bleeding heart, strikes a sympathetic chord in the hearts of all whose misfortune it is to understand.

Traits Lovable.

The story of Hamilet has been too often told to bear repeating. It is Sir John Martin Harvey's projection of Shakespeare's philosophy as reflected in the haunted figure of the Prince of Denmark, which is worthy of comment. With the exception, perhaps, of John Barrymore, no other living Hamlet has so successfully "sold" the public on the charming, lovable traits of that tragic figure. In presenting an original Hamlet, however, Sir John in no way obscures the star of Shakespeare. He rather accentuates those points which the great bard intended should be accentuated.

The Martin Harvey production is particularly fortunate in its structure and method of presentation. The final scene, which in the Hamlet of Forbes Robertson closes with the death of the title figure, followed only by Horatio's soliloquy, is in this new Hamlet much more effective. Hamlet's slight body, hoisted high by sorrowed friends against a background of blue night, while brave music floods the air, gives a wonderfully thrilling effect.

Deserve Commendation.

Only the best of criticism can be directed at the supporting cast. Miss Marie Linden is the unquestioned feminine star of the play, as Gertrude, Queen of Denmark, and Harvey Braban, as the king, could hardly be improved on. As a character actor of the first rank Fred Grove in the role of Polonius deserves emphatic commendation. For the first time in local theatrical history a truly splendid portrayal of that materialistic old reprobate is faithfully depicted.

David Blain played the impetuous Laertes with consummate skill and Walter Pearce, the Horatio of the production, was also good. Miss N. De Silva did not show up as well as was to be expected in characterizing the beautiful Ophelia, being ill suited for the part. Her delineation of the mad Ophelia, however, was much better.

Sir John Martin Harvey's Hamlet is the greatest treat on this season's theatrical bill-of-fare.

WAS UNOPPOSED.

Reeve R. S. Coulter was elected in Cayuga by acclamation, as were members of the council.

"GIMME LIFT" NEW SLOGAN OF "CLUB"

Ridout Street Resident Appears With Sign On His Back.

An unconventional Ridout street resident this morning startled passing motorists by placarding his back with a small sign with the words, "Give Me a Lift" on it. The resident was walking to work, but before he had gone a block one of the motorists obeyed that impulse and took him into his car.

"This idea is not original," the Ridout street man confided. "I heard that people in Cleveland had tried it out with success, so I decided to follow suit. Hundreds of cars pass me every morning as I walk to work and seldom offer to give me a lift. The cars are almost always empty with the exception of the driver. I guess, however, the owners of cars are a bit diffident when it comes to asking a pedestrian to 'hop in.'

"The average motorist is usually only too glad to give a lift, but both motorist and pedestrian are too backward to offer or ask for one. I'm going to wear this sign every morning until the motorists get to know me. We should all do it."

CHRISTMAS SERVICES MARK ST. ANDREW'S

Elaborate Music Planned For Sunday—Dr. MacGregor To Speak.

The Christmas services on Sunday at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be of a special Christmas character. The minister, Rev. D. C. McGregor D.D., will have a seasonable message at each service; the morning subject will be "The Uuspeakable Gift," and the evening, "God's Last Appeal."

The following Christmas music will be given by the choir and soloists, under the direction of the organist and choir director, Charles E. Wheeler, F.C.C.O.: Morning, 11 o'clock, organ prelude, "Christmas Pastorale," Dinelli; "Shepherds' Christmas Song (Folkson), Riemann; Recit:" "Comfort Ye, My People," Air, "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted," chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord," from Handel's Messiah; solo and chorus, "O Blessed Town of Bethlehem," Ashford; postlude, "March in D major," Guilmant. Evening, 7 p.m.—Organ preludes, Noel Languedogien," Guilmant; "Evening Bells and Cradle Song," Macfarlane; solo and chorus, "The Angel's Song," John Spencer Camp; organ, "Vox Angelica," Heinrich; "Slumber Song of the Infant Jesus," Olf French Carol; "Holy Night," arranged from an old German carol; solo and chorus, "O Praise God in His Holiness," Turner; postlude, "Thankgiving," from Pastoral Suite, Demerest. Soloists, Miss Ulah Kennedy, Mrs. Robert Durst, Miss Phylis Gray, Miss Vivian Ferguson, Mr. A. L. Christiani and Mr. E. A. Webster.

At the Brotherhood at 10 a.m. the speaker will be Prof. A. G. Dorland, University of Western Ontario; the address, "World Peace."

DIAMOND HUNTERS REPORT ALL ENJOY GOOD HEALTH

Mr. George MacGillivray of this city has received several interesting letters from his son Lester, who, with a party of five, is still hunting for diamonds in the bush of British Guinea. All members of the party, Lester MacGillivray says, are in comparatively good health. They intend to spend ChChristmas day in the interior many square miles of which were never trod by a white man before.

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SELLING BEER WILL BE DENIED ALBERTA HOTELS

Government Prepares Bill To Govern the Selling of Beer.

DRINK ON PREMISES

Canadian Press Despatch.

Edmonton, Dec. 21.—Hotels and restaurants will not be permitted to sell beer, according to the bill which will be submitted to the Legislature next month, implementing the recent referendum which was indorsed by a large majority for the legal sale in the province of intoxicating liquor.

Sale of beer by bottle or glass for consumption on the premises will be permitted, however, in such premises, consisting of a room conforming to strict regulations of the board, it is announced in a statement issued today by Premier Greenfield, following a three-day caucus of his supporters in the Legislature.

A liquor control board of three members with "very wide powers" is to be appointed to administer the act.

Permits are to be issued to residents and visitors, and they may purchase wines and spirits in sealed packages at government stores in quantities "limited by regulations of the board" for consumption "in private residences only." Beer is also to be sold only to permit owners.

There is to be a measure of local option governing the location of liquor stores and licensed beer premises. Bona fide clubs will be permitted to sell beer to members, subject to regulations.

FORMER LIBERAL MEMBER FOR EAST HASTINGS DIES

Canadian Press Despatch.

Belleville, Dec. 21.—Jeremiah M. Hurley, ex-M.P. for East Hastings, died here this evening at the age of 84 years. He was a native of this district. The late Mr. Hurley was elected in the Liberal interests for East Hastings riding in the year 1896 and sat in the House of Commons for one term.

WINDSOR MAY LOSE CIVIC GOVERNMENT

If Suit Is Allowed City Will Face Loss of Administration.

HOLD NEW ELECTION

But Until Then All Business of City Must Stand.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Windsor, Dec. 21.—If the application of Gilbert J. P. Jacques, unsuccessful candidate at the recent municipal election, for permission to start suit to set aside the election on the grounds of fraud and impersonation, is allowed by County Judge J. J. Coughlin at Sandwich tomorrow, the city will be without a civic administration until the suit is settled, city hall officials explained today.

A new election, which would cost approximately $3,500, could be held early in the new year in the event of the courts deciding that there is sufficent ground to invalidate the December election, and although the old council will remain in power until the question raised by Jacques is settled they would have no power to vote money, so that perhaps for several weeks the city's business would be at a standstill.

Because the affidavits of persons who have told Jacques and his agents that they did not vote, although records of election officials show them as having marked ballots, were not complete this afternoon the application to the county judge will not be made until Saturday morning.

TOTAL CAPITAL $17,349,000 IN WEEK'S INCORPORATIONS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Authorized capital of $17,349,000 is represented by companies whose incorporations were reported to the Monetary Times during the week ended December 15, compared with $11,471,000 for the previous week, and with $12,893,900 for the same week last year.

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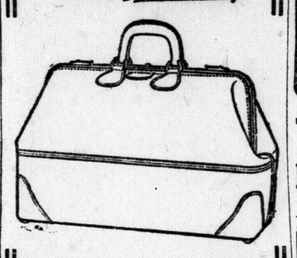
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