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War Stamp Taxes Not In Effect Till Budget Bill Assented To

Three Cents To Mail Letter; Two Cents For Post Card

Explanation of Working of the New Arrangements—The Opinions of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Bankers and Some Others

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 12—Apart from the special tax on champagne, the special war stamp taxes do not come into effect until the budget bill is assented to by the government...

LETTER THREE CENTS; POST CARD TWO
The new budget means that hereafter it will cost three cents to send a letter and two cents for a post card...

AFFECTS NEWS DESPATCHES
The tax of one cent on each telegraphic or cable message costing more than fifteen cents applies to press as well as to commercial or personal messages...

Toronto Opinions
Toronto, Ont., Feb. 12—That the new tariff is a pretty stiff one, the opinion of many of the giants of trade, commerce and finance...

When informed of the new tax of one per cent on bank notes circulation, Sir Edmund Walker, vice-president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, said that he had no idea of what Mr. White intended doing...

John Aird, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, said, "I think the stamp tax of two cents on commercial paper is very fair. The banks and business interests will not groan under the increased burden."

Regarding the tax of one per cent on bank note circulation, he estimated that the government would receive approximately \$1,000,000. Mr. Aird anticipates that the rate of interest on commercial paper will be raised to 7 1/2 per cent...

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WORKING UNDER THE OLD TARIFF

Temporary Arrangements At Local Customs House

BUSINESS INCIDENTS

Some Results of Trying to Out-guess The Finance Minister—The Stamp Tax—The Manufacturers

Making an entry at the customs house today is somewhat in the same class as the transaction described as "buying a pig in a poke."

Beyond the information contained in the press despatches nothing is known here as to the actual changes which the new war tariff will make and the despatches do not give enough details to enable importers to feel sure how much they are affected...

The only instructions received by the collector of customs was that the new tariff would go into effect today but that pending receipt of further instructions, duties would be collected under the old tariff, "subject to amendment."

The new duties which will affect the internal revenue department and the war stamp taxes which affect the customs and similar documents will not go into effect until a later date than the present...

There is considerable uncertainty about the war stamps which will be put out, and in some cases, regarding the cost of the stamps but full details of these arrangements will be announced before the regulations go into effect...

Manufacturers are not willing to make any very definite statements about the probable results in some cases. As at present, in addition to the other advantages...

It is apparent that the war will not put a stop to immigration to New Brunswick or other parts of Canada although the numbers may be less than in other years...

It is expected that the committee will present a report before the session closes, and the suggested amendments may be put through before parliament prorogues.

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On Eve of Great Operation, Says Russia; Situation In The West Is Unchanged

Petrograd, Feb. 12—Further explanation of the retirement of the Russian forces in East Prussia is made today in an official statement which says:—"It is believed we are upon the eve of a great operation, which must solve definitely the struggle in East Prussia."

Warning is given that, because of the necessity for military secrecy, little information may be expected regarding the operations which are about to begin. The Russians are seeking the shelter of their own fortresses, the statement asserts, before attempting to take "more concentrated" locations from which to oppose the heavily reinforced Germans.

FRENCH SUMMARY
Paris, Feb. 12—The French War Office this afternoon reported:—"Between the sea and the Somme yesterday, saw artillery fighting. To the south of La Baselle, the enemy exploded a mine at the end of one of our trenches. We, however, maintained our position."

Grand Trunk Hears of Plot To Dynamite Its Property
Portland, Me., Feb. 12—The Grand Trunk Railway, from its headquarters in Montreal, has sent an official warning to all its agents in the United States and Canada of a plot to dynamite property owned by the railway.

FREDERICTON NEWS
A Welcome For Captain Gamblin and Bride—Supreme Court Matters
Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 12—The supreme court adjourned at noon until next Thursday. The adjournment was due to the illness of the chief justice.

ST. JOHN HOCKEY TEAM TRIP TO BOSTON IS OFF FOR PRESENT
The negotiations between the St. John Amateur Hockey Club and the Boston A. A. team are off for the present, according to a wire received by the local management this morning.

WAR HAS COST FRANCE MILLIONS IN TRADE
Paris, Feb. 12—Trade of France with foreign countries decreased \$850,000,000 during the first four months of the war as compared with the similar period of 1913.

DEATH OF CHAS. CAMPBELL NOTED AS WRITER OF VERSE
A citizen well known in St. John was removed by death yesterday at his home, 56 Dorchester street, in the person of Charles Campbell, a native of St. Andrews, N. B., but who had resided in this city the greater part of his life.

GERMANY TO WORK WAR PRISONERS IN COAL MINES
Essen, Germany, Feb. 12—The coal mine owners have reached an agreement with the military authorities to supply them with prisoners of war to work in the mines.

GOOD WORK BY GUILD
The Imperial Merchant Service Guild have just despatched parcels, containing 100 lbs. of tobacco and 20,000 cigarettes to each of their members now interned in Germany, 100 in all.

THE SCHOOL ESTIMATES
R. B. Emerson, chairman of the Board of School Trustees, has returned to the city and will now take up the consideration of the situation arising from the refusal of the board to accept the city's offer of \$10,000 in their estimates.

BANK CLEARINGS SHOW NICE GAIN
The St. John bank clearings for the week ended February were \$1,446,426; week period last year, \$1,279,038.

SUCCESSFUL OFFENSIVE IS NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE

FARM BOY WHO DIED MILLIONAIRE

Likely Stationary On West Front For Long Time

Norman B. Ream One of 25 Richest Men in the United States
New York, Feb. 12—Norman B. Ream, financier and director in many railroads, banks and industrial corporations is dead. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1844.

BRITISH DISTRICT A SWAMP
Water-filled trenches cause of many casualties—But English Army Stands It Best of All Whether Friend or Foe
London, Feb. 12—The military correspondent of the London Times in a recent survey of conditions, said that there is little likelihood of any important advance movement by either side on the western front for a long time to come.

GERMAN DESERTERS IN THE THOUSANDS
Decline to go to the Yser to Fight—Many Officers Among Them
London, Feb. 12—A London Times despatch from Amsterdam says:—"The Telegram learns from Antwerp today that some 8,000 German deserters have fled to the Netherlands, including numerous officers. All these men had been commanded to proceed to the Yser. Large numbers of soldiers are reported to be deserting from the Draaschaet and Merxem forts."

REAL ESTATE NEWS
Real estate transfers recently recorded in St. John include:—G. D. Fowler to Janet M. Fowler, property in Wright street. Wm. Robinson to James Robinson, property in Lancaster. J. W. Brown to R. W. Brown, property in Greenwich. J. E. McAuley to May Hickbury, property in Stoddham. E. H. R. Sharp to G. S. Whitcomb, property in Norton. E. C. Weyman to Glennie Lewis, property in Norton.

AT THE HOSPITAL
Donald Nyberg, who was badly burned about the face last night, while playing with powder, is reported to be doing as well as can be expected, in the hospital today. The doctors do not think that he will lose his eyesight as a result of the accident.

FANNY CROSBY, NOTED WRITER OF HYMNS, DEAD AT 95
Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 12—Fanny Crosby, well-known hymn writer, died today at her home, in her 95th year. Fanny Crosby is said to have written more than 8,000 hymns and songs. She was Mrs. Alexander Van Alstyne, which he had just put together, and asked her to write appropriate lines for his melody. Miss Crosby had just heard of a street incident in New York, in which a little girl had been terribly frightened by a street row, was picked up by a passer-by and placed in her mother's arms with the words "There, doff thy hat, little one, you are safe in your mother's arms"; and with this incident in mind, Miss Crosby wrote the hymn "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." It is said that Mr. Deane, the composer, waited upon the blind hymn writer and sang over to her a "song without words," which he had just put together, and asked her to write appropriate lines for his melody.

MONKTON I. C. R. Man Weds
Monkton, N. B., Feb. 12—William Lowther, an employee of the I. C. R. general offices, was married to Miss Leota May Kay, of River Glade, on Wednesday evening, by Rev. E. H. Cochrane, of Monkton, assisted by Rev. H. H. Saunders, of River Glade. Mr. and Mrs. Lowther left for Montreal and Chicago on honeymoon. They will reside in Monkton.

BURIED TODAY
The funeral of Stephen J. Lauckner took place this afternoon from his late residence, 192 Main street, Fairville. Burial took place in Holy Cross cemetery. The funeral of Mrs. Michael Quigg took place this afternoon from her late residence, 192 Main street, Fairville. Services were conducted by Rev. Chas. Collins in St. Rose's church and interment took place in Holy Cross cemetery.

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

WEATHER BULLETIN
Synopsis—The trough of low pressure is now over the marine provinces, and a cold wave has come in over Lake Superior from the northwest. Light snow or rain has occurred from the Ottawa Valley eastward, while fair weather has prevailed in the other parts of the dominion.