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WESTERN STUDENTS MUST PAY CITY LABOR TAX

Japanese Ruler Narrowly Escapes Death By Assassin

CITY TAKES FINAL STEP TO SECURE LABOR TAX

Treasurer States Names of Delinquent Students Forwarded to University.

ACTION IS OPPOSED
Citizens Feel University Men Are the Guests of London.

The municipality has taken final definite steps to collect the \$5 statute labor tax from students at the University of Western Ontario, City Treasurer James Bell reports.

There has been considerable agitation lately by those who insist that all male pupils at the local institutions should pay this tax and the city treasurer announces that yesterday he forwarded to the University of Western Ontario authorities a complete list of those who are delinquent at this moment.

"There are 21 names on the list that I have sent to Prof. McGibbon," the treasurer says, "and I have also showed that about 50 of the students liable for this tax have paid. We are simply asking the university authorities to assist us in this collection. We could, of course, within meaning of the law, make the university authorities responsible for this payment as we have the power also to notify employers that we want this money and the onus would rest on them. We are not, however, taking such harsh measures in this instance."

There are those citizens, however, who feel that the students are "newcomers" and that in this regard, and who feel that students, who are in reality guests of the community, should not be called upon to pay this tax, more especially as females, although they are allowed to vote, are not called upon to pay the same tax.

Assessment Commissioner Bennett acknowledges this latter unfairness. Please See Page 2, Column 1.

"U" TO BE MOVED BY JUNE FIRST
Summer School Will Be Held in New Buildings, Says Registrar.

The University of Western Ontario will be completely moved to its new grounds and buildings by June. Dr. K. P. Neville, registrar, said this morning. On June 30, the summer school begins and this will be held in the main science buildings.

It is impossible to vacate the old buildings for the new during the spring term, Dr. Neville explained, owing to complications. The new structures, he added, will be ready by June 1 for certain, and the summer course which commences June 30 and ends August 9, will be the first to be conducted in the two new buildings.

"Of course, the students, staff and equipment will all be removed permanently in the fall," Dr. Neville said, "and the old buildings will be abandoned so far as school work is concerned, the term after next."

PLANS TO BE STARTED FOR SEWAGE PLANT
Engineer Takes Steps To Prepare For Expected Order.

The city engineering department will prepare plans for a sewage disposal plant, expenditure roughly estimated at \$60,000, to work in conjunction with the Wellington-High street sewer system, now under way, the city engineer states.

The engineer expects that the provincial health authorities will order this undertaking during 1924, and he considers it expedient to have the plans ready.

POST RECEIVES BLAME FOR BYLAW INFRACTION
F. J. Walker, charged with parking a motor car more than 12 inches from the curb, told the court today that there was a post in front of his place of business, and it was impossible to get right up to the curb.

"It's just a matter of the bylaw covered by a small fine of \$2," stated the court, in imposing the fine.



W. ROY LUTZ, incoming master of St. George's Lodge, No. 42, to be installed tonight in the great gathering of the craft on Queen's avenue.

TWELVE LOSE LIVES WHEN SHIP RAMMED

Auxiliary Schooner Run Down During Night by Unknown Steamer.

ONLY TWO SAVED

Associated Press Despatch. Yarmouth, N.S., Dec. 27.—Captain F. L. Pothier of Boston and 12 of his crew of 14 men lost their lives when the auxiliary schooner Grace N. Pendleton sank as a result of being run down by an unknown steamer off Helligoland on the night of December 15. The two survivors of the wreck, Second Engineer Odober Pothier, the captain's son and the ship's cook, related their experiences today following their arrival.

The unknown steamer that rammed the Pendleton did not stop after the collision.

The men donned lifebelts and clinging to the rigging waited for the ship to sink. In a short time the schooner sank in 19 feet of water and within a few hours all the crew, with the exception of the two survivors, were swept away from their holds on the rigging by the heavy sea.

By morning the storm had abated and the two remaining members of the crew were rescued by a passing tug and brought to Cuxhaven, from which port they sailed for Yarmouth.

MISS BOOTH'S DOWER WILL NOT EXCEED HALF MILLION

Announcement of Engagement Was Broken in Most Unostentatious Manner.

AWAITED ROYAL WORD

Special to The Advertiser. Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Miss Lois Booth, granddaughter of J. R. Booth, Ottawa, multi-millionaire lumber king whose engagement was announced last night to Prince Eric of Denmark has actually been engaged to the prince for over a year, it was learned today. However, until the royal approval or sanction of the Danish court had been received the engagement could not be announced before, which explains Miss Booth's recent denial of any engagement.

The news was broken by the young couple in a most unostentatious manner, considering their social position and the wealth of the Booth family. The happy young pair visited the home of Major John Bassett, and Mrs. Bassett Christmas afternoon, the latter being close friends. There they broke the news that they were to be wedded. That was the first official announcement.

At the request of the bride, Major Bassett agreed to attend to the public announcement of the engagement.

Various estimates are being made of the wealth which the alliance will bring to the Danish monarchy. It will not be so large as rumor has it. According to fairly reliable information the young bride will not bring over \$5,000 as her dowry while another report says it may not be more than \$250,000.

When Mr. J. R. Booth, Sr., sold the Canada Atlantic Railway the Pembroke plant, expenditure roughly estimated at \$60,000, to work in conjunction with the Wellington-High street sewer system, now under way, the city engineer states.

SALES TAX CHANGE IS SCORED BY LONDONERS

Manufacturers Will Petition the Government To Make Drastic Modifications.

OFFERS SOLUTION

Hamilton Bingle Believes Levy of Turnover Tax Will Aid.

In common with manufacturers throughout the province, managers and owners of local industries are in vigorous opposition to many clauses which have been incorporated into the new federal sales tax. Although the tax goes into operation at the first of the year, through the Manufacturers' Association of Toronto, London manufacturers will petition the government to make certain drastic modifications of the new system.

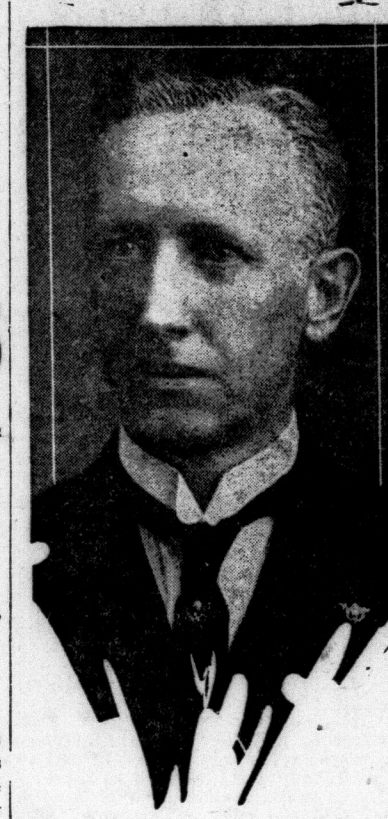
The Chamber of Commerce is not representing the manufacturers, the latter having made known their wants to the Manufacturers' Association individually. This body in turn will go to Ottawa with a number of recommendations which, it is believed, the government will act upon.

The difficulties and complications of the new tax are numerous, London merchants claim. The sales tax, as at present administered, even though recognized as the least objectionable of the present forms of taxation, is not sufficiently broad in its operation, and consequently does not produce the revenue it should. Manufacturers realize that a new form of tax is necessary, but objects to the complications and ambiguities.

It is the belief of the majority of London manufacturers, therefore, that the new sales taxes should be repealed and the system as recommended by the Toronto Board of Trade be substituted. This makes for turnover tax on all processed goods, wares or merchandise imported into Canada, manufactured, produced or traded in in Canada.

The features of a turnover tax are too numerous to mention, and the majority of them have yet to be worked out. It is believed, however, that a turnover tax would do away with the necessity of showing separately the goods taxable and those non-taxable. It will also obviate the muddle which every manufacturer gets into when he begins to figure sales tax as connected with discounts. All these obligations, under the new tax, will involve much labor.

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RT. WOR. BROTHER N. P. WALSH who is installing master in tonight's ceremony in the Masonic Temple in which the masters and officers of ten Blue lodges will be installed, the first time in the history of the craft in London that so many lodges have been represented, in an installation ceremony.

COURT ASKED FOR DECISION ON PETITION

Claim Is Made That Petitioner Did Not Know the Facts.

ASKS DISMISSAL

Canadian Press Despatch. Kitchener, Dec. 27.—Alleging that the petitioner signed an affidavit to a blanket petition when he filed the necessary papers with the supreme court, and that he did not have personal knowledge of the facts alluded to in the petition, the counsel for Carl Homuth, M.L.A. for South Waterloo, moved before Justice Masten and Kelly at the court house here today that the petition by A. W. Mercer, Conservative candidate in the last provincial election, in which he seeks a declaration that he be declared elected, be dismissed.

Mr. Homuth's counsel, C. R. Widdifield of Galt, maintained that the examination for discovery before E. J. Beaumont, revealed the fact that Mr. Mercer signed the petition on the advice of his solicitor, and that he was merely acting on rumors. It was not until after the affidavit attached to the petition had been signed that the agents of the defeated candidate made investigations, and that the necessary particulars were filed with the court.

CHIEF SAYS ASSAULT PRISONER WAS DRUNK

Ernest Lampman Bailed For \$500—Pleads Not Guilty.

Ernest Lampman pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault when he was arraigned in police court today. The case was adjourned a week at the request of Chief Birrell, who stated the evidence was not quite completed.

"It was quite a serious assault," stated the chief. "Two men in an auto almost ran down an old man in a buggy, and when he complained, they came back and beat him up. My information is that both the men were drunk."

Lampman was bailed for \$500.

YOUTH WITH STRONG LIKING FOR MILK TO BE DEPORTED

Floyd Weymouth, charged with vagrancy last week in police court, will be deported to the United States, Chief Birrell stated today deportation papers had not yet arrived.

Weymouth was living in a small shack on Princess avenue east, and was trying to get fat on milk stolen from the doorways of Princess avenue residents.

BOARD RECEIVES GREETING.
The board of education has received a communication from the colonel commandant and officers of Military District No. 1, extending the heartiest of best wishes for the coming year.

ADVERTISE DOMINION WITH FILM SAYS ACTOR

Believes Plan Would Greatly Aid in Immigration Policy.

DEPLORES WASTE

Urges Canadians To Refrain From Imitating United States.

It is Ransby Williams, noted English actor, playing at the Grand, had his way he would make a great Canadian film to be shown throughout England for the purpose of bringing forcibly before the public the advantages of Canada from an immigrants' viewpoint. After touring the Dominion from coast to coast, during which he delivered 81 speeches, Mr. Williams is convinced that Canada's greatest need is high-class immigrants.

"What you require is somebody to spend money on a big moving picture," Mr. Williams said, "which would tell the story of Canada's past, portray her present and give an inkling into her wonderful future. Canada needs publicity. The people of England know all about the United States, but little of Canada."

"When I saw the tremendous waste of land between Sudbury and Fort William I was staggered. Canada is the finest country in the world, but so few people realize it."

"No other people in the world sing their national anthem with the same fervor as Canadians. Every time I hear 'O Canada' I am thrilled. True Canadians believe in their country, but they do not advertise it enough."

Mr. Williams disagrees with the policy of Lloyd George and others who come here obviously, he thought, to flatter Canadians. He also believed that it was not dignified for Lloyd George to write articles for the politicians who speak to them in those silly terms of flattery. This sort of thing may sound all right, but it is not constructive. You should be proud of your country, but it is not worth while imitating the United States with empty self-congratulations.

"I am surprised to note the number of American magazines on Canadian news-stands. It seems to me that the Canadian author does not stand much chance of accomplishing big things. The whole field of American literature is practically monopolized by writing men of the United States. There should be greater opportunity for the aspiring Canadian author."

Mr. Williams is the world's best Dickensian actor, having starred in David Copperfield when last here.

LIBERALS TO DINE "ANDREW ROBSON"

Veteran President of the Local Club To Be Honored on January 4.

In recognition of seven years' service as president of the London Liberal Club, a dinner is to be given for Andrew Robson by prominent London Liberals in the Indian Room of the Tecumseh House on Friday, Jan. 4, at 7 o'clock. The banquet is being tendered by the London Liberal Club and invitations have been sent out to many well-known Liberals.

Members of the executive are busily working to secure some prominent parliamentary speakers for the occasion.

Lone Occupant Narrowly Escapes Death In Flames

Albert Baines Awakens in Pain as Hand Burns—Caused by an Electric Heater.

Albert Baines, of 123 Oxford street north, narrowly escaped being burned to death in his bed at an early hour this morning. He awoke to find his hand being burned and his bed enveloped in flames.

According to Mr. Baines, an electric heater which had been placed adjacent to his bed, either became overheated and ignited the bed bed clothes or in his sleep he himself threw the sheets onto the heater. He awoke from the pain of his right hand hanging over the bed and dangling in the burning sheets, to find the room filled with smoke.

Mr. Baines rushed from his house in his pyjamas. He had to enter a neighbor's house and use the telephone to send in an alarm to the fire department. The alarm was received at 6 o'clock.

Twenty-Five London Wives Deserted By Husbands Who Have Gone to United States

Children's Aid Society Inspector States No Action Being Taken.

WOULD CO-OPERATE

Believes Authorities Across the Border Would Assist City Officials.

There are at least 25 wife deserters from London now in distant parts, who could be apprehended if the proper authorities adopted the necessary procedure, according to W. E. Kelly, Inspector of the Children's Aid Society.

"There are at least that many husbands from this city who have deserted their wives," he stated. "And in certain instances they have left children behind them. I was just considering this morning of one case where I know that the husband is now working in Flint, Mich."

Inspector Kelly feels confident also that the American immigration authorities would co-operate with the Canadian or the local officials in the necessary action to bring these parties back home.

"Why isn't the necessary procedure effected then?" he was asked.

"I knew that question would be asked," he stated. "But I can say that while I am confident that the authorities would co-operate with me across the border. I have not the time, with my present duties, to enter into any enlargement of my responsibilities in this regard. I have not only the city of London, but the county of Middlesex under my jurisdiction."

TREE TRIMMING IS PROGRESSING

Buchanan Reports 140 Are Now Employed at Work.

The tree trimming work being carried out by the utilities commission is progressing rapidly, according to General Manager E. V. Buchanan, who stated that in the week ending Dec. 26, exclusive of Christmas Day, 665 trees had been trimmed and 27 cut down.

A total of 140 men, 130 of these being taken on as unemployed, are engaged in the work. The remaining 10 are employees of the commission, all experienced in the work. Parks Superintendent E. E. Graham is in charge of the work.

Mr. Buchanan stated that many complaints had been received from citizens, who claimed that trees were being trimmed too much or that trees in good condition were being cut down. In reply he stated that when trees are trimmed in winter, when they are minus all foliage, the lopping off of a branch or two looks much worse than when the trees are in full leaf. As to the cutting of trees, only those which are dead or a menace are taken down.

He also pointed out that the foremen in charge of the work were men who knew their business and fully qualified to conduct trimming operations.

BANDIT LEADER EXECUTED.

Associated Press Despatch. Moscow, Dec. 27.—The bandit leader Kurenko, one of General Petlura's chief lieutenants, has been executed by order of the district court sitting at Kiev. Kurenko was tried for the shooting of a Jewish family living in the village of the Kiev district.

YOUTH FAILS IN ATTEMPT TO END LIFE OF HIROHITO

Japanese Prince Regent Is Shot At On Way to Open Parliament.

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Feeling Is Running High in Tokio As Result of the Attack.

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The youth, about 20 years of age, and dressed in a dark coat, was arrested by police shortly after he fired at the prince. The shooting has aroused intense excitement and feeling is running high throughout the city.

The attack occurred while the prince regent was on his way to a session of the Diet. The assailant used a "came gun" in firing at the automobile. The windows of the machine were smashed and the bullet narrowly missed the head of the prince regent.

He continued on his way to the meeting of the Diet, but took refuge in the upper house of the Diet, composed of peers. Later he convened the Diet in ordinary session with customary ceremonies, after which he returned to the imperial palace under heavy guard.

Viscount Iriye Injured.

Viscount Tamemori Iriye, member of the House of Peers and chief chamberlain to the prince regent, who was accompanying him in the automobile, was slightly injured when he was cut by a fragment of broken glass.

Visitors at the session of the Diet were not allowed to leave the building until the regent had departed on his way back to the imperial palace. None of those present at the session which he addressed was aware of the shooting.

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Hirohito, eldest son of Emperor Yoshihito, was proclaimed crown prince in 1912 and was appointed regent in November, 1921, on account of the illness of the emperor.

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Fear Koreans.

Following the attack it was learned that the prince regent has been under heavy guard recently owing to rumors which have been in circulation here that Koreans were conspiring to assassinate him.

Owing to the almost unprecedented feeling which is running high here and conflicting reports which are extant, police have threatened to suppress newspapers publishing news of the incident until an official statement has been issued.

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City Treasurer Holding Between \$500,000 and \$600,000 in Securities.

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In the meanwhile the city effected the usual procedure a few weeks ago, negotiating a loan to tide over the end of the year.

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