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PERSONS GERMAN

CITY'S TAX RATE WILL

Meeting Tonight To Try and Arrive At the Figure — Some Believe That It May Go As High As Forty-Two Mills.

London's rate of taxation for 1920 that a rate will be determined.
will begin with the figure "four." Some reports say it will go as high as 42 eral purposes will go to the very limit mills. All are certain that it will be at least 40.

This would mean that the school rate at least 40.

Although the city council remained in session until 1 o'clock this morning it was unable to complete the work mills. The general rate was 20.65 mills and the school rate 1.85. The increase

necessary to striking the rate.

City Treasurer James Bell. City Clerk
S. Baker and Mayor E. S. Little were
hard at work on the figures again early
today. They were in conference in
the treasurer's office all the forenoon in
an effort to have everything completed
by tonight.

Another meeting of the council will
be held th's evening, and it is probable

MORE BLUNDERS OF DECLARES THREATS OR STRIKES CANNOT AID U. S. NAVY OFFICIALS CANADIAN LABOR DISCLOSED BY SIMS

Rear-Admiral Tells What Little German "Bluff" Could Have Done.

SCHEMES IMPRACTICABLE

Plans Were Suggested That the Allies Had Previously Rejected.

Washington, March 16 .- A little "bluff" on the part of the Germans in 1918, at the crucial point of the war, would have paralyzed transportation of soldiers and war materials between this country and Europe, Rear-Admiral Sims today told the Senate naval sub-com-

dicating that the Germans were building two heavily-armored modern battle cruisers for a desperate last hope raid against treopship convoys was transmitted to the navy department, Admiral Sims said, and immediately he was besterned with cabbarrance from Weathers. sieged with cablegrams from Washington, outlining various plans of action, all of which, he testified were imprac-ticable, although such a contingency had been under discussion for nearly a year, and there had been ample time to

"If the enemy had only known," said Admiral Sims, "all he need have done labor. The crown said that everything was to make a series of bluffs involv-ing little risk to himself, and we would have been paralyzed.

Scheme Was Rejected. The United States department wishes to land a "solar plexus blow" against the submarine campaign, the admiral said, "and suggested many schemes long before rejected by the Allies. Such a plan was that of sinking old battleships and cruisers in the entrance to all Ger-man submarine base harbors, Admiral Sims asserted, and only after he had polited out that the scheme would require the sinking of 40 battleships and 603 cruisers and six months of preparation, did the department agree to abandon the plan. It took seven months of effort to bring the Washington officials to the final conclusion, he said.
On May 11, 1917, the navy department first suggested the idea of a bar age of mines across the North Sea to trap the German sea forces, Admiral Sims said, and at that time he opposed plan because the Allies could not afford to divert the large number of men and ships and huge amounts of materia necessary to make the project a success, he declared; and also because the old-type mines then in use were not prac-

cable for such a purpose. submarine campaign was well in hand, and a new type o Antenna mine developed in the United States, he approved the idea, he said, and helped to expedite the laying of the barrage. The result, the North Sea mine barrage. was a magnificent achievement, the admiral said, reflectgreat credit on the navy and the ficers and men who were responsible for the success of the project.

CALL IS EXTENDED TO REV. C. D. FAROUHARSON

Newbury, March 16 .- At a joint meeting of the congregations at Wardsville November last, when Rev. James Mal-colm was translated to Toronto Presby-tery. It is expected that Mr. Farquharson will accept and the call will be presented at a special meeting of the London Presbytery to be held short-ly. Rev. G. S. Lloyd of Glencoe is the

NAVAL QUESTION MAY FORCE AN ELECTION SOON

Both Political Parties Discuss Issue At Caucuses Today.

COST CAUSES DELAY

Uncertainty of Disarmament of Nations Is Reason for Hesitation.

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Uncertainty regarding the final decision of the United States concerning the league of nations was one argument advanced in favor of delay. It is not known whether the Government gave its followers the benefit of private advices which are not contained in the report or whether the desires of Sir Robert Borden on the matter were made known. There appears to be considerable confusion as to the cost of any of the schemes which Lord Jellicoe advocates. The cost of maintenance has been specified in the re-vert but the control was the matter. tenance has been specified in the re-port, but the capital cost is a matter for conjecture. Whatever action or lack of action the Government may decide upon, it would appear that the course of the Opposition is fairly clear. It is a Canadian navy which is advocated and it was in favor of a Canadian navy that the national convention of Liberals. that the national convention of Liberals held in August decided. Opposition members look upon the Jellicoe report as an absolute vindication of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's policy, which was made an issue by Sir Robert Borden in 1911. On the question, however, as to whether it is now expedient for the dominion to laurch forth upon an expensive prolaunch forth upon an expensive pro-gram with the war over there is different opinion. Four years ago a Cana-dian navy on the lines laid down by dian navy on the lines laid down by Admiral Jellicoe would have been of inestimable value. Today its value, in view of uncertainties regarding armaments, is questionable, especially having regard for the pressing need for quent peroration, in which he stated that it was deplorable that at a time

money for other purposes. **MILLIONS IN SUNKEN** TREASURE RECOVERED IN BRITISH WATERS

done the rest. Shipping would improve conditions in this country Salvaging Vessels Use New Devices in Operations.

> London, March 16 .- Sunken treasure worth £50,000,000 has been raised since the war began around the British Isles.
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> The Restorer and the Reliant, two salving vessels, which were bought by a British concern from the American navy, have a new device, an oxy-acety ene flame which is worked under \$100,000 In Bonds lene flame which is worked under water for cutting holes in the side of submerged vessels.

Each ship has twenty-five electric pumps, capable of pumping 1,000,000 gallons of water an hour and carries two divers, searchlights, line-throwing is guns, electric welding plants, rock drills and other accessories. Each diver is equipped with a telephone. The Restorer last year recovered £1,000,000 in gold PRESIDENT OF CZEC from the Laurentic off Lough Swilly New Haven, on the channel coast.

WORST BLIZZARD IN YEARS HITS WEST

Crippled As Result.

Winnipeg, March 16.—As the result of one of the worst March blizzards gver experienced in the west rail-road traffic and telephone and telegraph services are still badly crippled. The storm, starting late Sunday night, swept across the prairie from Alberta, reaching Winnipeg at noon yesterday.

West of Winnipeg the storm seems to have hit Brandon hard, while Regina reports the worst tie-up in years. gina reports the worst tie-up in years.

In Winnipeg the street railway service was being operated under difficulties.

NEW FINNISH CABINET. Washington, March 16.—The personnel of the new Finnish Cabinet is announced at the Finnish legation here. contains no radical elements.



They all have a hand in dumping him-but who -Bushnell for Central Press Association.

UP IN PARLIAMENT TUMUKKUW

Ottawa, March 16.—(By Canadian Press).—The question of placing a ban on entry of Hearst papers and publications into Canada is to be raised in the Commons tomorrow by Dr. J. W. Edwards, member for Frontenac. He will ask for a list of the Hearst publications allowed to enter Canada, and whether it is the intention of the Government to ban any or all of these, and when such action will be taken,

GENERAL AVERESCO FORM GOVERNMENT

der Direction of Military Official.

London, March 16 .- Information received in Rumanian quarters in London of all city employees and officials was

IRISH JUDGES GUARDED BY SOLDIERS ON WAY TO BELFAST COURT HOUSE

Belfast, March 16 .- Judges Dodd and ibson, in going to the assizes at Lifford court house yesterday, were escorted by police armed with carbines and revolvers. Soldiers also lined the streets.

The judges' houses are guarded night and day by the military.

Judge Dodd, in opening the assizes, said that his heart bled for the police, to whose courage he paid tribute.

GEDDES FLAYS NEWSPAPERS Dr. Elder of McGill Declines to THAT STIR UP TROUBLE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES

London, March 16.—Sir Auckland Geddes, the newly-appointed ambassa-dor to the United States, made a sharp attack on papers which stir up Anglo-American irritation, at a dinner given in his honor last night by the Pilgrims.

PRESIDENT OF CZECHO-

Washington, March 16 .- Dr. Thomas G. Masaryk, first president of the re-public of Czecho-Slovakia, will be per-mitted to continue in office for life, according to the provisions of the national onstitution, recently adopted at Prague.
Provisions of the new constitution, made public today by the state depart-ment, limit the terms of all future presi-dents to two successive terms of seven Dr. Elder was a colonel in the Cana-

AT CLOSED SESSION. CITY EMPLOYEES GET INCREASES IN SALARY

Rumanian Cabinet To Be Un-Sixteen Per Cent Advance Is Made — Other Requests Are To Be Considered.

is to the effect that King Ferdinand authorized by the city council at the London Times.

In the same quarter the fear is expressed that the change in the ministry will render more difficult harmonious co-operation between the supreme the supreme the supreme the supreme that the change in the meeting of the council tonight.

Requests for increases were mad by the firemen, policemen, and practically every other department. These concentrations are the meeting of the council tonight. will render more difficult narmonious of the supreme ing. Following routine business co-operation between the supreme ing. Following routine business co-operation between the supreme ing. Following routine business co-operation between the supreme ing. Following routine business of the whole, excluded the public and the sulary quef of the whole, excluded the public and the press, and settled the salary question to their own satisfaction at ast. No deputations were heard. It is understood that many employees have been granted only small increases, while provision has been made for bonuses at the end of the year if the work of the employees justifies it. This, it is thought, will tend to increase efficiency.

PROFESSOR REFUSES TO REMAIN WITH A GERMAN ON STAFF

Associate With Teuton.

Montreal, March 16 .- The reason for Dr. Elder's resignation from the teach-Dr. Elder's resignation from the teaching staff of McGill University after 30 years' service, is stated in his letter of resignation, which reads as follows:

"I herewith tender my resignation as assistant professor of surgery in the university. I do so because your board has recently seen fit to appoint a man of German birth, parentage and preliminary training, to the position of ESIDENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR LIFE

Immnary training, to the position of professor of pathology. It is with deep regret that I thus sever a long connection with the teaching staff of my alma mater, but I feel that never again an I associate with a colleague of

German birth and parentage.
(Signed) "J. M. ELDER."
Efforts were made by the university authorities to induce Dr. Elder to reconsider his resignation, but without avail, and it was, therefore, accepted. At a meeting of the board it was decided that Dr. dian army and served in France.

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MASS MEETING

East London Ratepayers To FACTIONS Discuss City of London Bill.

MAY HELP COMMITTEE

Efforts Being Made To Protect the Rights of Citizens.

For the purpose of stirring the peo-ple of London to action, and for organ-izing of the ratepayers for protection against alleged violation of their wishes against alleged violation of their wishes concerning certain bylaws as expressed at the last civic elections, by the city council and other officials, a mass meeting is being held under the auspices of the East London ratepayers' committee, headed by W. Walker and Ald. F. R. Watkinson.

It is thought by those who are behind the movement that in addition to awakening the citizens, the meeting awakening the citizens, the meeting

awakening the citizens, the meeting will add weight to the fight that is to be waged by the deputation from the labor representation committee of this city against the City of London Bill when it goes before the House in Toronto on Thursday next. The rate-payers committee is working hand in hand with the L. R. C. in this respect, according to Ald. Watkinson.

More Definite.

While the fight in Toronto will not be against any item in particular, but against the use of the bill for alleged overriding of the people's will, the

against the dee of the people's will, the meeting on Thursday night will take a more definite character. Clause by clause, the bill will be gone into and a fight will be made against those water rates, the garbage question, street car question, and all other matters concerning which the voice of the people is said to have been ignored. Ald. Watkinson said that many impertant resolutions would be drawn up and forwarded to the government.

taken as an answer. They had the right to say what they wanted, and so it is not a square deal on the part of it is not a square deal on the part of the officials to make use of the London bill to go over their heads."

Speakers are being arranged for, and a well organized meeting was assured, promised Mr. Walker. Besides the problems created by the London bill, a protest will be made against the proposed extension of the present site of the Western Fair.

PRINCE UNDER **DUTCH GUARD**

Torpedoboat Arrives At Island To Watch Him.

The Hague, March 16 .-- A Dutch tor pedoboat has arrived in the harbor of Oosterland, Wieringen Island, to guard the former German crown prince, according to the Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant.

SCHEDULE CHANGED FOR BASKETBALL Owing to the inability to secure St

Owing to the inability to secure St. Peter's gym for tonight, the two games scheduled to be played, the St. Peter's five vs. the Silverettes, and the Thistles vs. the L. C. I., will be played on Friday evening, March 19, at St. Peter's gym. The first game, commencing at 7:30 p.m., between the Thistles and the L. C. I., promises to be a very sample. to be a very snappy fixture, as these two teams are neck and neck in the race for the cup.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest emperatures recorded in London during he 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last hight: Highest, 50; lowest, 24.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were Highest, 48; lowest, 37.

TOMORROW-COLDER

Toronto, March 16-8 a.m.

Forecasts. Strong southwest winds; mild with ccasional showers today and part of Vednesday; turning colder Wednesday

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather. Calgary Winnipeg 36 Port Arthur... 38 Sault Ste. Marie. 40 oronto 4 Kingston 36 Cloudy Ottawa Montreal

Quebec ... 24 20
Halifax ... 28 16
Weather Notes. The disturbance which was over the The disturbance which was over the Northwest States yesterday is now centred near Port Dover, and heavy snow has fallen in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, while light showers have been general in Ontario and Western

CIVIL WAR MAY BREAK OUT IN IS CALLED FOR GERMANY AT ANY HOUR THURSDAY NIGHT TO FAILURE OF EBERT

President Ebert Demands Unc onditional Surrender of New Regime—Announces He Will Conduct Country's Affairs From Wuertemburg-Dr. Wolfgang Kapp Threatens Death To Any Who Strike and Interfere With the Operation of Public Utilties.

[By the Associated Press.]

Civil war seems imminent in Germany as a result of the refusal of the Ebert Government, now sitting at Stuttgart, to carry on negotiations with the reactionary regime which seized power suddenly ast Saturday morning. Unconditional surrender of the men directing the new government is demanded by President Ebert, who announces he will continue to direct the affairs of the troubled country from Wuertemburg. The German national assembly will meet in Stuttgart tomorrow afternoon at

Berlin is in the grip of a general strike, called by socialists and labor leaders as a counter stroke to the assumption of power by the government headed by Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, who has issued a decree threatening all strike leaders and pickets with death if there is interference with vital public services. Extreme measures will be taken under the from 4 o'clock this afternoon, and it is possible the crisis of the new revolution will quickly follow.

Details of the situation throughout Germany are somewhat obscure but there seems to be reason to believe the Ebert Government is still holding control in the southern and western sections, while the Kapp regime is rather firmly intrenched in Northeastern Prussia and in Silesia, where many towns and cities are reported to have declared their adherence to the new gorvnement. Fighting is reported at various points throughout Germany, and it is said there was bloodshed in suburbs of Berlin yesterday, but it would seem the clashes so far reported have been between militia units and disorderly crowds. So far as known armed forces of two governments have not come

EBERT HOPES TO AVERT REVOLUTION. Washington, March 16 .- Restoration of the authority of the Ebert

into collision.

Government, with sporadic Spartacists outbreaks throughout Germany, are expected by military officials here who interpret dispatches from Col. Edward Davis, military attache at Berlin, as Indicating that the coup d'etat is not so serious as had at first been supposed. The calling of general strike by the Ebert cabinet is regarded here as certain to encourage the most radical elements of the German nation to make another attempt at revolution and overthrow of "capitalistic society." the recurrence of violence in the large cities, similar to the Spartacide revolts last year, is looked for, the soviet sympathizers in Germany are said to constitute so small a minority that serious trouble need not be

London, March 16.—During a demonstration at Leipsie yes-Know What They Want.

"The people of London are well aware of what they want," he said. "They know in what state the city finances are, and how much they want to spend. If they state when asked that they do not want to spend money on new bridges, the L. & P. S. R., or grant the right to the street car company to increase the fares, surely that should be laken as an express. They want to spend the correspondent states that fighting continues in many parts of Germany. erday troops fired on a crowd, killing more than 20 persons and wounding about 60, says the Copenhagen correspondent of the

Reports received in Consulagera the correspondent says,

THIRTY VICTIMS AT HAMBURG.

Copenhagen, March 16 .- Thirty persons were killed, including some women and children, in yesterday's fighting in Hamburg between citizens' guard and Baltic troops, advices from that city state.

FIFTEEN REPORTED KILLED.

Berlin, March 16 .- Fifteen persons are reported to have been killed and many wounded in fighting yesterday at Steglitz, in the outhwest outskirts of Berlin.

At Charlottenburg, a western suburb of Berlin, four persons are said to have been killed and six wounded as a result of col-

Among the killed was Capt. Berchtold, commanding the Baltic troops

The Hamburg advices report the resignation last night of Baron von Wangeheim, the senior garrison officer there. Herr Lamplar, a supporter of the Ebert Government, succeeded him,

A Munich telegram, received here by way of Berlin, says that quiet prevails at Munich and that the troops are masters of the situation. A new cabinet is being formed. The gas plants, the waterworks, the postal service and the railways are declared to be working normally. It was expected that the tramway service would be partially resumed shortly, it was added.

LUDENDORFF ATTENDS CONFERENCE London, March 16.—The new Government at Berlin held a

cabinet council last night, which was attended by Gen. Ludendorff. according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from the Ger man capital by way of Amsterdam,

STRIKE IS EFFECTIVE Paris, March 16.—The general strike is effective throughout

Germany and only food trains are running, according to advices. Severe fighting is reported from Dresden, Leipsig, Brandenburg and Chemnitz.

The railwaymen's central committee is moving from place to place, fearing arrest by officials of the Kapp Government.

ALLIES MUST EXERCISE THE UTMOST VIGILANCE OVER GERMANY NOW London, March 16 .- Commenting

the reported compromise between the Kapp and Ebert governments, which it considers was brought about by Gen. Mercken, the London Times says today that the conditions appear to correspond closely with Mercken's proposals, and to approximate much more closely the demands of Kapp and his associates than to those of the old government. The newspaper repeats that vigilance on the part of the Allies is required.

The Dutch Government has slightly strengthened the guard on the German frontier. A particularly close scrutiny is being mide of automobiles. Passengers arriving on the frontier report traffic with Germany considerably interrupted. Dutch laborers who were employed in Germany near the frontier have been sent home on account of the general strike. he demands of Kapp and his associates

NAVAL OFFICERS ARE REPORTED KILLED IN ENCOUNTERS AT KIEL

general strike.

Kiel some naval officers have been kill. on Monday night. ed while in Magdeburg there has been fierce fighting about the central post-office.

miners are said to take a neutral attitude, the only condition they have laid down being that the republican constitution be maintained.

REFUSE TO NEGOTIATE.

Stuttgart, March 16.—Refusal to nego-inte with the reactionary faction headed by Fr. Wolfgang Kapp, head of the new government at Berlin, was decided upon here yesterday by the council of the old cabinet, over which President Ebert presided. Unconditional resig-nation of the leaders of the new government was demanded by the Ebert cab net, which arrived here yesterday after noon by a special train from Dresder The National Assembly will meet in thi city on Wednesday afternoon at

of the two regimes, declared he would direct the country's affairs with Wifertemberg as the capital, according to a dispatch received from Berlin.

ERZBERGER ARRESTED.

London, March 16 .- Mathias Ersber Berne, Switzerland, March 16.—Encounters at Kiel and Magdeburg are reported in telegrams from Berlin. In

been general in Ontario and Western Quebec.

The weather has turned quite cold again in the West.

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The declared to be supporting the new government, without, however, being directly identified with it. Westphalian Continued on Page Elevano Continued on Continued on Page Elevano Continued on Page Elevano Continued on Page Elevano Continued on Continued HOLLAND RECOGNIZES OLD GOVT.

and Newbury held here today, a hearty and unanimous call was extended to tev. C. D. Farguharson at St. George. ont. The charge has been vacant since

What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES. Two-Gun Betty.

A. J. ANDREWS, K.C.

Winnipeg, March 16 .- With an elo

when people had settled to the task of

federates should engage in a seditious

J. Andrews, K.C., closed his three-day

address to the lury last night.

onspiracy to pull down everything, A.

Mr. Andrews made it clear that the

grown had no quarrel with organized

that could be constitutionally done to

ought to be done, but it also said no changes could be brought about in this

ountry by illegal means by illegal or-

Today W. H. Trueman, K.C., will de-liver the first of the seven addresses for the defence in the state trial which

has been in progress for about two months. He speaks for Alderman

Is Found Buried

Owner of Farm Is Held by the

Chicago Police.

Chicago, March 16 .- Detectives yes

terday found Liberty and other bonds

for many robberies.

In a Pig Sty

Grand—Elsie Janis in "A Regular Girl," and vaudeville.

Loew's—"Victory," and vaude-Malestic-Bessie Barriscale in Allen—"The Woman Thou Gavest Me." OTHER EVENTS. White Wyandotte Breeders'
Association—Meets in People's
Building at 8 p.m.
London Royal Arch Chapter—
Meets in Masonic Hall at 7:45

valued at \$100,000, tied in a sack and buried in a bip-sty on the farm of Guy Wadsworth, a former policeman of Dalton, Ill. Wadsworth is held as the Railroad Traffic Is Partially head of a gang of thieves responsible

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