

HEALTH FORCES RESIGNATION OF ANDREW BONAR LAW

COUNCIL WILL VOTE TO PASS SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES AT MEETING NEXT MONDAY

School Taxes, However, May Be Collected Separately in Order That People May Realize the Cost of Education—Ald. Watt Confident That Reduction Can Yet Be Made.

No rate for school taxes will be struck until the regular meeting of the council Monday night, judging by the general opinion in aldermanic circles today. Surprised was expressed that the board of education had not made any reduction in the figures which the council refused to accept last Monday. While few of the aldermen were hopeful that the trustees would pare \$70,000 from their estimates, most expected that some reduction would be made.

As the board has shown no disposition to decrease its demands, it is quite possible that the council will strike a rate sufficient to raise the amount required and make no comment. The mayor, however, or less than the hands of the staff, believing that the collection of the school taxes as a separate amount will sufficiently impress on the taxpayers the cost of education and what for general purposes.

An still confident that the board will make some reduction," said Ald. P. A. Watt. "The council is not trying to hold them up or hamper education by not giving them the sufficient funds. They keep crowding the estimates up each year unreasonably. There are a number of things which never used to be considered necessary for education, but which we have to supply now, and these take a lot of money."

"The statement about the council by members of the board were made by trustees who were not at the council meeting when the estimates were sent back. The trustees who were there were not a spirit of ill-feeling, but merely a desire to keep expenditures down to the lowest possible limit."

Ald. Cameron Wilson expressed the belief that the council would accept the estimates without further debate. The board prepared them and if they did not see fit to reduce them, they would have to accept the responsibility and not the council, which was powerless in the matter.

Ald. C. Drake also expressed the opinion that the school rate will be struck Monday without discussion.

HEMP GROWN IN WEST



MR. E. F. HUTCHINGS, a prominent manufacturer and financier of Winnipeg, has been elected president, and Col. Wm. Grassie vice-president of the Canadian Fibre Products Company, which has been organized to engage in growing hemp and marketing hemp products. Special machinery has been secured to overcome labor problems. The illustration shows Mr. Hutchings holding a sample of hemp that was grown on his farm.

DRIPPING MAN IS NOT A GOOD RISK IN OPINION OF LOCAL INSURANCE MEN

Reported Statement by G. D. Finlayson Is Not Accepted Here As Correct—Preponderance of Statistics Are in Favor of Total Abstinence.

Although there is some difference in opinion where the line should be drawn between men of this city are almost unanimous in the opinion that the man who does not drink lives longer and is a much better risk than a non-abstainer. They do not believe that C. D. Finlayson, Dominion superintendent of insurance, made the statements accredited to him in a dispatch emanating from Ottawa on Wednesday. In a Canadian Press dispatch, Mr. Finlayson was quoted as saying that "insurance companies had found that the life of the abstainer was shorter than that of a man who drinks. He would not make a statement," said E. S. Reid, general manager of the London Life, when interviewed today by The Advertiser, which would back up any such claim. In the opinion of our company a little liquor is bad, more is worse, and a lot is very bad. A man who has a record for drinking has a hard time to get a policy.

Cannot Believe Report. Charles E. German, district manager of the Mutual Life Assurance Company, said he "did not believe that Mr. Finlayson had made any such statement. There was no such thing as a man who was a non-abstainer would live longer than a total abstainer. If a man is a heavy drinker," he continued, "the company either rejects his application altogether or allows him a short endowment policy with a heavy premium. The company certainly does not want that kind of business."

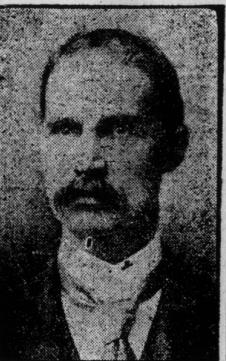
W. G. Fitzgerald, actuary for the Northern Life Company, said that the question of the longevity of a non-abstainer was to a great extent one of individual habit. He did not believe, however, that Mr. Finlayson made the remark reported.

"Statistics have been compiled supporting both sides of the question," he stated. "I have seen those who have prepared figures proving that the non-abstainer lives longer than the abstainer, but the preponderance of statistics are in favor of the total abstainer. There is no doubt that the man who does not drink is a much better risk, although our company does not bar the drinker from becoming a member."

Mr. Fitzgerald said that while his company is not a total abstainer, he believed there are others who have. He claimed that the Manufacturers' Life Company have had the death rate among these special policyholders was somewhat lower than in other classes of other companies, however, had failed to establish the fact. There was, he said, a great deal of difficulty in separating the sheep from the goats.

Andrew Bonar Law Is Compelled To Resign Owing to Ill Health; Lloyd George Deeply Affected

RESIGNS OWING TO ILL-HEALTH



ANDREW BONAR LAW.

British Government Leader Warned by His Physician That Continuance of Public Duties Might Mean a Complete Breakdown—Had Been Absent From Commons For a Week—Was Reported That His Health Was Improving—Announcement Comes As Great Surprise.

London, March 17.—Andrew Bonar Law, lord of the privy seal, today resigned from the cabinet. Ill-health was given as the reason for his resignation. Mr. Law also retired from the Government leadership in the House of Commons.

The announcement of Mr. Bonar Law's retirement was made in the House of Commons by Mr. Lloyd George, who was so deeply affected that he could hardly finish his statement. The prime minister said he had received a letter from Mr. Bonar Law this morning, stating he had been warned by his physicians that if he continued he would run the danger of a complete breakdown.

Mr. Bonar Law had been absent from the House of Commons the whole of this week, but he was reported to be improving in health, and his resignation of the leadership of the House came as a complete surprise.

The letter of Mr. Bonar Law expressed regret that he was unable to continue his political work.

"The strain of the last few years has been too heavy on me, and as you know well, for more than three years I have had the greatest difficulty in doing my work," Mr. Bonar Law declared. "I have stepped out, and my medical advisers have warned me that my physical condition is such that, unless I have an immediate and long rest, an early and complete breakdown is inevitable."

ANCIENT EGGS HURLED BY SINN FEIN SYMPATHIZERS FAIL TO STOP GIBBS FROM SPEAKING

Noted British War Correspondent Wins Many Friends by His Unruffled Attitude at Chicago Meeting When the Rowdy Element Tries to Break Up Gathering—Police Reserves Called in Eject Hecklers From Building.

Chicago, March 17.—Canadian Press.—Sir Philip Gibbs today found that he had won many new admirers in Chicago as a result of the calm, unruffled attitude he displayed during the attempted interference with his lecture at Orchestra Hall last night. He remained good natured throughout the rather tumultuous evening, and even the hurling of a couple of ancient eggs from the gallery failed to shake his equanimity for more than a moment.

Before the arrival of police reinforcements last night, it looked for a time as though the speaker's unruffled attitude might result in a serious disturbance, as a large part of the audience was indignant at the hecklers. Had it not been for Sir Philip's calm attitude the Sinn Fein men would have succeeded in rough treatment by the majority, who wished to hear what the lecturer had to say. He was outspokenly in sympathy with him. "Drag them out of the hall," was the shout of the gallery cheered for De Valera. "Please don't say anything. Don't do anything," said Sir Philip. "They'll tire pretty soon."

Reporting Facts. Declaring his stand on the Irish question, Sir Philip said: "I am not an anti-British or pro-British man. I'm reporting facts as I find them, and my whole object, if I have any, is to bring about peace and understanding between the two countries."

When a Sinn Fein man in the gallery threw a couple of eggs to the stage, though with very poor aim, it was only at this point that Gibbs replied in kind to his assailant.

"I want to tell you about a man who loved Ireland and devoted his whole life to it. John Redmond was his name. Redmond's name is the same as the black and tans," he shouted. "That is a lie," Gibbs replied.

AUSTRIA WILL BE PERMITTED TIME TO PAY

Four Allied Nations Agree to Postponement of a Settlement.

AVERT STARVATION

Reply of Britain, France, Italy and Japan Is Prepared.

London, March 17.—The reply of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to the appeal of Austria for assistance has been prepared. The four countries agree to postpone payment of the sums to which they are entitled, under the treaty of Saint Germain, and also payment of the capital and interest on advances made to Austria since the armistice, in order to avert starvation in that country.

The financial committee of the league of nations will meet within a fortnight and will present to bankers for examination the proposals of the Austrian representatives here regarding the amount of loans required by Austria, the character of the securities available as a guarantee for loans and the services, the financial committee is in a position to offer in the negotiations.

WOULD USE LETHAL GAS TO INFLECT DEATH PENALTY

Repeal of Lethal Gas Bill Proposed

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Chicago, March 17.—Police reinforcements last night were called to Orchestra Hall to quiet a tumultuous audience gathered to hear Sir Philip Gibbs, the English author and war correspondent, who spoke on the "Irish Question." A dozen hecklers, said to be Sinn Fein sympathizers from the gallery, were escorted to the street and allowed to go free.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGRETS INABILITY TO COMPLY WITH WISHES OF COUNCIL

Official Statement Received by City Clerk Baker Today.

DUTY TO THE CITIZENS

To Keep Teaching Staff and Equipment Up to the Mark.

First Lord of the Admiralty Gives Views On the Question.

BRITAIN WOULD GLADLY DISCUSS DISARMAMENT

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"GREEN ARMY" NOW TO FIGHT BOLSHEVIKI

London, March 17.—A green army is forming against the Russian Government, says a refugee who has just arrived in Riga from Petrograd, according to a dispatch to the London Times from Riga. The green army is being made up of deserting red soldiers and peasants. The first green contingent is at Kostroma, south of Moscow, where the red soldiers have formed a revolutionary committee. The green army is being formed in Russia is that the revolutionaries are not successful, but that it will require several months.

REDS PLAN A NEW ATTACK ON KRONSTADT

Bolsheviki Reported To Be Making Extensive Preparations.

ARTILLERY DUELS

Big Guns From Fortresses Engage in Heavy Bombardment.

KRONSTADT CAPTURED.

Trustee Wright Refers to the Stipends of City Officials.

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Mr. Wright declared that while the city council was granting increases to its officials in two years, amounting to 35 to 100 per cent, it was not justified in objecting to the 10 per cent increase given the teachers.

Trustee Bice stated that he knew of good men who have this year taken reductions in their salaries of 25 per cent.

At this point, Chairman Coleridge warned the trustees that the discussion was "quite out of order," and the matter was dropped.

CANADIAN WHEAT CARGO.

London, March 17.—(Canadian Associated Press.)—The motor ship Buenos Aires has arrived in Millwall docks with the first cargo of Canadian wheat via Vancouver and the Panama Canal.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR INTERVIEWS HARDING

Washington, March 17.—President Harding continued today his conference with the Japanese ambassador, Baron Shidehara, at the White House. The discussion centered about the Japanese interest in the United States and Japan.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER.

Forecast.

DENIES RAILWAYMEN ARE BEING OVERPAID

A. R. Mosher Declares High Wages Not To Blame for Companies' Shortages.

Ottawa, March 17.—"Untrue and absolutely absurd," are some of the emphatic terms used in a lengthy statement issued by Mr. A. R. Mosher, grand president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, last night in reply to assertions made during the past few days that the embarrassing financial position of several railroads, notably the Canadian Government Railway, is due to the increased wages paid railroad employees.

Mr. Mosher cited figures with a view to showing that the average wage paid railroad employees in Canada is low.

Mr. Mosher further emphasized that for years previous to the war wages paid railroad employees were notoriously low, and that it was only by persistent effort on the part of different railroad brotherhoods and organizations that wages had been brought on a level with wages paid in other trades.

FALCONS VICTORS.

Blondes Barred From Jury; Says They Are Fickle

New York, March 17.—A mixed jury composed of men and women yesterday heard arguments in a damage suit growing out of a clothing deal.

In ordering that both sexes participate, Judge William Morris of the municipal court said: "There will be no blondes on this jury. Blondes are fickle."

POLISH-RUSSIAN PACT TO BE SIGNED FRIDAY

Warsaw, March 17.—Polish, Ukrainian and Russian delegates will sign the treaty between Soviet Russia and Poland at 7 o'clock Friday evening. It is officially announced here. Negotiations on the treaty which will establish peace between Russia and this country have been completed at Riga, where the ceremony of signing will take place.

EASY FOR CRIMINALS TO SECURE EXPLOSIVES

Washington, March 17.—Withdrawal of supervision over the manufacture and sale of explosives in the United States by the repeal by Congress of war legislation, has made it easy for anarchists, safe blowers, and others, to obtain explosives for illegal purposes, said a statement issued today by the bureau of mines.

In urging legislation to control the handling as well as the manufacture and sale of explosives, the bureau asserted that the United States is practically the only civilized government in the world that fails to exercise a national supervision over explosives, and declared it is easier to obtain explosives in this country than in any other.

Large stores of explosives, the statement said, have been accumulated within the limits of cities and towns where an explosion could cause loss of life and property.

HARDING APPROVES ACTION OF OFFICIALS

Washington, March 17.—Action of army and navy officers in refusing to permit United States troops to participate in an evacuation day parade at Boston, of which Sinn Fein sympathizers are in charge, was formally approved today by President Harding after a conference with Secretary Hughes of the state department, and Secretary Weeks of the war department.

INCOME TAX RETURNS MUST SOON BE MADE

Heavy Penalties For All Who Ignore Law.

Toronto, March 17.—Canadian Press.—Now is the time for all good Canadian men—and women—to see about their federal income tax, but there is no necessity, according to the inspectors of income taxation, to get panicky about it.

The big time to remember is that all company and employer's tax returns must be in by March 31, and all individual returns by April 30. Another important factor is that payment of at least 25 per cent of the tax payers be not unduly impressed and worried by stories and comic cuts depicting people going into hysterics while making up their federal tax returns.

Canada forms for the returns are not unduly intricate, they say. And the nearest inspector of taxation office will cheerfully assist the honest tax payer seeking information.

Generally speaking, single men and women who during 1920 had incomes of \$1,000 or over and married men or women with incomes of \$2,000 or over are subject to federal tax, and should make a return. There are various exemptions, information regarding which is obtainable at the inspectors' office.

Heavy penalties are provided for persons who ignore this law or make improper or incomplete returns.