

LOS ANGELES-TURK-AMERICAN TREATY ON STRAITS

RECEIPT TAX MAKES LABOR; SOME OBJECT

New Law Received With Resignation by Most Men of Business.

SEE LITTLE HARSHSHIP

Keen Competition May Force Merchants to Pay Tax Themselves.

Accepting the new regulations for taxation on receipts as a necessary measure for procuring revenue, local retail and wholesale merchants today expressed but one definite objection to the act, namely, the considerable amount of extra work which imposition of the regulations involves.

"Red tape" was the phrase commonly used in regard to this feature, disapproval being expressed owing to the large additional clerical labor required. Many believed that this feature would of necessity be eliminated at the next session of the Dominion Legislature.

"We do not object to the tax itself," said a representative of Smallman & Ingram department store, "it is the extra clerical work and worry we disapprove of. Surely some arrangement might have been made by which this could have been dispensed with. The majority of retail stores will be compelled to pay the tax out of their own pockets, owing to the present keen competition which prevents any increase in prices."

Object to Wording.

Other retailers substantiate this view. A certain amount of dissatisfaction was further expressed in connection with the ambiguous wording of the regulations. The first clause says that counter sales slips and cash register tickets are not taxable, provided no words implying or stating acknowledgment of the receipt or payment of money, are written thereon.

In this regard it was pointed out that unless slips lose their entire worth unless the word "paid" is inscribed on them. Similarly, cash register tickets are supposed to be receipts for articles purchased, and the majority would be taxable if the present receipt system in vogue is carried out. The value of both sales slips and cash register tickets becomes negligible unless they can be accepted as a form of receipt.

The second clause, which provides for a tax on all payrolls containing signatures of employees in receipt for wages received will not affect either employer or employee to an appreciable extent. Large concerns employing many workmen do not ask for receipts.

May Tax Employees.

The few firms accustomed to demanding acknowledgment of salaries and wages paid will either change this procedure or exact payment of the tax from employees for whose benefit receipts are issued.

Local solicitors and mortgage and debenture companies stated that their Turn to Page 17, Column 5.

TURKSEXPECT U.S. WILL SIGN PRIVATE PACT

Lausanne Dispatch Puts New Light on Freedom of the Straits Problem.

MAY FORCE FRENCH HAND

America Prepares to Ask Poincare for Definite Statement on Reparations.

Special Cable to "The Advertiser." London, Dec. 21.—Turkey expects the United States to sign a private treaty with the Ankara government regarding the freedom of the straits, according to an Exchange telegraph dispatch from Lausanne today.

"There is good grounds for belief that if America will not sign a private treaty with the Kemalists, as the result of the Lausanne meetings at which Ambassador Child had participated, the Turks will not consent to be bound in any way to the regimes proposed by European nations," the Exchange correspondent added.

According to this correspondent, Ambassador Child will proceed at the earliest possible moment to arrange a convention with the Kemalists. Child, he states, already has discussed the proposition with Ismet Pasha, had covered the question of the rights of American ships in times of war and peace to pass through the straits of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus. "This would put America in a privileged position similar to that already enjoyed by the United States through its separate treaty with Germany," the correspondent comments.

MAY FORCE FRANCE'S HAND.

Special to The Advertiser. Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—France soon may be asked by the United States to place all her cards on the table.

With the success or failure of the American move, looking toward a solution of the old world's economic crisis, virtually hanging on the attitude of France, this government, it is understood, is preparing to ask Poincare for a definite statement as to the utmost concessions he is willing to make on reparations and kindred questions in order to relieve the situation.

This government realizes that the Poincare government faces a difficult situation in France, to compel it to make any such concessions is to place it in a position of weakness, which has been imposed upon her, and the inquiry to the French government will be propounded in the most friendly and considerate manner.

U. S. NOT INVITED.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Paris, Dec. 21.—The United States will not be invited to participate in the forthcoming premier's conference at Paris, Jan. 2, it was announced today. Inasmuch as the meeting will be but a continuation of the London conversations, America will not be represented, according to the announcement, but in event of a full conference at Brussels or elsewhere the Allies will invite the United States to attend.



WHERE COMMUNISM BREEDS.

Where Seeds of Communism Are Sown in Canada—Top, Dominion Coal Company offices at Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, and Roy S. Wolvin, general manager of the company. Bottom, typical homes of the coal miners, among whom the doctrine of communism is being preached. The miners are challenging capital for control of the coal-mining industry.

NEW CITY COUNCIL MEETS ON FRIDAY

Wenige To Call Special Meeting To Discuss Problems To Be Settled.

Should nothing unforeseen develop in the meanwhile, an informal gathering of the members of the 1923 council will be held Friday night. Mayor-Elect George Wenige sent out notices to that effect to all the councillors-elect this morning.

"I tried to arrange for this session last week," he explained, "but it was impossible to decide upon a night when all the members could be in attendance. I have concluded to set a date myself."

The new mayor explains that while the leading issues of the day will be quickly considered, the city's transportation problems shall surely claim the greatest attention at this initial gathering. It is more than likely that some definite action will be outlined for further consideration early in January.

Mr. Wenige is most emphatic that this question should receive immediate attention and a determined effort should be expended in 1923 as possible to insure improved service for the citizens.

It is proposed that all the councillors shall express their opinion upon the transportation question in all its phases.

Mayor Wilson still insists that the time will yet come when the city will be compelled to assume control of the London street railway lines, and under the recommendations of the now famous Bunnell report. He does not attach a great deal of significance to the defeat of the proposed purchase by 400 votes or so, giving the opinion that the French government will be propounded in the most friendly and considerate manner.

He believes that scores of persons voted, not so much against the contemplated purchase itself, but because of other reasons, which are not always given publicity for obvious reasons. "The people were evidently out to clean up on everything," he added. "But I believe honestly that the thoughtful persons now regret the defeat of the purchase and street railway bylaws."

CAPTURE SUSPECTS IN DARK OPIUM DEN

Police Engage in Terrific Struggle in Greenwich Village.

Special to The Advertiser.

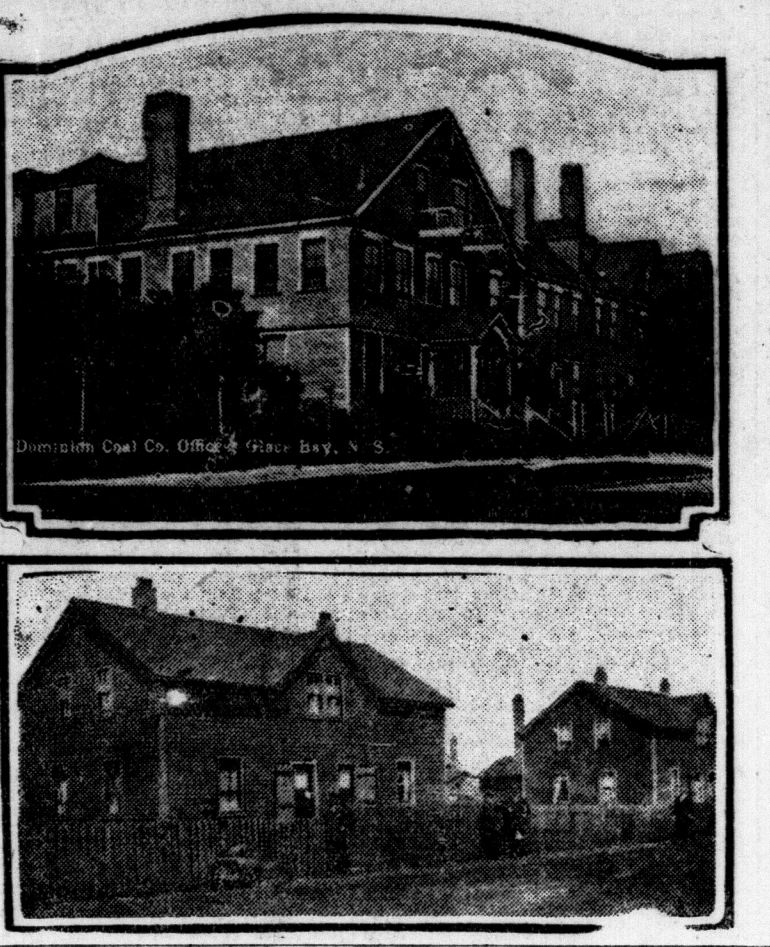
New York, Dec. 21.—A terrific battle in a darkened opium den, in which a woman was injured, detectives led by Deputy Police Commissioner Dr. Carlton Simon in person, early today captured five alleged dope smugglers and a quantity of narcotics.

The wrecked premises from which the narcotic squad emerged victors with their struggling captives, was identified as a drug den to which rich society girls had been lured recently. Anonymous letters sent to Dr. Simon from a woman who had seen the victims enter the den, which was behind the Judson Memorial Church in Greenwich Village, put the investigators on the track.

During the struggle with the alleged dope peddling gang a number of implements used in burglary were buried into an air shaft by one of the suspects. A woman was struck on the head by one of these and injured. Hundreds of villagers were drawn to the scene by the noise of battle, crashing glass and the women's screams.

DR. W. F. BABB AT HOME WITH SERIOUS ILLNESS

Dr. W. F. Babb, eye, ear, nose and throat surgeon, is reported to be seriously ill at his home, 455 Waterloo street. Dr. Babb was compelled to take to bed early this week, and his condition is now regarded as serious.



Lloyd George Describes Ireland's Fateful Hour

Do you remember, months ago, when the Irish emissaries gathered around the conference table at 10 Downing street?

How the world held its breath? How the crowds prayed in the streets of old London?

How you wondered what was going on behind those closed doors? Lloyd George, prime actor in the drama, now opens those doors.

In the third of thirty articles which he is writing for The London Advertiser and a few leading newspapers throughout the world, the Welshman, enigma of Europe, talks about Ireland.

He goes back to William Ewart Gladstone, "the greatest parliamentary gladiator of all times," so Lloyd George says; he shows a crowded hour in the House of Commons; and then in gripping phrase he describes the signing of the Irish treaty, with flashing pictures of Arthur Griffith, the tactician; Michael Collins, the Celt; Eversine Childers, courteous and sinister.

Lloyd George's third article has been cabled to Canada and will appear in The London Advertiser on Saturday afternoon and Monday morning. Twenty-seven similar articles from his magic pen will follow.

THEY WILL APPEAR ONLY IN THE ADVERTISER.

GREEK AND TURKISH MYSTERY WOMAN DELEGATES CLASH ENTERS WILL CASE

Wordy Altercation Causes the Chairman to Adjourn Session at Peace Parley.

Lausanne, Dec. 21.—A wordy altercation between ex-Premier Venizelos, of Greece, and Riza Nur Bey, the Turkish Nationalist delegate, caused Signor Montagna, president of the Near East conference commission on minorities, to bring this morning's session of the commission to an abrupt close.

The dispute was over the question of liberty of emigration. M. Venizelos bitterly attacked the Ankara government and protested against the alleged deportation of the Greek by the thousand from Anatolia.

Riza Nur replied in the same vein, charging Venizelos with being responsible for the Turco-Greek war and its consequences. The voices of the two delegates rose to a high pitch, both speaking at the same time and refusing to heed the pleadings of the president that they calm down. In view of this Signor Montagna declared the session adjourned amid confusion.

WOMEN ASK REVISION OF VERSAILLES TREATY

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—Miss Jane Addams, Miss Katharine Marshall and Miss Jeanne Meall, representing the Women's Peace League, came to Copenhagen today to present to the premier and the foreign minister the League's demand for a revision of the Versailles treaty, and to ask a government's sympathetic co-operation to that end. A reception in honor of the visitors has been arranged for this evening by Danish women's organizations.

FEAR FIRE WILL DESTROY ROCKEFELLER DORMITORY

South Hadley, Mass., Dec. 21.—Fire which broke out in the basement of Rockefeller Hall, a dormitory of Mount Holyoke College, at 8:30 o'clock this morning, spread, despite the efforts of fire fighters, into the partitions of the stories above, and the building will probably be totally destroyed. The 90 girls who live in the dormitory were in the chapel when the fire was discovered.

London Police Keep Diligent Watch For the Bearers of Christmas "Cheer"

New forms for Ontario magistrates' monthly returns, recently issued by the Ontario government, and to be put into use commencing January 1, will cause Ontario police court officials considerable inconvenience. Inquiries made throughout the district unearthed this much information. London, for instance, will have to purchase a new typewriter for the police court clerk's office, as the carriage on the present one is not large enough to hold the new form sheets. The new forms also call for much additional information regarding the conviction and the description of prisoners. On the police court docket the column for the name of the defendant precedes that of the prosecutor's column, while on the new form the position of these columns is reversed.

LONDON REALTY TRANSFERS FOR YEAR ARE 1,690

Returns Up To Date Compare Favorably With Those of Past.

GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

Assessment Officials Pleased With Record During Past Twelve Months.

Real estate transfers for the past year, to date, indicate the gradual return to normalcy, according to official figures submitted to the Assessment today by the municipal assessment department.

The returns compare quite favorably with former years, other than 1919 and 1920, the authorities explain, when the post-bellum property boom was noted in London.

Since January 1, last, 1,690 properties have exchanged hands (exclusive, however, of the annexed districts) for a consideration of, roughly, \$4,237,860. The assessment figure is placed at \$3,246,500, or 71.40 per cent of the sale price.

Despite the fact that these figures show a material decrease over the past three years, the assessment officials are insistent that this is no indication of any business stagnation in London, but actually augurs well for the future. It is merely "a sign of the times," as it were—a gradual but sure return to normal conditions.

A substantial boom was noted directly following the cessation of hostilities, but from now on business will increase substantially, the authorities confidently assert.

East London Not Included.

It is further pointed out that this statement does not include the property transfers of the annexed districts of East London, which are returned in a separate report, being registered in another office. This procedure is occasioned by reason of the fact that in 1911, when the suburbs adjoining the city to the east were annexed, a fixed assessment was set for 15 years. This assessment does not expire for another four years or so.

While definite figures are not yet available in this respect, it is known that the rate has been 32 cents transfers of property, residences, stores, vacant lots, etc., in the sections referred to. This will involve quite a substantial sum for the city (exclusive of the annexed territory).

Will Add Greatly.

The assessment clerks point out that the city stands to add greatly to the assessment returns when the annexation agreement expires, as it is impossible to raise the figure at the present time. As a result of this, they instance, the city's total assessed at a figure as low as \$25, even were sold this year for \$300 or more. Here follows the year's detailed statement for the city (exclusive of the annexed territory):

	No. of Transfers	Assessed Value	Consideration	Per cent of Assessed Value
January	86	\$190,575	\$326,887	171.52
February	99	215,915	366,792	169.88
March	129	218,440	284,478	129.80
April	178	218,990	322,776	147.29
May	200	390,855	515,644	131.92
June	227	427,265	625,425	146.38
July	136	300,380	423,041	140.82
August	117	303,940	350,521	115.32
September	121	224,065	326,887	145.88
October	148	284,300	387,617	136.34
November	154	345,205	453,408	131.32
December	100	142,365	177,250	124.52
Total	1,690	\$3,246,500	\$4,237,860	129.00

TOWN BUYS WHOLE ADJACENT VILLAGE

Akron, O., Dec. 21.—In a few weeks Akron will own the village of Botzuan, known as Nile, Ohio, half a century ago, and one of the oldest communities in this part of the country.

Akron council has obtained option on the property in the village, except a bridge and the public square. For sentimental reasons ownership of these institutions has been denied, old settlers declaring they will not permit the sacrifice of turning their city park into a garbage disposal plant, which is the fate destined for the property when the buildings have been razed.

PASTORS SING PSALM TO PIANO MILES AWAY

New York, Dec. 21.—Members of the Clergy Club of New York sang a part of the Nineteenth Psalm to the accompaniment of a piano several miles away from their gathering today at the Hotel Astor.

One of the speakers at the meeting was Alexander McLean Nicolson, Western Electric engineer, who demonstrated his "talking crystals," and told about the mysterious piezo-electric effect by which crystals of Rochelle salts act as telephonic transmitters and receivers.

ORPHANS OF JERUSALEM TO MARCH TO BETHLEHEM

Jerusalem, Dec. 21.—Christmas Day in Bethlehem will be marked this year by an unusual pilgrimage of children to the little Church of the Nativity. Five hundred Armenian boys and girls from orphanages in Jerusalem will march to Bethlehem with gifts made by them in their industrial school, which they will place in the grotto where tradition says Christ was born.

Gifts are of wood and metal.

PREMIER BONAR LAW SUFFERS SEVERE COLD

Special to The Advertiser. London, Dec. 21.—Premier Bonar Law of Great Britain was reported today to have almost entirely lost the use of his voice as the result of a severe cold. The prime minister's condition, however, is said to be "not alarming."



INDIAN PRINCE DIES.

The Maharajah of Cooh Behar, who represented India at the Washington disarmament conference, is dead in London, England.

BECK MAY OPPOSE DRURY IN HALTON

Prominent Conservatives Deny Rumor Concerning Next Year's Election.

Special to The Advertiser.

Milton, Dec. 21.—Dame Rumor says that Sir Adam Beck will likely be pitted against Premier Drury in Halton in the provincial elections next year, but prominent Conservatives stated today that several strong men in the party were available who were able to, and would redeem, the constituency in the Conservative interest, without asking Sir Adam Beck to become their standard-bearer.

That the Conservatives will put a candidate in the field there is no doubt, but whether Premier Drury will be the Progressive candidate, with promise of Liberal support, is another question. Time will tell. Prominent politicians in all parties do not believe for one moment that the electors will see a three-cornered fight in Halton in the next provincial election.

KEEPS SAFE OPEN TO HELP BURGLARS

Niagara Man Content As He Loses Money and Protects Safe.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Burglars who entered the offices of Laur and Mack, of this city, and prepared to blow the safe, received a pleasant surprise last night. The doors of the safe were closed, but unlocked, and on the strong box was a sign: "This safe is open. The yeggs took \$101.50, and an automatic pistol from the safe and stole a typewriter."

Officers of the company explained that there was seldom much money in the safe, and the sign was left on it each night, so that yeggs would not blow it and damage it. They say it is cheaper to lose the small amount of money in the safe, than to pay out a large sum for repairs after it has been dynamited.

PASSION PLAYERS CLINGING TO TRADITION THOUGH POOR

Hard Times Comes to Oberammergau But Actors Refuse to Enter Picture.

London, Dec. 21.—Times are hard in Oberammergau as a consequence of the mark's depreciation, but the Passion Players are enduring poverty rather than sacrifice the traditions of so many years, by accepting the offers of motion picture companies and theatrical managers to give their play abroad.

Burgomaster Wilhelm Ritz, in appealing to English friends of the play to buy their wood carvings as a means of augmenting their income, says in a letter published here that the parish, after deducting expenses, has the equivalent of approximately only £1,000 as its net return for the passion play of 1922.

The latest United States offer is for a tour of the actors in a Biblical play in which a few scenes from their own production would be introduced.

HUGE METEOR FALLS NEAR SABLE ISLAND

Canadian Press.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 21.—The crew of the government steamer Lady Laurier, here from Sable Island, tells of a huge meteor which fell to the southwest of that place late Saturday night. The people of Sable Island thought at first it was the searchlight of a steamer standing near by, but discovered its true identity when it broke into a myriad of particles. It was said that the light thrown on the island was bright enough to allow the reading of the finest print or the picking up of the proverbial needle.

The crew of the Laurier, which at the time was forty miles from Sable Island, saw the spectacle.

GIVE TRUSTEES PROVINCIAL AID IN PICKING SITE

Inspectors From Toronto Will Decide on Merits of School Property.

PAY IMMEDIATE VISIT

May Uphold Action of City Inspector, Who Condemned Board's Choice.

It was definitely assured this morning that provincial authorities would visit London in the course of a day or two, to consider at first hand the southeast school question.

While every effort was made to keep the matter hushed, it was also learned that Dr. John Waugh, chief inspector of public and separate schools in the province, had paid the city a brief visit during the week and had been shown the site at Trafalgar and Oliver streets, where building operations are already in progress, and the Dakin street site. Before leaving for Toronto, Dr. Waugh held a short conference with members of the board of education.

Just what business was accomplished is withheld for obvious reasons. It was intimated, however, that the hurried visit was for the purpose of gathering certain facts, for presentation in the form of a report. From this it would seem that quick action is being taken by the department for education at Toronto.

It is traditional that provincial authorities uphold the stand taken by local inspectors. The stand taken by both Inspector V. K. Greer and Junior Inspector G. A. Wheable is well-known. It was declared at a meeting some time ago, when they submitted a signed statement, registering their opposition to the Trafalgar site and asking that they be placed on record in that regard.

As the matter stands now, the board of education is divided on the question, with the majority in favor of the Trafalgar site. Citizens in the district have strongly opposed the site claiming that it is not centrally located in the district. It is not clear that it should not be on a street with the heavy traffic that is common at that point.

The London Real Estate Board has also warned the school board to cease operations on the site. In the face of this building is being rushed. Trustees seen this morning refused to talk on the question but it seems certain from intimations made that there will be a showdown inside a few days.

HOPE TO REVEAL POKER SWINDLE

Wealthy Persons Said To Have Lost Several Hundred Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec. 21.—Disclosure of a gigantic poker swindle in which hundreds of thousands of dollars have been lost by wealthy persons in games here was forecast today, when detectives set out to round up a Broadway gambling fraternity. Two men already are under arrest on the unusual charge of being common gamblers and detectives said they expected to take a number of others into custody soon. While the police declined, in advance of more arrests, to reveal the information in their hands, it was learned that one complainant, Charles F. Meyer of White Plains, lost several thousand dollars at games at which partners were said to have been framed as "square guys."

Mark Reardon and Richard R. Manden, the two arrested, were released under \$500 bail each.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Moderate to fresh southwest and west winds; mostly cloudy and mild today and on Friday.

Pressure is low across Canada and off the middle Atlantic coast, and high over the Rocky Mountain states.

The weather has turned mild in nearly all parts of the Dominion, and light snow has fallen in Quebec and New Brunswick.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

	High.	Low.
Vancouver	44	40
Calgary	48	29
Winnipeg	8	8
St. Arthur	12	2
Toronto	37	23
Kingston	36	23
Ottawa	22	13
St. John's	4	4
Halifax	10	2

—Below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:

	Highest.	Lowest.
City	33	22
St. John's	4	4
Halifax	10	2

Barometric Readings.

Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.24.

Today—8 a.m., 29.22.