

KING GEORGE OPENS IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT

Fielding Opens Drive To Collect Tax Arrears

NEW MINISTER TO INVESTIGATE TAXES BRANCH

May Transfer Operation From Finance to Customs Department.

MANY ACCOUNTS UNPAID

Previous Government Only Partly Enforced Extensive Profits Levies.

[Special To London Advertiser.] Ottawa, Feb. 7.—A careful investigation into the workings of the taxation branch of the finance department, is being instituted by Hon. W. S. Fielding, the new minister.

Rumor has it that some day this branch will be transferred to the customs department. Mr. Fielding taking the view that all collections should be made by the latter.

In the meantime however, the new government desires to ascertain the manner in which the income tax and war profits tax acts have been administered, with a view toward collecting whatever arrears may exist.

That arrears do exist has been proven through the case of the Klondike Company and has been admitted by Sir Henry Drayton, former finance minister.

Sir Henry took refuge behind that clause of the excess profits act which prohibits the making public of details regarding its workings.

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It is fairly apparent that difficulty will be encountered under present business depression in collecting arrears, nevertheless, the new government will make its best endeavor to trace delinquents and force payment.

Canada boasted having the highest excess profit tax in the world. And yet Canada, which made very extensive war profits, collected much less per capita on incomes and profits than did Australia or New Zealand.

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CITY LABOR MEN SURPRISED AT DRURY'S ACTION

Dissatisfied With Report That Government Has Refused to Enact Legislation.

GIVES PROMISE OF ACTION

Were Assured of Bill To Compel Insertion of 'Fair Wage' Clause in Contracts.

Local members of the building trades express undisguised astonishment and dissatisfaction with the report that the Drury Government has refused absolutely to enact such legislation as to compel the insertion of the "fair wage clause" in contracts for all construction undertaken, let, sub-let or otherwise supervised by the government.

"This decision is directly opposed to the assurance that was given me when I attended the conference with the government officials in Toronto a few days ago," commented R. Hessel Tuesday.

OLD LONDON IDLE DETAIN GUARDIANS

Unemployed Imprisoned Poplar Board of Relief When Demands Refused.

London, England, Feb. 7.—The Poplar board of guardians—local officials responsible for levying and distributing relief for the poor in the Metropolitan borough of Poplar—were locked in their board room last night and held prisoners until 4:30 o'clock this morning by a crowd of unemployed persons who demanded larger doles.

The guardians recently doubled the doles, but the ministry of health promptly notified them that this was illegal, and they reverted to their former rate of payments.

SLEEPING SICKNESS BREAKS OUT IN RUSSIA

Moscow, Feb. 7.—Sleeping sickness has made its appearance in Russia on a scale which would cause great alarm in a country less hard-pressed by wholesale deaths through starvation and typhus.

CANADIANS JOIN PLEDGE.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—Alderman W. J. McCaffrey, who is chief of the Knights of Columbus organization in the Ottawa district, stated that Canadian councils would unite with the other branches throughout America in presenting a pledge to the new head of the church.

LONDON CHINESE COLONY OBSERVES ADVENT OF IMPERIAL NEW YEAR QUIETLY

February 7, at one time, was always looked forward to by every Tong and every other Chinese organization as the beginning of a New Year—the turning over of a new leaf—when all debts were paid off.

Shot Dead In Home



LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—Detectives today continued a careful re-check of the military career of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, to learn, if possible whether he had made any enemies while he served in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces during the war.

POLICE SEARCH FOR BUTLER OF FILM DIRECTOR

Edwin Sands Is Wanted to Throw Light On W. D. Taylor's Death. MANY ATTEND INQUIRY

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 7.—Efforts of the police department to solve the mystery of the shooting of William Desmond Taylor were concentrated late today on the search for Edwin F. Sands, former butler for Taylor.

It was determined by police investigation today that the bullet that had killed Taylor was fired from a distance of a few inches.

Another movie star whose name was brought into the case was Mary Miles Minter, who had been a business and social acquaintance of the dead man, and who was one of the first to be advised of his death.

FRENCH DELEGATES GUESTS AT DINNER

Washington Plenipotentiaries Attend Function New York L'Alliance Francaise.

F. BRUCE CAREY SENTENCED

Hamilton, Feb. 7.—F. Bruce Carey, the Toronto man who was yesterday acquitted by Judge Gault of passing a worthless check, was this morning found guilty of fraud by Magistrate Jeffs, and sentenced to three months.

WOMAN BADLY BURNED WHILE RESCUING BABES

Mrs. Fred Coombs of St. Thomas Awakened by Crackling of Flames.

HOME TOTAL LOSS

Railway City Resident Has Thrilling Experience Early Tuesday Morning.

[Special To London Advertiser.] St. Thomas, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Fred Coombs of 5th avenue, this city, was badly burned about the face and arms at 2:30 Tuesday morning, while in the act of rescuing her two children from her burning home.

Residents of New Pope's Birthplace Rejoice

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Proceeding to Desio, a short distance from Milan, where the new Pontiff was born, the correspondent of the London Times found the population in the streets commenting excitedly on the news of the appointment as Pope of Cardinal Ratti, while the church bells pealed joyously.

"So," the local chemist declared to the correspondent, "Desio will pass down in history now."

CIVIL SERVANTS MEET IN WINNIPEG

Discuss Amalgamation of Dominion Postal Service Organizations.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 7.—Canadian Postal Clerks' Association, the Federated Association of Letter Carriers, the Federation of Railway Mail Clerks and the Amalgamated Civil Servants of Canada met in conference here yesterday to discuss plans for the amalgamation of all the postal service organizations in the Dominion.

BRANTFORD POLICE INQUIRY RESUMED

Brantford, Feb. 7.—Brantford's police inquiry resumed this morning at 10:30 a.m. before Mr. W. D. Gregory, K. C., of Toronto, royal commissioner, with John Jennings, K. C., Toronto, and W. Ross Macdonald, Brantford, counsel for the city.

PROMISES NOT TO DYE HER CATS

New York, Feb. 7.—Miss Margaret Owen, 22, a singer, has her freedom today because she promised Magistrate Hattin that she would never again dye her cats to harmonize with her house draperies or the vivid-hued clothing she wears.

800 RESUME WORK AT C. P. R. SHOPS AT OGDEN

Ogdenville, Feb. 7.—Over eight hundred resumed work at the Canadian Pacific Railway shops at Ogdenville yesterday after suspension of ten days. The men are now on a thirty-two-hour week in the shops and a forty-hour week for running trades.

Stricken at Milan



CARDINAL MERCIER, primate of Belgium, and one of the outstanding figures of the world war, was compelled to stop at Milan on his way to the conclave of cardinals at Rome. He was stricken with influenza.

When the vote was taken as stated above, Mr. Menzies won his point by one vote.

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ISSUES STORM WARNING

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LONDON LABOR PARTY WANTS UNITED ACTION

Resolution Passes at Meeting Calls For Amended Methods.

DISCUSS RADIAL LINES

Delegates Menzies and Hessel At Variance Regarding Electric Railways.

The London branch of the Dominion Labor Party want more unity of action as far as their representatives on the city council are concerned, and passed a resolution to that effect at a meeting held in the labor temple Monday night.

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Faces Irish Snag!



DAVID LLOYD GEORGE

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The critical stage which the Irish negotiations have now reached prevented Prime Minister Lloyd George from attending the opening of parliament today, although it is a somewhat unusual occurrence for the premier not to be in attendance while the king's speech is being read.

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OUTLINES VITAL LEGISLATION IN THRONE SPEECH

British Sovereign Expresses Pleasure at Work of Arms Delegates.

EMPHASIZES IRISH ISSUE

New Treaty Between France and Great Britain To Be Considered.

London, Feb. 7.—Prime Minister Lloyd George, speaking at the opening session of the House of Commons this afternoon, termed the Washington conference one of the greatest achievements ever registered in the history of the world.

London, Feb. 7.—The Imperial parliament, which was prorogued early December 19, to await action of the Irish treaty by the Dail Eireann, was re-opened today with the reading of the speech from the throne by King George.

Regarding the Irish treaty, the king said parliament would be called upon to consider "such measures as may be necessary to give effect to the agreement." He also touched upon the negotiations for a pact with France to guarantee action in the event of "an unprovoked attack by Germany," and paid high tribute to the accomplishments of the Washington conference.

The Weather

Moderate to fresh north and west winds; local snow flurries, but mostly fair and cold today and on Wednesday. Marked depressions are situated over Newfoundland and North Carolina, and pressure is high over the West and Southwest States and in the northwest corner of the continent.

N. Y. RUM SLEUTHS SEIZE BIG STILL

New York, Feb. 7.—After working as hostlers for a week, Izzy Einstein and Moo Smith, versatile prohibition sleuths, yesterday threw off their disguises and seized a huge still in the basement of their late employer's stable on Perry street.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Includes entries for Victoria, Calgary, Winnipeg, etc.

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The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 21; lowest, 23.

Barometric Readings

Monday—3 p.m., 29.11. Today—8 a.m., 29.19.