

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.

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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 have been administered, with a view toward collecting whatever arrears may exist.

Many Arrears Exist.

That arrears do exist has been proven through the case of the Rotor Company and has been admitted by Sir Henry Drayton, former finance minister. The latter, however, declined to divulge the names of other companies which may be delinquent in their payments to the federal treasury.

Sir Henry took refuge behind that claim of the excess profits act which prohibits the making public of details regarding its workings. It is doubtful whether Sir Henry knew much about the matter. Ex-Premier Borden certainly did not. The administration of the two acts has been wholly in the hands of R. W. Bredin, commissioner of taxation, who, prior to his being taken on to the government service after 1911, was in the employ of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association as tariff expert.

Used Wide Discretion.

It would appear that in his administration of the acts, Mr. Bredin exercised a very wide discretion not only in the computation and assessment of taxes but in the collection thereof. As witness the case of the Rotor Company, which was in arrears since 1917.

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.

JAILED IN ZION CITY FOR SMOKING

Zion, Ill., Feb. 7.—Charged with smoking a cigar in public in violation of the Zion anti-tobacco ordinance, Martin Ruesch was yesterday released under bond of \$200, and his trial set for February 14.

K. OF C. WILL SUBMIT PLEDGE TO NEW POPE

New York, Feb. 7.—A pledge of filial devotion from the 800,000 members of the Knights of Columbus in the United States, Canada, Newfoundland, Cuba and Mexico, will be delivered to the new pope by a special representative of the organization.

UNUSUAL STORIES ABOUT UNUSUAL PEOPLE

[Special To London Advertiser.]

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Leopold Godowsky, pianist, who delighted a London audience with his art at the Patricia Theatre on Jan. 21, has no use for railways. His artistic temperament can't stand 'em.

So when Godowsky goes on his concert tour of the Orient next summer he'll travel in specially equipped airplanes, he announces.

Godowsky has had a small piano installed in one plane so he can prepare his concert programs while rushing through the air to fill his Godowsky next engagement.

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. Mr. Hessel is a delegate to the London Trades and Labor Council from the Carpenters' Union.

"There will certainly be some action taken as a result," promised Mr. Hessel. "The international organizers told them straight when they were in Toronto at the time."

Questioned as to what specific move might possibly ensue, Delegate Hessel explained that the union chiefs would more than likely approach the labor members of the legislature. "The latter will be told just how we regard the situation," said the delegate.

"Where will Premier Drury be," questioned the latter in conclusion, "should the labor members of the house cross the floor to the Opposition benches?"

This question will be considered by the local carpenters in regular general session at the Labor Temple Tuesday night.

OLD LONDON IDLE DETAIN GUARDIANS

Unemployed Imprison Poplar Board of Relief When Demands Refused.

London, England, Feb. 7.—The Poplar board of guardians—local officials responsible for leaving 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. A number of newspapers shared the imprisonment of the guardians. The capture effectively prevented use of the telephone or other means of communication to summon relief.

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. Their plea of government pressure was rejected last night by the unemployed, who seized the entire building, which houses the board room and hoisted a red flag on the roof, declaring they would not give up until their demands were granted.

Poplar is a remote section of east London and it has not yet been learned how the release of the board was effected. No violence was reported.

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 hardened to 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.



Shot Dead In Home

Wm. D. TAYLOR.

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.

Taylor rose from the ranks to a captaincy. He was sergeant-major of a labor battalion at Windsor, N. S., later transferred as a lieutenant to a train carrying supplies from Dunkirk to the front in France. He rose to the command of that unit, and was discharged as captain of "B" Company, 5th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers.

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. 6.—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.

"Edwin F. Sands must be captured in order that his elimination may be made complete or a change entered against him," said Captain David Adams, in charge of the police investigation.

It was determined by police investigation today that the bullet that killed Taylor was fired point-blank, that is from a distance of a very few inches. This was taken as evidence that his assailant did not conceal himself in some other part of the room, and it was also taken to indicate that the overturned chair might have been upset in a brief struggle between Taylor and his slayer.

So far numerous persons prominent in the motion-picture world have had to do with the investigation. In this number may be listed Mabel Normand who was the last person to visit Mr. Taylor before the shooting occurred. He escorted her to her automobile and returned to the room where he met his death, according to the facts so far established.

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. Then, Charles Fyfe, production manager at the Lasky studios, where Mr. Taylor was employed, was frequently named because he was one of the first to arrive at the scene after Henry Peavy, colored houseman, found the body, and because he was quite active in the early investigation.

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. Today, half of the Celestial population of London has forgotten this holiday.

"It is an Imperial holiday," Lawrence Lee, proprietor of a local cafe explained. "Only a few of the China boys celebrate it now. They're nearly all Republicans in London. We had our New Year's Day about a week ago."

Some of the "China boys" they are pleased to call themselves—they don't like the term "Chinamen"—even had to refer to their old discarded Imperial calendars to find out on what date the old New Year's Day used to fall. Others did not possess the now obsolete cards at all.

Of course, a few of them still shoot off fireworks and mark the day with a game of fan-tan, but not in the rooms of the Chinese Free Masons' Society or in the Chinese Nationalists' quarters. In the first place, gambling is prohibited there, and in the second place, only good Republican customs are countenanced.

One Chinese resident, Lee King, is spending two New Years in China. He went away long before the advent of the Republican one, and intends to stay a few months after the Imperial one has passed. Lee takes

WOMAN BADLY BURNED WHILE RESCUING BABES

Mrs. Fred Cooms 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 Cooms 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.

Mrs. Cooms, with her six months old baby in her arms, was startled to hear the crackling of flames, which seemed to come from the kitchen.

Hurriedly giving her child to a neighbor, the woman ran upstairs to arouse her other two children, then fast asleep in bed.

She succeeded in getting the children out of the house unharmed, but the flames had spread so rapidly that she herself was severely burned.

The Cooms house was almost totally destroyed, the estimated damage being \$2,000.

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 priest declared to the correspondent, "Desio will pass down in history now."

A crowd of peasants, women and children, gathered in front of the two-story house where Pius XI. was born and there lived for a long time. His father, Francesco Ratti, director of a silk factory, is not a rich man but of comfortable means. The pope was the third born of six children, of whom, besides himself, only two are living—Fermo, the eldest, and Camilla, the youngest of all.

FRENCH DELEGATES GUESTS AT DINNER

Washington Plenipotentiaries Attend Function New York L'Alliance Francaise.

New York, Feb. 7.—Albert Sarraut, head of the French delegation to the disarmament conference at Washington, Maurice Casenave, French minister plenipotentiary, and Jules Jusserand, French ambassador to the United States, were among the guests last night at the annual dinner of the alliance francaise.

Robert Underwood Johnson, former United States ambassador to Italy, told the guests that the world would come perilously near moral and financial bankruptcy if the obligations assumed by this country at the armament conference were not endorsed by the United States senate.

He also urged the United States to stand behind the French government unqualifiedly; to refuse to recognize the Russian soviet government and to keep out of the Genoa conference.

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 Jells, and sentenced to three months.

Those taking part in the conference are: R. S. Bartlett, Toronto, Dominion vice-president and W. E. R. Mann, Ottawa, Dominion secretary-treasurer; Dominion Postal Clerks' Association; E. V. Browning, Toronto, Dominion president and J. E. Archer, Hamilton, organization secretary; Dominion president Jackson Toronto; J. P. Allen, North Bay, Dominion secretary-treasurer; F. R. M. C. F. R. Sutton, Winnipeg, Dominion president; Fred Knowles, Vancouver vice-president and J. A. Elrick, Winnipeg, Dominion secretary-treasurer of the A. C. S. of C.



Stricken at Milan

CARDINAL MERCIER.

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.

CIVIL SERVANTS MEET IN WINNIPEG

Discuss Amalgamation of Dominion Postal Service Organizations.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 7.—Canadian Press—Representatives of the Dominion 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. Another subject for consideration will be the question of bonus. It is claimed that when it was given in 1918 it was inadequate and in consequence of this it should have been allowed to continue because being reduced last year twenty-five per cent. The conference will continue Tuesday.

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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, Frank Hughes, K. C. Toronto, for the police department in general, and W. S. Brewster, K. C. Brantford, for Magistrate Livingston. Chief of Police Stenien was first called, telling of coming here from Toronto 17 years ago. After detailing the working conditions here, he was asked if there was any reserve force for an emergency. He replied there was not, for with a total of 21 men, he doubted if there was any city in Ontario with fewer men in proportion to population.

Out in the coast states, such as Washington, where the I. W. W. have gained a somewhat strong footing, and where every day is good enough for a strike day, John Chinamen takes a holiday to catch up with the Occidentals who have so many.

However, the local situation remains unchanged. Mr. Businessman will be able to buy his meal as usual at the Chinese Cafe, and the laundryman will accept the odd shakels for last week's laundry or take in this week's laundry, just the same as on any other day.

A little melodious "yodeling" may be done regarding the day, but talk is cheap, and nine cases out of ten "China boy" will let it go at that, and not even bother buying a few fireworks.

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.

The members are of the opinion that caucuses should be held periodically in order that matters of policy should be thoroughly discussed.

Delegate I. F. Thompson pointed out that when one of labor's three representatives on the city council wanted some action regarding the police magistrate's salary, he could not get a second. This was not as it should be, he contended.

On motion of D. Menies, Alderman H. E. Ashplant will prepare an extensive statement on the amount of taxes paid in the annexed district, with full particulars regarding factories.

A resolution to go before Canadian Labor Party convention in Stratford on February 24 to the effect that the Ontario government should guarantee hydro radial bonds, was defeated.

D. Menzies stated that the L. and P. S. was not a success in fact its liabilities exceeded its assets by over \$1,000,000. He declared that the hydro commission wanted to parallel four steam roads from Toronto to Belleville with a radial, which meant that the provincial government would be in opposition to the Dominion government. Mr. Menzies also stated that there wasn't an electric road in Canada paying dividends and asked what was the sense of building any more.

Delegate Hessel did not agree with Mr. Menzies, declaring that rapid transit was the one solution to slum conditions. Radials would build up the rural population as a number of farms at the present time were notched but cattle-grazing patches. Farmers must have amusement and pleasure as the hundert existence on the farm was killing them.

Mr. Menzies replied that he was just as progressive as Mr. Hessel. He didn't object to any municipally building radials if they paid for themselves. He didn't want to help pay for a radial at the other end of the province. He referred Mr. Hessel to the ever increasing popularity of the automobile and numerous government highways. The auto was seriously encroaching on steam lines, and what chance would radials have?

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

The meeting was not well attended only 14 members being present.

President John Colbert presided.

PROMISES NOT TO DYE HER CATS

New York, Feb. 7.—Miss Margaret Owen, 22, a singer, has her freedom today because she promised Magistrate Hitting that she would never again dye her cats to harmonize with her house draperies or the vivid-hued clothing she wears. Her cat died because it was dyed for this effect and she was charged with cruelty to animals.

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

Calgary, Feb. 7.—Over eight hundred men resumed work at the Canadian Pacific Railway shops at Ogden 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.

The still, said to be the largest yet confiscated in the city, is thought to have been used in a process of re-painting properties out of toilet waters preparatory to coloring for sale as whiskey.

ISSUES STORM WARNING.

New York, Feb. 7.—The weather bureau here today issued a warning of a coming storm on the Atlantic coast.



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.

The accompanying picture was taken on Lloyd George's last birthday anniversary. He was all dressed up with his Legion of Honor medal for the occasion.

TO ARRANGE PARTY SEATS IN OTTAWA

Whips To Decide Question of Party Locations This Week.

[Special To London Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—The somewhat delicate question of arranging the seating of the parties in the new parliament is to be settled, it was said, this week. W. A. Boys, chief whip of the Conservatives, and Fred Johnston, chief whip of the Progressives, are both here today. L. J. Papeau, Liberal whip, is expected to arrive this afternoon, though a chief has not definitely been appointed for the government party.

All three will confer with Hon. T. A. Low, minister without portfolio, with the sergeant-at-arms, and other officials tomorrow, not only regarding the seating, but the allocation of rooms. In the process the question as to whether the Progressives or the Conservatives will assume the role of official opposition must be considered. Whichever group decides to assume this role will sit directly opposite to the government party and the premier. The others will be "angularly opposite" as were the Progressives during last parliament.

It is understood that in the new parliament the cabinet will sit nearer the center of the chamber than in the past.

N. Y. RUM SLEUTHS SEIZE BIG STILL

New York, Feb. 7.—After working as hostlers for a week, Izzy Einstein and Moe 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.

The still, said to be the largest yet confiscated in the city, is thought to have been used in a process of re-painting properties out of toilet waters preparatory to coloring for sale as whiskey.

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 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.

In his speech the king said: During the last three months the Washington conference on the question of disarmament and the far east continued its sessions. A treaty designed to maintain peace in the Pacific has been signed by representatives of the British Empire, the United States, France and Japan, and awaits ratification.

While this treaty replaces the American alliance, I am happy to feel that the long-standing concord between the two countries will remain as cordial as ever under the arrangements thus concluded. At the same time our relations with the United States of America enter a new and even closer phase of friendship.

Great Results Obtained.

"An agreement also was reached on the question of disarmament and a treaty has been signed providing a large measure of relief from the burden of armaments. In all these great results have been attained and the success of the conference for which the world owes a deep debt of gratitude for the initiative of the president of the United States will be happy augury for future international relations."

"The problem of securing payment of reparations by Germany in the manner most favorable to the general interest engages the continuous consideration of my ministers and of our allies."

"The German government, at the request of the allies, have themselves submitted proposals which now are under consideration."

"Discussions recently initiated are now proceeding between my government and France and Belgium with a view to conclusion of agreements for common action in the event of an unprovoked attack by Germany."

"The situation in the near east continues to engage the anxious attention of my government, and it is my earnest hope that the forthcoming allied discussions in Paris may result in an early solution which will terminate the conflict in a manner honorable to all parties concerned."

Awaits Irish Agreement.

To the House of Commons, the king said that the estimates for service for Turn to Page 11, Column 3.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

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

A moderately heavy snowfall has occurred over Western Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and snow flurries in Ontario.

Temperatures.

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

Place	High	Low
Victoria	52	26
Calgary	46	8
Winnipeg	2	-6
Pt. Arthur	16	-3
P. Sound	30	0
Toronto	37	20
Kingston	35	22
Ottawa	32	16
Montreal	26	24
Quebec	22	18
F. Point	29	16
St. John's	30	20
Halifax	22	24

"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, 35; lowest, 25.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 31; lowest, 23.

Barometric Readings.

Monday—8 p.m., 29.11.

Tuesday—8 a.m., 29.12.