## POOR DOCUMENT

## GRAVE CRISIS FEARED OVER DYNASTIC CHANGES IN BALKANS

The Weather Snow; Clearing The Evening Times-Star

16 PAGES IN TWO SECTIONS VOL. XXIII., No. 58

SAINT JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1926

TWO CENTS Elsewhere

Reconstruction of Taxation Jugo-Slavia Reported Massing Troops On Border And Civic Administration Senate Moves BAIT Systems Are Recommended

Dr. Brittain's Report Deals With General Assessment Matters and Makes Many Suggestions for Improvements in Various Departments

MANY drastic changes in taxation, administration and other mat-IVI ters pertaining to the City of Saint John are recor the report of Dr. H. L. Brittain, director of the Citizen's Research institute of Canada, which was formally presented to the City Council this morning. Amongst the recommendations is one which would take away from the members of the Common Council all administrative powers, now devolving upon them as the heads of departments, and vest this authority in non-elective officals. Several new methods in the matter of assessment and taxation are urged, among them being the division of income into two classes, one for householders and one for non-householders. In the case of the former a stipulated exemption of \$600, and to the latter an exemption of \$300, without regard to the size of income is recommended, and that a further exemption of \$100 for each dependent supported be given, or else a graduated scale of exemption, according to the income or number of dependents. The payment of taxes in three equal installments also is recommended.

The institute also recommends that a test audit of general and assessment revenues and general expenditures be made to determine if a furthr outlay is justified in that direction. A reconstruction of the general accounting and auditing systems in use at City Hall to bring them to a more modern level is suggested, irrespective of the result of the test audit.

After the report was presented it was ordered referred to the committee of the whole. ment would make it possible for the

INCOME ASSESSMENT.

the report points out that the act does the maps up to date be made not conform with the majority of other Income Acts in that (a) no exemption of a stated amount is granted for all incomes of whatever size; (b) the exemption allowed for children be 2 or 10. If the idea of children be 2 or 10. If the idea of the idea

A set of tables is given showing a/mong other things:

(a) In 1925 real property formed

57.4 per cent. of the total valuation while the proportion which real estate formed in other Canadian cities examined, ranged from 77.6 to 93.6 per cent. of the total . . . and for land was 17.3 per cent. in Saint John compared with 33.3 to 52.3 per cent. in other cities.

(b) The precentage which personal for assessment purposes in Saint John,

(b) The percentage which personal property valuation for taxation purposes in Saint John was 13.4 per cent. compared with percentages of 5.4 percent. to 9.4 per cent. in cities which levy a tax on business capital values.

(c) The percentage which issues. (c) The percentage which income forms of total assessable values in Saint John was 29.2 per cent. while it was 2.9 per cent. in Sydney and from 3.2 per cent. to 7.5 per cent. in On-

shows that real property, particularly land, pays a proportionately low share of taxes in Saint John in comparison with other Canadian cities examined, while income bears a proportionately high share.

FIXED ASSESSMENT.

The matter of fixed assessment is pointed out as having been a common practice in Saint John and is looked upon as one of policy. Regarding the collection of data, it is stated that a permanent assessment staff is neces-

entry in this city and such an arrange-



DR. HORACE L. BRITTAIN Civic expert, whose report on mun cipal conditions in Saint John was

head of the department to arrange a the city, the value per front foot of The report consists of three sections, more evenly balanced yearly program of work for his employes than is now mendations and a report on general accounting methods also with recommendations.

In his letter of transmittal Dr. Britnian is ays: "We trust that attention of the constant of the city, the value per front foot of a fascit type of government under the city, the value per front foot of a fascit type of government under the canadian government by T. R. Enderby, general manary and average inside lot (i.e., 100 ft. depth and not a corner lot or one affected by the Canada Steamship Lines and not a corner lot or one affected by the Canada Steamship Lines and not a corner lot or one affected by the Canada Steamship Lines and not a corner lot or one affected by the Canada Steamship Lines and not a corner influence) for each side of every block in the city.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 8—Woom ment by T. R. Enderby, general manary and an average inside lot (i.e., 100 ft. depth and not a corner lot or one affected by the Canada Steamship Lines and not a corner lot or one affected by the Canada Steamship Lines and not a corner lot or one affected by corner influence) for each side of every block in the city.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 8—Woom ment by T. R. Enderby, general manary and an average inside lot (i.e., 100 ft. depth and not a corner lot or one affected by corner influence) for each side of every block in the city.

In his letter of transmittal Dr. Britation and fall the city and the city of a fascit type of government under the canadian government under the canadian government with the city and a corner lot or one affected by the Canada Steamship Lines and not a corner lot or one affected by corner influence) for each side of every block in the city.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 8—Woom ment's veils, which even Angora left the Tarnist (National-Peasant) party, alone a year ago, when it prohibited the traditional Turkish fez have been suppressed by the province of Trebiance and the city of a fascit type of government under t in his letter of transmittal Dr. Brithin his work is carried by the feat that the beard of the Assessment be exceeded by Primer Premier Jorden The head of the Assessment Department for informal discussion to heast the ball of these with the best increase of Canadian grain beard of the lates of Can

tion under which this work is carried on, the report goes on to state that very small amount considering the near the assessment department are kept in a neat and up-to-date manner, and the details are well the present policy of selling such proorganized. The use of the square foot perty in order to place the greater organized. The use of the square foot perty in order to place the greater organized the present policy of selling such proorganized.

In dealing with income assessment, the report points out that the act does to keep the maps up to date be made the report points out that the act does to keep the maps up to date be made to keep the maps up to of children be 2 or 10. If the idea of the exemption granted in this connection is to make an allowance in some proportion to the probable expense for the upbringing of a family, the institute believes this provision is illogical and inadequate.

A set of tables is given showing. REVISION OF VALUATION.

- That a revision of the whole plan

- That a revision of the 4—That a revision of the whole plan of valuing both land and buildings be made and that the land value maps recommend above be used as the chart the land values. Such factors as obsolers are not be accepted as the chart the land values. Such factors as obsolers are able values. Such factors as obsolers are described as followed immediately by the evile of the factors are able values. Such factors are able values. Such factors are able values of the west indicated that, should have the greatest chances and worse, in consequence of the slump of various nationalities, including nement of the new government would be being made to the Government to stabof valuing both land and buildings be application of such measures are not made and that the land value maps re-

A. B. C.

The circulation of The Evening Times-Star is audited by the Audit Bureau of Circulations for the protection of all advertisers.

> "There's No Substitute For Circulation."

Presents Report



released today. ion is the highest priced property in

use in the department and that the original maps be placed in the safe keeping of the department.

9—That the dimensions of every building within the city be obtained and noted in the assessor's field book keeping of the department. along with such data as type of con might be begun in the high value district and the work spread over a tearm of years by the department without Appeal For Community Gifts working any great injustice.

10—That the assessors be given whatever expert or other assistance is necessary to bring into effect the above recommendations and that if necessary district commissioners work in pairs to perform this work.

ONE ASSESSOR

11-That the Board of Assessors in 1-That the head of the department be designated the Assessment Com-missioner instead of Chairman of the Board and that he be given all the powers, with such changes as are heresuggested, now vested in the board and chairman of the board under the act and that the district assessors be given the title of assessors.

ed to do their work in the year previ-

For Probe In Gould Election WANTED AS KING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8-The Senate, by a vote of 70 7 yesterday adopted a resolution calling upon the elections committee to begin consideration of the qualifications of Arthur R. ator from Maine.

The seating of Senator Gould was challenged by Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, because he is alleged to have paid \$100,000 to an official of the New Br nswick Gov ernment in connection with a railway deal some years ago. Senator Gould, who has already been sworn in, says he welcomes the investigation.

RAPS GOVERNMEN FOR ICE BLOCKADE separate and far-reaching designs for dynastic changes in that

Canadian Grain is Jeopardized

Canadian Press MONTREAL, Dec. 8-Criticisms were levelled at the Canadian governthis to be followed by establishment

PROTEST EXTENSION

KINGSTON, Ja., Dec. 8.—The leg-

West Indies Legislature Acts on

Indian negroes from Panama. The protest is being sent to the British the disposal of Queen Maric of Rugovernment, and retaliation is threat- mania in the event of trouble. ened by the Jamaican government.

does not apply to negroes described as followed immediately by the exile of ilize the price of cotton. The slump "Latin," nor to North American ne- the Bratianos and all the so-called pal- in cotton is affecting all spheres

THE appeal for community giving

is bearing fruit. Today it is the

pleasure of The Times-Star to

acknowledge contributions from

two of the union organizations of

the city, as well as from a Sunday

school class at Brockway, N. B.

It is understood that some more

of the employes of local firms are

also at work on the matter and

some substantial group contribu-

tions are expected in a day or so

BEST DAY YET.

Today was the best day so far

from these sources.

for the Empty Stocking Fund

Paris Hears of Alleged Project of Bratiano Group

CAROL'S PLANS

Army Said to be Thoroughly Sympathetic to Claims of Marie's Son

Canadian Press PARIS, Dec. 8.—Fresh reports of a grave crisis in Rumania, involving conflict between two country, reached reliable Rumanian sources in Paris almost Steamship Man Says Delivery of simultaneously with the announcement that King Ferdinand would undergo a serious in testinal operation tomorrow. One plan is to place former Crown Prince Carol on the throne by a coup d'etat in the event of his father's death

The other is a reported scheme by is unhygienic, it says.

believe the army would declare for Carol immediately should he appear on, the reports of the assessment department are kept in a neat and up-to-date manner, and the details are well organized. The use of the square foot until basis of land valuation, as used to some extent in the business district. The institute believes that the extensis declared entirely unsuited for Saint John.

In the matter of personal property in the individual citizen householder."

In the matter of personal property in the individual citizen householder."

The recommendations under this assessment, the report declares that it assessment, the report declares that it is nor the individual citizen householder."

The recommendations under this institute whise to commend and that similar scientific tables for a that similar scientific tables for alterative for some extent in the business district. The finistitute believes that the extensive declared. These steamers should unload there 1,000,000 bushels of wheat at Midland, Port McNicoll, Owen Sound and Goderich, but the delivery of this was highly jeopardized by the veiled references to the report-deliver of this was highly jeopardized by the veiled references to the report-deliver of this was highly jeopardized by the veiled references to the report-deliver of this was highly jeopardized by the veiled references to the report-deliver of this was highly jeopardized by the veiled references to the report-deliver of this was highly jeopardized by the veiled references to the report-deliver of this was highly jeopardized by the veiled references to the report-deliver of this was highly jeopardized by the veiled references to the report-deliver of this was highly jeopardized by the veiled references to the report-deliver of this was highly jeopardized by the veiled references to the report-deliver of this was highly jeopardized by the veiled references to the report-deliver of this was highly jeopardized by the veiled references to the report-deliver of this was highly jeopardized by the veiled references to the report-deliver of this was deal that in any over a c

Another aspect of the question com- 4. Legislation to give effect to the plicates the already tangled affair.
That is a declaration that Queen Marie of Jugo-Slavia, while she pleaded with her mother for a personal reconcilia. 5. An announcement of the decisio tion with Carol, is unalterably oppos-ed to his ascending the throne, and facilities at Port Nelson on the Hud-

So strong is the belief that she opposes Carol that many circles in Bi charest are discussing the possibility Carol's sympathizers are maintaining closest secrecy, but they an known The president of Panama last Oc. to consider that, should Ferdinand die,

this year in the public response to the

fund, more than \$120 having been

received since yesterday. At least

this amount will be required each

day if the fund is to go over the

Previously acknowledged ... \$508.00

top. Surely it is possible!

Peter Nocoat, Hopewell

'Longshoremen's I. L. A.,

Local 273 .....

A Friend, St. George

Chas, G. Bliss, Oromocto

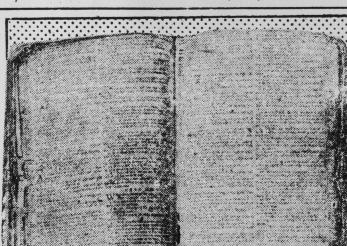
A Friend .....

Cape ...

C. F. Inches

Contributions today were:

Bible Valued At \$75,000



Central Press Photo

THE Bible pictured here, printed in English, was published in 1660, and is valued by its owner, James F. Maurice, of Quakertown, Pa., at \$75,000. It has been in his family for

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS MADE

Veil Is Banned In

DUNCAN REPORT IN

of Saint John and Halifax, depend on fort to eliminate Carol's supporters, is the transportation of Canada's crop said to be thoroughly sympathetic with from the head of the lakes to either the ambitions of the errant ex-Crown

Tabled at House Opening Tabled at House Opening

Slump in Cotton Causes Econo-

LONDON, Dec. 8-The economic

Trebizonde District List of Changes in Official

bulwarks of the old regime. The veil

Friday

2. A new programme of Canadian Cambridge, to be auctioneer; Samuel

mic Crisis There

situation in Egypt is growing worse

Hazel G. Moore, Black's

Hugh, Hope, Ada and Susan

Theatrical Stage Employes

and Moving Picture Oper-

ators' Local Union, No. .

Brockway Union Sunday

school, Brockway, N. B.

W. F. Swanton ..... 10.00

5.00

5.00

5.00

Harbor .....

L. L. B., Boston

Campbell Mackay ....

440 ...

10.00

2.00

Official Gazette Carries Long

**Positions** 

amcook as retail vendor under the Insaid to regard the suggestion

for parish of St. Andre in place of J.

NORTHUMBERLAND-John Bas Italy over Albania. tion, of Rogersville, to be provincial From Geneva comes word that constable; Dr. J. B. Hamilton, Doak- League of Nations circles do not reseg, to be high sheriff in place of Will-nant unless, a iam A. Machum, deceased; Gordon secret clauses. S. Night, R. R. No. 1, parish of Cambridge, to be coroner; Raymond Woods, Petersville, to be justice of peace; Bert G. Pearson, Highfield parish, to be provincial constable; Harry Pearson,

WESTMORLAND-Frank W. Cole. Sackville, to be auctioneer; E. Roy Mitton. Baie Verte, to be provincial constable. Carl Cedric Allen, Upper Cape, the treaties of Versailles and St. German St. Germ

For Present Congress

CALGARY, Alta., Dec. 8—Frank Wheatley, president of the Mine Work-ers of Canada, a rival organization to the United Mine Workers of America, who has moved his headquarters from Baltimore to Calgary, yesterday predicted a national organization of labor rivalling the Trades and Labo Congress. The new congress will be formed in Montreal at a meeting delegates called for March 15, he said

Church Case May Go To Privy Council

TORONTO, Dec. 8-The urgen esirability of carrying the case of the the Imperial Privy Council in view of its present unsatisfactory legal status was stressed by several speakers at today's meeting of the Toronto Presbytery and a resolution was passed recommending to the church's legal committee that a test case be made of the validity of the United Church of Canada Act before the Privy Council.

Mussolini Suggests Belgrade Follow His Example

LEAGUE WATCHES

Geneva Despatches Frown on Alarmist Reports and Term

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. .--Jugo-Slavia is report-

ed to be reinforcing her troops on the Albanian frontier. Despatches say movements for the re-grouping of her military units began yesterday. The newspaper Magyar Orszag says it learns that Jugo-Slavia will threaten to leave the League of Nations if that organization does not

bring about cancellation of the Italo-Albanian treaty.

Canadian Press VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 8.-Advices from Belgrade say Premier Mussolini is reported to have suggested to the Jugo-Slavian minister in Rome that Jugoof the board of trustees of the canteen fund; Edward Robichaud of Mem-

toxicating Liquor Act.

The following provincial appoint.
ments are gazetted:

CARLETON — Sheriff Frank L.

CARLETON — Sheriff Frank L. Compkins to be provincial constable of the "Triple Alliance." Emand auctioneer; John C. Whitehead of phatic denal was given in official Woodstock to be provincial constable. KINGS—T. A. Robertson, Robert-quarters at Rome today of a son, P. O., to be justice of peace.

MADAWASKA — Andre P. Le- ed by Italy and Albania contains esque to be Labor Act commissioner a secret military clause amounting virtually to a protectorate by

town, to be member of Northumber-land sub-district board of health. Albania as violating the League cove-

CLOSELY WATCHED

of Highfield parish, to be auctioneer.

RESTIGOUCHE — Cyprien Carron, ization that it would involve a delicate St. Quentin, to be provincial constates of the league's authority.
ble; Joseph Richard of Kedgwick, to Alarmist and false reports, which it CITY AND COUNTY OF SAINT JOHN—William Douglas, Lakewood, Saint John county, and John Marshall, since it is held that the treaty con-Spruce Lake, Saint John County, to be cluded at Tirana has no aggressive provincial constables; Arthur C. Powers, Saint John, to be justice of peace.

NO VIOLATION

to be justice of peace.

On the recommendation of the chief

League of Nations, as in the case of Inspector under the Intoxicating Liquor similar treaties concluded between Act, 1916, the resignation of George Italy and other countries in Central Act, 1916, the recignation of George Harvey, inspector at Nash Creek, county of Restigouche, is accepted to date as of October 31, 1926.

Italy and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe, all having the object of maintaining peace by dispersing prejudices and misunderstand personal relationships good relationships. ings, and strengthening good relations through protection of reciprocat economic and commercial interests.

Therefore, it is asserted, the Italo-Frank Wheatley Predicts Rival Albanian treaty is entirely within the spirit and letter of the League of Na-

The Weather

SYNOPSIS-Pressure is high rom the Northwest States to the Pacific coast and relatively low from the Lower Lakes eastward. Light snow and sleet have fallen in Ontario and Quebec, while in other parts of the Dominion the weather has been fair. now; Clearing

FORECASTS: MARITIME-Moderate to fresh winds, cloudy with light snow to-day and early Thursday, then

Highest during 8 a.m. Yesterday night Kamloops Calgary Montreal

\*Below zero