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\$150,000 FIRE GRIPS PETITCODIA

Mayor May Ask Tax on Liquor Warehoused In City

**SUGGESTION IS
25 CENTS TOLL
ON EVERY CASE**

**Plan Also For 2 Year
Relief On New
Residences**

TAX PAYMENTS
Talk of Changing Method
When Tax Payer Is
In Arrears

No business offering this morning at the committee meeting of the City Council an informal discussion took place in which it was suggested by Mayor Potts that legislation be secured to exempt from taxation for two years buildings erected for dwellings. His Worship also said he had under consideration legislation to allow the city to place a tax on the liquor kept in warehouses here, and to make payments on taxes apply on the whole bill a man might owe, instead of permitting payment of any one year, as at present.

Industrial Survey.
Commissioner Harding asked His Worship if it was his intention to recommend that a man be engaged to make an industrial survey of the city and find out what lines of manufacturing might be induced to come here.

His Worship said he had this in mind but was waiting to see how the assessment was before making any recommendation. If the tax rate was as high as or higher than last year, he did not think this could be undertaken. Commissioner Frink suggested that it would be well to find out from the men who had closed plants here why they had done so, and Commissioner Bullock said it should be carried further and find out why some plants had left the city.

Commissioner Wigmore suggested that it might be better to run only part time. Commissioner Frink thought this was a matter for the Board of Trade. The Mayor said that while the Board of Trade was doing its share, scattering information about the city, it was the duty of the Council to go out after industries.

Commissioner Bullock asked if there were to be any bills sent to the Legislature this year.

Legislation Suggested.
The common clerk said there would have to be a bill legalizing a part of the bond issue for the hydro system.

**CANADIAN WHEAT
EXPORT IS HIGH**

**Tremendous Increase in Trade
Since 1914 Shown by
Latest Figures.**

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—(United Press)—Exports of wheat from Canada to countries of the world have increased 175,000,000 bushels since 1914, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Wheat shipments ten years ago amounted to 120,426,879 bushels with a value of \$117,119,217, the report shows, while in the year ending October 1, 1924, the Dominion exported 234,108,461 bushels of wheat worth \$201,666,379.

Exports of flour have shown a proportionate gain. Flour mills in Canada number 1284. Of these 123 are situated in the prairie provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta which produce 90 per cent. of Canada's wheat crop. Domestic consumption of flour in Canada is only about one-quarter of the estimated capacity of Dominion mills.

AFTER MUSSOLINI
Assassination of Italian Dictator
is Predicted at an Early Date.

By H. BAILEY.
British United Press.
LONDON, Jan. 12.—When will Mussolini be assassinated? This is the question that is being freely asked today by close observers of the Italian situation here, men who are not only staunch admirers of the Italian dictator but are men holding positions of political portents with the closest scrutiny assuming that the assassination is only a matter of time and they would not be surprised to hear that the deed has been accomplished at any moment.

**EIGHT KILLED BY
ILLUMINATING GAS**

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Eight persons were found dead or fatally poisoned from illuminating gas here yesterday. Three others who were overcome were revived and will probably recover. Only one of the eleven is believed to have turned on the gas with the intention of ending his life.

Marion Dunbar, a "Broadway Butterfly" of twenty years ago, was found among the victims. She was found dead in her room, gas flowing from a jet on the wall.

**MRS. SNOWDEN HAS
BITTER CRITICISM**

**SAYS MACDONALD'S LEADERSHIP
WORST YET.**

MONTREAL, Jan. 12.—"Why did the government go down with a crash?" Mrs. Phillip Snowden, wife of the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the late British Labor Government, asked during an address here Saturday.

"In my twenty-three or twenty-four years' experience," she said in reply to her own question, "I have never known such misrepresentation of facts. Other forces combined to defeat a government which was becoming too popular and getting too strong a hold on the affections of the people. They were the worst political leadership in modern times—our own leader. The man took too much upon himself."

Praises Royalty.
Digressing Mrs. Snowden made the following reference to the British throne:

"The British King and his court have behaved to British Labor with so much courtesy and dignity, and so much fairness, that they have raised themselves immeasurably in the estimation of the working classes of Great Britain and have established their throne forever so far as we can see it," she declared.

**FALLS DEAD WHILE
LIGHTING STOVE**

Ezra Miller, 82, Expires Suddenly at Home of His Son in Yarmouth.

YARMOUTH, N. S., Jan. 11.—The death of Ezra Miller, a lifelong resident of Bear River, N. S., occurred suddenly at the home of his only son, Avaril H. Miller, Yarmouth South, yesterday afternoon. He was 82 years old. He had been in a fair state of health and was around town every day. Yesterday afternoon he stopped to light a fire in a small stove, and as he did so he fell prostrate and passed away in a few minutes. Mr. Miller with Mrs. Miller came to Yarmouth last fall to spend the winter with their son.

Besides the son mentioned, he leaves his widow and one daughter, Mrs. A. Lewis, of Yarmouth, N. S., also two sisters, Mrs. Franklyn C. Kinney, Yarmouth South, and Mrs. Byron Harris, Bear River. A funeral service, conducted by Rev. Bruce D. Knott, pastor of the Temple United Baptist Church, will be held at the home of his son Tuesday afternoon and on Wednesday the body will be taken by D. A. R. to Bear River for interment.

HAS \$150,000 BLAZE

Holbrook Chambers in Ottawa and Bank Properties Are Damaged.

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—Fire, of unknown origin, breaking out in the rear of the G. H. Holbrook tailor shop, Sparks street, yesterday, completely destroyed the Holbrook store and building overhead entailing a total loss of \$150,000. The Holbrook chambers were completely gutted, only the brick wall remaining, while smoke and water caused heavy damage to the Royal Bank Chambers and to the Bank of Toronto building which adjoin the burned property.

Soviets Bring To Trial Man Who Betrayed Comrades In Assassination 45 Years Ago

MOSCOW, Jan. 12.—One of the most extraordinary trials in the criminal history of Russia has opened here. The defendant is Ivan Okladski, 73 years old, who participated in the assassination of Alexander II in 1881. Okladski is on trial for his life on the charge of having turned traitor and betrayed his accomplices in that famous murder which shocked two continents. His confession following the slaying

**FOREIGNERS IN
SHANGHAI FIGHT
LOOTING TROOPS**

**Panic Follows Seizure
Of City By Chi
Hsieh Yuan**

SENDS WARSHIP
British Send Battleship Carlisle
To Assist Protection of
Foreign Colony There

SHANGHAI, Jan. 12.—A British warship was rushed here from Wei Pei today and strong contingents of police and coast-guard were posted along the boundaries of the foreign settlements for protection against possible inroads of panicky Chinese following Chi Hsieh Yuan's seizure of the native city yesterday.

Almost without firing a shot, troops of the former Chi Li commander surrounded the native barracks here, rounded up three divisions of Hu Pei forces and effected a bloodless coup d'etat.

Guard Foreigners.
Meanwhile other of Chi's troops were defeating an Fu regulars in fighting about five miles from Shanghai. Immediately after coup became known, Americans and other foreigners took steps to guard the French and international settlements. They were none too soon, for within a few hours Chinese refugees were streaming into the native city and trying to make their way to the foreign settlements.

Ships Looting.
Defeated Hu troops started looting the native quarter, terrorizing the Chinese inhabitants. Stray shots spat into the French settlement, several of them lodging in the bodies of Chinese. No foreigners were wounded.

Arrest Chinese Soldiers.
The British authorities sent for the several bands of soldiers which penetrated within the boundaries of the French settlement which was nearest them lodging in the bodies of Chinese. The Chinese districts immediately adjoining or surrounding the foreign quarter were at the mercy of the soldiers, but authorities of the foreign quarter today expressed their confidence that their defence units would be able to handle any emergency and that no fear need be felt for the safety of any foreigners in Shanghai.

INHERITS FORTUNE

Rich Deckhand Falls Heir to \$157,000, But Sticks to Job.

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 12.—Inheritance of a fortune of \$157,000 makes no difference in the life of William Tracey, a young deckhand on a William Line steamer plying between this city and Philadelphia.

MAINE LAWYER SUICIDES

**MARS HILLS, Jan. 12—Howard
Pierce, 64, prominent attorney, president of the board of trustees of the Aroostook Central Institute and former State Senator, ended his life by shooting himself with a rifle. Despondency because of ill-health is believed to have been the cause for the act, as he had been suffering from Bright's disease for some time.**

GOVERNMENT CONVENTION.

BATHURST, N. B., Jan. 12.—Provincial Government supporters will meet here Friday night to elect delegates to the Liberal convention, which is to nominate a candidate to contest the forthcoming by-election caused by the election of Hon. J. P. Byrne to the Supreme Court Bench.

He quoted from an address recently by Ramsay MacDonald, former Premier of Great Britain, who said that "the first and most serious problem demanding solution from a Christian people is the very difficult and intricate one of preventing the degradation of men and women. Too much attention is being paid to worldly honors and material values and not enough to the building of character and value of humanity."

**PROTEST GERMAN
RADIO PROPAGANDA**

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The Germans are taking advantage of the radio to broadcast propaganda. They employ men speaking perfect English who after a time tell listeners in what the Germans feel about the prolongation of the occupation of the Cologne zone and the reparations question. Many protests are being voiced against this new form of propaganda.

**SUMMON BANEZ
TO FRENCH COURT**

**ATTACKS ON KING OF
SPAIN CAUSE OF ACTION.**

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Vicente Banez, the Spanish author, who has recently been denouncing the King of Spain and the Spanish Directorate, has been summoned by Examining Magistrate Baquet to appear before him in Paris January 13, together with Ernest Flammarion, Banez's French editor.

Defence of Author.
Senior Banez is reported to be in indifferent health at Moulins, and according to announcement, he will not be able to appear on that date. He added, however, that Mateu, his counsel, would appear to answer the summons.

**RISK LIVES IN RUM
CHASE IN MAINE**

**Deputy Sheriffs Capture Quarry
When Car Turns Turtle on
Hill.**

ROCKLAND, Jan. 12.—Risking their lives in a wild pursuit of a rum car on the Camden-Rockport road, Deputy Sheriffs Sherman, Rokes and Jethro Pease finally succeeded in capturing the car, Joe Blount and 15 gallons of illegal alcohol.

**TAKE TRURO HOME
RULES FOR MODEL**

**Chicago Authorities Adopt
Regulations of Maritime
Institution.**

Special to The Times-Star.
YARMOUTH, Jan. 12.—Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, Toronto, general secretary for the Dominion of evangelists and social service of the Methodist Church, was in Yarmouth on Sunday. Yesterday morning he preached at Wesley church, Yarmouth North. This afternoon he was at Arcadia and this evening at the United Tabernacle church.

At Wesley his discourse was along the lines of what the evangelism and social service of Methodism is doing in the Dominion.

**DEATHS RESULT
FROM COLLISION
IN LONDON FOG**

**Traffic in City Paralyzed
for Many
Hours**

Worst in Years
Fog in Some Places Impenetrable
for More Than Two
Yards During Sunday

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The worst fog in many years smothered London and its suburbs yesterday, causing a number of street accidents and some deaths.

Traffic was sooty and difficult. Early in the day it stopped almost entirely and later scores of omnibuses, unable to reach their garages, parked along the curb.

Push Through Measures.
Vacant benches marked places where members of the Avenue line opposition, who resolved to abstain from parliament, ordinarily would have been.

**Widow of 65 to Wed
75 Year Old Widower**

BOSTON, Jan. 12.—A 65-year-old widower and retired business man of Washington, D. C., John Washington Wheeler, and Mrs. Antoinette Irene Sawyer, a 75-year-old widow of Cambridge, have filed their marriage intentions in the Cambridge City Hall.

**MISSING GIRL IS
LOCATED BY RADIO**

**Remarkable Achievement Reported
from Hospitals in
City of Chicago.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Radio and newspaper publicity has brought knowledge of her name and home to Charlotte "Norris," the mystery girl in the county hospital, who has been unable to remember anything about her self since she was found in a faint, two months ago, in the Union Station here.

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**New Presbyterian Congregations Retain
Old Name Despite Action of Federal House**

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 12.—The new Presbyterian congregation, which is assured for Halifax, will hold its first services next Sunday, according to several strong anti-unionists, when Rev. Robert Johnson, of New Glasgow will be the preacher. Those in charge of the organizing expect to have one of the largest congregations in the city, as the result of the Union vote in the city has shown more than 600 members opposed to Union.

**"MONKEY GLANDS"
FOR EX-KAISER**

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Ex-Emperor Wilhelm of Germany has undergone a "monkey gland" operation and now looks younger than the Crown Prince, according to the Sunday Express.

**33 REDS ARRESTED
BY FACIST POLICE**

**BREAK UP CLANDESTINE
MEETING OF COMMUNISTS.**

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Thirty-three "Reds" were arrested today when Facist police raided a clandestine meeting of Communists in an old garage in a quiet corner of Rome. The police, containing repressive measures and houses to house search for the government's political opponents, also seized a Red flag which had hung out over the Corso Cavour Emmanuel, inscribed: "Viva Anarchy."

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**Sugar Yardstick Of
Nations' Prosperity**

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 12.—Sugar is the world's yardstick of prosperity, according to R. F. Taber, an Ohio State University economist.

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New Chairman



CLYDE B. ATCHISON.
Portland, Ore., man, is the new chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission. He succeeds Henry C. Hall of Colorado.

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PLANT DESTROYED

Facists Burn Premises of Catholic Newspaper and Commit Other Excesses.

**Patrols and Alarms
in Chicago Banks**

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—A system of armed motorcycle patrols, operating in conjunction with an elaborate burglar alarm system, has been reported to be the 150 banks comprising the membership of the Chicago and Cook County Bankers' Association, according to announcement by E. N. Baly, secretary of the association.

BURNED TO DEATH

**Three Women and Five Children,
All Negroes, Perish in
New Jersey Woods.**

**Girl, 15, Is Granted
\$5,000 In Damages**

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Two
women and five children, all negroes,
were burned to death when fire
destroyed their two-family house in the
woods near here early today. The
men of the two families escaped by
leaping through the windows when the
flames swept through the house.**

THE WEATHER REPORT

Table with weather forecasts for Toronto, Montreal, and other cities, including temperature and wind direction.