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Amendments Are Urged, So That Tax Should Be Payable Only On Amount of Excess Selling Price—Hundreds of Articles Are Exempt From Any Tax, While Levy Made On Other Articles of Merchandise.

Windsor, May 26.—Protesting against the new taxation scheme as proposed in the recent budget, the Border Cities Retail Merchants' Association executive, in special session here, sent telegrams to Ottawa. Many amendments to the act are suggested, the most important being that the tax be collected only on the excess selling price, i. e., the amount over and above the amount exempted. It was pointed out that the act as it stands is unfair to the consumer, inasmuch as he is obliged to pay tax on the whole amount when his purchase exceeds the exempted amount by only a few cents.

Facts were brought forward to show that hundreds of articles are exempt from any form of tax, and the burden is placed entirely on other articles of merchandise. This was declared unfair, and the Government is being asked to remedy the matter by applying impartial taxation all around.

WALES SURPASS FEMALES IN EYES OF LONDON'S ANDLADIES

"Girls Use Tubs For Their Laundry, Keep Food in Their Rooms and Attract Mice," Says Boarding-House Survey Report.

Secretary Gordon Philip of the local Chamber of Commerce has received a report on a survey of room and boarding houses in London. The survey was conducted in the city under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, London Y. W. C. A., and Dominion Y. W. C. A., between March 25 and April 21 last. The survey was conducted by Margaret H. Nelson, national secretary of the Y. W. C. A., and Ethel Lovell, national assistant secretary of the Y. W. C. A. The report is a lengthy one.

The city was divided by them into nine districts, and every seventh house on streets running north and south was visited, while other streets included in the survey were Piccadilly, Tottenham, Cavendish, St. James, Dufferin, and Walnut. By this survey, the committee reports that 9 per cent of local dwelling houses were visited. Of 1,044 houses visited, 129 were listed.

Every Type. It was disclosed by the survey that every type of householder in London kept boarders. The reasons for this were given as increased rents, rising cost of living, and the housing shortage. In the latter case the sympathies of the householder were aroused for girls experiencing difficulties in obtaining rooms. Many young married women, it was recently experienced similar difficulties were making sacrifices to accommodate girls in London.

Thirteen per cent of local householders are taking roomers or boarders. Of these 25 per cent are for men only. This is because the men pay better than girls who "use tube for their laundry, keep food in their rooms and attract mice," said more.

Menonites Prepare To Take Up Homes In South America. Have Options On Twenty Million Acres of Land.

Calgary, May 26.—Menonites of Southern Alberta will join those of Manitoba and the Dakotas in an emigration movement to Brazil shortly, it is stated here. It is said that the Menonites have options on 20,000,000 acres of land in South America.

PRICE-CUTTING WAVE IN U. S. CONTINUES. Omaha Stores Announce Big Reductions.

Omaha, Neb., May 26.—Regular prices will prevail after next Saturday at two stores, which were the first to announce horizontal price reductions of 20 to 30 per cent ten days ago, according to an announcement today.

MARKET PRICES LOWER. Chicago, May 26.—Prices of all vegetables dropped from 5 to 35 per cent on the Chicago market in the last ten days, commission merchants said today. Market experts said the decline in prices was due to increased receipts.

FORBIDS MOTORCYCLES. Cambridge, Eng., May 26.—Use of motor cars and motorcycles by students at the University of Cambridge has become such a nuisance that the vice-chancellor of the university here has issued an edict against the practice.

What's Doing Tonight? THEATRES.

Grand-Blanche Sweet, in "The Deadlier Sex," and vaudeville. Allen—"The River's End." Loe—"Wallace Reid, in "Double Speed," and vaudeville. Patricia—"Mix, in "The Daredevil."

OTHER EVENTS. Annual Meeting Huron Diocesan Branch Women's Auxiliary—8 p.m. Royal Arch Masons—St. John's Church. Bank Clerks' Meeting—At 212½ Dundas street, 8 p.m.

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BERNSTORFF CLAIMS COLONEL HOUSE WAS USEFUL TO GERMANY

Former Ambassador to Washington Relates Dealings With U. S. Representative.

STATEMENTS DISCLOSED
Wilson's Special Emissary Is Given Much Attention in Letters Made Public.

R. J. MANION, M.P., Fort William, Liberal Unionist, who made a definite statement of his position in the House of Commons, showed that the farmers' demands for free trade, were in many parts showing a discrimination against Canadian industrial production. He demanded to know if the farmers were entitled to special consideration before any other class.

LOSES AN EYE; GIVEN \$15,000

Sofia Borzin Gains Heavy Verdict for Injuries Inflicted in 1919.

Detroit, May 27.—Large as have been the verdicts of the jury in circuit court during the present term, that given to Sofia Borzin yesterday before Judge Jesse H. Root, of Monroe, exceeded all others. The jury awarded her \$15,000, the full amount she had sued for in her case against Dr. Drag, neither of whom appeared in court.

The plaintiff alleges that on July 4, 1919, when she was in Mike Constantino's yard, a quarrel arose and that Mike told Draga to hit her with a box. Draga followed instructions, according to Sofia, and also obeyed orders when Mike told Draga to strike her.

After Sofia had testified Tuesday, and with neither of the defendants nor their attorneys in court, the jury returned the verdict for \$15,000. The suit was started on a capias.

SINN FEINERS FORCE FARMER TO GIVE UP LAND HE PURCHASED

Committee Takes Action and Compels Compliance With Order.

Dublin, May 26.—Control of Irish land by the Sinn Fein is very effective, as is evidenced by an occurrence at Carrick-on-Shannon, which was reported here yesterday. A farmer named Morrison was summoned before the Sinn Fein land committee to show why he had attempted to buy land over the heads of young men of the district who did not own property.

The committee warned him to surrender it immediately, which he agreed to do with reluctance.

Unknown persons have seized and sunk Lord Kingston's yacht, the Melach, at Carrick-on-Shannon, apparently because Lord Kingston wanted a claim for £2,000 for the destruction of a police barracks on his property. The claim was subsequently withdrawn, but a public announcement of this step has been made.

Higher Fees Is First Move On Part of Association.

Hamilton, May 26.—Feeling that the fees paid them for professional services were not adequate, the doctors over a wide territory in the country between St. Catharines and Winona, and south to Welland, met at Grimsby and formed a district medical association. Dr. J. R. Smith is president.

TUSAR AT HEAD OF NEW CZECHO-SLOVAK CABINET

Prague, Czechoslovakia, May 26.—The new ministry formed to succeed that of Premier Tusar, which resigned on April 13, thus far consists of seven Social Democrats, four Agrarians and two National Socialists, with Mr. Tusar as premier, and Dr. Eduard Benes as foreign minister.

HAMILTON'S VENEREAL CLINIC UNDER WAY

ASTOUNDING CONDITION IS REVEALED IN CITY AS A RESULT.

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Several Large Construction Contracts Are Being Planned—Large Total For May Promised.

There is some prospect of building figures reaching the million-dollar mark by the end of June. Several large construction contracts which are being planned, now are commenced. The figures today reached \$1,615,650, with a total of \$23,570 for the month of May. The total for the first five months of the year is \$106,000, the total of \$125,072 in May last year.

The principal permits today were: F. J. Laphorne, 2-story brick veneer store, Adelaide street, \$4,500; Westland Bros., 2-story brick veneer dwelling, Worley road, \$3,000; C. B. L. 13-story brick veneer dwelling, 105 Oxford street, \$4,000; N. J. McCordie, 13-story brick veneer dwelling, Eadsdally street, \$3,500.

NEW SUBSTITUTE IS FOUND FOR WOOL. Leeds, Eng., May 26.—Experiments are being conducted at the textile institute in manufacturing by a chemical process artificial wool from cellulose derived from cotton waste. The efforts have been very successful, and although it is only a substitute for wool, it is said to have great wearing possibilities, especially if used with other fabrics.

EIGHT BATTALIONS OF TROOPS IN RESERVE FOR IRISH SERVICE. Large Number of Soldiers Ready for Immediate Dispatch.

London, May 26.—Aside from the fresh troops recently sent, eight battalions are held in reserve for transfer thither on short notice, according to the Daily Mail.

PRINCE ARRIVES IN MELBOURNE. Lands From New Zealand At Australian Port.

Melbourne, May 26.—The Prince of Wales, who sailed from New Zealand on the battle cruiser Renown May 21, arrived in Melbourne today.

BOLSHEVIKI OCCUPY RETCHITSIA VILLAGE. Fighting Continues On Front Northeast of Kiev.

London, May 26.—Retchitsa, a village on the right bank of the Dnieper River, approximately 125 miles north of Kiev, has been occupied by Russian Bolshevik forces, which are also advancing on the fortified outskirts of Bobruisk on the Berezina River, according to a statement by his private secretary this morning. The president, according to the Echo de Paris, will not go to Rambouillet, as was announced on the date of his accident, but to the estate of his father-in-law, Rene Benes, member of the Chamber of Deputies, near Rennes.

AUSTRIAN GENERAL DIES OF APOPLEXY. Field-Marshal Borevic Expires in Vienna.

Vienna, May 26.—Field Marshal Borevic, commander of the Austrian forces on the Italian front, died late in 1915 until October, 1918, is dead, his death being caused by a stroke of apoplexy.

Field Marshal Borevic, at the beginning of the war between Italy and the Central Empires, was sent to the Italian front where he was in command of a portion of the army. Later he became commander-in-chief of all the Austrian forces fighting against Italy. He became field marshal late in 1917, following the Italian defeat at Caporetto. He was one of the enemy generals whose extradition on charges of violation of the laws of war was demanded by the Allies last February.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE INCLUDED IN VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

Ottawa, May 26.—(By the Canadian Press).—An act to incorporate the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada was amended by a committee of the Commons today to provide for the inclusion of women's organizations.

J. DE L. TACHE WILL BE NEW LIBRARIAN

[Special To The Advertiser.] Ottawa, May 26.—It is stated today that J. De L. Tache, King's Printer, will succeed Dr. A. D. Decelles in the position of French librarian of parliament, while Dr. Decelles will retire on superannuation. It is believed that Fred Cook, at present assistant King's Printer, will step up to the place to be vacated by Mr. Tache. Among other aspirants for the position of French librarian have been Hon. Albert Sevigny, a former minister in the Dorden cabinet, but who was defeated at the last election.

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