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## COTTON FUTURES TAX AMENDMENT IS CARRIED

### S. Tariff Revision Bill Was Adopted and Smith-Lever Amendment Was Carried After a Short, Bitter Fight Led by Underwood.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—(Can. Press.)—The Democratic tariff revision bill passed the house tonight on a vote of 218 to 197. The bill, which would raise the tariff on cotton futures, was carried after a long and bitter fight. The amendment proposed by the Smith-Lever cotton futures tax amendment by a vote of 171 to 161. Democrats and Republicans were divided on this without regard to party, and a large portion of the Democratic membership from the southern states joined in the demand that the whole subject be carried over to the next session of congress. The cotton futures tax question now rests entirely with the senate. The house passed the tariff bill by a vote of 218 to 197. The amendment proposed by the Smith-Lever cotton futures tax amendment by a vote of 171 to 161. Democrats and Republicans were divided on this without regard to party, and a large portion of the Democratic membership from the southern states joined in the demand that the whole subject be carried over to the next session of congress. The cotton futures tax question now rests entirely with the senate. The house passed the tariff bill by a vote of 218 to 197. The amendment proposed by the Smith-Lever cotton futures tax amendment by a vote of 171 to 161. Democrats and Republicans were divided on this without regard to party, and a large portion of the Democratic membership from the southern states joined in the demand that the whole subject be carried over to the next session of congress. The cotton futures tax question now rests entirely with the senate.

## The World's Baseball Series

John J. McGraw and Connie Mack will lead their respective teams into battle, commencing next Tuesday, for what promises to be the greatest world series on record. Each club has won the honor once in their former struggles and this year's fight will be for the rubber. Realizing the importance and the great local interest in this struggle The World has lined up a battery of the best-known baseball experts to write up each battle for its readers.

Hughie Jennings, manager of the Detroit Tigers, and who has three times battled in world series, will supply The World with a well-written story of the inside workings of every game. De Wolf Hopper, the well-known actor, and one of baseball's greatest fans, has also been secured, and his exclusive stories will appear daily in The World. The New York World's expert, assigned to cover the series, will write a breezy size-up of the situation. The Canadian Press will contribute its usual feature story, and World readers will be the best-posted fans in Canada.

## THINKS BROTHER WAS POISONED IN GOTHAM

### A. G. Beard of Toronto Had Body Exhumed and Inquest Ordered to Ascertain Whether His Brother Was Poisoned or Died of Bright's Disease as Certificate Stated.

Evidence of a somewhat startling nature was adduced at the inquest last night into the death of George F. Beard of New York, who died in that city on Sept. 14 last, and whose body was shipped to Toronto for burial in Mount Pleasant cemetery on Sept. 17. Although the death certificate is said to give acute Bright's Disease as the cause of Beard's death, a doubt on the part of A. G. Beard, 2400 East Queen street, brother of the dead man, that all was not right, resulted in the exhumation of the body. Dr. Singer is presiding over the inquest.

Altho Dr. Johnston, who examined the body and has gone into the details of the symptoms up to the time of death, would make no definite statement on the stand last night, he admitted that there are certain conditions which would lead him to suspect poisoning. According to the doctor there was nothing acute about the Bright's Disease in the body, altho the kidneys here certain evidences of congestion, which, under extreme conditions, might have caused death. The body, he said, was exceptionally well nourished and Beard must have been in good health shortly before his death. The inquest was adjourned for two weeks to allow the doctor to make a microscopic examination of some of the organs.

The brother, A. G. Beard, stated that on receipt of a telegram signed "Gloria," his brother's wife, to the effect that his brother was dead, he had immediately gone to New York, where he was informed that death was due to Bright's Disease. All his brother's jewelry, he said, had disappeared, which, the wife told him, had been handed to her lawyer. He could not get any of the medicine that had been prescribed, neither could he get the burial certificate, which the wife promised to send by mail.

The wife of the dead man was to have given evidence, but left for New York shortly before the inquest opened.

## FIREMAN FATALLY INJURED BY FALL FROM HOSE WAGON

### James Kerr of Wychwood Hall Missed Footing, Fell and Struck His Head on Stone Curb.

Falling to the asphalt pavement from a hose reel traveling at a furious speed, James Kerr, of 883 Ossington avenue, a fireman stationed at the Wychwood fire hall, struck his head on the stone curb, sustaining injuries from which he died ten minutes later in the home of Dr. McCormack on Bloor avenue, Eastcourt. The accident took place about 4:30 p.m. yesterday, on St. Clair avenue, near Oakwood, when the truck was traveling to the fire at the Union Stock Yards at West Toronto. According to other firemen, Kerr fell while in the act of changing seats with the driver, who wished to don his rubber boots and coat. He expired two minutes after being carried to the doctor's residence.

Kerr, who was about 25 years of age, had been in Canada only three or four years, and his mother in England is thought to be the only surviving relative. The body was removed to Wm. Spicer's undertaking rooms on Dundas street, and from there taken to the morgue.

Toronto Fireman Killed.



James Kerr of Wychwood Fire-hall, Who Fell From a Hose Wagon Yesterday and Was Fatally Injured.

## NEGLECTED ROAD CAUSED LOSS OF MOTOR

### Five Thousand Dollar Limousine Owned by Dr. John Hall Completely Burned When Chain Drive Was Broken by Bad Highway on Don Road and the Engine Back Fired.

Dr. John E. Hall, the well-known physician, at the corner of Jarvis and Carlton streets, had a five thousand dollar limousine completely destroyed by fire on the top of De Grass Hill, a mile north of Todmorden P.O., on the Don road, at 5:30 last night. No one was hurt, but the car was a total loss. The engine back-fired and started the blaze. But there was a story before that of a neglected road and a broken chain-drive caused thereby.

Dr. Hall owned a high-class Chadwick touring car and had a \$1500 limousine body put on it. The job was finished yesterday and two drivers from the Century garage at 44 Carlton street (in which Dr. Hall's son is interested) were sent out in the afternoon to test the machine. They had a full supply of gasoline. They selected the Don road for the purpose. When they were going up De Grass Hill from the main valley and just beyond the gate into the De Grass Farm, the road was so bad by neglect that the sprocket chain broke; the driver managed to stop the car as it ran back on the C.N.R. and rested against the guard rails of that structure.

A neglected road of this kind has been absolutely neglected owing to a dispute between the Township of York and the Good Roads Commission. The car, as was said, rested against the bridge rail—had it gone thru the rail, as it might, the men would have been sent down the tracks, 30 feet below, and killed!

The men got a team from the Division and towed the machine up the hill. Thinking that the car on the chain might be driven by the remaining engine, they started the engine. It back-fired; the men jumped and ran; they said they were afraid of the explosion—and the whole outfit was engulfed in flames a moment after the gasoline had caught. It had a four-cylinder motor with a belt drive, two rubber cases and a distorted frame. Not a vestige of the big new body or its appointments was left.

From Bad to Worse.

As to the road, hundreds of machines and teams pass over it, and yet it has been going from bad to worse for two years. When W. F. Maclean and others went to the township council on these different occasions, they said they were told that the council was not responsible; that the highways commission was responsible. He asked the council to at least repair the road, inasmuch as they had taken the residents' taxes, and that a tragedy might happen at either of the two bridges over the C.N.R. by reason of a big car breaking down on the bad road and running headlong into the guard rail. He was told the council could do nothing. Two hundred dollars, he said, would have made the two hills passable until the responsibility could be settled. Still nothing was done, the cars have been stalled day after day. The corduroy timbers of the old road have washed up out of their stone bed all summer, wrecking vehicles; and now a wooden box car, at the west hill has planks sticking straight up that will cause damage and maybe loss of life.

The Kingston road is in the same neglected condition in parts, owing to this same dispute.

## THUNDERSTORM, TERRIBLE TOLL

### Fourteen Killed, Thirty Injured and Many Missing in French Town—Flood and Explosion.

CERBERE, France, Sept. 30.—(Special.)—A terrific thunderstorm, which raged for 12 hours, has spread death and ruin through the city. Fourteen persons are known to have been killed and 30 injured, but there are many missing.

A stream which passes thru the city was soon over its banks and flooded the streets. In a hardware establishment, where large quantities of gasoline, petroleum, alcohol and other inflammables and a cask of calcium carbide were stored, the water dissolved the chemicals and enormous volumes of gas were formed, which completely wrecked two buildings and enveloped two others in flames. Three persons who were passing at the time were killed outright. Five families were buried in the ruins.

Nearly every house in Cerbere is flooded and most of the provisions have been spoiled.

In answer to an urgent appeal from the mayor, the prefect of Perpignan despatched several tons of bread to meet the pressing needs of the inhabitants. A company of the 52d Infantry was rushed here to assist in rescue work.

The floods also carried away the greater part of the Papillon Dynamite factory and caused tremendous damage throughout the department. The railroad has been washed out in several places. A freight train was derailed and a passenger train is imprisoned in the tunnel at Banyuls-Sur-Mer.

## TRIED TO CASH A BOGUS CHEQUE

### Toronto Couple Held at Niagara Falls May Be Members of Gang of Swindlers.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—In the arrest of two men and two women here this afternoon, the police believe they have rounded up members of a swindling gang whose operations were international in scope. The prisoners gave names of Mrs. Clara Knapp and W. E. Walker, both of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Allen, Erie, Pa. They were arrested following an attempt by Mrs. Knapp to cash an alleged worthless cheque for \$400 at the Bridge street branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada.

The prisoners came to the Falls on Sunday night. They registered at the Savoy Hotel and spent money lavishly. They insisted upon having the best of everything and appeared to have a plentiful supply of funds. They acted like any other wealthy tourists until this afternoon, when Mrs. Knapp attempted to cash the cheque at Bridge street bank.

When the woman tendered what purported to be a certified cheque for \$400 on the Toronto branch of the Union Bank of Canada, the teller referred her to the manager, A. N. Murray. She showed Mr. Murray a Union Bank pass book showing \$1110 to her credit at the Toronto branch. The cheque was signed "Clara Knapp," made payable to "Cash." Altho it appeared to be right, Mr. Murray was suspicious because of many swindlers worked on banks recently, and told the woman to call later in the afternoon, when the cheque would be honored.

When the woman left the bank Mr. Murray called up the manager of the Union Bank in Toronto. Then he learned that Mrs. Knapp had only \$110 to her credit. It was her original and only deposit. In the meantime the bank messenger had showed Mrs. Knapp the return to her hotel, joined Walker and the Allen's. The four were just leaving the hotel to go for an auto ride about the city when they were arrested by Chief John Kimmins and Patrolman John Dart of the city police.

At police headquarters the four prisoners refused to talk. Search of their rooms at the Savoy was made. The police say a counterfeit "certified" stamp of the Union Bank was found among their belongings.

Half a dozen Canadian banks will send representatives here in an effort to identify the prisoners as operators who have worked a similar swindle throughout Canada and in several American cities recently. Three weeks ago the Hamilton branch of the Bank of British North America was swindled out of \$2,000 on a spurious certified cheque.

The prisoners will have a hearing before Magistrate Fraser tomorrow morning on a charge of attempting to utter a false cheque.

## Might Vote Against It

The conference report will be called up in the senate early tomorrow. Chairman Simmons of the finance committee unless there are unexpected developments. Several Democratic senators who are dissatisfied with certain features of the bill today began a demand for a Democratic caucus to consider the conference report. Senator Reed of Missouri insisted that unless certain changes were made he might vote against the report and the tariff bill on its final passage.

The cotton futures tax dominated today's fight in the house, altho but little time actually was given to its consideration.

Three distinct elements developed among the Democrats in the cotton futures fight. One branch, led by Representative Hardwick of Georgia, demanded that the whole subject be carried over as a separate measure. Another section, led by Representative of Arkansas, insisted that the bill should accept the language of Clark's amendment in the senate. (Continued on Page 8, Column 7.)

## HEIRS TO WED THIS AFTERNOON

### Hon. Victoria Sackville West Will Be Bride of Minor Clerk in British Legation.

## I DAR YOU!



## CANADIAN ACTOR DID NOT RALLY

### Dr. John C. Dixon, Formerly of Montreal, Died in New York From Complication of Diseases.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—(Can. Press.)—John C. Dixon, a son of Canon Dixon of Montreal, is dead at Bellevue Hospital. He had been suffering for some time back from a complication of diseases, when he was removed from the apartment to the hospital. He did not rally as had been expected, and pneumonia set in, carrying him off. Before taking up the practice of dentistry in this city, Dr. Dixon had made a name for himself on the stage. He began as an entertainer in his native city, and later appeared as a professional, playing leading parts. He was at one time a member of Sir Henry Irving's company and took the part of Srengrill in "Trilby," on a tour of Canada. The authorities at Bellevue are awaiting instructions from Canada to dispose of the remains.

## FALSE PRETENCE CHARGE IS LAID

### L. V. McBrady, a Toronto Barrister, on Bail on Charge Laid by One of His Clients.

## EX-KING MANUEL OFF TO ENGLAND

### His Journey Will Represent a Separation by Consent Say Reports From Vienna.

## DOINGS OF THE DISCIPLES

BY DR. QUILL

It was a "far cry" back over the centuries from the Brush Run Church, Pennsylvania, to the "upper room" in Jerusalem. Nevertheless, on June 2, 1912, seven disciples met as they believed, "to continue in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayers." And here, still further down the stream of time and place, another meeting is held of Disciples. In the meantime there have been Pentecosts and prayers. They have been "adding to the church daily such as being saved" until the seven have become seventy times seven and that many fold over. With the weariness and dust of their long pilgrimage scarcely forgotten, they immediately proceeded to their tasks. For all Disciples know that they should be faithful. Hence the convention opened "at the tick of the clock" yesterday afternoon. Massey Hall was seated with probably 2000 people. The rear guard were announced to arrive in force by the evening session.

Whether it was that the visitors from the sunny south are still feeling the Canadian air a trifle chilly, the "Brothers and Sisters" took their seats with little of the enthusiasm characteristic of such large "family reunions." The fact is, however, that these particular Disciples of Christ do not build much on fervor. While friendly, and anyone stepping into the reception room has such before his eyes, they are not bolsterous. Therefore, they

## STRUCK BY CAR WHILE DRIVING

### Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trueman Thrown From Buggy and Badly Hurt on Arthur Street.

While attempting to cross the intersection of Euclid avenue and Arthur street at 3:10 last evening, a buggy containing Mr. and Mrs. William Trueman of 144 Clifton street was struck by an eastbound Dundas car (316) and the occupants were thrown to the pavement. They were carried unconscious into Struthers' store where Mr. Trueman shortly came to, but it was an hour later when Mrs. Trueman regained consciousness in the Western Hospital, where they had been removed in the motor car of Dr. A. H. Perfect of 210 Annetta street. Mr. Trueman received several serious scalp wounds, and Mrs. Trueman a slight scalp wound, a badly lacerated foot and a bad abrasion on the arm.

Owing to the work going on on Bathurst street, a stub line is in operation on Arthur street, two cars running backwards and forwards on their respective tracks, and the car that struck the buggy was going east on the north track. Eye-witnesses to the accident stated "The World" that the crash was tremendous, the buggy being carried fifteen or twenty feet in front of the fender, while the horse breaking loose, dashed up Euclid avenue. Every pane of glass in the front of the car was smashed, and glass littered the street.

The car was in charge of Motorist John Robinson of 406 Perth avenue, and Conductor John Hardin, of a Golden avenue.

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