

NO REBATE ON LUXURY TAXES PAID ALREADY

Finance Dept. of Canada Announces it Can Make No Returns for Late Sales.

BUSINESS PROFITS TAX FOR SESSION

Sir Thomas White Praises the Gov't for Removing the Tax in Interests of Trade.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Those who may have been hoping to secure rebates of luxury taxes charges on articles bought, perhaps late last Saturday night and returned to the storekeeper today, are doomed to disappointment. At the finance department it was stated this afternoon that in respect of goods sold previous to the 24th instant on which luxury tax had been charged, no refund would be granted in the event of the goods being returned.

The Business Tax

There has been no decision by the Government as to removal of the business profits tax, according to Hon. R. W. Wignmore, Minister of Customs and Inland Revenue. Mr. Wignmore said this afternoon that the only changes contemplated in the taxation measures at the present were those which became effective with the partial remission of the luxury and manufacturers' taxes this morning. There has, however, been a great deal of opposition inside and outside of parliament and it is still indefinite, but at the same time it is anticipated.

Next Session's Task

It is expected that there will be consideration of this tax in connection with the next budget which the Government hopes to have ready for presentation in a very short time after the opening of parliament. The date for the opening of parliament is still in debate, but at the present time expectations are that that event will take place about the middle of February.

Action is Wise

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The Government has asked wisely in removing the luxury tax and in doing so at the present time, instead of waiting until the next budget, said Sir Thomas White, former minister of finance, today. "The abolition of the tax will undoubtedly prove a stimulus to business. It has been felt by the general public that it would be of only temporary duration, and on this account a large part of the community have been postponing their purchasing."

Valuable Christmas Gift

"Sir Henry Drayton has made a most valuable Christmas gift to trade and industry and to the people of Canada generally," said Sir Thomas White, former minister of finance, today. "The abolition of the luxury tax has undoubtedly proven a deterrent to business and has reacted to a certain extent upon industry. It must be borne in mind that it has exercised a most wholesome check upon the reckless extravagance in evidence a year ago among practically all classes, which had it been allowed to continue, would have led to most serious, if not disastrous consequences."

KEMAL PASHA'S PEACE TERMS

Nationalist Leader Declares Smyrna Must be Returned to Turk Rule.

Constantinople, Dec. 20.—Mustapha Kemal Pasha, the Turkish Nationalist leader, communicated to the Turkish Government today the conditions under which he is prepared to negotiate with it for a settlement. These are the immediate evacuation of Anatolia and Thrace by the entire Greek force; the conditional return of Smyrna to Turkish rule; an immediate plebiscite in Thrace, under the control of the Straits of the Dardanelles under neutral control; modification of the financial and economic clauses of the peace treaty of Sevres.

INDICTED IN "BUILDING TRUST" NUMBER 120

Fifty-Two More Were Held Yesterday for Alleged Violation of Anti-Trust Law.

New York, Dec. 20.—A blanket indictment against 52 defendants, charging violation of the State Anti-Trust Law, was returned today in connection with investigation of the "Building Trust." The indictment names 27 corporations and 25 individuals, all said to be members of the Master Plumbers' Association, which John T. Heitrick, already under indictment, served as counsel. With today's grand jury action, the list of indicted exceeds the 120 mark.

Prisoner Ponzl Writes A Song From Solitude of His Penitentiary Cell Now

Boston, Dec. 20.—Charles Ponzl, whose slogan last summer of "50 per cent profit in forty-five days," won him the confidence of thousands of investors and ultimately a five year prison sentence in the jail at Plymouth, has written words for a song. In a letter from the jail received today by a Boston newspaperman, Ponzl asked for information as to the necessary copyright procedure. The title of the lyric was not mentioned, but Ponzl announced that the lines had been composed for the tune of "Queezy Jones."

PRETTY MAIDEN LURES VICTIMS TO GANG'S DEN

Pearl-Handled Revolver Compels Obliging Men Who Aid "Lost Girl" to Give up Cash.

VICTIMS TIED TO POST OF A BED

"Go in or Get Filled With Lead" Startling Order of Beautiful Girl.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—A pretty girl with a pearl-handled revolver yesterday played a leading part in three daylight holdups in the north side residential district. In each case she pretended to be lost, stopped a passerby and asked him to direct her to an address which always proved to be only a few doors distant. Generally the person volunteered to point out the exact door, but when it was reached the pearl-handled revolver was placed against his side and he was ordered to "go in or get filled with lead."

Girl Leads the Victims.

Inside, two men completed the hold-up and tied the victim to a bed. Then the girl went out for another victim. After three men had been robbed and tied the bandits left. One of the victims broke loose and notified the police. Two men and a girl were arrested last night in connection with the robberies, but denied they were implicated.

Robbers entered a department store yesterday morning and stole \$5,000 from the stockroom. A policeman on guard was wounded in an exchange of shots.

DARTMOUTH MAYOR FINED FOR TOO MANY PERMITS FOR LIQUOR

Charge Was Laid by the Chief of Police of His Own Town.

Dartmouth, N. S., Dec. 20.—Dr. H. O. Simpson, mayor of Dartmouth, was ordered by Judge Foster in the town police court this morning to pay \$25 as a cost for violation of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act or go to jail. The mayor paid the fine. It was proved to the satisfaction of the judge that from November 1 to November 25 last His Worship, in his professional capacity as a practicing physician, had issued 545 prescriptions for liquor, while the monthly maximum he was allowed by chief inspector Knight to issue was seventy-five. The charge against the mayor was laid by Chief of Police MacKenzie, who had as counsel, Thomas Notting, a former mayor of the town, while his worship was represented by S. Dars. Mayor Simpson speaking in his own behalf, urged that the charge that had been brought against him was "part of a deep laid political plot."

MUST PAY THE DUTY ON CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The impression that Christmas presents are exempt from duty is corrected in a brief statement issued from the Customs Department as follows:

"Articles sent to Canada as gifts are subject to the usual provisions of the tariff, with the exception that certain donations from abroad sent by friends and not being advertising matter, tobacco, articles containing spirits, or merchandise for sale, are admitted free when the duty otherwise payable thereon does not exceed fifty cents in any one case."

CANDY MAKERS SORE BECAUSE CLASSED WITH LIQUORS AND CARDS!

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 20.—An association was the abolition of the luxury tax in part, the candy makers of this city protested vigorously today against their product being classed with liquor, cards of stockists contents and playing cards. The 7 claimed that it looked like classing the undesirable as "bootlegging, gambling and candy making." A strong protest will be forwarded to Ottawa against taxing candy.

FOREIGNERS WORK: BRITISH WALK STREETS

Hamilton, Ont., Workless Complain Bitterly of the Treatment They Receive.

ALLEGE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST OWN SUBJECTS

Sawyer-Massey Co., Closed for Some Time Past, Re-opens on 20 p.c. Reduction.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 20.—Numerous grievances were aired by men out of work at a mass meeting here this afternoon. One of these was that the organization that was supposed to care for the hungry people did not adequately meet the demands made upon it, and that in consequence a number of out-of-work citizens had to apply to the city relief department for fuel, groceries and other necessities.

Claims Foreigners Work

Statements were made that some of the large industrial concerns in this city were running seven days a week, twelve hours a day and employing foreigners, while British subjects were walking the streets looking for work. The city was requested to ask the large employers to try to make work for more men by laying off the regular hands a couple of days a week.

Big Shop Re-opens

The Sawyer-Massey Company, which has been practically closed down for some days, re-opened today. The firm, however, took the men back on condition that they accept a twenty per cent reduction in wages. A few refused, but the great majority accepted the offer.

Saskatoon Has Smallpox

Saskatoon, Dec. 20.—Forty cases of smallpox are reported in this city today, and the health authorities are requesting all citizens to take precautions to guard against the spread of the disease. The epidemic is not yet of alarming proportions.

TWO CIVILIANS FAILED TO STOP AND ARE KILLED

Police on Way to Church Are Fired Upon by Sinn Fein Party.

HOME RULE BILL SAFE FROM CHANGE

Lords Agree to All the Amendments Made by Return to the Commons.

Dublin, Dec. 20.—Two civilians, Michael Walton and Patrick O'Connor, were shot dead yesterday afternoon at Clonally, County Tipperary, for refusing to halt when charged, according to a statement issued from Dublin Castle. It was not specified whether the shooting was done by the military or the police.

Police Are Attacked

The ambushing of a number of policemen occurred at Rathernan, County Tipperary Sunday morning. The constables, who were on their way to church when they were fired upon. One of them was wounded. The others surrendered their arms and were permitted to proceed.

Home Rule Bill Safe

London, Dec. 20.—The Irish Home Rule Bill now in safe and will be placed on the statute books this week in a form only slightly amended from the shape in which it first left the House of Commons. The House of Lords today after a brief debate agreed to all the amendments made to the bill by the Commons.

The only amendment discussed by the Lords today was that passed by the lower House providing that if either a lower house refused to set up a parliament, the executive could not make the offer a second time unless within three years after June 1 next both houses of the British Parliament passed a resolution asking for it.

Standard Oil Magnate

Sued Because His Income Tax Report is Incorrect

New York, Dec. 20.—The United States Government today brought suit against John D. Rockefeller for \$282,678, charging that his income tax report was "incorrect, misleading and false." The complaint alleges that in his return filed March 23, 1918, Mr. Rockefeller failed to include in it as part of his income \$6,104 shares of Illinois Pipe Line Company and 67,176 shares of the Prairie Pipe Line Company. A penalty of five per cent, and interest thereon at the rate of one per cent, from June 30, 1918, and costs, also were sought.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

The Finance Department at Ottawa has announced that there will be no rebates allowed for taxes imposed under the former Luxury Tax.

The Retail Merchants' Association will urge the removal of the luxury taxes remaining in force.

Hamilton, Ont., Workless men declare that foreigners are still working in factories while Britishers are waiting the streets.

The C. N. R. will reduce all shop wages ten per cent. on January 1st, and reduce working hours to 40 per week.

Hon. Dr. Hetherington and the Hon. D. McGeorge, called to the New Brunswick cabinet, were re-elected by acclamation yesterday.

United States announced the extent of the new duties it proposed to impose against import trade.

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U. S. EMBARGO PUTS DUTY ON N. B. POTATOES

Twenty-Five Cents Per Bushel is Rate Proposed by Fordney Measure.

THIRTY CENTS BUSHEL TAX ON ALL WHEAT

Claim New Duties Will Bring United States at Least \$130,000,000 Annually.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Presentation of the Fordney emergency tariff bill in the House of Representatives and decision of its supporters call it up for consideration in the Senate.

The opposition, hitherto manifest only to a slight extent, was intensified by the finding of minority views by Representative Rainey, Democrat, Illinois, scathingly denouncing the measure from beginning to end.

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One Year In Jail For Not Reporting Debt Owed Germany

New York, Dec. 20.—Dr. Edward A. Rumely, former publisher of the New York Evening Mail, and S. Walter Kaufman and Norville Lindholm were sentenced to prison terms of one year and one day each in Federal Court here today on conviction for conspiring to withhold from the United States Government knowledge of the alleged German ownership of the newspaper during part of the war.

Guilty of Keeping News

Dr. Rumely and his co-defendants, who are both New York attorneys, were found guilty by a jury on Saturday of having failed to report to the alien property custodian a debt of \$1,617,700 to the Imperial German Government.

The charge that the German Government actually owned shares of the newspaper's stocks were not proved.

During the day, amid numerous robberies, which listed on police records another murder by gunmen who invaded the Seaman's Mission in water-front and shot and killed one man while stealing \$400.

MASKED ROBBERS HELD UP OFFICE AND STOLE SAFE

Beat Guards Insensible, Then Threw the Safe in Motor and Escaped.

POLICE ARE OUT AFTER THE GANG

Shotguns Served Out to Constables Who Are Searching for the Gang.

Toledo, O., Dec. 20.—Six men armed with shot guns and with the lower part of their faces covered by bandannas, held up the employees of the American Railway Express Company here early tonight and escaped with a safe containing about \$16,000 in cash and Liberty bonds.

The holdup took place on Summit street, the city's main business thoroughfare, less than four blocks from police headquarters. The express company guards were conveying the safe to a warehouse on a track in the rear of the store preparatory to taking it to the Union station, a mile away for shipment east.

Carried Off The Safe.

When the guards stepped outside the store the six bandits drove up in two automobiles. One of the guards senseless, loaded the safe into one of them and escaped in both cars. All available policemen in the city have been armed with shotguns and are in search for the bandits.

BRITISH COLUMBIA WILL SPEND \$250,000 TO HELP WORKLESS

So Far 3,500 Men Have Registered at the Gov't Employment Office in Toronto.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 20.—The provincial government on Saturday approved an order in council for a special warrant to provide \$250,000 for relief work in this province. None of this amount is expected to be handed to the municipalities however, to aid them in financing work that give employment to the great number of idle men.

Situation in Toronto.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—About 3,500 men have registered at the government employment bureau in the past week in the hope of obtaining work. The government bureau now forming part of the civic relief organization. A total of 1,275 families are now receiving assistance from the civic relief fund. It is expected that in a few days the city will be able to employ a good many men at repair work and in the parks.

BISHOP BURCH DIES SUDDENLY IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 20.—Charles Sumner Burch, Bishop of New York, died suddenly here today. Heart failure is thought to have caused his death. Bishop Burch was president of the Episcopal Synod of New York.

SEVEN YEAR OLD CHILD TRAVELS 2,500 MILES ALONE

Comes from Peace River Crossing to Quebec to Start Her Education.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—Antoinette LeFevre, aged seven, arrived in the C. P. R. station this morning after completing a trip of 2,500 miles from Peace River Crossing, absolutely alone. She was bound for the home of her aunt here, where she will stay until her education is complete, she will rejoin her father, who is a farmer, living fifteen miles from Peace River Crossing.

POLICE RAIDS FAIL TO STOP CRIME WAVES

Every Pedestrian on Unfrequented Streets After Midnight to be Investigated.

VETERANS OFFER TO HELP THE CONSTABLES

Half Hour Meal Time of Police is Cut off So They Can Remain on Watch.

New York, Dec. 20.—Raids by police fail to stop crime wave. Thus read headlines in New York newspapers tonight after what was described as the first day of "the most sweeping round-up of crooks in the history of New York."

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To Stop Everybody.

But at roll call in police stations this afternoon were read two orders that indicated Commissioner E. Bright Tamm to push the round-up to the limit. The first command was for patrolmen to stop and question all pedestrians found between midnight and dawn on unfrequented streets and if their actions aroused suspicion to search them for fire arms.

The second order revoked permission for policemen to take half an hour for meals while on duty.

Cuts Off Meal Time

Revocation of the meal hour permission came after the board of auditors had postponed until tomorrow further consideration of request by Com. Bright for nearly 800 more uniformed members of his force.

Meanwhile criminal courts cleared their calendars for action against robber bands. All cases against burglars and highwaymen were advanced and heavy penalties inflicted in cases where a verdict of guilty was returned. While the municipal authorities were preparing to launch their official offensive on the underworld, the American Legion, merchants associations and other bodies met to lay plans of their own.

Veterans Offer Aid

New York posts of the War Veterans Association, after their session dispatched a letter to Mayor Hylan offering him "the services of from 500 to 1,000 selected members of the legion to reinforce the regularly constituted police force of Greater New York at such a time as you, as the chief executive, of the city and responsible for the maintenance of law and order, may determine that their services are required."

IRISH ROB MAIL TRAIN; ESCAPED WITH TWO BAGS

Sergeant Who Successfully Resisted Attack on Post Warned of Another.

FIFTY ARMED MEN STOP THE TRAIN

County Cork is Scene of the Latest Outbreak Again the Railways.

Dublin, Dec. 20.—A big raid on a mail train was reported today from Charleville, County Cork. Fifty armed and disguised men held up the train at the station and removed twelve mail bags, which later were recovered in a hedge nearby. Two of the bags had been emptied.

The Sergeant commanding the force which recently successfully resisted an attack on the Bellinagh County Longford, police barracks was said today to have received the following anonymous communication:

SEES CLEAR WARNING IN BANKER'S SPEECH

London "Times" Financial Editor Comments Upon Message of Sir H. V. Meredith.

London, Dec. 20.—The financial editor of the Times, commenting on the remarks of Sir H. Vincent Meredith, President of the Bank of Montreal, at its annual meeting observed that while his speech was full of underlying confidence in the future of Canada, it was characterized by some plain warnings.

Canada, like the United States, was realizing that the true economic outcome of the war, namely the destruction of wealth and therefore of purchasing power can only be corrected by provision of credits for foreign buyers by those countries whose credit it has been least impaired.