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TAXATION OF LAND VALUES

SOLICITOR-GENERAL FOR SCOTLAND SPEAKS

Ontario's Local Self Government Object Lesson for Old Country.

(Special to the Times.)
Edinburgh, Jan. 6.—Arthur Dewar, M.P. for South Edinburgh and solicitor-general for Scotland, has been commenting for the last ten years for the taxation of land values and the breaking up of great estates. In an interview yesterday he said that the people are intensely aroused.

"No matter what the result of the election is," he said, "things can never again be as they have been."
Mr. Dewar, who recently visited Canada, said that if it could take the form of Britain up to Queen's Park, Toronto, and show them Ontario's local self-government machinery at work, all the system would vanish. The majority of the Scotch and Irish favored it, but in England people are still suspicious that it would be derogatory to the dignity of the Imperial parliament.

FIRE IN MAIL CAR

Outbreak Discovered When Train Arrived at Blaine.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 6.—A bonfire in the mail car, licking up hundreds of letters on their way to Seattle, was discovered when the Great Northern southbound train pulled into Blaine. From Vancouver to Blaine, according to the trainmen, this car does not carry an agent. Some employees of the mail train service in Vancouver stacked several mail sacks dangerously close to the car heater so that when Blaine was reached the car was in a fair way toward destruction.

FALLS TO DEATH

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—Timothy Dorsey, while visiting an old schoolmate, Paddy Bennett, at No. 2 fire hall, yesterday afternoon, stepped backward through the slide pole aperture on the top floor and turning in mid-air struck his head upon the pavement below and was instantly killed.

FIRE AT TORONTO

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, Jan. 6.—The Boston shoe store here was gutted to the extent of \$20,000 by fire last night.

FISHING BOATS RETURN TO PORT

Number of Fishermen Who Were Caught in Gale Reported Safe.

(Special to the Times.)
Halifax, N. S., Jan. 6.—It is thought there will be no loss of life among the Causo, Whitehead and Dover fishermen who were carried to sea on Tuesday by a gale. Several of the missing boats made shore last night, and report sighting others making for places of safety. A number of vessels are searching for the boats not yet reported safe.

CHINAMEN ROBBED OF THEIR SAVINGS

Four Robbers Demolish Furniture and Escape With More Than \$600.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 6.—The police to-day are searching for four men who last night held up six Chinamen in a truck leased by the Chinese, two miles below this place, and after demolishing every article of furniture in the place escaped with between \$600 and \$700.

Robbers had blackened their faces in an effort to leave the impression that negroes committed the robbery.

The ranch is leased and operated by Mon Sing, and he employed the other five. When the robbers came up to the house yesterday Mon Sing and one of his men, known as Old Sam, were in the house. The other four men were in the truck garden. Two of the robbers compelled the four Chinamen to hold up their hands, and remain outside while the leader of the gang, with another man, entered the house. The two Chinamen were surprised while preparing the evening meal. Old Sam made a break for liberty, but was killed unconscious. After demolishing most everything of value in the house the robbers finally found the money hidden in a costly teakwood box.

Immediately after they had fled the Chinamen called up the police, and a posse soon started in pursuit, but at an early hour this morning no trace could be found.

WINTER WHALING IS SUCCESSFUL

STEAMER ORION TOOK SIX LEVIATHANS

Number of Passengers Arrive on Steamer Tees From West Coast.

The winter whaling has so far been a success. The steamer Tees, which arrived from the West Coast Tuesday, brought word that the steam whaler Orion had been operating at Sechart for a week and during that time had brought in six whales. All of these were caught in Alberni canal and are valued at seven to eight hundred dollars each. There are reported to be a number more whales in the canal which will doubtless be harpooned in the near future. The steamer St. Lawrence will join the Orion and both will operate for a time from the Sechart station.

The Tees made a very quick trip this time. She was away only about three days, going as far as Clayoquot. Among the passengers down the coast were Mr. and Mrs. Bergas, from Cloose; J. Biddle; Mr. Garrard, a brother of the operator at Tofino; Mrs. Macdonald, who joined the boat at Mosquito Harbor and who was taken to the hospital on her arrival here; Dr. Kerr, wife and family, of Alberni; Messrs. Willoughby and Southern, of Banfield; Misses Love and Denovan, on their way to school at New Westminster; Mr. Buckmaster, a prairie man, who is going up again on the next trip; and Mr. Williams, the hotel keeper at Port Renfrew.

Mr. Williams says there is a good deal of interest taken in real estate at Renfrew since the announcement of the railway going in. A number of people have been buying and the prices are going higher.

The Tees will have several days in port, leaving again on the 10th inst.

BUNKER COAL ADVANCES

Shipping Men Declare Rise in Price is a Serious Matter for Them.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 6.—Bunker coal for steamers has been raised 50 cents a ton by the Pacific Coast Coal Company. This applies to the Black Diamond and Franklin coal mine run, a similar to that effect being issued yesterday advancing the rate at bunkers from \$3.50 to \$4 a ton. This coal, in addition to being used by the steamships, is also burned by hotels and apartment houses, and is the cheapest class of coal marketed.

"It is usual to advance coal in the winter time. Beyond that there is no significance to the advanced price," said Agent Gioia, of the coal company. "The reported coal shortage in San Francisco has nothing to do with the advance."

Shipping men, however, say the advance in coal of the sudden run class has not been the usual thing, and they point out that the sudden advance of one-seventh in the price of fuel is a serious matter for the shipping interests, particularly in the face of the small winter business.

Steamers operating from Seattle to Southwestern Alaska ports burn from 1,000 to 1,200 tons of coal on the round trip, all of which has to be taken aboard at Seattle, and this means to them an increased cost of from \$500 to \$650 a trip.

The steamship men are preparing a strong memorial to Washington state delegation to Washington to press for the early opening of coal areas in Alaska.

SHOT BY ROBBERS

Banker's Brother Fatally Wounded in Bank in Brooklyn.

New York, Jan. 6.—Two robbers, falling in their attempt to hold up the foreign money exchange bank of Henry Kern, in Brooklyn, to-day shot and mortally wounded the banker's brother, Sam Kern, who was overseeing the place.

The proprietor was out when the robbers entered. They leveled their revolvers at Sam Kern and ordered him to give them all the money on hand. Kern turned and fled. The robbers both fired at him, and ran to the street. Three clerks were in the bank at the time of the robbery and witnessed the shooting.

LIBERAL CANDIDATES

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—Liberal conventions to nominate candidates for the provincial legislature were held in Dauphin and Beautiful Plains yesterday. In the former Robert Cruise, president of the Liberal Association, was the choice and in the latter E. L. Davis.

DRUGGIST SENT TO JAIL

Toronto, Jan. 6.—F. E. Kern, druggist at Victoria and Queen streets, convicted for allowing girls to come into his place for improper purposes, was sentenced yesterday for six months in jail.

IS IMPROVING

Quebec, Jan. 5.—Alphonse Pelletier, lieutenant-governor, whose illness has caused some anxiety, is rapidly improving.



THE ROUGH ROAD TO OFFICE.

MERCHANT SHOT DEAD IN BED

DARING BLACK HAND MURDER IN CHICAGO

Leader of Gang Holds Woman While Comrades Kill Husband.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Jan. 6.—The boldest Black Hand murder in the history of Chicago was committed shortly after daylight to-day.

Three men entered the home of Benedetto Cienni, a rich Italian druggist, in Chicago, and holding a revolver, held his wife off at the point of a revolver, and deliberately shot Cienni to death as he lay in bed.

Mrs. Cienni opened the door at the call of the Black Hand members. Three unidentified men entered. One of the men seized her and holding a revolver against her head, his companions entered the bedroom where the merchant lay sleeping.

Mrs. Cienni said she heard three shots and then the couple emerged, each holding a smoking revolver. She and the strangers left the house by the front door.

Rushing into the bedroom Mrs. Cienni found her husband dead with three bullet holes in his body.

Two years ago Charles Black Hand letters demanding the payment of \$5,000 on pain of death. He ignored the demand. A year ago the last letter was received.

The police believe that the murder had been planned a year ago, the assassins awaiting a favorable opportunity for carrying it out.

COLLINS REFUSES FOOD

Attorney, Serving Term for Bigamy, Is Ill in Penitentiary.

San Quentin, Cal. Jan. 6.—Wm. B. Eradbury, the aged millionaire, who is serving a term in San Quentin penitentiary on a charge of forgery, is reported to be dangerously ill. He is suffering from severe organic trouble and is in great pain.

In the cell next to Eradbury languishes George G. Collins, formerly a prominent attorney of this state, serving a sentence for bigamy. He is also ill and refuses food.

ALDERMAN DROPS DEAD

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 6.—Death came with terrible suddenness to Alderman A. H. Dalzell. He had boarded a car and came down town to hear election returns. Just before reaching Sandwich street he suddenly fell from the seat and died almost immediately. He had been a sufferer from angina pectoris for some time. He was a candidate for re-election and had been returned by a handsome majority.

RETIRED ADMIRAL DEAD

Llandudno, Wales, Jan. 6.—Rear-Admiral William Turnbull Burwell, U. S. navy, retired, died at an hotel here. He was on leave of absence from January 3rd of last year.

BLIZZARD CLAIMS VICTIMS OF PRAIRIES

Number of Persons Found Dead, While Others Are Missing.

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—The blizzard of the last few days has claimed many victims, particularly along the Soo line. Among those dead or missing for several days are: Sheriff Whitehead, Weyburn; Jos. Clark, of Lang; Hilbert, a member of the Imperial parliament, and one of its champions. Dolan is touring America, advocating the development of Irish industries with the aid of Irish citizens. Industrial independence, he believes, will bring about the freedom of his native land.

Dolan is looking for American markets for Ireland's products. He urges upon all Irishmen to substitute Irish goods for those made in England. By refusing to purchase the products of England's industry and utilizing Ireland's output, one of the means toward welding the island into an industrial nation would have been accomplished.

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EXPLORER COOK SUFFERS RELAPSE

Sister-in-Law Declares He Cannot Stand Strain of Further Controversy.

(Times Leased Wire.)
New York, Jan. 6.—Another member of the Cook family, this time Mrs. Josephine Dudley, a sister of the wife of the discredited explorer, has made a statement. Mrs. Dudley says Dr. Cook's nervous wreck, unable to think consecutively and that the reason he remains in hiding is that he could not stand the strain of further controversy.

"We are praying," says Mrs. Dudley, "that he will soon recover so that he may come forward and defend himself. Mrs. Cook is at her husband's side. She loves him and trusts him. There has been no quarrel, there never was any trouble between them about money."

Mrs. Dudley received a message to-day, she says, from Walter Lonsdale, Dr. Cook's secretary, dated Copenhagen, and reading as follows: "Cable Fred's address at once. I must see him now."

The doctor has had a disheartening relapse, she said, and it is important that his seclusion shall not be disturbed. She says she is aware of the doctor's whereabouts, but will not say whether he is in this country or abroad.

THREE MEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

(Times Leased Wire.)
Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Three men were killed and nine frightfully burned in an explosion and fire that destroyed the plant of the Buffalo Cereal Company last night. The explosion occurred in the yellow corn mill. A concrete and brick elevator 140 feet high was shattered by the explosion and fell through the roof of the mill. It is said that eight of the injured men have slight chances of recovery.

SEEKS MARKETS FOR IRELAND

FORMER M. P. IS TOURING STATES

C. J. Dolan Urges Irishmen to Refuse to Purchase English Goods.

(Times Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 6.—The efforts of the Irish political party will never bring about Home Rule for Ireland, according to Charles Joseph Dolan, former member of the Imperial parliament, and one of its champions. Dolan is touring America, advocating the development of Irish industries with the aid of Irish citizens. Industrial independence, he believes, will bring about the freedom of his native land.

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SULTAN REDEEMS JEWELS

Ruler of Morocco Pays \$400,000 For Gems Pawned in France by Former Sultan.

Paris, Jan. 6.—Dealers from all parts of the world were disappointed to-day when Sultan Mulai Hafid of Morocco paid in his appearance and paid the Mont De Piet, the national pawnshop of France, \$400,000 for the crown jewels pawned by the former sultan, Abedul Aziz.

The dealers had gathered in the expectation of an auction of the jewels said to be worth nearly a million dollars, after the officials had repeatedly refused to allow Mulai Hafid to redeem the pledge until the pawn ticket was by the former ruler had been recovered. Announcement was made some time ago that no further delays would be granted the Moroccan government, and that the jewels would be sold.

The ticket was never found, but the Sultan's pleading seemed to have its effect, for the officials allowed the Sultan to take the jewels.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE

London, Jan. 6.—The Bank of England to-day announced a reduction in its minimum rate of discount from 4 1/2 per cent to 4 per cent.

KILLED ON TRACK

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Rae Street, an old man, was killed by an express train near Mimico yesterday. He was walking on the track.

BALFOUR'S SPEECH CHEERS FOLLOWERS

Liberals Deprecate Alarmist Address of Unionist Leaders and Declare People Are Refusing to Be Stampeded.

London, Jan. 6.—The Conservative claims that Mr. Balfour's statement that Germany is not prepared to allow Great Britain to adopt protection, made in his reference to naval weakness, is worth many votes. The party, in fact, has been greatly heartened by the reappearance of the leader and his speech at Hanley. Liberals, on the other hand, deprecate a man in Mr. Balfour's position of responsibility dealing with "such serious stuff," as they allege his platform proposes, as "infinitely more impressive to Germany than any vainglorious assertion as to what we are going to do in the future."

One of the most responsible Liberal organs says: "It is the solid fact that our landed classes and rich men are on a strike against expenditure at the present moment. Just as Britain is watching Germany for evidence that the money strain is beginning to tell, so Germany is similarly watching her tariff in the expectation of the budget."

The people, the Liberals declare, are refusing to be stampeded by an invasion scare, and the majority believed the premier when he said the navy was unassailably supreme.

REFORM OF HOUSE OF LORDS

Lord Lansdowne, addressing a great meeting at Liverpool last night, responded to the demand for a scheme of reform of the House of Lords by the adoption of Lord Rosebery's proposal for a commission. He was opposed to an elected chamber because it would demand equal powers with the Commons. There, however, must be a check upon a raw Commons and a raw cabinet in order that the will of the people may prevail. Both parties should join for reform. The Lords opposed the budget on its own account and also because they did not want the country to be switched to other policy which he believed would be suicidal to Lancashire. He admitted that he looked with some hesitation upon a tariff reform, as there were enormous interests at stake, but Lansdowne had nothing to lose from a system which would make foreigners pay for the use of our marts, even supposing prices were to rise a little. They could not risk much, he said, nobody talked about anything except a moderate scale of duties. The country would not have such a bad bargain, as the duties would have the effect of giving much needed revenue.

NATIONALIZATION OF RAILWAYS

Winston Churchill at Dundee, declared for the payment of members and nationalization of railways. Mr. Churchill said the Liberal plan taxed wealth, but the Conservative plan taxed wages. The Liberal plan taxed land and values, the Conservative plan taxed bread and meat, manufactures and necessities, while the Liberal taxed luxuries.

SAYS NAVY SCARE IS ABSURD

Sir Edward Grey maintained that the navy had been fully maintained in a position to protect the country from any probable combination of fleets, while Mr. McKenna described the navy scare as absurd and ridiculous, and declared that no attempt was made to argue seriously. "How," he asked, "can we reason with rumor and reply to shrieks?"

LOYD GEORGE HAS COMPELLED LORD SAVILLE TO ADMIT THAT HE HAS NO PROOF THAT THE CHANCELLOR CHECKED DEFEATS OF THE ARMY IN SOUTH AFRICA

The fierceness of the campaign is becoming accentuated. One thousand people at Stafford stormed the Unionist meeting, smashing windows and surging into the hall.

PEER LAUREATE'S LETTER

Alfred Austin, Poet Laureate, last night issued an open letter, in which he pointed out that the present House of Lords includes 200 members who have served the country in the army and navy, 100 on the battlefield, 100 had been members of the House of Commons, and he declared it is impossible to call such a body unrepresentative.

CHANCELLOR AND PEERS

Lloyd George addressed two meetings and again chipped the peers. He said he never worked so hard in his life. Why were they risking their lives? They were wading through the valley of humiliation purely in order to find work for unemployed men. People would get work. It is true their wages would not come to as much, and would not go as far, but still they would have plenty of work. The peers, on the other hand, would have more profit and less work. London, he claimed, would give the lead to the rest of the country. It was asked why not copy Germany? Tariffs were driving the people of Germany into socialism by the millions. There were already three millions and at the next election there would be more made by the cruel tax on food. His budget more enlarged and revised the edition of Kipling's poem, "Duke's son, Cook's son, son of a belted Earl, pay, pay, pay." (Cheers.)

EARL STANHOPE'S CRITICISM

Immediately following Lloyd George's speech the Radical Chronicle quotes a caustic criticism of the guest by Earl Stanhope, who was a recent guest of Earl Grey at Ottawa. Lord Stanhope said:

"Look at the methods of this chancellor of ours, this dignified successor of Mr. Gladstone. If you are a landlord, or possess anything of an income, he says you are a ruffian and a blackguard. If you vote Conservative you must be taxed, but if you are a soda-water manufacturer he said: 'My boy I know you have voted Liberal at every election. You are a benefactor to the race. You shall not be taxed.'"

"Turning next to the licensed victuallers, our chancellor says: 'You are a monster. You go Conservative, You shall be taxed out of existence.' But cocoa manufacturers who are the mainstay of Liberal journalism, and Liberal party funds he consoles by the assurance that they shall not only go tax free out continue to enjoy incidentally the protection of the present British food taxes."

IMPORTS INCREASE

John Burns said the government's opponents were singing a dirge over the decline and fall of Great Britain, but in the year which followed the formation of Chamberlain imports had increased from £545,000,000 to £546,000,000, and exports had shown correspondingly great increases. Not a nation in modern times has shown such vitality and progress as Great Britain.

HOME RULE

Lord Crew said the electors were asked to sell their constitutional birth-right for a mess of protectionist portage.

Walter Long at Belfast said Home Rule meant destruction of the property of the people of Ireland. He recalled the words of Lord Randolph Churchill: "Ulster will fight; Ulster will be right." Those were awful words, it might in future be said of them, and the choice was as terrible as civil war. With all his heart he prayed God to avoid anything so terrible.

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JOHN BURNS IS VICTIM OF ASSAULT

Attacked by Unidentified Man After Political Meeting.

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Jan. 6.—John Burns, M. P., was assaulted after his Staffordshire meeting last night by an unidentified man, according to dispatches received to-day. Burns was entering his auto after making a political speech in a town hall when his assailant sprang upon him from the crowd on the sidewalk and struck him several times with his fist.

The assailant then made good his escape and disappeared in the crowd. Burns was not seriously hurt but suffered a number of bruises and cuts on his face.

NICARAGUAN CAPITAL

EXPECTS PEACE SOON

Managua, Jan. 6.—Managua is jubilant to-day over the prospect of early peace. President Madriz made public last evening a telegram which he had received from General Porras Diaz, one of the leaders in Estrada's insurgent army, saying that he was leaving Rama for Managua to discuss the situation with the president.

General Yaquez left to assume command of the government forces at Acosajoga, where an engagement with the insurgent army, now moving westward, may take place soon. Members of the local Red Cross branch have gone to Bluefields, where remain many prisoners taken by General Estrada in the battle of Rama.

President Madriz has begun personal investigation of the execution of the Americans, Groce and Cannon, with the object of fixing the responsibility. Salomon Selva, who appeared as government prosecutor before the court martial, will be found equally responsible with Yelaya. It is expected.

SUDDEN DEATH

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 6.—S. M. Thompson, a well-known citizen, fell unconscious on Dalhousie street and was carried into an office nearby and died immediately.

NEW YEAR

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FORM

Mr. J. S. Clarke of Vancouver Wedded to Miss Dunn of This City.

PRETTY HOME WEDDING THURSDAY EVENING

Mr. J. S. Clarke of Vancouver Wedded to Miss Dunn of This City.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn, Cadboro Bay road on Thursday when their eldest daughter, Miss Isabel Dunn, was united in marriage to Mr. J. S. Clarke, principal of South Hill school, Vancouver. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph McCoy, of Knox Presbyterian church. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a gown of crepe de chene over white satin and carried a bouquet of roses. Miss Alice Dunn, the bride's sister, was bridesmaid. Mr. Herbert Morrison, Vancouver, was groomsmen. The bride was the recipient of very many handsome gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke left for Seattle on their wedding trip and will take up their home in Vancouver.

OTTAWA PHYSICIAN DEAD

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Dr. W. C. Beaman, one of the leading physicians of Ottawa, died rather unexpectedly yesterday. He had been ill, but trips abroad it was thought had restored his health.

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