

N. S. LIMITS GAS TAX TO 3 CENTS GALLON

Scheme to Double levy is Opposed By Majority in House

HALIFAX, Feb. 18.—A bill empowering the Government to tax gasoline at a rate not exceeding six cents per gallon was amended at this afternoon's session of the Legislative Assembly after a debate in which many of the members participated, the majority of them against fixing the maximum at more than three cents per gallon.

An amendment moved by W. B. Armstrong, Conservative, Truro, was adopted without a vote, fixing the maximum tax at three cents per gallon, the tax put in operation on Jan. 1 of this year.

ACCEPTS AMENDMENT.

Hon. Percy C. Black, Minister of Highways, while stressing the need for increased revenue if the provincial highways are to be maintained at their present standard, undertook to assure the House that the tax would not be more than three cents per gallon during the current year if the original bill passed, but after debate, expressed his willingness to let the amendment pass.

With the gasoline tax bill came up for consideration by the committee of the whole, J. F. Mahoney, Conservative, Halifax, voiced his objection to the clause fixing the maximum tax at six cents unless the House received assurance that there would be no increase over the present tax of three cents per gallon, without the approval of the House. The Minister of Highways said he would undertake to give that assurance.

ANGLICAN CHURCH EVENTS FOR LENT

Special Services in St. John's (Stone) Church—Meetings in St. Luke's Begun

In the special services to be held in St. John's (Stone) church during Lent the preachers on Sunday mornings will be Rev. Canon R. P. McKim, Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence, Rev. John Unsworth, Rev. J. H. A. Holmes, Rev. Dr. W. R. Hilliard and Rev. H. A. Cady. On Sunday evenings the rector, Rev. A. L. Fleming, will preach a course of sermons on the following subjects: "The Riddle of the Universe," "Is There a God?" "The Problem of Man," "The Solution of the Problem," and "The Goal of Life." His Lordship Bishop Richardson will officiate at a confirmation service to be held in St. John's church on the evening of March 14. For the week-night services in Lent the congregations of Trinity, St. Paul's and St. George's are uniting in Trinity church. Each Wednesday night, however, the three congregations will attend special services in their own churches.

The preachers in St. John's church on the Wednesday evenings in Lent will be Rev. G. W. Moore, Rev. H. H. Sampson, rural dean, Rev. J. V. Young, Rev. G. W. Moore and Rev. W. E. Fuller.

IN ST. LUKE'S

A special series of Lenten meetings for the men's Bible class of St. Luke's church, which will be held on Thursday evenings of each week, opened last night when a very large number of men attended to hear the inspirational address given by Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison on "Greek Drama in Its Relationship to the Bible."

Eddie Cantor Coming To Screen in "Kid Boots"

WHILE Edward Rutherford is in Chicago to confer with W. C. Fields comedian in Ziegfeld's Follies, whom he will direct in "It's the Old Army Game," he will consult also another Ziegfeld star, Eddie Cantor, now appearing in "Kid Boots." "Kid Boots" will be transferred to the screen as a Paramount picture.

Wallace Beery and Neil Hamilton have been assigned important roles in "Beau Geste," which Herbert Brenon is soon to make for Paramount, according to an announcement today by Jesse L. Lasky. "Beau Geste" is an adaptation of P. C. Wren's story of the French Foreign Legion.

Thomas Meighan borrowed Charley Winsinger from "No, No, Nanette" the other day to play the part of a lunch-counter waiter in his new picture, "The New Kidnapper." Ring Lardner's story of the Florida real estate boom, "Winning for years one of the leading comedians of the musical comedy stage, made a series of one-reel comedies on the coast in 1915, and three years ago played a character part with Meighan in "Pied Piper Malone."



Eddie Cantor

to the Teaching of Jesus Christ." The president, H. A. Finch, was in the chair and Frank N. Taylor was the pianist of the evening. A vocal solo was pleasingly rendered by Willard A. Smith. The speakers at the other Thursday night meetings in Lent will be Rev. Hugh Miller, of St. David's church; Rev. Dr. W. F. Farguharson, Rev. G. Fulton, Archibald Gibson and Rev. J. S. Bonnell.

Theatre Man Fails; Owes Over Million

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Oliver Morosco, theatrical and motion picture producer, filed an involuntary petition in bankruptcy in the federal court today. He listed his liabilities at \$1,033,000 and assets at \$200.

Mr. Morosco, whose fortune at one time was estimated at about \$5,000,000 lost his wealth in the failure of the Morosco Holding Company which went into bankruptcy in 1923. The federal receiver exonerated him of any responsibility for the failure of the company, saying Mr. Morosco had been the victim of fraudulent activities of men promoting "Morosco town," his dream village near Los Angeles, Calif.

The producer's wife and Peggy Hopkins Joyce are listed as two of his chief creditors, each being credited with claims of \$15,000.

Sprinkler System Plan Is Approved

The Board of Commissioners of the Saint John County Hospital at its meeting yesterday afternoon appointed a committee to obtain estimates and prepare a valuation of the property to submit to the Municipal Council. This information has been asked with reference to the installation of a sprinkler system in the hospital. The members strongly endorsed the project of such installation.

Those present at the meeting were: Dr. H. S. MacDonald, who presided; J. W. Dean, Mrs. J. H. Frink, L. W. Simms, J. King Kelley and Dr. H. A. Farris. Routine business was dealt with and all reports were satisfactory.

The accommodation for adults was about all taken and the total number of patients Dr. Farris reported to be 112.

N. B. LEGISLATURE TO OPEN MARCH 11

Government Concludes Consideration of Provincial Estimates at Capital

FREDERICTON, Feb. 18.—Premier Baxter tonight announced that the New Brunswick Legislature would open on Thursday, March 11. The Premier remained here tonight to transact departmental business and will be here Friday.

The Government meeting which opened here Tuesday night was concluded this evening. Some of the members left for their homes and others will remain for departmental business. Consideration of estimates occupied the attention of the cabinet this week. Preparation for the opening of the House now will go forward.

ADDRESSES SCOUTS

Dr. Wm McIntosh Tells Boys of Two Troops, About Camping Matters

In the Natural History rooms about 40 Scouts of troops No. 6, Edith Mary, No. 7, Stone church, and No. 19, St. James, with their leaders enjoyed Dr. Wm McIntosh's lecture on camping last night.

Dr. McIntosh explained the use of the ground sheets and blankets, how to use a canoe as a shelter for the head when sleeping out of doors; how to

waterproof matches with wax; how to prepare fire-lighters by soaking bunches of rags in melted wax; just what provisions to take with you to camp.

The boys afterwards made a tour of the museum and later the lecturer showed some beautiful slides of New Brunswick scenery.

The boys gave Dr. McIntosh Scout honors and left eager for their troop camps this summer.

W. F. KNOLL SPEAKS ON CO-OPERATION

W. F. Knoll, superintendent of the James Pender mill plant, addressed the Knights of Columbus last evening on co-operation in industry. Mr. Knoll explained the co-operative system in business to Jamaica and the West Indies had been recovered and stabilized after it had previously been lost to European firms.

Champagne Seized In P. E. I. Potatoes

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—One hundred and thirty-eight cases of high grade champagne estimated at current wholesale bottling prices to be worth between \$80,000 and \$400,000 were found hidden under a consignment of Prince Edward Island potatoes on the arrival of a

freight car from New Brunswick and seized by prohibition officers today. The 346 sacks of potatoes, which have not been claimed by the consignee, will be sold at auction tomorrow, but not the champagne.

The royal palace at Prague has 711 apartments.

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HOVI'S REVUE

A SNAPPY MUSICAL COMEDY Entire Change of Program Tonight

Featuring Frank Smith and Allie Bagley

Mat. Daily at 2:30-10, 15, 25c. Eve. 2 Shows 7:15, 9:15-25, 35c. COME EARLY.

UNIQUE - NOW SHOWING

PETE MORRISON in Peppy Western Picture "COWBOY GRIT" Also

LARRY SEMON in "THE SUITOR" And Serial "WILD WEST"

Free Package of Chewing Gum to All Patrons Saturday

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FRIDAY and SATURDAY

Fred Thomson

AND HIS REMARKABLE HORSE SILVER KING

A rearing, crashing, big western show as clean as the winds that sweep the prairies—crisp as the frost that settles on the plains!

Fred in his finest role to date—Silver King up to all his old tricks and a lot more to make you thrill and laugh—rodeo scenes that send a chill racing up and down your spine—end a love story of charm and sweetness that will give you as good a time as a Xmas dinner!

"ALL AROUND FRYING PAN"

ALSO A COMEDY

MATINEE, 2:30-10c., 15c. NIGHT, 7, 8:45-25c.

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MOVIE STARS NAMED! On Our Screen—The Whole 50 TONIGHT ONLY! Prize Winners Announced!

Richard Barthelmess

in SHORE LEAVE

They fight together in battle—and now on the sea of love. It's the best Dick ever made—bar none.

With DOROTHY MACKAIL

From the play by Hubert Osborne as produced by David Belasco; scenario by Josephine Lovett.

ADVENTURE LAUGHTER

A First National Picture

COME AND FIND OUT ALL ABOUT THE STAR CONTEST

Orchestra and Wurlitzer Organ 4 SHOWS—REGULAR PRICES

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Her Outstanding Achievement!

A drama of love that finds its outlet when raging seas give a man back his birthright and show the only woman the true love in his heart.

NORMA TALMADGE

in The Only Woman

Matinee Daily at 2:30 10c., 15c., 25c. Evening 2 Shows 2 7:15, 9 15c., 25c., 35c.

Following "Secrets" and "Smiles Through" comes another hit—the biggest of its kind. It's a different Norma you'll find in this—a beautiful society belle forced into a loveless marriage then finding love in her heart when her man proves true blue.

PALACE - FRIDAY and SATURDAY

HOOT GIBSON

In the wildest romance of his screen career, Coming from the East as a tenderfoot and taming the FAMOUS UNIVERSAL RANCH RIDERS, hard-boiled cowpunchers of the Wild West, called for the most dangerous stunts ever seen in motion pictures.

"Taming the West"

A rough-riding cowboy who refused to take "No" for an answer—not even from a girl. He was so charming that he made her love him. Here's one cowboy who knew how to tame a wild woman.

With Marceline Day, Francis Ford and many others

"DON'T TELL DADDY" Ralph Graves Comedy

Monday and Tuesday "THE WHEEL"

A William Fox film masterpiece retaining all the dramatic power and high voltage thrills of the original John Golden stage drama.

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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

GOODBYE BOB AND SALLY GOODBYE FRED AND ANN GOODBYE MARY JULIA MY GOODBYE AND ANN GOODBYE DOLLY GOODBYE MARY GOODBYE JANE AND SUE IN GOING LOOK AND SAY MORE, CAUSE NONE OF YOU WILL DO

MAN OF GREAT KNOWLEDGE

GET OUT!! YOU ANY SMART ENOUGH TO READ HEAVY STUFF LIKE THAT? I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT A GIANT IS

GIVE HIM TIME

THAT'S RIGHT, I DIDN'T GET A TRICK FOR YOU FOR MY HOUSE OVER TO MY CLASSIES TOOK A SLEEPY

By BLOSSER

WELL, I SHOULD THANK YOU WOULD BE CAN TROUBLE YOU FOR MY HOUSE SUPPERS, TOO? YOU DIDN'T GET IN TILL AFTER MIDNIGHT JUST NIGHT—SUCH IGNORANT—SUCH TOWNPOLE, YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF

By SWAN

AN STEVE, I COULDN'T HELP IT, IT WAS A NECK OF A TIME TO COME HOME BUT WHAT COULD I DO? EVERY PLACE ELSE WAS CLOSED—AND I DON'T KNOW THE TOWN VERY WELL YET

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