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FRANCE VIEWS GERMAN PROPOSALS WITH SUSPICION

LONDON'S TAXES FOR 1921 EXCEED THOSE OF LAST YEAR BY \$405,258.50

Total To Be Paid Into City Coffers Just \$2,335,905.90 — Some \$250,000 of Increase To Be Expended On the Schools by Board of Education—First Installment To Be Collected in June.

In excess of those of 1920, figures compiled in the city clerk's office show. The total taxes for 1920 were \$1,929,647.40 and those for the present year \$2,335,905.90. This year the school taxes were included in the general tax rate, the two items making a total of \$1,955,790.55. About \$250,000 of the increase in taxes can be attributed to schools, leaving only \$100,000 increase for other spending bodies. More taxes for burbs, pavements, sewers, walks, watering and oiling streets, street cleaning, garbage and areas will be collected this year than were collected last year. When the assessment was increased it was thought that the tax rate would fall about ten mills, but it only decreased 12 mills. Taxes for coal-chutes etc., have increased three-fold as a by-product passed during the year raising the rate per square foot. Last year \$411.31 was collected from this source, but this year the returns will amount to \$1,243.14. This will provide for any damage actions that may arise. Last year \$250 was paid to a woman who fell down a coal-chute. The first installment of the taxes amounting to \$791,927.90 will be collected in June. The second and third installments amounting to \$1,544,978 will be collected in August and October. The city received the worst in a deluge of rain during the last week. Although \$300 was collected from the annex, \$4,000 was charged for local improvements to be collected in the city's debenture debt. The total assessment for 1921 is \$52,435,201. One mill produces \$52,435. This sum divided into the general taxes gives the rate of taxation exclusive of local improvements. For curbs the same sum as last year, namely \$4,478.95 will be collected; for garbage, \$66,333.33; for curbs, \$41,426.21; walks, \$13,807.20; water and oiling, \$26,584.16; street cleaning, \$55,971.06. Next year the civic authorities will try to bring the collection of the taxes one month or two weeks forward, so that the first installment will be payable in May.

GRAND TRUNK BILL PASSES IN COMMONS

Goes to Senate Tomorrow for Ratification.

LIBERALS OBJECT

Robb and Lemieux Ask What Right Administration Has to Act.

Ottawa, April 26.—The Grand Trunk arbitration bill received first reading on division in the Canadian House of Commons this morning, after a debate lasting a little over half an hour. The bill will go to the Senate tomorrow for ratification. During the debate J. A. Robb, Liberal member for Chateaugay, Huntingdon, asked Right Hon. Arthur Meighen what right the government had to take over and operate a railway, part of which was in the United States. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux advised the government to accept the advice given by Lord Shaughnessy of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and hand over the operation of the Canadian lines to the C. P. R.

CLOSER RELATIONS ARE PREVENTED BY TARIFF WALL RAISED BY U. S.

Buenos Aires, April 26.—In their comment on President Harding's address at the recent Bolivia celebration in New York, the Buenos Aires newspapers seize on what they characterize as the apparent contradiction between the desires of the United States to cement unity upon all countries of the American continent, and her protection policy as expressed in the pending emergency tariff legislation.

LELIEUX WANTS TO KNOW WHO APPOINTED CHAPPAIS TO SENATE

Ottawa, April 26.—Hon. R. Lemieux (Monneuve and Gaspé) is asking the government who appointed Hon. Thos. Chappais to the Senate, and when. He wants to know if the government are aware that Hon. Mr. Chappais is a member of the executive council of the Quebec Legislature, and that another question Hon. Mr. Lemieux is asking is if it is the intention of the government to introduce legislation during the session of parliament to remove Chappais from the outside service commission.

Montreal Assumes Role of 'Godmother' For French Town

Montreal, April 26.—In order to aid the movement for the relief of a town in France which is in a state of panic as a result of the war, the city council yesterday adopted a resolution by which Montreal will assume the role of "Godmother" for Avion, France. The French consulate later pointed out that Avion prior to the war had a population of 12,000 and that 7,000 had now returned and were living in ruins, huts and shacks, under sanitary conditions that had produced an alarming rate of mortality. Practically every Montreal battalion fought in front of and in Avion and it was taken and held in 1917 by the Canadian corps.

MYSTERY MAN ASKS TO BE KNOWN NOW AS SMALL'S BROTHER

Pays Visit To Home of Missing Millionaire's Sisters.

Toronto, April 26.—Instead of claiming to be Ambrose Small, the missing theatrical magnate, George Cox, the mystery-man of Verona, Ont., now wants to be known as the brother of Mr. Small. In the course of a visit paid to the Misses Small at their home last night the mystery-man asked that they acknowledge him as "a brother in law" in a state of mind. But the sisters of "Ambrose Small" would do nothing of the kind, and they were somewhat suspicious of the mystery-man and his movements. When they suggested that a detective be sent for to take part in the conversation, the mystery-man demurred and soon took his departure. He had telephoned them earlier in the evening, asking what they thought of the remand in the Doughty case. Then he said he wanted to come up and see them on confidential business. A little later a grey car drove up and stopped across the street.

Did Not Reveal Name. The mysterious one came over to the Misses Small house. There were three other men in the car, believed to be Constable Tallon, who arrested the mystery man, his son and his son-in-law. The trio did not come to the house. The mystery-man did not reveal his name, and the Misses Small said that he talked fairly clearly and seemed to know what he was about. He told them that he had been motored back to Verona, had appeared again before Magistrate McMillen, and had been remanded for a few days more. But he was anxious to get out of the hands of the law and back to his business. He wanted to be in custody no longer. He told the sisters that he was anxious to help them find A. J. Small. He was sure that the missing millionaire was in Chicoutimi, Que. He had encountered Mr. Small in business matters, he said.

FIUME GOVERNMENT RESIGNS AS RESULT OF MONDAY'S ELECTIONS

Rome, April 26.—The provisional government of Fiume has resigned as a result of yesterday's elections, says a dispatch from that city to the Stefani Agency. Efforts are being made to form a new government with the assistance of the more moderate element of the Independent party.

ALDERMEN ARE TESTIFYING AT ASHPANT PROBE

Legislative Committee Hearing Evidence of London Officials Today.

HICKS CASE RESUMED

South Essex U. F. O. Member Explains His Position.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, April 26.—The second stage of the Ontario Legislature's investigation of H. B. Ashplant's statements before the London city council March 7, was commenced today. Mayor Little, Aldermen F. E. Harley, G. B. Drake, B. F. Brighton, W. A. Wilson and Mr. H. B. Ashplant were called to give evidence before the committee on privileges and elections. The investigation of Andrew Hicks' statements at a U. F. O. picnic in London, were continued. Mr. Fox, South Essex, was called. He said there was some foundation for Hicks' believing what he did. Mr. Fox had spoken to him of an offer which an American firm made to settle a case out of court in connection with land damages at Pelee Island. The township was offered \$50,000 in a perfectly proper and legal manner. He did not intend to convey the impression that there was anything wrong. The case was not finally closed, as there is another witness to be heard.

MEXICAN OFFICIALS TO GUARD AGAINST MAY DAY DISTURBANCES

Mexico City, April 26.—Governors of the various states of the Mexican Republic have been instructed "not to permit any demonstration or disorders on May Day. General orders have been sent from workmen's headquarters here for labor demonstrations through out the country.

CANADIAN GIRL IS SELECTED AS MOST BEAUTIFUL STUDENT

New York, April 26.—Canadian Press.—Miss Allison McBain of Sherbrooke, Que., was selected by Coles Phillips, an artist, as the most beautiful girl in New York University circles last night at a concert of the combined musical club of the university in the town hall. She is the daughter of James McBain of Sherbrooke, and when in this city made her home at 13 West Fifty-first street. Miss McBain is a blonde, and was selected, Mr. Phillips said, because of her grace, personality, magnetism and line.

ELAMES U. S. LABOR UNIONS FOR CLOSING DOWN OF FACTORIES

Quebec, April 26.—Alleging that the trouble that caused the closing down of the mills of Price Bros. & Co. at Kenogami and Jonquiere has been brought about by American labor unions, the Quebec Chronicle will publish in part the following today: "There had been no trouble whatever at the mills, when certain American organizations, having created certain union elements in the sulphite and paper-making departments, made known to the management certain demands and certain assurances. The management promptly took action in the matter, and decided to close down the mills. "Gradually the various departments of both mills are being operated under the new conditions and rates of pay, and it is understood that very shortly the entire organization will be in full operation, and the disgruntled element entirely eliminated."

LADY GILBERT, WELL-KNOWN WRITER OF FICTION, EXPIRES

Dublin, April 26.—Lady Gilbert, known to the world of literature as "Rosa Mulholland," is dead, according to announcement here. She was one of the best known of the modern writers of fiction, her works including "Hester's History," "A Fair Emigrant," "Banisher Castle," "The Squire's Granddaughter," "Fair No-Nonsense" and "The Daughter in Possession." She also wrote one volume of poems under the title of "Spirit and Dust."

NORFOLK IS UNABLE TO ENTER NEW SCHOONER FOR THE BIG RACE

Gloucester, Mass., April 26.—Norfolk, Va., will be unable to enter a new fishing schooner as a contender next fall, for the racing championship of the North Atlantic fleets. The request by Norfolk interests that the clause in the race regulations which limits the time of construction of a vessel at that port was considered by the U. S. race committee today, and refused. In its reply to the request the committee suggested that the schooner be built as proposed this season sent out in the winter fisheries and thus qualify for the competition next year.

INSPECTORS SEIZING LIQUOR TO PUT CHECK ON BOOTLEGGING

Detroit, April 26.—Anticipating efforts by liquor smugglers to get immense quantities of whiskey into Detroit from Windsor before the ban is formally placed on its importation into Ontario, Canadian liquor license inspectors are checking up on every shipment sent to Windsor from Quebec.

Two inspectors, who arrived in Windsor yesterday, were said to have express instructions to seize all shipments of liquor arriving there and hold it until owners appear and prove it is for lawful use.

"The ruling," said one inspector, "applies to practically all shipments, whether one case or one hundred. Persons ordering whiskey for lawful use have nothing to fear. We are after the bootleggers. The only way we see to keep shipments to them from slipping by is to seize them all."

Liquor said to be valued at \$85,000 was being held up today.

Friars to Open Big Revival in British Capital

London, April 26.—The strange spectacle of a friar standing on the steps of the Royal Exchange, in the heart of the city, calling on the public to pray, will be a regular lunch hour sight. Attired in sombre hooded gowns, an army of friars, the advance guard of a big religious revival, is already ready to set out on a tour on foot throughout London and the country, preaching at street corners and on village greens. These preachers belong to the Anglo-Catholic Congress, and have been specially trained for the work at monasteries and convents.

GERMAN LAWYERS GATHER EVIDENCE IN ENGLISH COURT

Testimony Given by British Soldiers for Prosecution of War Criminals.

PRECEDENT GERMAN LAWYERS

London, April 26.—A riot was narrowly averted outside the Bow street court today at the luncheon adjournment of the inquiry into the accusations of cruelty and atrocity against German officers. A great crowd of former service men had assembled and several rushed toward the court to demand the accused, Herr Schroeder, and his friends.

Constables succeeded in rescuing the Germans and escorted them to the Savoy Hotel, the crowd following the party.

London, April 26.—German lawyers were present this morning, for the first time since 1914, in the Bow street court, when British soldiers who were prisoners of war gave testimony against German army officers accused of cruelty and atrocity.

SOVIET DECREE MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO CALL FOREIGNERS FOR WORK

Riga, Latvia, April 26.—An official decree issued at Moscow by the Soviet Government puts all foreigners with the exception of diplomats in the same category as Russians with regard to mobilization for work. Persons arriving here from Russia and Moscow and Petrograd newspapers received in Riga agree that the first month of the operation of the Bolshevik concessions regarding free trade and other matters has resulted in confusing even more the already confused life of Soviet Russia.

SMELL OF LIQUOR NOT SUFFICIENT TO CONVICT MAN

New York, April 26.—Police Commissioner Enright yesterday made a second application to the board of estimates for an appropriation of \$100,000 to get evidence and pay salaries of 1,000 additional policemen for the enforcement of the state prohibition laws in New York City. He was told he would have to apply to the board of aldermen. Among yesterday's cases before city magistrates was one in which the magistrate was asked to hold an alleged violator on the evidence of a smell. An empty glass, from which a drink was brought before the court, but the magistrate declared a smell was insufficient evidence.

GERMANY OFFERS TO ASSUME ALLIED OBLIGATIONS TO U. S.; FRENCH ARE SUSPICIOUS



GEN. WEYGAND, chief of staff of the French army, said if Germany knew that all the countries that opposed her in the war waited in a desire to oblige her to fulfill her obligations, she would not dare to oppose.

INCOME TAX MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE SATURDAY

Trouble Will Result If Returns Not Filed.

LARGE STAFF RUSHED

Thousand Registered Letters Arriving At Office Every Day.

PARLIAMENT SUMMARY

Ottawa, April 26.—(Canadian Press).—Today in Parliament: HOUSE OF COMMONS. Interesting debate will be brought out by the consideration of estimates of the department of immigration. The immigration problem will be fully considered, and it is probable that some amendments to the existing immigration regulations may be introduced. The estimates of the department of health will also be considered, and if there is time, the estimates of the department of railways and canals. If the railway department is reached an exceptionally lengthy debate is expected.

WOULD HAVE MINISTER OF POWER ACCOUNT FOR HOW MONEY WAS SPENT

Farmers' Sun Declares Present Financial Methods Are Unsatisfactory.

Toronto, April 26.—The Farmers' Sun organ of the United Farmers of Ontario says editorially this week: "The Government should appoint a minister of waterpower in this province. Although the province is voting \$4,000,000 per month to the commissioners to spend as they see fit. "It is not responsible to the government nor is it democracy, to hand over a huge sum of money to an irresponsible body of men, no matter how competent they may be. The other day \$29,000,000 was voted in a lump sum for hydro purposes, although the members of the Legislature have to say as to how the money is to be spent. The hydro commission can spend it on the Chippewa Falls or in Jay-siding, or in any other way they may choose. "All money voted by parliament should be controlled by parliament. A minister of power would have to account for every cent expended."

GASOLINE PRICE AGAIN REDUCED

Detroit, April 26.—The Standard Oil Company of Indiana reduced the retail price of gasoline by three cents here today. The new price is 25.9 cents. The cut also applies to refined oils and naphtha.

C. R. DALRYMPLE DIES

Montreal, April 26.—The death occurred yesterday at his home, 611 Rosslyn avenue, of Charles Robert Dalrymple, 45, head of the wholesale produce firm of James Dalrymple and Sons and brother of J. E. Dalrymple, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway. He had been in failing health for the last six months.

Application of Penalties, Because of Germany's Refusal To Transfer Gold to Rhineland, Is Under Serious Consideration of French Officials—Occupation of Ruhr Valley Would Be First Move—Believe Germans Are Only Seeking To Delay Execution of Clauses of Versailles Treaty.

Paris, April 26.—Premier Briand told the Chamber this afternoon: "If on May 1 satisfactory proposals, with acceptable guarantees, are not made by the German Government the Ruhr will be occupied."

Berlin, April 26.—"Germany, in the event the United States and the Allies so desire, is willing, according to the extent of her ability and capacity, to assume the Allied obligations to the United States," says a clause in her counter-proposals, it was definitely learned here today.

With this exception, the counter-proposals forwarded to Washington, including the offer of 200,000,000 gold marks, are virtually as forecast in yesterday's Associated Press dispatches from this city.

The note to the Washington Government, embodying the German proposals was made public here this afternoon. The text of the clause in the note, stating the amount Germany is ready to pay, reads as follows:

Germany offers to pay 50,000,000,000 gold marks, the present value of which, converted into annuities, totals 200,000,000,000 marks gold. The payments, under this proposal, would be made according to her ability.

As evidence of her good faith, says the note, Germany is prepared immediately to place at the disposal of the reparations commission 150,000,000 marks in gold, silver and foreign exchange, and 850,000,000 gold marks in treasury notes, redeemable within three months in foreign exchange or foreign securities.

RAILWAYMEN NOT TO HANDLE COAL FROM OVERSEAS OR AT MINES

Sir Eric Geddes Regards Action As Grave Move.

WAGE PLAN SUBMITTED

Lloyd George to Give Government's Views as to New Proposals.

London, April 26.—The National Union of Railwaymen has instructed its members not to handle coal from collieries sidings or from overseas, Sir Eric Geddes, minister of transportation, announced in the House of Commons today. He characterized the order as a grave step.

PREMIER WILL SUBMIT VIEWS OF GOVERNMENT

London, April 26.—Proposals for the establishment of a wage plan acceptable to both sides of the mining controversy were cleared at today's meeting of the miners and mine-owners. Prime Minister Lloyd George presided over the meeting, and was expected to give the Government's views as to proposals that the nation become, in effect, a party to the understanding between the miners and their employers. The plan submitted by the mine owners at yesterday's meeting contemplated only a temporary arrangement, and would be operative only until July 31. After that time a new wage agreement, which would take into consideration the financial ability of the industry, would be negotiated. In addition to proposing that the country be divided into five districts for the gradual and uniform reduction of wages, the mine owners suggested the Government should contribute in any area a sufficient sum to meet the miners' wage demands. If payment of the wages at the end of any month would entail a reduction of wages, the mine owners declared, they would forego a division of the surplus revenues of their properties.

MILWAUKEE HOMES FALLING INTO LAKE

Milwaukee, April 26.—Waters of Lake Michigan driven by Monday night's storm, continued to eat their way into the shore just below the south city. The water was eating away during the night which began on Monday. Flashes of lightning early Tuesday morning, were all that revealed to five families, standing helplessly by, that their homes still existed. Half of the home of Martin Blenski, including the dining-room and kitchen, fell away early this morning. The homes of Albert Gill, James Dixon and of two other families, are also on the brink of the cliff.

BOLSHEVIK GOVT. BUYS 600 LOCOMOTIVES FROM GERMAN MANUFACTURER

Berlin, April 26.—Soviet Russia has ordered more than 600 railway locomotives from a German firm, Germania says today.

The price of the locomotives is not definitely known, but a soviet economic journal recently stated that German firms had asked 2,000,000 marks for each locomotive, while English firms put in tenders of from 20,000 pounds sterling to 24,000 pounds, and the United States constructors of from \$65,000 to \$77,000.

NEBRASKA'S ALIEN LAND BILL

Lincoln, Neb., April 26.—Governor McKelvie has signed the alien land bill. It prohibits all aliens from acquiring title to land in Nebraska.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 50; lowest, 47. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 72; lowest, 56.

TOMORROW—UNSETTLED, WARM. Toronto, April 26.—8 a.m. Today—Moderate southeast winds; fair and warm. Wednesday—Southerly winds; warm and mostly fair, with local thunderstorms.

Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria. 50. 42. Fair. Calgary. 52. 42. Fair. Winnipeg. 42. 34. Cloudy. Port Arthur. 50. 41. Foggy. Parry Sound. 78. 52. Fair. Port Stanley. 66. 52. Cloudy. Buffalo. 76. 48. Cloudy. Toronto. 61. 49. Clear. Kingston. 66. 46. Clear. Ottawa. 60. 40. Cloudy. Montreal. 64. 40. Cloudy. Quebec. 64. 36. Cloudy. Father Point. 38. 32. Cloudy. St. John. 50. 42. Cloudy. Halifax. 50. 50. Foggy.

Weather Notes. A shallow trough of low pressure extends from Lake Superior southward to the Gulf of Mexico, while along the Atlantic coast and west of the Mississippi the barometer is high. Heavy rains have occurred over the western portion of the Lake Region and a few showers have occurred in the West Indies.