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Thunberg in Saint John Soon—Let's Give Him a Great Welcome

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TAX CUT FORECAST IN THRONE SPEECH

MARITIME CASE ALSO LIKELY TO BE INCLUDED

Income, Sales and Stamp Levy Reductions Expected

GUNS BOOM OUT Parliament Opening Takes on Glittering Aspect of Days Gone By

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 8.—The Speech from the Throne, with which His Excellency the Governor-General opens Parliament this afternoon, will, it is expected, indicate a seasonal program, including: Reduction in taxation, probably by changes in income, sales and stamp taxes. Scheme of rural credits. Immigration and land settlement schemes. Inquiry commission on Maritime rights. Completion of Hudson Bay Railway. Return of natural resources to Alberta. Guns boomed from Nepean Point as His Excellency Baron Byng of Vimy, formally opened Canada's fifteenth parliament. Clattering mounted guard accompanied His Excellency through the parliament buildings and lined up before the building as guard of honor.

GLITTERING CEREMONY. Within the buildings, too, were all the glitter, show and formality of days gone by. In the Senate chamber, where His Excellency read the Speech from the Throne, glittering uniforms, the sash and ermine of Supreme Court judges, evening gowns in the ladies' galleries gave color and light to the scene. It was a few minutes to three when members of the Commons met in their own chamber. Mr. Speaker Lemieux was in the chair, and the mace, symbol of his authority, lay upon the table. He rose as the bowing Black Rod summoned Commons to the bar of the Senate, and, preceded by the sergeant-at-arms, now bearing the mace, headed members in their second excursion to the Upper House.

SPEAKER INDUCTED. Standing at the bar of the Senate, Mr. Speaker Lemieux informed His Excellency of his appointment as Speaker of the house. In phrase steeped in tradition, he made formal request that any error he made might be imputed to him and not to the Commons whose servant he was. And then, in words which ran away back to days of conflict between Parliament and King at Westminster, he made formal claim to all the rights and privileges of the House of Commons. His Excellency rose with the Speech from the Throne, announcing the seasonal programme of the Government. Then, again, Commons, headed by their Speaker, returned to their chamber to begin the actual business of the session.

CARDINAL MERCIER IS STILL HOPEFUL Says Operation Complete Success, But Stomach Has Failed Him

BRUSSELS, Jan. 8.—The condition of Cardinal Mercier continues stationary. "I know that many prayers are being offered for me, and that all hopes are not yet lost," the aged primate told a priest when he insisted upon receiving, despite his precarious condition. "My operation was a complete success, but my stomach has failed me, or almost failed me. There is nothing more the doctors can do."

Lays Longevity To Moderate Indulgence

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Moderate indulgence in all so-called vices was given as the secret of longevity by Dr. Adolf Lorenz, 71-year-old Viennese surgeon, when he arrived yesterday on the Berengaria.

TO reach a ripe old age," he said, "and still be of service, one should indulge moderately in all the so-called vices. I have done it all my life. I have always partaken moderately of alcoholic drinks, because alcoholic in medicinal quantities is the best thing for the system."

City Council To Ask Legislation Deferring Mayoralty By-Election

Sold Booze At Low Prices, So Mercy Asked

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Selling good whiskey at reasonable prices was termed sufficiently meritorious in these "trying days" to warrant mitigation of sentence at the trial yesterday of Charles S. Young, Aurora, Ill., saloon proprietor. "I would say that it is more than a mitigating circumstance," his attorney argued. Young was sentenced to 60 days in prison, and the bartender was fined \$200 and costs.

STREET CARS AGAIN RUN IN LONDON, ONT.

Tieup, Which Started New Year's Eve, Ends; Competition Question Raised

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 8.—Street car service was resumed in London this morning, after a tieup that has lasted since New Year's Eve. The street cars go back into operation unconditionally, though it is expected that a 60-day agreement will be brought forward which may assure the street car service that there will be no bus competition here. A group of representative business men met the City Council last night and a resolution behind closed doors preceded the company's decision to resume service this morning. Late last night the company started operation of track sweepers to clear away the snow that had fallen during the day.

CANADA FIRE LOSS CUT; N. B. HIGHER

Figures For 1925 Given Out; \$600,000 Increase in This Province

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 8.—Fire losses in Canada in 1925 are estimated by the Monetary Times at \$80,890,090, the lowest since 1921. The loss in 1922 was \$48,748,000, in 1923, \$34,819,230, and in 1924 \$38,819,609. These estimates include all reported fires and \$6,000,000 annually for unreported fires. The January loss of \$6,300,200 was the heaviest in 1925, and that of October \$1,885,800, was the lowest. By provinces compared with 1924, the reported losses include: New Brunswick, 1924, \$926,800; 1925, \$1,254,600. Nova Scotia, 1924, \$1,609,200; 1925, \$1,415,000. P. E. I., 1924, \$80,000; 1925, \$10,000. Quebec, 1924, \$7,084,900; 1925, \$8,084,282.

House At Chatham Head Is Destroyed

NEWCASTLE, Jan. 8.—Fire in Peter Ramsay's house at Chatham Head this morning completely destroyed the house and all its contents. Mr. Ramsay was at work outside, but it was impossible to save anything. It is not known whether Mr. Ramsay has any insurance.

THUNBERG TO REACH HERE JAN. 21 FOR WORLD'S SKATING MEET

Gorman Leaves Tomorrow to Measure Speed With the Sturdy Finn, Charlie Jewtraw and Joe Moore, at Madison Square Garden.

CHARLIE GORMAN, 1924 Middle Atlantic skating champion, leaves tomorrow for New York, where on Tuesday night next he will take part in the special mile race at Madison Square Garden against Jas Thunberg, Olympic and world's amateur champion; Charlie Jewtraw, former international champion; Joe Moore, international indoor champion, and others. This race will mark Thunberg's first effort in competition since his arrival in this country three weeks ago.

According to word received by D. J. American debut at Bear Mountain, Corr, secretary of the Saint John Skating Association, over the long distance telephone from New York last evening, Thunberg now is preparing for his mile event—against Thunberg and the others at Madison Square Garden on January 18. He will return immediately for the world's meet here on January 26, 27 and 28 while Thunberg will arrive here on January 21. The Garden meet is being arranged under the auspices of the Metropolitan Skating Association and is sanctioned by the International Skating Union.

Plans for the entertainment of visiting newspapermen and the skaters were discussed at the noonday meeting today of the skating association executive. P. D. McAvily is chairman of the entertainment committee.

ENTERTAINMENT PLANS. One of the novel features proposed for newspapermen, if it can be arranged, will be a dinner on board one of the Canadian Pacific liners in port with New Brunswick sea food featuring the menu. Tickets to the hockey matches, the boxing matches, theatres and the carnival will be given the skaters. The Knights of Pythias will hold a dance in the Pythian Castle on Thursday night of the skating week, it was reported to the meeting.

FIGHT FANS SPEND \$2,500,000 SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 8.—Fight fans spent \$2,500,000 for the pleasure of watching boxing bouts during 1925. Of this total the state commission's share was \$146,709.

LONDON WOMEN RAISE UPROAR; PROTEST STRIKE

Wives of Seamen Pass Resolution Denouncing Promoters NOT UNANIMOUS

Denunciation of Men Divides Meeting, Several Babies Adding to Din

LONDON, Jan. 8.—London had a novel strike development yesterday, when some hundreds of wives of seamen met at Cannon, East London, to protest against the recent outbreak of strike of British seamen and a proposal that Tom Walsh, the Australian Seamen's leader and who was responsible for the prolongation of the strike, come to London.

The women had been specially organized into a vigilance association and it probably was the first occasion where the wives of strikers have taken such a step to register indignation over the loss of money for family upkeep through husbands quitting work.

MEN COMPLICATE MATTERS. The meeting was not unanimous. It soon fell into uproar, due in part to the presence of some of the husbands, who were allowed to occupy places in the back of the hall. A Miss Bowers, one of the wives, made the opening speech, said husbands were a lot of dismal "bummies," who when things looked black had to go to the women to be cheered up.

The seamen in the back started singing, "Tell me the old, old story." This excited the anger of the women, one of whom marched dramatically among the singers and pushed one man, presumably her husband, out of the hall.

MEETING IN UPROAR. Mrs. Drummond, another speaker, in making an unfavorable allusion to men, brought forth another uproar, this time among the women themselves. After this, order entirely disappeared. The women divided into sections, yelling against one another. Babies, which many of the women carried, joined in the chorus.

It was a long time before enough silence was obtained to carry out the purpose of the meeting. Finally a majority was obtained for a resolution denouncing the promoters of the seamen's strike and protesting against a visit by Tom Walsh, having as its object the stirring up of further strife.

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICK, N. B., Jan. 8.—A pleasing incident in connection with the installation of officers by Hiram Lodge, No. 4, E. and M., was the presentation to S. L. Morrison of a past master's jewel. The presentation was made by Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, past grand master. Officers were installed as follows: W. M., A. S. Limerick; S. W., J. B. McNair; J. W., H. W. Wilson; Chap., B. B. Wallace; Treas., S. L. Morrison; Sec., J. H. Ramsay; S. D., C. H. Colwell; J. D., L. S. Webb; S. S., A. W. G. Good; J. S., Harry Watson; D. of C., H. R. Gunter; I. G., G. H. Clark; Tyler, E. E. Bell.

Rescued Crew of N. S. Vessel Lands

HAVANA, Jan. 8.—Captain F. O. Randle and his crew of eight men, rescued from the sinking Nova Scotian schooner "Maid of England" by the German steamer Rio Bravo, arrived here today.

The schooner lost her sails and commenced to leak badly shortly before the Rio Bravo was sighted. When the crew left the schooner she was set on fire. The British consul is arranging transportation home for the crew.

Dictum, Ordering Australian Cricketers To Travel Without Wives, Is Approved In London

LONDON, Jan. 8.—A new order by the Australian Cricket Board of Control that players in the Australian "test" team must not be accompanied by their wives during their forthcoming tour of England, and their wives must not even leave Australia while their husbands are absent, for fear they should join them abroad, has been received with interested approval here. Not only cricket captains, but theatrical managers and orchestra leaders endorse it from their own experience.

There has been, in fact, a chorus of approval highly unflattering to the married state as a condition precedent of peace and harmony. It has long been admitted husbands and wives cannot play games successfully in partnership; but it has come rather as a shock to find many who, like the Australian cricket board, believe wives should be removed from the picture altogether. A London theatrical manager admitted today that practically every director of touring companies is against joint engagements by which husband and wife travelled in the same company.

"The presence of husbands and wives," he said, "nearly always leads to friction, which weakens the team spirit so essential to a company." The secretary of the London Symphony Orchestra said it was an understood thing players should not be accompanied by their wives. When the orchestra went to the United States one or two wives journeyed to New York, but were not allowed to accompany the orchestra on tour. The leader of another orchestra, asked his reason for taking the same attitude said: "Where there are women there are quarrels."

100,000 READY TO TAKE PART IN AUSTRIAN COUP

Soldiers and Police in Sympathy With Royalist Plot

RECENT BACKS IT

Admiral Horthy Willing to Quit to Make Way For Archduke

BUDAPEST, Jan. 8.—More than 100,000 men are said by investigators of the alleged plot to have been available for the coup d'etat which was to have placed the Archduke Albert on the Hungarian throne. Regulars of the national army numbering 37,000, controlled by Admiral Horthy, the regent, 25,000 police, gendarmes and customs officers and about 40,000 Fascist comprised the body.

It is claimed that Regent Horthy was fully in sympathy with the movement and willing to relinquish the Regency in order that Albert might ascend the throne without hindrance.

COUNTERFEIT PLOT. The latest facts in the situation seem to tend to show that Prince Ludwig Windisch Graetz, at least among the conspirators in the thirty billion franc counterfeiting plot, did not act entirely from political motives. It has been stated that the money obtained from floating the spurious notes was to have been used in furthering the ambitions of Archduke Albert to secure the crown of Hungary.

The semi-official Hungarian telegraph agency points out in this connection that those arrested for participation in the counterfeiting belong to different political parties and that this fact does not tend to bear out the charges that they were acting with political ends in view. Archduke Albert has issued a disclaimer declaring that he has had no relation, direct or indirect, with Windisch-Graetz for several years past.

SIX ARRESTED. The police have succeeded in establishing the fact that the spurious franc notes were printed in the Hungarian Government's map bureau. Six employees have been arrested.

An official note says that the investigation into the counterfeiting conspiracy having been rewarded with definite results and that Regent Horthy hoped, in the interests of the country, the investigation by the authorities would be crowned at an early date with complete success.

FAMILY FOUND IN DESTITUTE SHAPE

Mother Sent to Hospital—Only Bough Bed For Five in Shack

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICKTON, Jan. 8.—A family found at Ripples, Sumbury county in destitute circumstances was reported to the Department of Health. Dr. O. E. Moorehouse, district medical health officer, who investigated, found that the family consisted of a man, his wife and three little children with the birth of another child imminent. No food was in the dwelling which consisted of a shack with walls full of cracks. The only bed consisted of spruce boughs and straw. The woman alleged that she was sick and that her husband could not work because he had to care for her. She was ordered taken to Victoria Hospital and the children given in the care of the commissioner. The health officer announced of burning the shack as soon as the weather is mild enough to permit and says he is amazed that human beings can exist under such conditions.

FORD TO MOVE ROAD. BOSTON, Jan. 8.—Henry Ford fears for the safety of his Wayneside Inn at Sudbury, and plans to move the old Boston road 800 feet from the door at a cost of \$80,000 in order to lessen jarring from motor vehicles. It is the country's oldest hostelry.

SCORE HURT IN QUAKE. SIENA, Italy, Jan. 8.—A score of persons suffered minor injuries and several hundred houses were damaged by a strong earthquake shock lasting 12 seconds, which rocked the countryside today. The entire population fled into the open.

HOLLAND ACCEPTS. GENEVA, Jan. 8.—Holland has accepted the invitation from the League of Nations to send a representative to the preparatory disarmament commission.

Mass. Doctor, Science Hero, Is Near Death

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—Infected by X-rays in the course of research work for science, Dr. James A. Day of Waltham is in the hospital, his right arm and three fingers of his left hand amputated and little hope is held out for his recovery.

Two remaining fingers are infected, and physicians said that there was no known method for checking the disease.

C. P. Telegraph Chief Is Dead in Halifax

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 8.—Frank Bowers, 62, night chief at the Halifax office of the Canadian Pacific Telegraph, died at his home here this morning. He was a son of the late Timothy Bowers of Halifax. When a young man he went to Boston as a telegrapher. He returned to Halifax in 1908, and had been in the local C. P. R. staff ever since. He is survived by his wife, one son, and three daughters.

BAVARIANS FEAR ITALY'S EXPANSION

Diet Asked For Interpretation—Objection Raised to Fascist Spread

By QUENTYER TONN. United Press Staff Correspondent. BERLIN, Jan. 8.—Bavarian Nationalists are fearful that Italian Premier Mussolini and his Fascist will seek to force Italy's boundary past the Brenner Pass to the Bavarian frontier.

To this end, a group of them presented to the Bavarian Diet an interpretation, as to the alleged Fascist aim to extend Italian territory under a dream of empire. The inquiry also called the government's attention to the formation of Fascist branches in Germany, especially at Munich, whose members flaunted "anti-German" badges.

The government was asked to give its reasons for tolerating "these affronts."

Friend of Song Writer Denies Gift of \$1,000,000 to Bride

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Six policemen were required to maintain order and keep traffic moving before the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Berlin on West 46th street yesterday. They were requested by shopkeepers who found their entrances blocked to customers.

GIFT DENIED. A business associate of the noted song writer denied he has settled \$1,000,000 on his bride, formerly Miss Elin Mackay, daughter of Clarence H. Mackay, President of the Postal Telegraph Company, who, an unconfirmed report credits with having cut off his daughter from his \$80,000,000 estate. This cannot be confirmed.

Mr. Mackay has not seen his daughter since the marriage, of which he disapproved. Mrs. Berlin's name did not appear on the lists of guests given out at the wedding of Consuelo Vanderbilt to Earl B. T. Smith was held yesterday. She returned from Atlantic City to attend the ceremony.

Soviet Envoys Urged to Slick Up More While In Foreign Lands

BERLIN, Jan. 8.—The Russian embassy here has received a copy of a circular letter issued at Soviet headquarters in Moscow, admonishing all of the Soviet's diplomatic representatives abroad to devote more attention to their general personal appearance and show less untidiness in their dress.

The representatives are instructed to adapt themselves to the customs of the country in which they are stationed, and says that they should make it a point to wear silk hats and dress suits in the evening.

Heir's Bride?

FRANK CHOSEN TO ACT UNTIL GENERAL VOTE

Conferees Pass Resolution of Sympathy For Family

FUNERAL PLANS

Service at House Will be Followed by Ceremony at Queen Sq. Church

THE City Council this morning, in special session, following the death of Mayor F. L. Potts, decided to ask the N. B. Legislature at the coming session to pass an act making legal the deferring of a mayoralty by-election in Saint John at the present time to fill the vacancy in the council. Commissioner J. H. Frink was chosen Acting Mayor and Commissioner of Finance and Public Affairs, to act until the new council meets on May 1.

The council also passed a resolution of regret on the death of Mayor Potts and adjourned to meet at the Court House tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock to attend the funeral.

RESOLUTION PASSED. The council was called to order by Commissioner Frink, who, after referring to the death of Mayor Potts, moved the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, this council has heard with deep regret of the death, after a short illness, of FRANK LESLIE POTTS, Mayor of the city and who for several years at different periods had represented the city in the Common Council;

"AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that this council does now desire to put on record its sense of the loss the city has sustained by his death, and who for several years at different periods had represented the city in the Common Council;

"AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Common Clerk to the widow of the deceased, and that he be at the same time conveyed to her the sincere sympathy of this council with her and her son in their bereavement."

This was seconded by Commissioner Wigmore, who in his tribute to the memory of the mayor made special reference to the interest which His Worship had taken in all details at City Hall. Commissioners Bullock and Harding also paid tribute to the work of His Worship and the motion carried unanimously.

CITY GOVERNMENT. The following report from the committee of the whole was adopted: "Your committee find that, owing to the death of His Worship the Mayor, it will be necessary to make provision for the carrying on of civic business until the next council is organized in May next. They would therefore recommend that a communication be Continued on Page 2, column 1.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—Pressure is high over the Great Lakes and New England States, also on the Pacific coast, while a depression is centered near the south Atlantic coast. The disturbance which was over the Straits of Belle Isle yesterday has developed into a severe storm off Newfoundland.

FORECASTS: Fair and Cold. MARITIME—Strong northwest winds, fair and cold. Saturday, mostly fair and cold. NEW ENGLAND—Cloudy to night, followed by snow late tonight and Saturday. Slowly rising temperature Saturday. Fresh northeast and east winds, increasing. TORONTO, Jan. 8.—Lowest Highest during 8 a.m. Yesterday night

Table with 4 columns: Location, High, Low, Yesterday night. Includes Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Saint John, Halifax, New York.