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BRITISH LOOK FOR MORE TAXES ON LUXURIES

Churchill's Budget Time Brings Usual Crop of Rumors

FUNDING SCHEMES AMONG REPORTS

Political and General Gossip in London News

Letter

Correspondence of Times-Star LONDON, Feb. 11.—We are now within about six weeks of the budget, and the usual crop of rumors begins to fill the newspapers. The futility of these forecasts is shown by the fact that the chancellor has not yet begun to frame definite proposals, and even the treasury cannot yet be sure how the last quarter's receipts will balance the current year's finances. Mr. Churchill's estimated expenditure was \$200,000,000. Supplementary estimates have added another \$26,000,000. We may reasonably hope that revenue will show an equal surplusage, particularly as the last quarter is pointing out well and the much-abused silk duties have far exceeded expectation.

ABOUT TAXATION.

Ministers are pretty confident that a desperate struggle with all the spending departments, each claiming a special exemption from the axe, has effected economies from next year's estimates amounting to about the \$10,000,000, on which Mr. Churchill set his ambitions. The cost subsidy, however, stands like a roiling lion in the taxpayer's path. It may amount to nearly \$40,000,000. Mr. Churchill is said to intend meeting that extraordinary amount otherwise than out of current funds. Spreading it out over a period will lighten the burden on the presently heavily embarrassed taxpayers, and serve as a guarantee against any repetition of the industrial policy. So the next budget may after all avoid imposing any new direct taxation.

OUT FOR LUXURIES.

Rightly or wrongly the well-informed impression is that, like his illustrious father, Mr. Churchill is pointing out similar directions. That he will raid the road fund for an appreciable bunch of millions is certain. And he will find a substantial tax on heavy motor traffic. It is rumored that he has turned down the betting tax project, the treasury being of the opinion it would be costly and impracticable. If that is so, the treasury's views seem to have changed from the opinion inquired. It is also the talk in financial circles that big funding schemes may be in the air, and that the chancellor will keep his secret grins till budget day, and may then spring one or two surprise coups.

ITALIAN WAR DEBT

It is astonishing how widespread is the belief that a definite settlement with Italy had a definite diplomatic and political arrière-pensée. The prime minister's prompt and emphatic denial, across the floor of the House of Commons, may do something to kill this canard, but not among the Labor extremists, who assert defiantly the preface meeting at Rapallo between Signor Mussolini and Sir Austen Chamberlain, and the incredibly easy terms granted to Count Volpi in the debt settlement, are something more than a coincidence. And the same Machiavellian view obtains, I am told, on the continent. But whereas abroad the interpretation is that we have managed with Rome safeguarding us for the next European trouble, the Reds here hold as an article of faith that we are subsidizing Fascism.

INGENUOUS FRENCH THEORY

Across the Channel a group of French politicians has evolved a most ingenious and sensational theory. It is that, as a matter of equity and fact, the republic owes nothing at all in the shape of war debt to Great Britain. This interesting contention bases itself on our wartime excess profits tax, and the argument is that, as the British Government reaped a prodigious harvest by its 80 per cent. tax on all goods supplied to France by British firms, that total must in fairness be deducted from the total of French war debt. It is not, say the Parisian logicians, England is getting her money back twice over. In brief, the British Government is accused of "going half," or even slightly more than half, with profiteering British firms who sold war munitions and other supplies to France at about 80 per cent. above fair market prices. Why did not someone think of that line of reasoning when we made our war debt settlement with the U. S. A.?

PASSPORT REGULATIONS

Travelers of all sorts have long grumbled at the vexatious passport regulations that make their vacation both difficult and expensive. But it may be greatly doubted whether they have much to expect in the way of easement from the forthcoming International Conference early in next May. This has been conveyed by the League of Nations, and will assemble at Geneva on May 12 with representatives present from both the International Railway Union and the International Chamber of Commerce to give their benediction to reform proposals. The abolition of passports altogether is the supreme desideratum, but that is a big project, to which a number of governments, in reply to a recent questionnaire from Geneva, refused to subscribe. A less ambitious plan to expedite and expedite passports as well as extending their period of availability to three, or five, years without additional visa. Still another proposal, if even these reforms are too much, is that the visa should be procurable through the post for a fee of a few shillings. But the insidious activities of Moscow do not tend to make even the lesser policy one, easily carried through. May 20 to June 5 has been fixed for holding this year's Royal Tournament of the 2,500 children in Arkansas City public school authorities say.

PUPILS ARE THIRTY

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., March 1.—An average of 35.6 a week is being placed in the school's savings bank by the 2,500 children in Arkansas City public school authorities say.

NEW LIEUT.-GOVERNOR ARRIVES

Hon. Robert Randolph Bruce, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, arrived at Saint John, N. B., a few days ago. He left Canada a few months ago as a private citizen and the province on the Pacific coast. With him in the photograph above is his niece, Miss Helen MacKenzie, and a commander E. Landy of the C. P. S. Montreal.

There will be a great effort to beat last year's record profit of \$14,000, all of which went to benefit the various service charities. The next best profit was in 1925, when \$12,000 was realized, but, as a rule, the credit balance averages from \$7,000 to \$9,000. "O" Battery R. F. A., the only unit outside the Household troops to be in possession of pre-war full dress, will undertake the musical drive, and the musical will be allotted to either the Horse Guards or the Life Guards.

SUCCESS OF AFFORESTATION.

I learn that, so successful have been the achievements of the Forestry Commission in carrying out their definite and intelligently-planned program, and despite the need for economy, the expenditure will be prepared to give a supplementary grant to continue this valuable national work. No work undertaken by the state could possibly be a better investment, and much plantable soil that for years has rendered no return to the state will in the near future be an asset for no inconsiderable value. That this is duly recognized is noticeable in Ireland as well, where, among the new plans for the development of the country, forestry takes an important place. Even the shooting woods remain no longer sacrosanct. Where it is possible to get returns, trees will be planted, and with their growth much of the once natural beauty of these islands will be restored. The commercial value of timber is becoming increasingly important for a nation's wealth, and no longer will the waste of valuable timber properties be allowed.

GUARDS' WAR MEMORIAL.

The unveiling of the Guards War Memorial is provisionally fixed for June 1, and it is hoped that the ceremony will be performed by the King as the Guards Colonel-in-Chief. The site chosen is on St. James' Park parade ground, close to the Horse Guards Arch, and the work is well in hand. H. C. Bradshaw is the sculptor, and H. C. Bradshaw is the architect. Quite simple in design, the memorial is of Portland stone, with bronze panels representing the amalgamated regiment of Household Cavalry, the Life Guards and the "Blues," and the five regiments of Foot Guards. It has been subscribed for by all ranks of the Household troops, past as well as present.

WINTER SPORTS CASUALTIES.

London has not forgotten the days when the Strand was full of Red Cross motors, and long, gutted hospital trains daily unloaded their grim harvest of the western front at Charing Cross station, and wait at the old west platform for the Continental train to steam in. They are waiting to collect casualties from the winter sports playground. There are half-a-dozen or so almost every afternoon, mostly broken or damaged legs and arms, and the victims are of both sexes, and not always quite young people. The Swiss hotel keepers have boomed ski-ing till the vogue exceeds anything ever mentioned before the war, and with all sorts of semi-noVICES entering for competitions, the casualty list is among athletic blues who would never dream of wearing their University colors in London, there is immense keenness to capture—and display—a ski-ing badge.

MACONOCHE'S.

All ex-Service men will, I rather fancy, shed a metaphorical tear for A. W. Maconochie, managing director of a world-famous tinned goods firm, who has just died at the age of 71 in a London nursing home. From small beginnings the two Brothers Maconochie, of whom A. W. was the junior, built up an immense business, and there was not a dug-out on the Western Front, nor a bivvy in Syria, but knew all about "Maconochie's." A "Maconochie" was the recognized army name for a tin of what was really cold stew, consisting of vegetable and mutton cooked together, and it could be warmed up over a brazier or even, at a pinch, over a candle stump, in a few seconds. One "Maconochie" was a square meal for two hungry soldiers, though occasionally one met a boastful gourmet who swore he could "do in" a whole one to his own credit. They were wholesome fare, and appetizing, after a regime of biscuits and bully, and, unlike some other army purveyors, Mr. Thomas Atkins bears the firm no ill will.

END OF BIG ESTATES.

Big estates are steadily being broken up. One of the most important estate agents in the country told me today that he doubted very much whether in 10 years' time there would be any left in the country. He instanced the bitter complaint of the heir to a large property in the West Country, who finds himself compelled to sell portions of an estate, once compact, in the efficient upkeep of which his family had taken a pride for generations. Death duties, higher taxation, increased cost of maintenance, lower rentals, largely due to cheaper travel facilities, and the poor return on land investments, all combined to force him to transfer his fortune to more remunerative industrial fields. The estate agent told me that the old owners usually showed great consideration for old tenants, many of whom acquired their holdings on gentry terms, but the disposal of country mansions was a problem. Nobody will buy them, few will rent them, and while many remain desolate, others are broken up like old battlefields.

WHO IS YOUR SKINNY FRIEND, ETHEL?

Tell him to take McCoy's Cod Liver Extract Tablets for a couple of months and get enough good healthy flesh on his bones to look like a real man. Tell him, it's the only way to take those grave-like hollows from his cheeks and neck. Tell him that thousands of thin, puny, peaked, scrawny men all over America have improved their physical health and appearance and bless the day they first heard of these wonderful sugar coated tablets so full of weight producing vitamins. Ask for McCoy's Cod Liver Extract Tablets, Wassons Two Stores, Ross Drug Co., Wm. Hawker & Son, and every druggist sells them—60 tablets—40 cents. Any thin man or woman can put on five pounds of healthy flesh in 30 days or your druggist is authorized to refund the purchase price. One woman put on 15 pounds in six weeks. Children grow robust and strong—feeble old people feel younger in a few weeks.

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA OPENS DEPARTMENT HERE FOR MARITIMES

Recognizes Importance of Financial Business in Atlantic Provinces by Department; H. L. Enman Will Have Charge With Staff of About Fourteen

A DEPARTMENT of the Bank of Nova Scotia for the supervision of all the branches of the institution in the Maritime Provinces has been established here and it began to function today. The establishment of this department at Saint John is a marked departure of the bank's policy of centralization of supervision at Toronto and is a noteworthy recognition of the importance of the financial business of the Maritime Provinces by one of the leading institutions of Canada. The eastern supervisor will be H. L. Enman, who came from Toronto to assume his new duties. Mr. Enman is a former Moncton man but has been in Upper Canada for the last twenty years. He is a son-in-law of E. Allan Schofield of this city.

Mr. Enman will have as assistant formerly the main office of the Bank T. G. McMaster, who is also in the of New Brunswick before its interests and E. Wetherall. All the new officials are from Toronto. The department will have several clerks and stenographers, bringing its total personnel to about fourteen. The staff will be housed on the top floor of the Bank of Nova Scotia building, Prince William street, in what

Comes To Saint John

H. L. ENMAN



who becomes bank supervisor of eastern branches, Bank of Nova Scotia here.

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AGE PREFERS ARMY TO ROYAL THRONE

Danish Prince Cites Wales as Example of Objections to Being King

CHICAGO, March 1.—Being a king is a "horrible business," Prince Aage of Denmark told reporters on his arrival last night for a lecture.

"What I mean," he said, "is that you always have half a dozen aides following you and trying to protect you. It's too standardized. You belong to the nation, not yourself. Give me the army."

The Prince of Wales, Prince Aage's second cousin, was one of his arguments against the king business.

"Every time the Prince of Wales tries an especially hazardous piece of horsemanship and chances to fall, everybody laughs at it," he explained. "Now when I take a spill down in Morocco fighting the Rifis, I just rub myself and that's the end of it."

Boy Drifts On Ice Down Charles River

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 27.—Arthur Lamson, 9 years old, Newton, rode down the Charles River on a cake of ice, and while excited persons along the bank at Watertown shouted advice and encouragement and summoned police and firemen, a piece of luck, of which the boy was quick to take advantage, brought the cruise to a safe end.

GLASS BROKEN

The police report finding a large glass broken in the window of Robert Short's barber shop, Prince Edward street, yesterday morning.

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H. B. MANAGER DEAD

SASKATOON, Sask., Mar. 1.—C. H. Fair, manager of the Hudson's Bay store since October, 1923, died here suddenly yesterday morning at the age of 52. Mr. Fair was born in Toronto.

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Jaunty Spring Suits For The Youthful Miss Just opened in our Costume Department Smart Tweed Suits with hip length coats in either single or double-breasted boyish styles. The skirts have a pleat at either side and the colors are just what you will like best for Spring. Come in and see them.

New Spring Coats Each day now brings fresh arrivals in our Ready-To-Wear Department—Coats, Costumes and Dresses. We are showing New Coats in all the latest cloths—Tweeds play an important part in the Spring wardrobe, then there are Bengalene, Suedenas, Charmees, Poret Twills and Kashmir Cloths.

Chintz and Cretonnes Cretonnes are popular whether they bloom in sunroom, bedroom, parlor or dining room. Brightly plumbed birds and gay flowers make up some gorgeous patterns. 31 to 48 in. wide. Price 50c. to \$3 a yd. Fancy Chintz, in light and dark colorings and in many designs suitable for overdrapes, cushions, chair coverings, etc. 36 in. wide. 30c. a yd. Casement Cloth and Poplins, in plain colors, also fancy stripes for over-curtains, portieres, cushion slips and slip-covers. (Housefurnishings—Second Floor.)

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