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TAX CLAUSE HELD UP FOR A WEEK

Special County Council Meeting in Meantime.

Municipalities Committee of Legislature Took Up Saint John Bills This Morning—One Has to Do With Landlords.

(Special to The Times)

Fredericton, N. B., March 22.—St. John County bills were before the municipalities committee this morning. A bill in regard to assessment in the county was stood over until next Wednesday for further consideration. The delegations from the city and also the county held a private meeting with the St. John members and it was agreed to allow the bill to stand over while a special meeting of the municipal council will be called to consider the last section of the bill, the only section opposed by the city, which is in regard to assessing persons working in the city and residing in the county. In committee amendments were offered for section 2 of the bill which it is provided that employers shall collect the taxes from the employees. George R. Melvin, labor lobbyist, speaking on the bill, said that it was his intention to collect taxes only from transient labor. Labor organizations were against the collection of taxes in this manner from resident laborers. The delegation from the City of St. John consisted of Mayor Schofield, Commissioners Bullock and Frink and E. Murray Olive, chairman of the board of assessors. The County delegation consisted of Councillors J. T. O'Brien, W. Murray Campbell and W. Golding and County Secretary J. King Kelley. The committee took up consideration of bill relating to landlords in the county of Saint John. County Secretary Kelley was heard in support of the bill explaining that it was necessary in order to bring about a fair assessment of real estate which has been subdivided in various parts of county. He also introduced an amendment, the purpose of which was to give the board of assessors the necessary power. The committee decided to give this bill further consideration in private session.

Other Bills. The committee this morning took up consideration of a bill for assessing and levying school rates in school district No. 16. J. Bennett Hache, secretary of the district, appeared in support of the bill. He said the purpose was to equalize the assessment on those residing within and without the town who are in the one school district. At present two boards of assessors exist. Valuation within the town was on a basis of fifty per cent. and without the town on a basis of one eighth. Within the town 212 rate payers pay on a valuation of \$800,850 and without ninety rate payers pay on a valuation of \$38,900. F. J. Hughes appeared in opposition to the bill and presented a petition. He said it was not fair for the town to try to control the whole district. The bill as presented left the rate payers who represented neither citizens of the county nor of the town in the matter of an assessment appeal. It was decided to consider the bill further in private.

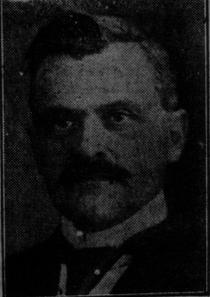
The committee also had before it a bill to authorize the corporation to issue debentures of \$250,000 to take up floating indebtedness and provide permanent streets and sidewalks and sewer and water extensions. H. A. Carr, town clerk, was heard in support of bill. A plebiscite had been held on the question of debenture issue and the vote had been in favor of the bill. The committee immediately following had been on the same issue and the entire ticket with one exception, which supported the issue, was returned. Alderman A. E. Belleisle also was heard in support. It was decided to consider the bill in private session.

The committee took up consideration of a bill relating to assessment in the county of St. John. Mayor Schofield, Commissioner Bullock and Commissioner Frink, appeared for the City of St. John, Councillor J. T. O'Brien, Councillor Murray Campbell and County Secretary J. King Kelley for the County of St. John. E. Murray Olive of the board of assessors also appeared. It was announced that the representatives of city and county had reached an agreement on all but the final section which seeks to make residents of the parishes of Simonds and Lancaster liable to pay assessment on income only in places in which they reside. That section was allowed to lie over for one week. In the meantime a special meeting of the municipal council of St. John will be held to consider the matter. The standing rules committee met this morning and approved several petitions. A short session of the public accounts committee also was held.

GREAT STRIKE NOW THREATENS IN AUSTRALIA

London, March 22.—(Canadian Press)—According to a Reuters cable from Melbourne, a Sydney report announces that the seamen's and miners' unions propose to declare a strike rivaling the upheaval of 1917 as a measure of resistance to the attempt to reduce wages.

A. L. DESAULNIERS, M. P.



for Champlain, Que., who has given notice that he will move in the House of Commons to have workmen's compensation, now paid in case of accident, extended to cover sickness contracted while at work or due to the performance of duties.

BAR POLITICAL SPEECHES IN THE MANITOBA HOUSE

Winnipeg, March 22.—A decision to pass necessary supplies, both for capital and current expenditures, and also necessary legislation affecting municipalities and farm credits, as well as provisions of the housing loan, was reached at a conference of group leaders of the Manitoba legislature, it was announced in the house yesterday afternoon by Premier T. C. Norris. All political speeches will be eliminated and the session likely will be brought to a close next week, the premier said. Resolutions on the order sheet will be eliminated. The conference agreed that a resolution should be introduced urging transfer of natural resources to provincial control and settlement for resources already alienated. All business will be conducted in committee of the whole.

SHUT OFF THE FIGHT OF GREEKS WITH TURKS

Paris, March 22.—The foreign ministers of the Allied powers were in Paris today to confer on the near Eastern situation. It was expected the first action would be drafting of a plan for an armistice between Greece and the Turkish nationalists. This would be presented forthwith to the belligerents in an effort to forestall the expected spring offensive on the Anatolian frontier.

MAY RENEW THE NEGOTIATIONS

London, March 22.—(Canadian Press)—There is some hope of a renewal of negotiations in the engineering dispute through the decision on the national labor council to appoint a deputation to interview Sir Allan Smith, Coalition Unionist M. P. for South Croydon, and chairman of the managing committee of the engineering employers' federation, concerning the precise meaning of a statement he made in the House of Commons that if the unions now balloting would agree on the principle that the employers had a right to manage their own factories, the employers would hold a conference with them on the operation of such managerial functions.

FIND OLD PICTURES Believed to be Contemporary Portraits of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Rome, March 22.—What are believed to be contemporary portraits of St. Peter and St. Paul have been discovered in a hypogeum or underground structure of the Roman epoch. The belief in their authenticity is shared by a well known Roman archaeologist, Professor Lanitani.

U. S. NOTE RE DAY IS "FORCEFUL"

Wants Expenses for Rhineland Occupation.

Terms of Partial Moratorium for Germany Announced by the Reparations Commission—May be Levy on Capital.

(Canadian Press Cable)

Paris, March 22.—The United States note regarding payment of the costs of the army of occupation in Germany, addressed to the European allies reaching the American embassy here yesterday and will be presented to the allies today. It sets forth the American attitude in clear and forceful terms. Paris, March 22.—Eclair says that Gaston Doumergue has been named head of the French delegation to the Geneva conference following Rene Viviani's refusal of the post.

Reparation. Paris, March 22.—The conditions under which the reparations commission will grant Germany a partial moratorium were announced today. They include perfect autonomy for the Reichsbank and new legislation to prevent evasion of German capital, the legislation to be ready for application upon a fixed date. Several reforms in German financial methods are stipulated. These must go into effect at fixed dates, beginning May 31. New resources to be found and the funds collected under the control of the allied commission on guarantees, which will pass upon their effectiveness as probable yield. If they are found insufficient, the reparations commission will consider other measures, including a domestic or foreign loan and eventually a levy upon capital in Germany.

It is stipulated that if reparations payments in kind to the value of 1,450,000,000 gold marks yearly are not entirely delivered the balance may be entirely delivered in cash. If the German government fails to apply the reforms upon which the partial moratorium is conditioned the Allies may resort to the terms of the annex to the treaty of Versailles, including the right to take further pledges as a guarantee for reparations payments.

TRAIN GUNS ON DRURY POSITION

Liberal and Conservative Attack Ontario Government in Legislature.

Toronto, March 22.—Two opposition members launched attacks against the provincial government budget in yesterday afternoon's session of the legislature. They were W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal, for Ontario South, and Charles McCrea, Conservative member for Ontario West. Both charged the government with reckless expenditure and contended that it had forsaken the economy plank of the U. P. O. The two speakers also expressed doubt that the surplus announced by Provincial Treasurer Smith last week was real, but rather a matter of placing in capital account items that had been classed as ordinary expenses. Mr. Sinclair said that efficient government in this province would consist of doing only when the best minds of all classes in Ontario assisted, instead of only two classes. Mr. McCrea attacked the rural credits scheme and held the government responsible if there is any mismanagement in the Chippewa undertaking.

AGREE ON WHAT GERMAN MUST DO FOR ALLIES

Paris, March 22.—The meeting of the Allied Reparations Commission which began on Monday night continued throughout yesterday, and, with brief intervals of recess, was in session until midnight. A unanimous decision was reached on all points concerning the conditions Germany must meet. The commission upheld the figures arrived at during the recent Cannes conference for Germany's payments in 1922—cash payments of 720,000,000 gold marks and 1,450,000,000 marks in kind. The commission also fixed conditions and guarantees for a partial moratorium. The text of the decisions were immediately forwarded to Germany and to the various allied governments. They will be made public after these governments have received them.

MR. HUGHES MAKES A FLAT DENIAL

No Secret Agreement of Britain and U. S. for Future Co-operation. Washington, March 22.—Presentation of a letter from Secretary Hughes denying flatly that any secret agreement exists for future British-United States co-operation led to another effort by opponents of the four-power treaty in the senate yesterday to send it back to a committee. The effort brought on a warm debate.

As Hiram Sees It

"I see," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, to the Times reporter, "the feller over in Cape Breton says the coal miners are laid on the job. That ain't no good gospel. I know lots o' leaders right round here. The right round here. That feller wants everybody to do it. He orto go further and say everybody orto work at all. What's the use o' gals' half way? If nobody worked their own job, there'd be no time to talk, for the wouldn't be nothin' to eat—no feller would be here to stop talkin' to chaw his victuals. Mister—the's a lot o' people runnin' loose these days that ort to be locked up. I ain't sayin' everythin' all right—there ain't no room to make things better for workin' men—but from what I've seen in the last few years I've come to the conclusion we could send quite a bunch o' noise-makers to Roosie an' pay their way an' call it a 'bleedin'.'"

"Have you any particular spite against Russia?" asked the reporter. "Well, no—I hain't," said Hiram. "But birds o' a feather ort to flock together—yes, sir."

COMMONS TO HEAR ABOUT RIORDANS

Progressive Member Asks for Statement on Notes Given in Payment of Taxes. Ottawa, March 22.—(Canadian Press)—The Riordan taxes and the notes given in payment thereof are to be the subject of investigation in the commons. Andrew Knox, Progressive member for Prince Albert, Sask., has given notice that he will ask the ministry for a statement showing how much has been collected by the taxation department on the notes tendered by the Riordan company in payment of their tax bills.

WARNS CANADA AGAINST TYPHUS AND CHOLERA

Berlin, March 22.—Canada and the United States, as well as Central Europe, must be on guard against the introduction of cholera and typhus through immigration of Russian refugees, says a warning issued today by Dr. Schelesinger of the German Red Cross.

GET WHEAT POOL IF UNITED, SAYS FARMER PRESIDENT

Calgary, March 22.—"If the sixty-five farmer members stand solidly behind the wheat pool it is my opinion that they will get it," said H. W. Woods, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, on his return to Calgary last night. "Do you think they will stand solidly behind it?" he was asked. "The assumption is that they will. I know personally that the Alberta delegation is solid and enthusiastic for it," he replied but he would not enlarge on this.

DOLLAR AGAIN BELOW THREE

New York, March 22.—Sterling exchange steady. Demand 440 1/8. Canadian dollars 28 3/4 per cent. discount.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—The disturbance which was over Maine yesterday, is now dispersing over the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Weather is unsettled in the west; fair and colder in Ontario and clearing slowly in Quebec and the maritime province. Fair. Maritime—Fresh southwest winds, fair today. Thursday, fair, somewhat lower temperature. New England—Fair tonight and Thursday. Colder tonight except on south coast. Fresh west and northwest winds. Toronto, March 22.—Temperatures: Lowest 9 a.m. Yesterday night Stations Prince Rupert 32 48 26 Victoria 36 48 26 Kamloops 28 40 12 Calgary 14 24 14 Prince Albert 20 22 20 Ottawa 22 34 20 Winnipeg 26 36 22 White River 10 22 22 Sault Ste. Marie 2 28 2 Toronto 20 37 18 Kingston 20 36 18 Montreal 30 36 30 Quebec 32 36 28 St. John, N. B. 38 40 34 Halifax 38 44 32 St. John's 40 32 30 New York 46 40 32

STUDY WRANGLER ISLAND MATTER

U. S. State Department Probing Subject.

Interest from Standpoint of Economic and Commercial Development—Reference to U. S. Expeditions of 1881.

(Canadian Press)

Washington, March 22.—Claims of British sovereignty over Wrangel Island in the Arctic Ocean northwest of Bering Straits, recently advanced by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, explorer, as a result of his landing an expedition there last September, are being given serious consideration by the United States government, it was said yesterday at the state department. In view of the wide ramifications of the question, department officials were unwilling to discuss steps which might be undertaken to secure whatever rights to the island that might have accrued to the United States from the landing there in 1881 of two officially accredited United States expeditions, but it was said a close study of facts with their international bearing on the almost forgotten territory was being made and the position of the United States would be set forth when that study has been completed.

Chief interest of the U. S. government in the island, it was learned, was due to its strategic position from the standpoint of economic and commercial developments. While the known products of the island are of negligible value, it was said its geographic position would make it an apparent base for commercial operations in Siberia. The United States government had repeatedly gone on record as being opposed to any nation obtaining undue economic advantages in any part of Russia, it was pointed out, and belief was expressed that the United States would endeavor to determine whether any of its own rights or those of Russia in the island did not take precedence over all other claims.

GRAEY WINS ENGLISH RACE

Lincolnshire Handicap First Big Event of Flat Racing Season.

Lincoln, Eng., March 22.—The Lincolnshire handicap, the first big event of the English flat racing season, run here today, was won by V. J. J. Monarch, second and N. Baring's Roman Bachelor third. Thirty-two horses started.

CONFERENCE ON EIGHT HOUR DAY

Labor Officials to Meet Premier and Others in Ottawa on March 31.

Toronto, March 22.—Members of the trade union movement will be participating in a conference in Ottawa on March 31 with Premier King, the federal minister of justice and labor, and other members of the cabinet to discuss the eight hour day. The conference is to be held at the request of organized labor. The move on the part of organized labor to secure legislation concerning the eight hour day to industrial workers was announced after a conference yesterday.

BONDS TO COVER RUSSIA'S DEBTS

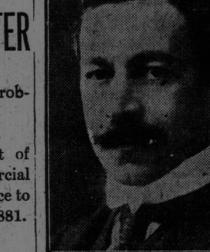
Britain Said to Have Proposed This for the Genoa Conference.

London, March 22.—That the Russian Soviet government should issue bonds covering the whole of Russia's indebtedness is understood to have been included in the British proposal at the first session of the Allied technical experts' meeting here yesterday to prepare a programme for the Genoa conference. Bonds not only covering all of Russia's national debts but also municipal and individual loans to the old and new Russian regimes are understood to have been included in the proposal. The bonds would be exempt from interest for five years.

LT.-COL. POWELL INJURED

Friends of Lieut.-Col. A. H. H. Powell will be glad to learn that he is recovering from a painful injury to his eye, resulting while playing badminton in the army on Thursday. He was struck in the eye by the bird and seriously hurt, and was taken to the hospital for treatment before returning home. It is reported at his home that he is coming along very well.

SIR HERBERT SAMUEL,



British High Commissioner for Palestine, who has been very ill, is reported to be recovering and out of danger.

LITTLE HOPE OF SETTLEMENT IN TEXTILE STRIKE

Pawtuxet Valley Committee Rejects Latest Proposal of State Mediation.

Providence, R. I., March 22.—The general committee in charge of the textile strike in the Pawtuxet Valley voted yesterday to reject the latest proposal of the state board of mediation and conciliation looking toward the settlement of the walkout. The proposal was that, upon the Rhode Island general assembly passing a forty-eight hour law for women and children, the employer arbitrate the question of wages and return to work pending the result of arbitration at a temporary wage to be fixed by the state board of mediation. With the action of the Pawtuxet Valley committee in turning down this suggestion, it is believed goes the last chance for a possible settlement of the textile dispute by the mediation board. The board will meet on Thursday at noon to receive the reply of the Pawtuxet Valley strikers, as well as that of the United Textile Workers of the Blackstone Valley. This meeting, officials of the board said, will probably be the last that body will hold.

NEW COMPANIES, TWO IN ST. JOHN

Wieloz Business and W. E. Emerson's—Royal Mills, Ltd., Also Incorporated.

(Special to The Times) Fredericton, N. B., March 22.—Joseph Wieloz of St. John, Herman F. Wieloz of St. John and Annie Wieloz of St. John are incorporated as Wieloz Bros. Ltd., to acquire the business carried on in St. John by Messrs. Wieloz and to carry on general business. The head office is at St. John and capital stock is \$99,000. W. E. Emerson, C. A. Emerson and W. E. Emerson Jr., of St. John are incorporated as W. E. Emerson and Sons, Ltd., with head office in St. John and capital stock of \$9,000. The company is to take over the business conducted by W. E. Emerson as linemill, plumber and hardware dealer in St. John. Royal Mills, Ltd., is incorporated for the purpose of purchasing and acquiring the cornmeal mill, property, etc., in Devon owned by A. C. McLaggan and carried on by him under the name of Royal Mills. The company further is authorized to carry on business as millers and dealers in mill-feed in other parts of New Brunswick. The capital stock is \$40,000 and head office is at Devon. Those incorporated are A. J. McLaggan and Mrs. Dora W. McLaggan of Devon, and Winifred W. Upham.

KIDNAPED DROWNED

Little Playmate Did Not Realize it and Said Nothing.

Westville, N. S., March 22.—Sydney McDonald, five years old son of James L. McDonald, of Campbell Road, Westville, was drowned yesterday in a brook while in his home. His body was found. His cousin, Aubrey Walters, a child some four years old, was with him but, not grasping what had happened, did not report that Sydney had been carried down the brook.

RECORDS GO IN SYDNEY RACING

Sydney, N. S., March 22.—Commodore Crescut, 2 3/4, owned in Gladce Bay, saw his world's half mile ice record for trotters broken today by Better Not, 2:20 1/2, of Sydney, and then promptly establishing another new one himself. In a matched race for a \$500 purse Better Not won the first heat in 1:01 1/2, lowering the record of 1:01 3/4 made by the Commodore several years ago at Charlottetown, P. E. I. In the next heat the deposited veteran made a new mark of 1:01 1/2. Better Not, however, won the next two heats in 1:02 and 1:04.

W. C. T. U. REQUEST FOR PLACE IN SENATE FOR "JANEY CANUCK"

Ottawa, March 22.—(Canadian Press)—A delegation representing the W. C. T. U. of Canada waited on Hon. W. S. Fielding, acting premier, today, to request that Mrs. Emily F. Murphy, judge of the juvenile court and police magistrate of Edmonton, be appointed to the first vacancy in the senate.

PARLIAMENTARY AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF THE ADMIRALTY

estimates in the British House of Commons, said that the savings resulting from the Washington Conference would amount to \$76,000,000.

ULSTER SPECIALS DIG TRENCHES

Marked Activity in the Derry District.

Warlike Preparations as the Situation on Ulster Border Grows Worse Daily—Republican Army Convention to be Held.

Belfast, March 22.—There has been marked activity by the Ulster special constables in the Derry district since yesterday.

Along the Derry-Donegal border they have blocked several roads, in some cases digging trenches across them. The specials are using shovels, crowbars and wheelbarrows commandeered from the Derry corporation's street cleaning department. From Bad to Worse.

London, March 22.—The situation on the northern side of the border in Southern Ireland is going from bad to worse, and is such that some trifling incident might draw the rival forces into a conflict which would shatter all prospects of peace in Ireland, says the Dublin correspondent of the Times.

"The tragic irony of the situation," he adds, "consists in the fact that the vast majority of Irishmen of all parties deplore the danger, but seem unable to avert it. Each side daily takes some measure of defence which it regards as legitimate but which produces prompt retaliation from the other side, with the result that political passions are intensified and the pleadings of common sense fail to find hearing. The chief cause of resentment on the northern side of the border is the existence there of organized forces of the Irish Republican Army which the northern government insists must depart or be expelled before there can be any talk of peace. On the other hand the southern Nationalists claim the right to protect the Catholic minorities in the northeast by every means in their power. They believe the northern police cannot be trusted to see impartially. The southern newspapers print daily reports of outrages in which these police are alleged to be concerned. It is notorious that certain sections of the Irish Republican Army do not necessarily take orders from Dublin and that raids of armed republicans into the northern area occur at times."

Will Hold Convention. Dublin, March 22.—It was officially announced in the republican organ here today that the Irish Republican Army convention, the holding of which was recently forbidden by Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann, will be held in Dublin on Sunday, as arranged. This announcement is taken by the Dail as being false to the republican oath by agreeing to accept the inclusion of Ireland within the British Empire.

DIVIDEND RATE OF BANK CUT

Montreal, March 22.—Official announcement was made today that the Banque Nationale has cut its dividend rate from 12 to 6 per cent. The bank will also increase its capital by one million dollars. Its present capitalization is two million dollars.

THE BANQUE NATIONALE REORGANIZED

The Banque Nationale recently completed re-organization, electing a new board of directors.

W. F. TRUENEN OF NEWCASTLE HAS APPLIED FOR A RETAIL LICENSE UNDER THE INTOXICATING LIQUOR ACT.

Nanaimo, B. C., March 22.—Mrs. Planta, wife of Sir Alfred Planta, died here yesterday, aged 53.

LIUT. COL. LEOPOLD AMERY.

Sir Alfred Planta Bereaved.

Parliamentary and financial secretary of the Admiralty, in presenting the naval estimates in the British House of Commons, said that the savings resulting from the Washington Conference would amount to \$76,000,000.