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A BRITISH INCOME TAX CASE.

The practice which has prevailed in England of levying taxes on the authority of a resolution of the House of Commons in Committee of Ways and Means and without waiting until the Budget had been passed, has been declared illegal by a recent judgment in the British courts. The decision is heralded in the Unionist press as a rebuke to the Government for delaying legislation and as adding one more to the list of famous judicial decisions which have helped to make English history. The circumstances which led to a test case being taken to the courts are of some interest. It appears that the revenue officials have followed this practice for many years without challenge, due to the fact that until quite recently the resolution of the Ways and Means Committee has been followed within a few weeks by an Act of Parliament. Under the present Government this tradition has been abandoned. Last year the Finance Act was not passed until shortly before Christmas.

Mr. F. Gibson Bowles, well known in Parliament, is the hero of the fight in the courts. As a protest against the methods of the Government he purchased early this year £65,000 worth of Government stock on which a dividend was due last July. From this dividend the Bank of England deducted £52 10s. 8d. for income tax, though the Finance Bill for the year had not then passed the House of Commons. Mr. Bowles promptly brought action against the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, claiming the return of the amount and a declaration that any deduction for income tax prior to the passing of the Finance Bill was illegal.

In delivering judgment Mr. Justice Parker decided that the deduction was illegal. The Bill of Rights, he said, remained unrepelled and it therefore followed that no resolution of the Committee of the House of Commons or of the House itself could have any legal effect whatever. He ordered payment to Mr. Bowles of the amount deducted by the Bank. Incidentally, Mr. Bowles lost £2,000 over this stock transaction, but he expressed himself as well satisfied with the result.

While the judgment only extended to the point raised by Mr. Bowles it is the general belief in London that it may have a far reaching effect. It is claimed that railways and joint stock companies would not be justified in deducting income tax from, say, July dividends if the tax at the time has not been embodied in an Act of Parliament. They would pay these dividends free of income tax, deducting the full year's tax from the payments made in the following January after the formal approval of Parliament had been obtained. This method of deduction, one financial authority points out, would give rise to "innumerable and apparently insoluble difficulties where holders had parted with or acquired stocks in the intermediate period; and the Stock Exchange would have a good deal to say in the matter."

The same writer thinks the decision will be a lesson to the Government, which, he declares, has been playing fast and loose with laws and with financial customs. "Treating a vote of a temporary majority of the House of Commons," he adds, "as if it were the settled law of the land has become a habit which requires such a correction as has now been administered by the courts of law."

THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM.

It is of interest to note that the Department of the Interior is devoting considerable attention to the question of immigration of women from Great Britain, and will probably establish a special branch to look after this work. Last winter a Western woman was sent to the Old Country to lecture to women with excellent results, and this week Mrs. H. Niblett of Winnipeg leaves on the same mission. Mrs. Niblett is one of the best known women journalists in the West, and is familiar to readers from Winnipeg to the Yukon as Molly Glewn. She knows the West thoroughly and has roughed it on the prairies and in the far North. She went North with the famous Klondike stampede, and was the first woman to go over the White Horse Pass in winter and was also the first journalist in the Yukon.

The new branch will pay particular attention to bringing out domestic servants for whom there is an unlimited demand in Canada. It is also felt that many good settlers would come to the Dominion if it were not for their wives who fear the supposed rigors of Canada's climate and the hardships they think they will have to face. If the women can be disabused of these ideas the families would emigrate.

Dr. Roche, who is now Minister of the Interior, is taking a particularly keen interest in the question of immigration, and is carefully studying the problems connected with this work at first hand. Last week he visited the city of Quebec and inspected the new immigration buildings which are being erected and saw for himself the methods used in inspecting and welcoming newcomers. As a doctor who has always been interested in questions of public health the Minister made a special investigation of the system of medical inspection. It is understood that when the work of the session permits Dr. Roche will visit St. John and Halifax and next summer will make a trip to the West to study immigration conditions.

The importance of giving Old World settlers a good impression of the country is recognized by the Government and no efforts will be spared to see that they receive a cheery welcome. Dr. Roche expects to visit the Old Country in connection with immigration work as soon as the session is over.

THE BRITISH LABOR ORGAN.

The British Labor party is now represented in the press by an organ of its own, "The Daily Citizen," the first number of which was issued last month. According to the Vancouver News-Advertiser, which has been favored with a copy of the first issue, its purpose is explained in the first page leader, which sets forth that the Citizen is "the organ of Trade Union activity, Labor party policy and Socialist thought." The task of the new journal "is to give expression to the impulses that are moving the hearts of the people, to guide them, to make them available for calm, orderly use by those political and other reformers, who are not afraid to go on continuing to build the City of God in this world."

It is announced that "the Labor party in the House of Commons will be no longer at the critical mercy of the organs of other parties," and that in its struggle with capital labor will no longer be misrepresented without remedy. Another benefit which is promised comes from

the fact that "labor often speaks on the spur of the moment in hot blood and its words do not always reveal its real intentions." The Citizen will "endeavor to put an end to this state of things, which is not only bad for labor itself, but may at any moment be disastrous to society." The writers responsible for this prospectus rest their faith on calm reason and argument. There is not a violent word in the first number of the paper.

The Citizen promises, however, to have no money on scaremongers, and intends to work hard for international peace, and especially for a better understanding between Britain and Germany. It is "proud of the German people, proud of their industry and attainments in music, philosophy, science, literature; proud, above all, of their vast working-class movement." The labor organ is also in favor of adult suffrage with full citizens' rights for men and women.

Among well known people who have written to the Citizen to give it welcome are: Thomas Hardy, the novelist; Andrew Fisher, Premier of Australia; Edward Bernstein of the German Reichstag; Mr. Massingham, now editor of the Nation; Jerome K. Jerome, the Provost of Glasgow; Lord Northcliffe; Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, the novelist; Mrs. MacArthur; Mr. Donald, the editor of the Chronicle; Arnold Bennett, the novelist; the Bishop of Birmingham; and the Rev. Dr. Clifford. Mr. Hall Caine contributes an article on "The Use of Force in Politics," in which he expresses his sympathy with the cause of labor and with women suffrage, but argues that neither interest can be served by violence.

Such a journal, as the News-Advertiser points out, should be useful as presenting the Labor party point of view to the outside world, so that there should be no innocent misrepresentation of its policy and purpose, but also as giving unity and certainty in the position of the party it represents. When the editor suggests that it may cure the habit of hasty and rash speech, he accepts for the paper a certain responsibility which is altogether wholesome.

HIGH COST OF LIVING IN JAPAN.

Japan, according to the reports of one of the Canadian Trade Commissioners, is beginning to feel in a somewhat tragic way the effects of her rapid and terribly costly national development. Only a few years ago the cheapest country in the world for comfortable living, Japan is rapidly taking her place in the van of the march towards higher costs. Excessively heavy taxation, the price of national military strength, is the chief cause of the difficulty, but the fostering of new industries, for some of which the country is hardly ripe, by a heavy protective tariff probably has something to do with it. Japan has not the enormous reserves of natural resources to draw upon which have enabled other countries to bear with equanimity the taxation imposed in the interests of industry.

All classes of food have risen from 50 to 100 per cent. in the last few years. Rice, the staple diet, is higher by 30 per cent. in ordinary years, and by 50 or 60 per cent. in years of shortage. Ground rent and house rents have doubled. Wages have, of course, risen with the growth of the industry, but only by 20 or 30 per cent. in the case of the best operatives. The common laborer and the small official are terribly burdened, and there is a marked increase in crime. It seems likely that Japan has reached a period in her development when it will be necessary to mark time for several years during the process of adjustment to the new conditions, but much will depend upon the amount of trade and wealth that can be diverted into the country from her continental possessions.—EX.

Current Comment

A Delicate Question.

(Chicago Tribune.)

Great Britain and the United States are in a serious controversy which threatens no break in friendly relations but which does involve delicate questions of international equity and treaty construction. The United States has taken its position on the Panama toll question complacently, almost indifferently, but Great Britain is animated and soon may be bitter. It is easy to understand why Mr. Bryce prefers to yield his post at Washington to another man, and it may even be that the British Government, because of the new conditions, is willing to be relieved of criticism at home and surrender a claim to services which otherwise would be invaluable.

Mormonism.

(The Presbyterian.)

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact nevertheless, that the Mormon church has entrenched itself so strongly in Southern Alberta that nothing short of a miracle will uproot it. It is also a fact that the Mormon church purposes using this thriving colony as a vantage point from which to carry on an aggressive work of proselytizing all over Canada. And the Mormonism of Alberta is the same old Mormonism that has defied church and State in the United States of America for eighty years.

The Divorce Report.

(London Free Press.)

England will make a serious error if the tendency to lessen the sanctity of married life finds a lodgment in the laws of the country. A crying evil in the neighboring Republic is the ease with which the marriage contract may be broken. Inevitably these laws invite disrespect for the marriage tie. Instead of seeking to make divorce easier, England would be better employed in making marriage more difficult.

Lasting Friendship.

(New York Sun.)

Even if our blood relationship with Anglo-Saxon England has grown weaker, our friendship with the people of the British Empire—based on a community of speech and law and custom far more binding than a fancied blood relationship—can scarcely decline.

The Church Intervenes.

(Montreal Gazette.)

As a result of the rebellion in San Domingo President Victoria and the City Council of the capital have resigned and a Provisional Government has been proclaimed with Archbishop Nouel as President. The stormy Republic should be quiet for a while now.

Higher School-Age Limit.

(London Advertiser.)

The Board of Education has raised the compulsory school-age to 16. London is the first municipality in Ontario to take advantage of the new act. If it is vigorously enforced there will be among boys and girls less waste of time at an age when time lost can never be regained.

Bourgeoisie Chance.

(Guelph Daily Herald.)

It would be a good thing for Canada if Henri Bourassa would enter a contest, and once and for all demonstrate whether he is just talking Bourassa, or whether there are others of his sort.

Like Old Times.

(Toronto Telegram.)

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LOCAL

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Police Court.
Two prisoners each charged with drunkenness were arraigned in the police court yesterday morning. One was fined \$5 or 30 days in jail, and the other was remanded.

Burned to Death.
Mrs. Margaret Bridges, wife of George Bridges, of 94 St. James street received injuries from burning early yesterday morning which resulted in her death at the general public hospital a few hours later. As the unfortunate woman was alone at the time, how the accident occurred is not definitely known.

PROVINCIAL

Ice Formed in River.
Chatham, Nov. 18.—Ice formed in the river here last Saturday night, and held good during the day although the ferry boats managed to open channels.

Loose His Pigs.
Fredericton, Nov. 18.—Ald. Duncan Robinson, of Marysville, who purchased seven pigs in the market here Saturday evening, lost five on the way home, the other two being eaten by the old pigs in whose pen he placed them.

Bigamy Case.
Halifax, Nov. 18.—Before Judge Jones in the Kings county court under the speedy trials act, yesterday, Charles W. Graves, of Berwick, charged with bigamy, pleaded guilty. As he is afflicted with tuberculosis, Graves escaped the penitentiary, but will have to leave his second wife and support the woman he deserted. Herbert Wallace, a youth of 16, charged with stealing a watch from John Hall, pleaded guilty but was allowed to go under a suspended sentence of 2 years in the penitentiary.

GENERAL

Russia vs. China.
Shanghai, Nov. 18.—War between China and Russia is considered imminent by the authorities here.

Marconi Better.
Venice, Nov. 18.—William Marconi made his first appearance yesterday since his recent accident. His glass and eye cannot be distinguished from the good one.

Killed Two Wives; Then Self.
Pittsburg, Nov. 15.—John Matthews, aged 36 years, shot and killed his two wives and then killed himself with a bullet from the same gun. In his apartment here today, Matthews was living in bigamy, plotted to have the women meet and then murdered them.

In the Days of Your Grandmother

No doubt you remember as a child, the simple but effective remedies that your mother or your grandmother used to give you when you were feeling ill. No matter what the trouble might be, her little potions were sure to hit the mark and restore you to a normal condition. All of which serves to illustrate how much virtue there is in many of the old-fashioned preparations. We don't lose so much nowadays about the medicines of grandmother's days. One preparation, however, can be mentioned that has been a household word for more than a hundred years. It owes its long life and widely increasing popularity to just one thing—merit. The name of this preparation is Johnson's Anodyne Liniment. The quickness with which it relieves many internal and external ailments is nothing short of remarkable.

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