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The distribution of the tax bills, which began yesterday, will remind the taxpayers that the exemptions passed at the last sitting of the Legislature are now in force.

Citizens with incomes up to \$300 are exempt, except for a \$5 poll tax, but if taxed on real or personal property the poll tax remains at \$2. On incomes from \$400 to \$900 inclusive, \$200 is exempted. On incomes of \$1,000 and upwards the full tax is paid.

The levy this year is \$34,000 higher than in 1908, and is the highest yet made, having increased \$200,000 in nine years. The increase is due principally to the large amount required for interest and for the upkeep of the schools.

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ST. LOUIS MOTHERS WEEP FOR TWO CHILD VICTIMS OF THE DREADED BLACK HAND

\$25,000 Asked as Ransom of Kidnapped Italian Children.

Missing Since Aug. 2 - The Country Being Scoured in Their Location.

Police Believe That the Notorious Sam Turrisi is Man Wanted.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 16.—Two heart-broken women in this city whose children are being held by kidnapers for a \$25,000 ransom, have appealed to 100,000 American mothers for aid in finding little Grace and Tommie, missing since Aug. 2, in one of the most remarkable of all the blackhand outrages in America.

While the mothers are weeping in their homes police have sent pictures of the stolen children broadcast in the hope that mothers all over the country will aid in the search.

The tots are children of two brothers, both named Pietro Viviano, the richest Italians in St. Louis. For years they have lived in terror of blackmailers. Twice the Viviano macaroni factory has been dynamited. One night early in the summer Tommie, 4 years old, heard a prowler in the Viviano home. He cried out to his sleeping parents, and a man ran swiftly away.

The next morning a bomb was found at the threshold of the Viviano home, and a fuse ready to attach showed how timely had been the warning cry of the little boy.

From that time on both mothers knew no peace. They watched their children every day. They had no other playmates, for the fear in the women's breasts for the safety of the two never relaxed.

Late in July a strange man began to haunt the neighborhood where the Vivianos lived. He passed the yard where little Tommie and Grace, his cousin 2½ years old, were playing. "Come on and I'll buy some ice-cream," he said.

The children, virtual prisoners for their own safety, went only too gladly. Day after day the stranger appeared, until he had won the confidence of the little dark-eyed girl and her playfellow.

Then, on Monday, Aug. 2, the long-fearing blow to the Viviano mothers came. The children left with the strange man for the last time.

When an hour had passed their mothers were sobbing and crying out to neighbors that their children had been stolen. The whole Italian col-



ony was in an uproar. Cordons of police and detectives surrounded the Italian tenements southwest of the city and spread out a dragnet lest the kidnapper escape.

But they were too late. The captor of the little children had taken flight to Chicago, and while the St. Louis police vainly tried to get the Chicago police to hunt the children, there came a scrawled note to the father of Tommie.

"Give up \$25,000," it read in Italian, "or you never shall see the children again."

With eighty-eight hours gone before the alarm was spread to Chicago, a weeping mother gave up hope. Helpless in their grief, they only could implore the bluecoats for aid. Then the hunt was taken up more eagerly and it resulted in some astounding revelations.

The kidnapper, the police said, was none other than Sam Turrisi, noted as a desperate character.

Turrisi, they found, was only another name for Callegero Giandussas, fugitive from the Louisiana state prison, where he served time for the kidnapping of Walter Le Manas of New Orleans, a boy who was murdered

when his parents refused to pay the kidnapper's ransom.

What anguish tore the souls of these two mothers when they heard this, none knows.

In their despair they appealed to the office of Governor Hadley at Jefferson City. He was out of the state, but Lieutenant Governor Gmelch heard their story. He offered \$300 reward each for the recovery of the children, the largest reward the state of Missouri ever offered in a kidnapping mystery.

Railroad conductors and others trailed the children and Turrisi, with a strange woman to Chicago, on a Wabash train that left St. Louis a few hours after the Viviano children vanished.

Will the sympathetic women of the country help these mothers? Police declare that already 100,000 mothers must appeal to a crime-hunter's knowledge of the returns from the land. Woman will win, they believe, in the hunt for the kidnapped children, even if the police themselves fail.

The hardest of crime-hunters knowing what mother love is, believe this and the weeping mothers have faith in the other mothers, too.

ENGLAND'S TARIFF WAR FROM LONG RANGE--THE POSITION OF THE LORDS AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF THEIR BRINGING ON A GENERAL ELECTION

(Toronto News.)

At this distance it is not easy to determine whether or not the House of Lords will reject the Liberal budget. The last speech of Lord Lansdowne suggests that rejection is certain. On the other hand, the Unionist press generally speaks with great reticence. If the Lords should reject the budget an early general election will become inevitable.

The tariff issue.

In case an election is precipitated, tariff reform is bound to be the chief issue in the contest. The budget has lessened the stigma of the administration, but there is no reason to think that it has decisively checked the movement towards protection. This result the budget was expected to achieve by exciting feeling against the governing classes, and merging organized labor with the official Liberal party.

The Budget and the Lords.

There is a tradition in Great Britain that the budget must not be amended by the House of Lords. It may reject the budget as a whole, but it may not undertake to dictate to the Commons how the public taxes shall be levied. At best this seems to be only a tradition, but even the conventions of the Constitution are powerful with British statesmen. Hence, if the Lords act, they are likely to reject the whole budget on the ground that it is revolutionary in character; that it radically alters the basis and the incidence of taxation, and that the constituencies should be permitted to pronounce on the merits of Mr. Lloyd-George's proposals before they take final effect.

Will Bow to the People.

The Lords will be denounced, but it is doubtful if the denunciation will have any effect on the attitude of the people. It is not easy to flog a country into passion over a question on which it is invited to pronounce judgment. Lord Lansdowne is careful to say that the Peers will bow to the public judgment, and accept the budget if the government is sustained in a general election. It is because the Lords do not believe that either the budget or the government can get a verdict from the constitution that they are determined to precipitate a contest. Upon the whole, in recent years they have represented the sober opinion of Great Britain at least as faithfully as the House of Commons and every attempt to rouse public feeling against the hereditary chamber has ended in defeat and confusion.

Ground Rents and Landlords.

There is no doubt, however, that the government will make a stern fight to discredit the Lords, save the budget and maintain the free trade system. Mr. Asquith, Sir Edward Grey, Lord Morley, Mr. Haldane and Mr. Birrell are men of high character and great capacity. Mr. Lloyd-George is a passionate and powerful controversialist and Mr. Churchill speaks, unquestionably with immense acceptance to the great masses of the British people. It is doubtful if the Unionist party contains as many men of first rate calibre or with equal genius for popular advocacy. More

over a moderate taxation of ground rents is a simple instalment of justice, and it is easy to imagine how Lloyd-George's bold and scathing denunciation of the dual landlords must appeal to a great body of the electors. Indeed, in some of Lloyd-George's recent speeches there is just a touch of the passion which in France culminated in the revolution. If an election is brought on under these conditions the result will be memorable in British history.

The whole strength of the Unionists will lie in tariff reform. At least moderate protectionist duties will provide revenue for the nation, improve the returns from the land, secure domestic industries against illegitimate outside competition, and provide work for thousands of the unemployed. Besides, armed with moderate duties, Great Britain may force down the tariffs of other countries, and improve the position of British manufacturers and traders in other markets. There will arise also the opportunity of extending a preference to the colonies, and of establishing a preferred relation for British trade in all the King's dominions. At best the budget provides only higher taxation for the classes, with no particular advantage to the masses. In tariff reform is the certainty of closer fiscal relations with the colonies, a power to deal with other nations, a revival of British agriculture, and an improved position for British manufacturers in their own markets, and against these advantages it is doubtful if the budget can prevail or the government survive an appeal to the country.

have been made at Seal Cove, but very few anywhere else.

The Government steamer Tyrian has been working on the cable between Campbell and Grand Manan during the past week. The cable was found to be in a bad condition. Repairs will be completed in a few days.

PROBATE COURT.

Estate Of Dr. Wm. Christie. Further hearing with reference to the passing of accounts was proceeded with in the probate court yesterday. Messrs. Currey and Vincent, proctor for the surviving executrix, Mrs. Christie, Messrs. Barnhill, Ewing and Sanford, proctor for the next of kin. Judgment was delivered in the estate of Rev. John A. Clark, mill owner and manufacturer. The court found that the estate must accept the same basis of settlement as arranged for the estate of George H. Clarke.

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