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APPREHENSION REGARDING PRESIDENT WILSON'S HEALTH

His Condition Said to More Serious than Public Realize. Must Leave Washington Before Summer Begins.

(Special to The Guardian.) WASHINGTON, May 13.—The President's health is again the subject of the most serious apprehension in official Washington, which administration circles believe that he is in far more serious condition than the public generally realize. A conference was held today of administration congressmen and department heads at which it was stated that it may become imperative necessary to get the President out of Washington before the summer begins. If this not done, grave political consequences may follow, it was said.

INDIGNATION MEETING AT PEAKE'S STATION

Taxation Measure Strongly Denounced. Local Members Asked to Resign. Petitioning Governor to Dissolve the Legislature.

A mass meeting which filled the large hall, was held at Peake's Station on Wednesday evening. Electors from Peakes, Elliotville, Panningsbrook, St. Teresa, Byrnes' Road and other sections were present.

Mr. Patrick Trainor was the chairman and in a short speech he explained the object of the meeting. Mr. Anthony McLaughlin then addressed the meeting and strongly denounced the Taxation and Speedway bills. He thought the speedy business was to blame for the Tax bill. The Government, he said, must have the money in hand next year to again get the federal grant and are resorting to the desperate expedient of taxing the people out of existence.

Mr. Robert Mooney, Bangor, next spoke and roused the fervor of the meeting to the highest pitch. He urged the Government for deceiving and betraying the people and thought the issue must now be decided—viz. Are the people to rule? or is Responsible Government, a mockery and a sham? He thought the people could still rule if they would, even now, put their feet down and cry Halt! Thus far all that go but no farther. If all else fails he thought the electors would be justified in going to Charlottetown in a body and emptying the House and locking the doors. Although an old man, he picked on Mr. Eneas McDonald next delivered an able and masterly address. He charged our representatives with falling in their duty and betraying their trust. He thought they should resign. He was indignant at the proposed taxation. Mr. Paul McLaughlin, in a brief speech denounced the new "Tax Drive". He said "Whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad". This new madness which has seized the Government may be an indication that their end is near.

The incomprehensible conduct of Mr. Bell's explanation. It may be that he is a born autoer or that the planets were in some strange conjunction at the time of his birth. It would be interesting to watch developments and solve the mystery but the experience would be too costly for the Country. It would be better to get rid of him and let the future hold her secrets. A nice white tombstone will soon mark the last resting place of the Bell Government.

Mr. M. J. Kelly, Elliotville, was the next speaker. In his usual splendid style he stripped the last shreds of camouflage off the Government's policy and held it up in all its ugliness. He flayed our representatives for their betrayal of our trust.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. J. Wood, Mr. G. Myers and others and unanimously carried amid the greatest enthusiasm.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED
Whereas, We the electors assembled at this meeting with indignation and with a great new taxation being placed upon us by the Bell Government;

And whereas, The Bell Government, at its meeting to power on a platform of no taxation;

And whereas, Their conduct in adopting a policy of the most drastic taxation must be regarded as a wilful and deliberate violation of the principles of Responsible Government and a flagrant breach of political honor and trust;

And whereas, Our District representatives have failed miserably to protect our interests or to oppose the Government's wicked schemes thus shamefully betraying our trust;

Therefore, he it resolved: That we do hereby demand the immediate resignation of Mr. McEwen and Mr. Cox, that we may elect men who will make even a feeble effort to carry out our wishes.

And further resolved, That we petition His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and pray His Honor to dissolve the Legislature and we hereby urge every rural District to join us in petitioning His Honor.

EX-KAISER'S THRONE AND EFFECTS FOR SALE IN N. Y.

An Opportunity Offered for Securing Second Hand Throne and Royal Valuables. Were Seized by Tradesmen for Unpaid Accounts.

(Special to The Guardian.) NEW YORK, May 13.—The Imperial German throne is to be sold here at auction, the household effects of former Kaiser Wilhelm, the former Kaiser and other members of the German Imperial family, seized from the Imperial Palaces of Berlin, and Munich for unpaid bills, after the Emperor abdicated and went to Holland, also will be sold under the hammer on May 22nd, one of the city's largest art collectors announced today. Sixty-five pieces are in the Imperial collection, which was brought here two weeks ago by the purchaser and importer, Valdemar Povelson. He declared he had considerable difficulty in getting an export permit from the German government which was obtained, he said, only after he had promised to buy food with the net proceeds for resale in Germany. Authenticity of the art objects is vouched for by one of Berlin's most reputable art firms. The Kaiser, according to Mr. Povelson, was not always prompt about paying his bills. Immediately upon his flight tradespeople, whose business was exhausted, seized household belongings as payment for their accounts.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

MAY 13.
House met at 12.10.
HON. MR. ARSENAULT asked the Premier if he had tabled the information previously asked for with reference to the correspondence between the Pension Board and the present Government, and the correspondence between the Labor Department and the present Government with reference to the Labor Bureau.

HON. MR. BELL in reply said he was trying his best to get on the budget for tomorrow night and that he had not had a moment's time to look up the information. On motion of Mr. Saunders House went into committee on a bill respecting "legitimation by subsequent marriage" with Mr. McArthur in the chair. Read a second time.

House then resumed committee on the Tax Act with Mr. A. E. McLean in the chair.

HON. MR. JOHNSTON submitted the following respecting special taxation in place of subsection 16, clause 120, which had been withdrawn:—
"Upon all corporations and persons employed in the import of intoxicating liquors as defined in the Prohibition Act in this Province the sum of \$1,000."

The insertion of this sub-section brought on a brief animated discussion taken part in by Hon. Mr. Johnston, Hon. Mr. Arsenault, Hon. Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hessian, Mr. D. C. McDonald, Hon. Mr. Nash and Mr. Crosby.

HON. MR. JOHNSTON in the course of this discussion pointed out that the conclusion of the Prohibition Commission is that the exportation of liquor from this Province cannot be stopped. The only thing to do if it is being handled for export is to put a tax on it.

HON. MR. HUGHES declared his belief that the Dominion Government had asked that a plebiscite should be taken on the prohibition question in this province, and that he should.

MR. HESSIAN said he did not see why this Province could not legislate as a Province and not be dictated to by the "rabble" at Ottawa. He was sure Hon. Mr. Hughes did not know what he was talking about. He characterized the prohibition law as the most damnable piece of imposition ever passed on the statute books.

HON. MR. ARSENAULT said it was not often they had the pleasure of hearing from the member from Georgetown. His use of language was rather more than moderate. He believed when that gentleman was in the House a while he would be able to find himself. He declared they had on the books a provision that a plebiscite should be held. The speaker declared that he had never been a prohibitionist but he believed sincerely from the general tone of the people that if a plebiscite was held tomorrow that would go strongly in favor of continuing the present act.

HON. MR. NASH enquired if it was possible to have liquor in one's possession without being fined.

HON. MR. JOHNSTON replied that one could have it in their possession for export without being liable to fine.

HON. MR. NASH said that if a tax were put on it it would be construed into a license. He did not think the law regarding trade and commerce could be interfered with but if a tax could be put on it would be quite justifiable.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN TAKES UP THE REINS

In Apparent Physical Health and Ready for Work. Was Given a Rousing Welcome Home on Arrival.

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, May 13.—Sir Robert Borden has taken up the reins of office, which he laid down four months ago for the purpose of seeking rest for nerves exhausted by the onerous duties and responsibilities of the Premiership of Canada during four years of war, moreover the Prime Minister is physically fit to handle the reins for some time to come. His clear complexion, somewhat tanned by exposure to the sun, his bright eye, his springs step and general air of briskness, and his apparent high spirits, all seemed to indicate that his health has greatly improved. His close friends say that he has returned from his holiday with the idea of resuming his place at the head of the government and has no present intention of retiring from that place. "I have come back to work," he said, "myself in the course of a brief interview. He was not prepared to make any statement as to his plans for the future, but intimated that later he might have an announcement to make to the House of Commons. Before making any public pronouncement upon his intentions, he would naturally desire to consult his colleagues in the cabinet and meet his followers at a party caucus.

Sir Robert was accorded an enthusiastic reception when he stepped from the train at the Central Depot early this afternoon. A hundred members of parliament and all his cabinet colleagues had gathered there to greet him, and when he appeared, they hailed him with a stentorian outburst of cheering. The Prime Minister shook hands with everyone, and finally after the reception was ended, departed with Lady Borden for his own home. Two hours later he unobtrusively took his seat in the House of Commons. He entered by a side door from the lobby and, as some observer remarked, his presence was only noted when he endeavored to locate a desk marked with the name of "Borden."

CHARLOTTETOWN FOX MEN PROTEST AGAINST TAX

Strong Resolution Adopted Urging Change of Taxation on Personal Property to Meet Conditions of Fox Industry.

A large and representative meeting of fox owners and share holders in Charlottetown and vicinity was held last night in the Board of Trade Rooms. Mr. John Agnew presided. The fox tax was discussed very fully in all its phases, the following taking part, Mr. J. S. Wedlock, Mr. T. B. Woodman, Mr. Ross, Dr. Leo Frank, Dr. Ross, Col. Prowse, Mr. S. A. McDonald, Mr. A. A. Pomroy, Dr. Bagnall and others. Mr. J. S. Winfield of Halifax, President of the Fur Producers, Limited was also present. All the speakers while expressing their willingness to pay a reasonable tax condemned unreservedly the personal property tax as it applies to the fox industry, the general opinion expressed being that it would be a serious handicap to the business. Several companies were named which would be removed to other provinces if the tax as proposed was insisted upon by the government.

The following resolution, moved by Dr. Ross, seconded by Col. Prowse was unanimously carried:—
RESOLVED that this meeting of representative fox men request the government to so modify the section of the new tax act, now before the Legislature in respect to foxes, as to provide:—
(1) That the personal property tax be not applicable to the fox industry except in cases where there is grave reason to believe that a correct return of incomes has not been made and that this idea be specifically stated in the act.
(2) That in the opinion of this meeting this tax is not just in that a company having ten pairs of foxes is taxed at a rate per animal ten times greater than one having a single pair and that this principle applies similarly to all commercial corporations, and this meeting therefore agree that the sliding scale be dispensed with and a fixed rate of say 2 per cent be imposed on actual net incomes of corporations.

The following committee were appointed to meet the Hon. the Attorney General at his office at 11 o'clock this morning: John Agnew, Col. Prowse, T. B. Woodman, Dr. Ross, Walter Grant, W. K. Rogers and S. A. McDonald.

U. S. Railways Want Large Appropriation

(Special to The Guardian.) WASHINGTON, May 13.—Railroad requests for government funds to the extent of \$500,000,000 for the purchase of equipment necessary to restore the lines to a normally efficient basis were turned down today by the Senate Committee on inter-state commerce. It was pointed out that the government already holds \$1,000,000,000 in railroad securities. However, the committee have some recognition of the necessity for rehabilitation of the transportation lines to keep in step with the industries of the nation. Senator Cummings of Iowa was instructed to bring in an amendment to the Transportation Act, whereby partial relief will be given.

McLean Incident Finally Closed

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, May 13.—The resignations of Col. C. W. Peck and Col. R. C. Hooper, from the House of Commons have been withdrawn. A statement from Brigadier General H. H. McLean, apologizing for any offense which his words may unintentionally have caused to returned soldiers, their wives or widows, was made at a public meeting of the Committee yesterday, and the whole McLean incident, which for a time threatened to disturb the Committee, has been settled.

THE WEATHER
TEMPERATURE
TIDE, MOON ET C.
TORONTO, May 14.—Strong northeast winds; cold and probably rain in eastern portions. The tide will be high this evening at 7.38 and tomorrow at 8.39; it will be high tomorrow morning at 7.56 and Sunday at 8.33. Sun sets this evening at 7.24 and tomorrow at 7.25; it rises tomorrow morning at 4.27 and Sunday at 4.26. Last quarter moon, Tuesday, May 11th, 1.51 a. m. New moon, Tuesday, May 18th, 2.25 a. m.

A Farmer on Taxation

Sir,—If some of those people who have so much to say about taxing the farmers would take a hand in the routine of farm work and get properly acquainted with what we are up against, they would have more respect for us than they apparently have. In the first place the farmer is not the dodger away from taxes that he is represented to be. There are a few, as in other professions who dislike paying any kind of taxes, and a very few even their honest bills. The great majority of our farmers are not of this kind, and believe in dealing fairly with every one including the tax collector. We also like to be dealt fairly with.

It is everywhere admitted that increased production is the great need of the world today. This is as much, I might truthfully say, more needed in cities than in country districts. Produce to the utmost we are told and encourage our boys to remain on the farm. The lure of city life is a strong inducement to our sons to leave us, and one of the hard things to contend against. Eight hours a day in the city and often twelve to fifteen hours on the farm. Then we have less of the social attractions which young people today seem to want more than ever before. We have also few of the educational benefits which are enjoyed in larger places, and our children have their longer walks to school.

It is urged that the farmer is getting high prices for his produce and is in a better position to pay than ever before. It is quite true that in this respect we are coming more than ever before into our own but this gain to us is not as evident as it first appears. It is also apparent that big fortunes, and larger profits than we are making are also being made by all classes of people. We have to buy, and the high price of everything hits us just as hard as it hits the working man. Seeds have jumped away up in price, clothing and sugar and tea are also twice and three times the old price. Spades and shovels and all kinds of implements are away up in price. The higher prices we get for our produce are invested in these, and while in a sense we are better off it is not so visible in the form of ready cash, and the stringency of the times makes less pocket money for our boys.

Now heavy taxation is not going to improve our condition. We would not object to a few dollars to benefit education, or if it is really needed to improve our Public Works. But they are piling it on too heavy. I notice that your city members both speak out plainly on this point. Mr. C. G. Duffy whom you call the first commoner in the land, in his speech in the Market Hall, is reported to have "consoled the citizens with the thought that THE FARMERS WERE MORE HEAVILY TAXED THAN THEY WERE," and Mr. Higgs the city member also takes the same ground and says, "the land tax upon farmers has been increased TWO AND A HALF TIMES WHAT IT WAS BEFORE THE WAR" and that the farms have since increased in value and for this reason the taxes would be further increased much more.

To increase our land tax of \$20 up to \$50 would have been bad enough. When you talk of doubling up the value and making it a full hundred it is a bad outlook for us. Then to go it harder still and stick us for three poll taxes of \$8 or \$10 on each man or boy over 21 years of age, and then make us pay our teachers supplement and local school expenses is making it a hard row for us to hoe. They have also stuck another 35 cents on every horse we own, and the road tax increase 50 cents more than last year. Besides these taxes we have also income and personal property taxes, for those of us who have a taxable income or personal property.

We would not complain of a fair tax to meet actual needs, and we are not objecting to our fair proportion of taxation. If agriculture and better production of food products is to be encouraged it will not be by taxing as they are now doing beyond reason.

Thanking you sir for giving space. I am sir, etc., AGRICULTURIST....

Moscow Rebellion Quelled by Soviet

(Special to The Guardian.) COPENHAGEN, May 13.—A rebellion has occurred in Moscow, but appears to have been successfully quelled by the Soviet Government, according to private advices received here late today. Organized incendiarism by the rebels caused many fires in the Bolshevik capital, and a number of military depots were destroyed. The leaders of the revolt are said to have been arrested. The conspirators used the Polish offensive as the main argument in their agitation.

No Word From Moscow
PARIS, May 13.—The Eiffel Tower has picked up no message from Moscow since Sunday though previously not a day had gone by for more than a year without a number of Moscow radios being intercepted by the big French wireless station. The absence of news from the Bolshevik capital gives rise to rumors of an upheaval there.

U. S. Restricting Profits on Sugar

(Special to The Guardian.) NEW YORK, May 13.—The highest legal margin of profit on sugar that will be recognized by the Department of Justice is one cent per pound wholesale and two cents retail, according to information received today by United States District Attorney Leroy W. Ross from Washington. Mr. Ross said he had started an investigation and would prosecute profiteers exceeding this margin. Sugar licenses are still in force. District Attorney added. He said he understood the present retail of sugar is about 30 cents a pound. Brokers, he said, will not be permitted to sell from hand to hand between refiners and wholesalers and retailers thus increasing the margin of profit.

Toronto Tag Day Raised \$47,235

(Special to The Guardian.) TORONTO, Ont., May 13.—The magnificent sum of \$47,235 was the result of yesterday's Tag Day conducted by the Canadian Institute for the blind. Of this amount \$25,697 was collected on the streets, and it is confidently expected by those who know that the objective of \$50,000 will be reached when all cheques have been gathered in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.
**Come to the concert and picnic social in Indian River Hall, Friday May 14th, 1920. 8876.



PA SAID THAT ONLY A WORKING MAN COULD AFFORD A PLUG HAT NOW DAYS.