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RETAIL MERCHANTS PROTEST AGAINST NEW STAMP TAX

Complaints Voiced by Retail Merchants at Meeting in this City Yesterday.

A largely attended meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association was held in the Board of Trade Rooms in this city yesterday morning.

It was called to consider the proposed amendment to the Federal Tax Act whereby it will be necessary that a receipt be given for every cash sale of over $10.00 and that a two cent stamp be placed on such receipt.

After a full discussion it was unanimously decided that this proposed tax would be imposing a great deal of work upon everyone who has to give receipts, and it would be even more cumbersome to the people of Canada than the late Luxury Tax. It is interpreted to mean that every cash and credit sale slip of over $10 must be stamped and that the cash register system now in existence throughout Canada will be seriously affected.

In view of the importance of this proposed tax it was decided to have a full meaning of the Board of Trade and all others interested at as early a date as possible, to further discuss the matter and to pass resolutions against the imposition of this said tax.

It was further resolved that each Retail Merchant throughout the province be requested to write a personal letter to our Dominion Representatives, asking them to use their influence and to protest as strongly as possible against this tax, as it will mean a great hardship to everybody.

The opinion of the meeting was that the Sales Tax should be collected at the source of supply from the manufacturer and the importer and from as few channels as possible, so as to save annoyance and expense in the collection of same.

What the Retail Merchants have always contended for, it was pointed out, was a clear, distinct Sales Tax Act, one that could be easily understood and easily followed, and one that would not be applied to every small retail merchant in the country who sells soft drinks or makes a few home-made candies or current bread or pastry, or other like small articles for sale, and which forced them to take out a manufacturer's license and be called manufacturers, but who were not to be allowed to be taxed in the same manner as manufacturers. The contention is that when legislators make laws, they should be consistent and clear, and, as far as the Association is concerned, it is intended to see that all legislation that is passed which affects the retail trade is made as intelligible as possible, and if not to call the attention of members and the public to it, and hold it up to public view.

Before the late Government placed the Sales Tax Act on the Statute Books, it was approached by the Association, and offered every assistance to enable it to

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The World Latest News Summerized in Brief

BRITISH TROOPS PROTECT REFUGEES. U.S. BIRTH RATE DECLINES. TURKEY WILL FAVOUR ENTENTE PLAN REGARDING STRAITS QUESTION. DISAPPEARANCE OF LAND PUZZLES GEOLOGISTS. CLEMENCEAU PLACES WREATH ON GRAVE OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER. GENERAL PERSHING AFTER KU KLUX KLAN. WOMAN CONVICT STILL AT LARGE.

(BY OUR OWN WIRELESS.)

WASHINGTON, Dec 6—Census bureau predicts decline in nations birth rate and increase in death rate for 1922 compared with 1921.

COBLENZ, Dec 6—American forces in Germany are the best troops ever seen, Lt. Col. W. B. Causey, technical adviser to Austria declares.

LOS ANGELES, Dec 6—Mrs. Clara Phillips, under 10 years to life imprisonment sentence for murder, who escaped yesterday from jail is still at large and officials fear she has escaped to Mexico. No trace has been found of her, police are holding her husband on technical charge of investigation.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec 6—British troops armed with machine guns protect embarkations of Christian refugees from Asia Minor.

WASHINGTON, Dec 6—Crisis in federal prohibition enforcement fight is at hand. Commissioner Haynes tells House sub-committee in asking nine million dollars for his bureau next year.

DUBLIN, Dec 6—Ireland took its place today among the commonwealths of the world. Timothy Healey first governor general took office as the King of England signed the bill authorizing dominion rule in Ireland.

Every Child Expects Every Christmas to be Better Than the Last

That's the Way You'd Like 'Em to Feel—But It Sort of Leaves It Up to You, Doesn't It?

Are You Up to the Minute On the New Ideas That Wide-awake Boys and Girls Have about Christmas Presents?

You Can Be Sure You're Not Overlooking Any Novelties for Your Children if you Turn to the Ads under "Gifts For The Children" in the "Christmas Gift Suggestions" Columns in Today's Classified Section.

Parliament Likely to Meet Jan. 18

(Special to The Guardian.)

OTTAWA, Dec 6—Official announcement of the opening of parliament has not been made but indications are that it will be Thursday, January 18th and preparations are being made with this date in view.

SAN DIEGO, Dec 6 Racing was temporarily suspended on orders of Mexican War Department, following disturbances.

CHICAGO, Dec 6—Pacifists disciples of Soviet government, the Ku Klux Klan and advocates of internationalism blamed by General John J. Pershing for spread of pernicious theories.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec 6—Jimmy Murphy, Los Angeles, is declared official automobile champion for 1922 on basis of points in year's races. Harry Hartz, Los Angeles is second and Tommy Milton champion last year, third.

MONTREAL, Dec 6—Catholic church officials in Canada took steps today to guard Catholic institutions from fires, following several blazes which have damaged church buildings recently and believed to have been of incendiary origin.

GARDEN CITY, Dec 6—Ultimate recovery of Mme. Ernestine Schurman Heink, noted contralto, ill from bronchial pneumonia, predicted by her physician.

SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec 6—Disappearance of an entire point of land 30 feet high and four acres in width into the upper big Rouclaire Lake, near here, is puzzling geologists. Tops of 30 foot trees on the point are plainly visible above waters of the lake. It disappeared during the night.

NEW YORK, Dec 6—Four vessels with 11,792 cases of liquor, worth at bootleg prices, more than $1,000,000 dollars have cleared from Nassau in Bahamas, ostensibly for St. Pierre, Mouelon prohibition officials learn.

CLEVELAND, Dec 6—American manufacturers were advised today to turn their attention toward the Far East as the most likely market for their products by chiefs of foreign and domestic bureau of Department of Commerce.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec 6—Trans-Atlantic liner New York, once pride of American passenger fleet, was sold at auction today for $78,000 dollars in partial satisfaction for claims of half a dozen creditors on last voyage from New York, took forty days to reach here.

NEWPORT NEWS, Dec 6—Major Guy L. Gearhart Leavenworth, Kansas; Captain Benlon, A. Coyle St Louis, and four enlisted men were killed at Langley Field today when the plane, piloted by Major Gearhart, crashed into a bombing plane, carrying the five other victims, about 200 feet in the air, both machines crashing to earth in flames. All were burned to death before aid could reach them.

NEW YORK, Dec 6—Trans-Atlantic liners Resolute and Reliance of United American lines were formally transferred yesterday to Param registry, because according to line officials the prohibition laws made it financially impossible for these two ships to cope with foreign vessels which could sell liquor on high seas.

WASHINGTON, Dec 6—Georges Clemenceau visited about Washington today, going to Arlington where he layed wreath on the tomb of America's unknown soldier. He then addressed army officers at the War College where he received an enthusiastic reception. Later he went down river to the tomb of Geoge Washington, late this afternoon Clemenceau will visit former President Woodrow Wilson.

Condensed Specials

RATES.—10c per line per day. 9c per line per day for 3 days or over. 8c a line per day for 6 days or over. Count 5 words to a line. Groups of figures, initial letters, count as one word. 10 per cent. discount for cash. Address forms part of ad. and must be paid for. Special Rates Furnished Room ad. 75c for seven words for one week. Situation wanted, for seven words. 50c per

*FOR SALE—AT McINNIS BROS three driving sleighs, one nice McLaughlin make, all newly painted.

* WANTED—FOR STORE COUN try boy about 15.—Address X. A. Guardian.

*WOOD SALE.—OLD GROWTH hard wood Dec 9th. If stormy sale following Monday at 1 p. m. R. A. McPhail, New Haven. Dec 6-2i-pd

"NO POLITICS" VITAL TO SUCCESS OF RAILWAYS

Sir Henry Thornton Gives the Assurance That so Far as He is Concerned There Shall be no Political Interference in the Management of the Railways.

Continuing his speech at the Montreal Banquet part of which was published yesterday, Sir Henry Thornton said:

Perhaps I should be generous and inform you that the Canadian Pacific Railway has also a passenger service. Politicians are maligned. In earlier days they were designated as statesmen, just as fifteen or twenty years ago any one who acquired a fortune, was considered a captain of industry, while today opulence is gradually looked down upon as an indication of profiteering. However, all this may be, we all recognize that politicians do exist and presumably because they exist, they are essential in our scheme of government, but let it be emphatically understood, now and for once and for all, that there is to be no political interference, direct or indirect, in the administration and working of the Canadian National Railways. I cannot put it any more forcefully without transgressing the rules of polite speech and if I knew of any words which would make this point more clear, I would unhesitantly use them. The Prime Minister has solemnly assured me that there is to be no political interference and it was with this distinct understanding that I accepted the post which the government has done me the honour to offer. This assurance is the only assurance that any Government, irrespective of political complexions would be compelled to make under similar circumstances. It is vital to the success of our railways and any other procedure spells inevitable disaster. From time to time the din of battle and the clash of political arms lead one at least to suspect that there are political disturbances going on in the land, and I have reason to believe that something of the kind is going on at the moment, or has taken place, during the last few days. With these periodical political upheavals, neither I nor any officer of the Canadian National Railways have, nor should have, any concern other than the interest which every patriotic citizen should take in what is going on about him. Our job is to devote ourselves entirely with tranquility to rendering the people of Canada a railway service. I think I speak with authority for my co-directors, and I shall certainly speak with authority for self when I say that without fear and without favor, the Canadian National Railways are to be operated of the people, by the people, and for the people, and, more over, for all of the people of the Dominion. I know that political interference presents itself in many disguises, and some times tends to make itself felt in many unknown ways. Of all this I am fully aware, but let me again repeat that there is to be no political interference or influence in the administration of the Canadian National Railways, and while I am on the subject, let me go one step further. Constructive criticism born of a desire to improve conditions, is helpful and will be welcome, other varieties, which are intended to be destructive may be ignored, any individual who can tell me how I can do my job better will be regarded as a friend. Every opportunity will be given for a full discussion before decisions are made, but made they must be with firmness, courage and no undue waste of time. When once made, they must be maintained Any other policy will reduce your railways to a spineless nuisance with no body to kick nor soul to damn. Therefore the railway administration must be master in its own house and in the interests of management. No Interference of any sort can be tolerated, perhaps no less dangerous than political interference is what may be called pernicious sectional pride, the Dominion governs a wide territory and the aspirations and desires of different sections are not always identical, "indeed from time to time they may even conflict. It will be my conscientious effort to meet the reasonable demands of all sections of the Dominion and contribute to the utmost to their development, every request will be received with sympathy and my first thought shall be not how to justify a refusal, but on the other hand, how to meet favourably any appeal, if I may paraphrase the words of Lincoln, I would say that you can please all of the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time, but it is quite impossible to please all the people all the time. Decisions will undoubtedly have to be made which will be distasteful to certain sections of the country. I only hope that it will be possible to reduce decisions of this character to a negligible minimum, it must be obvious to all, while recognizing in full sympathy the requirements of all sections of the Dominion, the National Railways as a whole cannot be sacrificed to meet the wishes of any part of the Dominion. Whatever disagreement we may have, I hope it will be understood that an attempt will be made to solve all of our problems with malice toward none and charity towards all.

How to Make a Success.

There are four factors which constitute the sum of successful railway administration.

First, adequate net receipts.

Second, the development of the property to meet the burdens of future traffic.

Third, the relations between the railway and its men.

Fourth, the relations between the railways and its clientiele.

The activities of any railway may be classified under one or the other of these heads. The first two are largely technical. Satisfactory net receipts involve a proper organization, capable and loyal officers together with intelligent and enlightened administration. Given these things, and barring accidents, satisfactory net receipts will almost surely result. The preparation of the property to meet the development of the country involves wisdom and forethought. Any railway which finds itself unable adequately to meet its traffic responsibilities, is hindering the progress of the country which it serves.

The relations between the company and its men involve chiefly the handling of labor and in this respect, government worked railways have always been particularly vulnerable. I believe that every employee of every industry, irrespective of its character, should receive that minimum wage which will enable him to live in decency, in comfort and under proper sanitary conditions and to bring up his children as self respecting members of society. Any other policy makes for social unrest and if carried on long enough is likely to create political upheaval Should the wages I have indicated represent the minimum to be received? How much greater the wage may be depends upon the condition of the industry, the value of the service rendered and other similar factors. Labor troubles disappear if they are caught when they are young, that is to say, when they are in a plastic condition. The prompt and just settlement of complaints is an effective guarantee of tranquility, on the other hand, if no attention is given to such matters until they become festering sores, and both sides have delivered ultimations, the solution becomes correspondingly difficult. It is my desire that all officers of the Canadian National Railways in their respective capacities, should be easily accessible to their men and should promptly deal with complaints. I am sure that there already exists a kindly feeling between our officers and their men and I wish this spirit to be carried through our railways from Halifax to Vancouver and that contentment and comfort amongst the men may manifest itself, and good will be on the Canadian National Railways.

With respect to the public the same policy will be pursued as with respect to the men, everything asked, of course cannot be granted, but our most pressing problem is one of development and every effort will be made to meet the demands of the public in the promotion of increased traffic. It must, of course, be abundantly evident to all that your railways will be an increasing burden upon your pockets if freight rates are continuously lowered and wages continuously raised and I take it that it is the desire of the people of Canada that the Canadian National Railways should be put upon a good working basis and the burden on the purse on

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French Govt. Donates Park on Vimy Ridge

(Special to The Guardian)

HAMILTIN, Ont., Dec 6—Hon. S. C. Mewburn, Chairman of the Canadian Battlefied Memorial Commission was officially advised this morning by Hon Rodolphe Lemieux that the French government had given to Canada 25 acres on Vimy Ridge as a park. The mammoth memorial planned by the commission will be located in the park.

International Control of Dardanelles Agreed Upon

(Special to The Guardian)

LAUSANNE, Dec 6—The entente plan for keeping open the Straits of the Dardenelles and the Bosphorus in time of peace and war provides for the appointment of an International Commission of Control composed of the Great Powers, including the United States as well as Turkey and the countries bordering on the Black Sea.

Lord Curzon of Great Britain, in the name of the Allies presented the details of this comprehensive project to the Near East Conference today.

Foreign Minister Tichitcherin of Russia opposed the Allied proposition. Adjournment was taken until Friday to permit the Turks to study the proposal.

LAUSANNE, Dec 6—The treaty makers at Lausanne devoted themselves today to an attempt to harmonize the divergent views of the various delegations; everybody seemed to realize that a few hectic sessions like that of yesterday would break down the conference and postpone Near Eastern peace indefinitely. The allied leaders held long consultations to frame a common project for dealing with the Dardanelles and are reported to have succeeded in drafting a proposal permitting warships to use the Straits under International control. The indications tonight are that the Straits discussion will be resumed tomorrow when the entente countries will fall in with the Turkish suggestion and set forth their wishes.

The Allies seem determined to ignore the Russian attempt to speak for Turkey and are determined also to convince the Russian representatives that Bolsheviki Russia is not dominating the Straits discussion. The fact that Ismet Pasha conferred with the Allied leaders helped to strengthen the impression that if the conference is not yet out of danger it at least is not yet on the rocks.

Another feature of the day was the Pope's intervention in behalf of the Christians in Constantinople.

LAUUSANNE, Dec 6—The entente plan for keeping open the Straits of Dardanelles and Bosphorus, placed before the conference today, provides for appointment of an International Commission of control composed of Great Powers, including the United States as well as Turkey and countries bordering on the Black Sea. It is understood Turkey is changing its attitude and will favor the entente plan rather than the Russian for complete Turkish control. The Allies plan set forth scheme for limitation of number of warships and tonnage, and gives Turkey and Black Sea countries right to say how long ships may remain in their ports.

P. E. I. Plebiscite Fixed for Jan. 22

Rev. R. H. Stavert of Hunter River returned last evening from Toronto where he had been attending the convention of the World League against alcoholism. At this convention there were representatives from sixty-five nations. On his way through Ottawa Mr. Stavert called upon Hon. C. B. Copp, Secretary of State, to inquire about the date set for the plebiscite on the question of the importation of intoxicating liquors into P. E. Island for beverage purposes.

The date set is Monday, January 22nd, 1923.

The Weather, Etc

TORONTO, Dec 7— Maritime north west winds decreasing in force fair and quite cold.

Hight tide this afternon at 1.13, and tomorrow morning at 8.03.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.15, and rises tomorrow morning at 7.29.

Last quarter moon Monday Dec. 11th, 12.41 p.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

FATAL ACCIDENT YESTERDAY ON BOARD COAL STEAMER

Local Man Killed by Falling Trestle. Extraordinary Delay in Securing Services of a Coroner.

A very sad accident resulting in the death of John Flynn, laborer of this city occurred on board the coal steamer Corunna shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday morning. The steamer (Capt. J. A. Willet) had arrived the night before with coal for Pickard & Co. and just started to begin uncoaling operations when the accident happened. The men were rigging up a staging on the deck and Mr. Flynn along with other laborers was adjusting tackle. A large double trestle, about twenty feet high, built of 4x4 scantling and braced with heavy boards, had been hoisted on the deck to form one side of a staging from which the heavy tubs are controlled. After this was placed the second one was being hoisted. The wire hauser to which the latter was attached in some way caught the one placed on the deck and as it started to topple workmen shouted a warning to Flynn though it was some seconds before his attention could be caught. As the unfortunate man started away the heavy trestle fell, striking him on the head and pinning him to the deck. His condition was seen at once to be very serious. His face and head were covered with blood from the wound and he lay prone and unconscious. Mr. A. A. Hennessey's ambulance was summoned and with the ambulance came Rev. Father Rooney of St. Dunstan's Cathedral staff. There was no sign of life in the body and the victim was removed to Mr. Hennessey's undertaking rooms, Kent Street.

The late John Flynn, who was about 35 years of age, was a son of the late Patrick Flynn, an employee of Hickey & Nicholson's Tobacco Factory, who died last April. His sister Mrs. Frank Horan, died on October 16th and now this death makes three of the family within five months. Mr Thos. Flynn, of the C. N. R. Shops, city, is a brother.

Inquest adjourned till Friday.

Last evening newly appointed Coroner Dr. Houston empannelled the following jury:—Messrs F. P. Hennessey (foreman), George Berrigan, J P McClusky, John B Connolly, F H Trainor, James McEachern, Frank Riggs. At 8.30 p. m. the remains were viewed in the Undertaking Rooms and the inquest was declared adjourned until Friday night at 7.30. The inquest will be held in the Police Court room and a number of witnesses will be summoned.

Extraordinary Delay

All yesterday morning and afternoon the body of Mr. Flynn was lying in Mr. Hennessey's undertaking rooms, not having been viewed by a coroner and no instructions having been received by Mr Hennessey. Immediately upon receiving word of the accident at the wharf he rushed his ambulance down. It was not known whether the victim was dead or not and in this case it was decided to rush him to the Hospital. On the way however it was found that the man was dead and the body was taken to the Undertaking Rooms. Mr. Hennessey immediately notified the authorities and asked for instructions. Had death been discovered upon the arrival of the ambulance the body would have remained on the scene of the accident until viewed by the coroner and had this been the case, owing to the extraordinary delay on the part of the government in acting upon Mr. Hennessey's notification, the body would have remained there all day.

The victim had suffered a very bad fracture of the skull and Mr. Hennessey naturally wished to prepare the body as quickly as possible. He again phoned Premier Bell who this time told him that he could not get Coroner Dr. McGuigan to act owing to a difference of opinion. Mr. Hennessey said something would have to be done quickly and asked for further instructions. Premier Bell suggested getting a Justice of the Peace to view the body, but Mr. Hennessey pointed out that this could only be done in case the coroner was out of the city, which had no application here. Premier Bell then suggested postponing the coroner's examination until the evening or the following morning but this Mr Hennessey suggested would not be legal. It has always been the custom to have the coroner upon the scene as quickly as possible and Mr. Hennessey asked how this delay could be accounted for. During the course of the afternoon he phoned Premier Bell again and received no further satisfaction other than the assurance that the coroner would not act. Mr. Hennessey then suggested calling upon some other doctor. Premier Bell later said he called up Dr. McMillan, who told him that he was no longer a coroner, having resigned. Then Mr. Hennessey suggested calling up Dr. Dewar. Another hour later Premier Bell wrung up to say that the Magistrate would act. This seemed however, another mistaken idea. Magistrate Martin refused to act unless in a case of absolute necessity. Later about 6 p. m. the government appointed Dr. Huston Coroner, who empannelled a jury and at 8.30 last night viewed the remains.

Interviewed by The Guardian yesterday Coroner Dr. McGuigan said it was true he had declined to act but the reason was a personal one between him and the government which he did not care to speak about. He pointed out that there were several coroners for the County and a number of other coroners in the city. The delay in procuring a coroner therefore could not be attributed to him.

Coroners on Strike.

It is reported that on other occasions coroners have complained that they did not receive the payment due them for acting, and that even their travelling expenses have not been paid. It is also reported that some coroners throughout the province aware of this reported state of affairs, have refused to act until they received their fee in advance.

The delay in carrying out even a preliminary examination into the accident yesterday, and of securing a coroner to view the body, is naturally resented by the friends of the deceased. Mr. Thomas Flynn, brother of the victim instituted vigorous inquiries yesterday and about 3 o'clock in the afternoon was assured by Premier Bell that a coroner would be sent down within fifteen minutes. The fifteen minutes dragged into an hour and it was then that Mr. Hennessey again phoned up and suggested getting some other doctor.

New York Exchange Rates

Noon exchange cables in New York Dec 6th:—

Sterling	4.56.28 cents
French Franc	6.97 "
Italian Lira	4.95 "
Dutch Guilder	39.92 "
German Mark	.0118 "
Canada	99.9774 "
Argentine Gold Peso	85.19 "
Japanese Yen	48.79 "
Shanghai Tael	72.07 "
Indian Rupee	30.25 "
Bar Silver	65⅝ "

Prime New York acceptances Dec 5th—4 per cent.

Condition of Stock Market Dec 5th—Quiet and lower.

WASHINGTON, Dec 6—Rescue of 295 persons from positions of peril during the year ending June 30 last, was reported by U. S. Coast guards in annual report, removal from path of navigation of 28 direlict and returned to owners of direlicts valued at $383,000 dollars.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc.

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** Grand Concert at Hampton Hall, Friday evening, Dec. 8, Reginald W. G. Bloor, well known comic singer, ably assisted by other talent. Admission 25c and 15c. This will be a treat.

** Thomas B. Clift, St. John N. B. Commission Merchant, Broker, dealer in P. E. I Produce. Consignments given prompt attention. Cable address, "Cliftcn" Codes A. B. C. (Fourth and Fifth) Cross and Robinsons. 10567 11 30 6i.

**Sale at Afton Hall, Dec. 8th.—The Ladies Aid of The Presbyterian Church will hold a sale of fancy Christmas gifts, also ice-cream and cake. Doors open at 7 p.m. Come one, Come all. 10625-6 2i.

**A meeting of Progress Eas Circle will be held in Clifton Hall Monday, December 11th at 1 p. m. All members especially the of the year 1919 are especially quested to attend. Importa ness to be done the meeting. will be paid.