

LAW'S FOOD TAX POLICY IS BEING ABANDONED

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WITH REBELLIOUS UNIONISTS FROM LANCASTERSHIRE.

He Promises to Prepare a Statement For the National Meeting of Unionists—The Free Fooders Are in Good Humor.

London, Jan. 4.—In the meantime the war between the two unionist camps continues. The free fooders are saying that not a score of tariff reformers are left on the conservative benches. The tariff reformers declare that Bonar Law and Mr. Chamberlain will stand firm, still hopeful of obtaining the import tax on grain.

The Times is now advocating preference on colonial manufactures and on luxuries, and preference on colonial enterprises in the money market.

As a contrast to all this strife in the ranks of the opposition, the government is proceeding calmly on its course. It is making satisfactory progress with the Home Rule bill, which will as surely win through as has the Insurance act.

Ten thousand doctors have signed their willingness to work under the latter act, and panels have already been arranged for three-quarters of the population of the country.

A Private Conference. New York, Jan. 4.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: In his room in the House of Commons, yesterday, Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, had an informal conference with the unionist members, representative of Lancashire constituencies. The proceedings were of an extremely interesting character, and as the meeting was private, there was no lack of plain speaking.

Bonar Law's reply was firm in tone, and having alluded to the desirability of unanimity in the party, without which the position of leader was extremely difficult, he advised his friends to wait until Jan. 14th for the adjourned meeting of the Lancashire division of the National Unionist Association, at which he would make a statement.

At the time a rumor circulated to the effect that Bonar Law had told the deputation that no modification of the party's policy was possible, and this had an obviously depressing effect upon the followers outside. When it was afterwards made known, however, that a door to a compromise had at any rate been opened, the spirits of the unionists revived.

It is a matter of great importance at the present juncture to keep clearly in mind the approximate strength of the two unionist wings in the controversy over this particular aspect of tariff reform. Before the Christmas recess it was estimated that seventy per cent. of the party in the House of Commons was opposed to food taxes, but the Times says that in fact seventeen per cent. would be a generous estimate of the unionist members who are making this stand. This figure may be correct, and it certainly includes several of the most prominent men on the unionist side, including Austen Chamberlain, chairman of the executive in the last unionist cabinet, and F. E. Smith.

Meanwhile the liberals are getting plenty of fun out of the lively recriminations on the subject of the unionist press.

Abandon Law's Policy. New York, Jan. 4.—A Canadian Press cable from London says: "The project of imposing taxes on food imported into the British Isles put forward by some of the leaders of the opposition in the House of Commons has created such hopeless dissensions in the unionist party as to render almost certain the retention of power by the liberal government for the two years necessary to overcome the resistance of the House of Lords to the Home Rule Bill. According to one of the leading morning papers 200 members of the unionist party in the House of Commons have now abandoned the idea of taxing food, leaving only seventeen advocates of food taxes under the leadership of Austen Chamberlain. If this estimate is correct, the recent campaign against food taxes has been extraordinarily successful, and Andrew Bonar Law's position as leader of the unionist party has become somewhat difficult, as he publicly advocated the policy of imposing taxes on foods which has been abandoned by the bulk of his party."

Notes. All interested in the election of S. B. Bailey are requested to meet to-night, at eight o'clock, at the committee rooms, Brock street.

Everybody reads The Forum. The little advice and interesting and profitable. Get the habit.

DAILY MEMORANDA. Marks Co. Grand Opera House. 8:15 p.m. Band at Palace Risk every night next week. General Hospital, Grand Opera House. 8:15 p.m. General Hospital governors. 4 p.m. Monday. Municipal election polling. 5:45 to 11:15 p.m. Monday. See top page. A right hand corner for probabilities.

AWAIT CANADA'S PROTEST.

Marked Interest Shown at Washington in Arguments. Washington, Jan. 4.—In the midst of the deliberate consideration which State Department officials are giving the note of Sir Edward Grey of November 14th, protesting against the exemption of American coastwise shipping in the Panama canal, attention has been attracted to a report emanating from Ottawa to the effect that the Canadian government is preparing new matter to add to that protest. Without official knowledge on the subject, the conclusion has been reached that this Canadian presentation will be devoted to an elaboration of statements made in the Grey note regarding the effect of the Panama canal act upon Canadian railways owning and operating vessels, as well as to the parallel to be drawn between the Welland canal and the Panama canal.

So far as the Welland canal argument is concerned, the American contention is simple and direct. In substance, it amounts to a sweeping denial that there is anything like a parallel between the Panama canal, an independent waterway, forming in what some quarters has been regarded as part of the coast line, and the Canadian waterway, which is a mere incident in the boundary waters of the two countries, and which is specifically guaranteed to both nations on even terms.

Manual has been paying repeated visits to all the relatives of the young princess. She is a member of the Roman Catholic family among the Hohenzollerns. She is but twenty-two years of age, and is said to be a great beauty.

Postal Service to Turkey. Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Canada has been advised by the Turkish Post Office department that until further notice registration of articles is suspended as regards post offices in Turkey in Europe, except Constantinople and Hadim Keuy.

Broke a Record Made in 1878. Montreal, Jan. 4.—Breaking a record established in 1878, the harbor commissioner's tug cruised about Montreal harbor, yesterday, in perfectly open water. On board were the new harbor commissioners and a party of guests. The previous record for winter navigation here was made by the ferry Longueuil, which cruised about the harbor on January 2nd, 1878.

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PITH OF NEWS

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

THE LATEST TIDINGS PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

The Whig's Daily Condensation of the News of the World From Telegraph Service and Newspaper Exchange.

The late J. L. Blaikie, Toronto, left an estate of \$214,001. New York death rate has dropped from 1.1 in 1909 to .14 in 1912. Sir James Whitney declined to discuss proposed legislation for the coming session.

Sir Henry Pellatt has donated a fine trophy for competition among the Toronto militia. The bishop of Toronto has appointed Rev. Dr. J. G. Lewis, of New York, as his secretary.

U. S. Senator Jeff Davis died suddenly at Little Rock, Ark., on Friday, of apoplexy. E. W. Tobin, M. P., for Richmond and Leeds, Que., is seriously ill of pneumonia, at Leeds, Que.

The western railway inquiry will be resumed by the Board of Railway Commissioners on Monday next. In New York there are seventy-eight thousand blind pairs of eyes among the school children.

An untiring barometer of strained foreign relations, not of imminent war, is the circulation of gold in France. A syndicate of wealthy Dutch farmers from South Africa is planning to acquire large areas of land in Alberta next spring.

Stenographers on Friday observed the centenary of the birth of Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of modern shorthand. Charles T. Phillips, Toronto, was sentenced at Detroit to nine months in prison after being convicted of white slavery.

Lewis McMurray of Gladstone, Ont., postmaster for forty-six consecutive years, is dead of paralysis, aged seventy-five. The Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners will conduct its first session of the new year, commencing on Monday next.

Cuba must account to the United States for her treatment of several hundred negroes, who, granted amnesty, are still in prison. John Zipp, of the firm of Tupper, Tupper, McLaughlin & Co., Winnipeg, has been appointed deputy attorney-general of Manitoba.

High winds wrecked a three-story building in Philadelphia, Pa., used for manufacturing purposes. Several persons are reported missing. Hugh Kelly, G.T.R. inspector at Hamilton, who lost his left hand in an accident, signed his will with his mouth, then passed away peacefully.

A seventy-seven-year-old man, who alleged that his two sons had refused to support him, has received redress before the Montreal courts. Mrs. John Patterson, wife of the manager of the Brussels electric light plant, was caught in shafting and seriously injured. No one witnessed the accident.

The report to the legislative chamber will be completed, the Ontario cabinet was unable to decide upon a date for calling the house together on Friday. William Rockefeller has agreed through his counsel to accept service of a subpoena to appear on January 13th before the Fulco committee of the House of Representatives at Washington, investigating the "Money Trust." He is ill at present.

UNIONISTS NOT EXCITED. More Amused Than Alarmed at the Food Tax Controversy. London, Jan. 4.—There is a statement to hand from Ottawa affirming once more that Premier Borden is as strongly convinced as Laurier that Canadian ministers should not interfere in domestic politics here.

Last night Bonar Law conferred with Lancashire members. The only information regarding this conference even in party journals was that it was characterized by good feeling. If some Canadian cables are to be believed there is great excitement in Canada over the unionist differences here. This certainly is not so on the spot where feverish symptoms over the matter are only manifested in an abnormal flow of printer's ink.

The general public is treading the controversy with amusement and given keen rank and file unionists are waiting with tolerable equanimity for things to settle down.

WAY OPEN TO APPEAL. Fight for Convicted Dynamiters to be Carried On. Indianapolis, Jan. 4.—After attorneys for the thirty-three convicted dynamite conspirators had withdrawn their application for a writ of superseas, Federal Judge Anderson granted their prayer for a writ of error. This means that a request for a superseas writ will be taken to the United States circuit court of appeals or one of the judges of the court.

MORE MONTREAL GRAFT.

School Board Bled by Men Who Worked Regular System. Montreal, Jan. 4.—The inquiry that Judge Mercier will make into accusations against a member of the Catholic school commission of having profited to the extent of \$8,000 by the sale of some property to the board may take in charges that have been made that for years the commission has been bled and has paid out hundreds of thousands of dollars to third parties who got control of the property wanted.

Judge Lafontaine, a member of the board, has openly claimed that frequently on the eve of a sale to the board, land had been transferred to some third party, and within twenty-four hours or so, retransferred to the board, at a handsome profit to the intermediary.

Under the existing system, it is the committee of works, composed of Canon O'Meara, Ald. L. A. Lapointe, Ald. Giroix and Dr. J. P. Decarie, which looks after the selection of school sites.

CONAN DOYLE ON JURY. Disappointed in Love, Dies from Natural Causes. London, Jan. 4.—A jury at Crowborough, Sussex, from which Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was the foreman yesterday found that Captain Gordon Blair of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, who expired at his country home, Crowborough, on Boxing day from exhaustion due to cerebral excitement, had died from an ailment caused by disappointment in love, had to be tied in bed on Christmas day. He started Piccadilly one day last October after his return from Somalia by jumping from his bed in the Junior Officers' Military club and running through the Circus in his pajamas.

STEPS FROM ENGINE, DROPS INTO LAKE. Receives Blow on Head and Investigates Not Knowing Engine Was on Bridge. Moose Jaw, Sask., Jan. 4.—George Hall, engineer on the Moose Jaw-Saskatoon train, had occasion to look out of his cab window thirty miles out of Regina, and received a blow on the forehead.

He stopped his engine and stepped down to get assistance, not realizing that the engine had come to a stop on a trestle bridge. Hall slipped between the timbers and into the lake twelve feet below. He was fitted up over the embankment still conscious and received first aid.

On arrival at Moose Jaw it was found that his crown had cracked the eyebrow to the top of his head, necessitated fifteen stitches. He is now lying in a critical condition, and it is feared his skull may be fractured.

RESPECT FOR UNION JACK. Measure to Punish Defamation of Ensign Approved. Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The Flag bill of George H. Bradbury, member for Selkirk, which makes it an offence to use the Union Jack for advertising purposes or to defame in any way the ensign, is meeting with general approval throughout the country.

Mr. Bradbury is in receipt of many resolutions from many organizations of various kinds commending the bill. Many Sons of England societies have written thanking him for bringing in the measure.

The bill got its first reading before Christmas, and it is Mr. Bradbury's intention to press it after the holidays.

There is every reason to believe that the bill will be passed this session.

Record Crop of Cotton. New York, Jan. 4.—A cable from Cairo says: Lord Edward Cecil, financial adviser to the Egyptian government, has presented his note on the budget of 1913. Respecting the cotton crop he remarks that the crop of 1912 is probably larger than in any previous year, and that if present prices are maintained it should be worth about \$12,500,000 more than that of 1911.

To Retain Lattice Mast. As a result of the firing tests carried out some months ago against a lattice mast that had been erected on the San Marcos, now lying on the mud in Chesapeake Bay, the Navy department has decided to make the lattice or basket mast the standard type for future warships. The mast, under test, showed remarkable endurance, several successful hits being necessary to bring it down.

Royalty Reduced. Cobalt, Jan. 4.—The latest royalty action taken regarding Cobalt mines is the reduction of the payments of the Night of Way mine to the T. and N.O. Commission. These payments have been made at the rate of twenty-five per cent. gross, later reduced to twenty-five per cent. net, and are now to be made at the rate of fifteen per cent. net.

Predicts Banner Year. New York, Jan. 4.—The Iron Age, the official organ of the steel and iron trade of the country, is out with a very optimistic article on prospects. It says confidence is pronounced and that 1913 will exceed 1912 in steel and iron production and consumption.

Mrs. Fricella Sophia Irvine, aged forty-eight years, who entered St. Vincent de Paul hospital, Brockville, a week ago for medical treatment, succumbed Thursday night. Her home was at Brantford, Ontario.

PULPWOOD MAY GO INTO UNITED STATES

From Canada Free of Duty Hereafter. QUEBEC GOVERNMENT MODIFIES REGULATIONS RESTRICTING EXPORTATION.

So That Quebec Papermakers Appear to Have Secured Free Entry—Reciprocity Was Not Entirely Killed, It Would Seem. Ottawa, Jan. 4.—It looks as though a number of the large pulp and paper companies of Canada have put themselves in a position to obtain for their product free entry to the United States. Under the reciprocity agreement, which was supposed to have been killed in the election of September 21, 1911, the Gouin government apparently has induced to remove from certain areas of crown timber lands the prohibition which forbade the exportation of pulpwood from all the crown lands of Quebec. If this is so, the Laurentide Co., of which Sir William Van Horne is president; the Wanagamack Co., of which Sir Rodolphe Forget and J. N. Green-shield are the heads; the Booth company, of Ottawa, of which J. R. Booth is president; Price Bros., Ltd., of Quebec, of which William Price, ex-M.P., is president; the Belgo-Canadian Co. and others will obtain free admission for their paper to the American markets.

Enough of the general reciprocity agreement has apparently survived the blow of the last election to enable the big paper-makers to succeed in attaining what the farmer and stockman have been deprived of. In 1910 the Gouin government made an order prohibiting the exportation of pulpwood out of Quebec crown lands. Into the reciprocity agreement the United States inserted a provision for the free admission of American markets of pulp and paper manufactured from areas on which there was no restriction against the exportation of pulpwood. Into the reciprocity agreement the United States inserted a provision for the free admission of American markets of pulp and paper manufactured from areas on which there was no restriction against the exportation of pulpwood.

Under the holders of private pulp areas are able to under sell in the United States their competitors manufacturing from Quebec crown lands, and have succeeded in taking away from them a number of desirable contracts with American newspaper publishers for print paper.

Recently crown land manufacturers have brought pressure to bear upon the Quebec government to modify its anti-export regulations. Apparently they have succeeded, for it is understood that the Gouin government has made the necessary order.

CARRY OFF \$90,000, KILL NINE COWBOYS. Spanish Smugglers Descend Suddenly on Wealthy Cattle-Raiser. Valenca de Minho, Portugal, Jan. 4.—A daring band of smugglers on the Portuguese-Spanish frontier carried off in cash after a fierce battle with a cattle raiser and forty of his herdsmen, in the course of which nine of the cowboys were killed and fourteen severely wounded.

Early this morning Jose Murielbaes, a wealthy breeder, was suddenly attacked by a large band of armed smugglers, who fired on his party from behind rocks and thickets. The herdsmen returned the fire with vigor, but were finally forced to flee.

They carried off Jose Murielbaes, who had been seriously wounded, with them, but left the whole of the money and twenty-three of their comrades on the field.

Woman Senator Takes Seat. Denver, Jan. 4.—Sisterly love was demonstrated in the Colorado legislature when Agnes Biddle, representative in the lower house, and a republican, publicly kissed Senator Helen Ring Robinson, democratic member of the upper house, and wished her a happy New Year.

Senator Robinson is the first woman to sit in the upper house of any state legislature in the union.

Michael J. Costello, Brockville, a well known and popular G. T. R. employe, passed away on Friday at five o'clock at St. Vincent de Paul hospital. He had been in ill-health for two months.

George Heeler, a prominent resident, and a member of the Prescott Excise staff, passed away Thursday.

Hannah Richardson was given one year in the reformatory for stealing articles in Deseronto.

ORDER THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS

On Heavy Bail Pending Appeal by Their Lawyer For New Trial. Chicago, Jan. 4.—A writ of superseas staying execution of the sentences imposed upon the dynamite conspirators recently convicted at Indianapolis, was issued by the United States circuit court of appeals here yesterday.

Bail was based on the number of years which the prisoners had been sentenced to serve—\$10,000 for each year. Thus Ryan's bail was \$10,000. Those given sentences of six years must furnish \$60,000; four years, \$40,000; and so on down to \$10,000 for the one year sentences.

According to defense lawyers, the court, Judges Seaman and Baker sitting, seemed most impressed by the stratification feature of the arguments presented.

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Some Facts About Question of Permanent Road Paving. Ex-Ald. Rigney has been given credit in some quarters for being responsible for the down town permanent pavements, but Ald. Bailey had just as much to do with the passing of the by-laws by the City Council. The fact of the matter is that the Board of Works of the past two years reaped where ex-Ald. G. Y. Chown and R. H. Toye sowed. It will be remembered that some years ago a by-law was submitted to the council for permanent road paving, but the council got "cold feet" and did not pass it. Had the by-law been carried then, the work would have been done a good deal cheaper than at present.

A farewell dance was given on Thursday evening by Miss Ida Baker, in honor of Gordon Canem, who is leaving for Winnipeg, after visiting his parents.

MARRIED. CARD—SUMMERS—On Jan. 2nd, 1913, at the Methodist Church, Parham, Ont., by Rev. N. B. Popple, D.D., Joseph Card, of Oden, to Winnifred Summers, of Mountain Grove, Ont.

DIED. GRATTON—In Kingston, on Friday, Jan. 2nd, 1913, Sarah Gratton, sister of Jos. Gratton, Queen St. Funeral private, but the casket into residence, Queen Street, on Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock, to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn funeral will be held for the repose of her soul.

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