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## INVESTIGATE TARIFF EFFECT ON NECESSARIES OF LIFE

### Chief Commissioner, H. A. Robson, K.C., Announces Inquiry Will Be Held in New Year—Will Find Out if Tariff is Used to Unreasonably Enhance Prices.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—Public sittings will be held by the Board of Commerce early next year to determine the effect of the tariff on the necessities of life. The following announcement was made by the Chief Commissioner, H. A. Robson, K.C.:

"The cost of necessities of life is enhanced in many cases by the customs' tariff. This tariff may be protective or revenue producing. If merely protective it is a question whether an increase in cost of necessities thereby is in present circumstances warranted. If a particular duty is revenue producing, then it is a question whether that revenue cannot otherwise be raised and necessities to that extent relieved. The Board of Commerce can inquire into all items making up cost. It is specifically authorized to see if the tariff is made use of to unreasonably enhance prices.

"In the course of inquiries instituted by the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Governments through J. F. Frame, K.C., it has appeared that there is reason to further investigate into the cost item brought about by the payment of customs duties and into cost enhancement by reason of tariff protection. The board is therefore instituting inquiries in this direction. It is accumulating information and it is fully expected that early in the new year public sittings will be held at appropriate points to go fully into these questions.

"This information is given so that any person may make representations who desires to do so on any phase of the question. Necessaries of life are defined as any staple and ordinary article of food (whether fresh, preserved, canned or otherwise treated), clothing and fuel, including the products, materials and ingredients from or of which any thereof are in whole or in part manufactured, composed, derived or made, and such other articles of any kind as the board may from time to time by special regulation prescribe. This now, also includes drugs and medical supplies. The matters to which Mr. Frame particularly devoted attention were boots and shoes and textiles; that is a wide field, but it will be seen that there is even wider ground that may be covered."

## THE WORLD'S TIDINGS IN CONDENSED FORM

### Tidings From All Over Told in a Pointed and Pithy Way.

The famous elk herd in Yellowstone Park is in danger of extinction. Mayor R. C. Marshall has been elected for a second term for mayor of Calgary, over A. I. G. Buttle. A Halifax man was fined one cent and costs for substituting two rooms without permission from his landlord. Capt. Charles D. Wasson, of the St. John harbor tug Kenyon, fell dead in the wheelhouse while towing scows.

The two Tillsonburg papers, the Liberal and the Observer, have been amalgamated, to be issued as Tillsonburg News. Viscount Grey, of Falloden, British ambassador to the United States is returning to England very soon on leave of absence. Foreign exchange rates at New York showed a slight improvement, Friday. Demand bills on the pound sterling rose to \$1.49.

Danish meetings in and near Flensbourg have been broken up by Germans. One Danish speaker had to be taken to the hospital. Arthur Boyle, ex-M.P. for Monck, and a prominent resident of Niagara Falls and formerly of Danville, is dead, aged seventy-eight.

C. A. Stein, Liberal, who has been nominated in Kamouraska county to succeed Ernest Lapointe, will most likely be elected by acclamation. Sir William Osler, regius professor of medicine at Oxford University, who has been ill for some time, was slightly improved in condition today.

Hon. Mackenzie King is to tour the Maritime Provinces and afterwards will go west. It is stated here that Ernest Lapointe, M.P., may accompany Mr. King to the west. Frank Martin, Middleport, was fatally injured in a collision on the Hamilton road near Calverly, between their motor car and a B. & H. Radial car.

Very Rev. J. P. Sargent, D.D., dean of the diocese of Qu'Appelle, died at the General Hospital, Regina, Sask., aged eighty. The late dean came to Manitoba in 1880 as a missionary priest.

A wireless message from the SS. Carmania, in collision on Wednesday night with the steamer Maryland, states that she has been delayed, and will not reach Halifax before nine to-night.

## WATCH U. S. BORDER

Russian Reds and Mexican I.W.W.'s to be Kept Out. Washington, Dec. 12.—Immigration officials on the border were instructed today by Anthony Caminetti, commissioner general of immigration, to forward a report on the threatened invasion from Mexico of fifty Russian Bolsheviks and 150 Mexican I.W.W. Mr. Caminetti expressed little concern as to the ability of the immigration officials to cope with such a situation in view of the strength of the U. S. troops on the border.

## GERMANS ADMIT THAT MADMAN WAS AT HELM

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Commenting on a four-volume compilation of documentary pre-war history the Vorwarts says: "Whoever reads the former emperor's marginal remarks will have no doubt that Germany before the war was ruled by next to a madman." The newspaper characterizes the books as "four stones on the tomb of the German monarchy."



Admiral Viscount Jellicoe caught in a unique snap saluting the student body of the University of Toronto. The centre figure is Mayor Church.

## TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS IN GOLD

Is Sent to New York By the Canadian Government.

## TO CHECK DEPRECIATION

IN MONTREAL EXCHANGE AND MEET OBLIGATIONS.

British Financiers Believe the Reduced Value of the Pound Is All in Britain's Favor. (Canadian Press Despatch) New York, Dec. 12.—The Canadian Government is shipping \$20,000,000 in gold to this city, it was announced today. The shipment, which is purely a Canadian Government matter, is said to be for the purpose of meeting some obligations here and also to check the depreciation in the Montreal exchange. Canadian exchange yesterday underwent a sensational decline of 43.75 per thousand dollars which carried the rate to \$110, or premium of eleven per cent, on the dollar. In Montreal the sale of Canadian grain bills is believed to have accentuated the weakness in the exchange rates.

## EGGS 10 CENTS APIECE THE CHEAPEST FOOD

So Says Prof. Graham of the National Poultry Council at Guelph.

Guelph, Dec. 12.—Practically every speaker at the twentieth banquet of the Guelph Poultry Association, held in connection with the winter fair, voiced the complaint of all stockholders in every class of live stock in asking for more room. According to Thomas Simpson, president of the local association, the poultry show at the winter fair had grown in the past ten years to be one of the greatest of its kind in the world. Prof. "Dick" Graham, president of the National Poultry Council, in a brief address, scored the manufacturers of canned chickens, claiming that in too many cases this product was mostly composed of waste. Prof. Graham advised people to eat more eggs. Even at ten cents each, he argued, eggs were one of the cheapest forms of food on the market today, as they contained substances to promote growth found only in two other products: cream and cod liver oil.

## PAVING THE WAY FOR THE SIGNING

German Government Organ Tells People Entente Nations Are Conciliatory.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—"The Entente nations are more conciliatory in tone than has been previously assumed," says the Volks Zeitung. "They contain tangible concessions, the final clause of the protocol providing that the Entente could at any time take military action against Germany, has been dropped. Negotiations also can take place regarding certain modifications in the protocol concerning the surrender of dry docks."

## LOCAL MARKET PRICES

Now Bulling, The Hide and Raw Fur Market.

The market on hides is weak. All previous prices quoted are cancelled. Heavy receipts, the effect of the coal strike, and farmers' shutting down stimulates the weakness which is now uppermost on the Chicago market. Green hides are quoted at 20 cents per lb. free of bones. Calveskins: 15 cents per lb.; deacons \$1.50 to \$2; kipps name as hides. Horse hides \$5 to \$8; for large. Sheep pelts, \$2.50 to \$3.25, according to size.

Raw Furs. Red Fox, No. 1 prime, \$20 to 22, upprime at value. Raccoon, No. 1 prime, \$3 to \$6, upprime at value. Skunk, No. 1 prime, \$2 to \$4, upprime at value. Mink, No. 1 prime, \$6 to \$10, upprime at value. Beaver, No. 1 prime, large, \$20 to \$35, upprime at value. Otter, No. 1 prime large, \$20 to \$35, upprime at value. Ginseng, wild, dry root, \$15 per lb. Beeswax, No. 1 clear, 30 cents per pound. Tallow, No. 1 rendered, cake, 15 cents per lb.

## MEN FORGETTING WELLER'S ADVICE

War Widows Are Catching Boys While Sweet Sixteen is Desolate.

London, Dec. 12.—With more than a million British lassies destined to remain husbandless because of the shortage of the selfishness of war widows in making encroachments on the available supply of prospective swains. According to Sir Worthington Evans, Minister of Pensions, one in every five war widows has remarried, there being 218,000 war widows, and \$3,664 have remarried, which, as it is pointed out today, indicates that Samuel Weller's advice to his son to beware of widows, has lost its punch. In fact, scores of war widows have married three times during the last five years, and one woman married four times. What gives some splinters an additional grievance is the discussion now proceeding in the columns of the Daily Mail, as to whether or not married women should have men friends, while in the Daily Express a large part of a column is almost daily devoted to the reasons why some men consider it wiser to remain bachelors in these days of high cost of living and loving.

## GERMAN PAPERS ARE WHINING

About Allies Insisting That Protocol to Peace Treaty Be Signed.

## SAY THEY CANNOT BANK

UPON PROMISES OF ALLIED COUNTRIES ANY MORE.

The German Government Will Sign the Protocol at Once if Promise is Made That Marine Materials Will Be Returned. Berlin, Dec. 12.—The German Government must be sure of the Allies' position on the surrender of docks and marine materials demanded as reparation for sinking of the Scapa Flow fleet, before it accepts the protocol, the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung declared yesterday. "We cannot rely upon the Entente's promise to return them later," the newspaper declared. Vorwarts agreed, declaring bitterly: "We cannot bank upon America, France or England in the matter of promises any more."

## THE KAISER BECOMES PERIL TO THE DUTCH

A Deputy Asks Government to Consider Question of His Extradition.

The Hague, Dec. 12.—"If previously we have not regarded him as a danger to our country, he is now proving to be a danger," said Deputy Sannes in the Chamber of Deputies today, referring to former Emperor William of Germany. The deputy was dealing with a book written by Carl Kautsky, a German Socialist, which Sannes declared showed that the former Emperor was the cause of the world war. The data in Kautsky's book are said to have been obtained from official archives in Berlin.

## THE DISCOUNT MOUNTS

On Canadian Money Makes Business.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 12.—The exchange rate on Canadian currency today took the sharpest leap upward it has experienced since the discount began to manifest itself some months ago. The discount rate announced for today by Detroit clearing house banks is \$7 on each \$100 of Canadian currency. This means practically a termination of business with Detroit so far as Canadian business are concerned, except in the few instances where Canadian firms maintain a credit balance with banks on this side of the line. It is worthy of note also that the Canadian frontier is being drained of its silver currency about as fast as it can be obtained by Windsor banks. Practically all the silver is coming into Detroit to be exchanged at par for American goods or else converted into American bills, which can be sold at a handsome premium on the Canadian side of the border.

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## CURTAILING OF OIL PRODUCTION

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AND THIS MAY PROVE VERY EMBARRASSING

The Effect of Legal Interference By Carranza—Mexico Has Not Heeded To U. S. Notes.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Curtailing of oil production in the Tampico fields as the result of Mexican Government decrees has become so serious that Chairman Payne, of the Shipping Board, has prepared a memorandum on the subject for President Wilson. Representative Gould, Republican, of New York, announced after a conference with the Board chairman. Representative Gould also said Mr. Payne had written Secretary Lansing urging pressing the importance of protecting the American supply of Mexican oil from "illegal interference by the Mexican Government."

Chairman Payne was quoted by Mr. Gould as saying that fuel oil reserves on the Atlantic coast now were so short that a cessation of receipts of Mexican oil for a very few weeks would embarrass the operation of the Government merchant marine. Mr. Gould declared that the Carranza Government, through refusal to permit the drilling of new wells and by other means, was "attempting to force American oil companies to relinquish their properties in Mexico." His conference with chairman Payne followed a call at the Shipping Board by a delegation of representatives of American companies owning oil properties in Mexico, who presented the seriousness of the situation to Mr. Payne. They stated that production of oil in Mexico practically has ceased as the resources of Carranza's oil supply, as President Carranza and the general attitude of the Mexican Government toward foreign oil companies. The delegation was headed by F. R. Kellogg, of New York.

Drilling of new wells in the Tampico district, from which comes much of the world's oil supply, has been prohibited by the Mexican Government, the oil men said, and there have been difficulties with transportation to seaports for shipments and other handicaps. Shipping Board officials conceded that a situation as outlined by the oil men would have serious effects for the American merchant marine, as the Board's supply comes largely from the Mexican fields. The Board now is operating some 500 oil-burning ships, and the stores now on hand will not last more than two months.

Three notes protesting against interference by the Carranza Government with the operations of American oil properties in Mexico, and against the lack of protection afforded these properties by the authorities have been sent to Mexico within recent months, it was learned here today. Mexico has made no reply to any of them.

## MORE LIQUOR PRODUCED

In Canada Last Year Than in Years Previous.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—That over four million proof gallons of spirits were produced in Canada during the first year which closed on March 31st, compared with three and a half million proof gallons in the previous year is the statement made in the annual report of the Excise and Revenue Department for the year expired thirty million dollars, as compared with about twenty-seven million last year. Revenue from war taxes touched the twelve million mark, as against a little over two millions during the previous year. During the year the actual tobacco taken for consumption was nearly forty-seven million and a half pounds as compared with nearly forty-five million pounds during the previous year.

## To Defend Independence.

London, Dec. 12.—The representatives of the Government of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine and White Russia, in conference at Dorpat, have declared themselves in favor of a military and political convention to defend their independence.

## NEWS IN BULLETIN.

The Canadian dollar is now at a discount of eleven per cent. in New York.

C.P.R. stock declined on Thursday ten points to 126 1/2.

English sterling exchange is still falling in New York.

The U. S. miners resumed work Thursday in many of the coal centres.

Leader Mackenzie King urges that Liberal candidates enter the field as soon as possible.

Several steamers are still ashore on the Atlantic coast.

France wants to arrange a definite alliance with Britain.



DR. FRANK FRIEDMANN A German physician who made a sensational tour of Canada and the United States several years ago, is reported to have sold his turtin tuberculin to the German Social Democratic capitalists for \$90,000 marks.