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ALL NATIONS MUST COMBINE

In the League of Nations, Declares Premier Lloyd George.

London, Dec. 22 .- Premier Lloyd George, presiding at a luncheon gi- GOVERNMENT ACTED ven to-day in the House of Commons for the British and Dominion delegates to the recent league of nations In Removing the Luxury Tax assembly in Geneva, declared the league would never achieve its real progress until all nations were represented. Lloyd George said he looked forward hopefully to the United States coming into the league. This, he esserted, was essential.

There could be no real peace, declared the prime minister, until competition in armaments ceased and before disarmament was possible all doubtedly prove a stimulus to businations must be in the league.

He said he was glad to know that all were doing something. He assert while the luxury tax has undoubted that if the Geneva assembly had edly proven a deterrent to business existed in August, 1914, war would and has reacted to a certain extent have been impossible. He was san- upon industry, it must be borne in guine there would be no obstacle to | mind that it has exercised a most Germany's admission to the deague | wholesome check upon the reckless if she manifested an intention to ful- extravagance in evidence a year ago fill her obligations.

TEARING DOWN HUTS, TWENTY MEN AT WORK

100 Men May Later be Employed.

The work of tearing down the assassassass huts at Barriefield commons is underway. On Tuesday morning twen- AUSTRALIA WINS ty men commenced the work. This number will be gradually increased until there are about one hundred men on the job. The only men be- - Australia won the first test & ing given work are those who saw service during the great war.

When Sir Henry Drayton was in + in England's second innings to- * the city, he was in consultation with Mayor Nickle as to the disposal of the lumber in the buildings. It is understood that it is the intention of the Militia Department not to call for tenders for the whole amount, but to sell it in small quantities to

people who need it. The men who are doing the work are being paid 40 cents an hour if tools are supplied or 50 cents an hour if they furnish their own tools. removed from a small steel chest in

ALD. KENT ON BENCH: THREE TIPPLERS-UP

One Was Fined and the Two Others Were Remanded.

scales of justice at the police court on Wednesday morning, in the absence of Magistrate Farrell. Three drunks formed the line up.

sober when giving his evidence and Thirteenth street. no doubt the day's remand will do later it was found that he had refer- day of Christmas week were learned. | corporation's account in the Merchfriend, who had the bottle, when pool at 10.30 p. m., December 11th. to his personal account in the Home he was engaged in fighting the coun-

last night with drunk No. 1, and that his supply came from the same York by the way of Cherbourg. source as the other fellow.

whiskey at Coteau Junction and he got off with the usual fine of \$10 and

MAY BUILD SEWERS TO EMPLOY MEN

The Civic Authorities Have during the following day. the Matter Under Consideration.

The civic authorities are working an a plan which may give work to scheme can be devised whereby a the city can be constructed during | was mixed in the bunkers the winter, they will be undertaken. At present a sewer is being built in | vessels were tearing along like exto provide a little money for as many | dred yards behind the Imperator.

by her nine-year-old brother.

Steal Drugs From Constable's Office

Montreal, Dec. 22 .- Opium, cocain and morphine, to the value of seventy thousand dollars, were stolen from the vault in the private office of High Constable St. Mars during last night. Burglars smashed the window in the office, opened a drawer of the desk containing the key to the vault, and with the key secured access to the strong room. They took out two trunks containing the drugs. and made away in an automo-The robbery was committhe face of four watchmen stationed on the pre-

TRAIN TRAGEDY **NEAR PETROGRAD**

London, Dec. 22 .- A Central News despatch from Helsingfors, Finland, under Tuesday's date, says that several hundred persons were killed or injured in a railway accident near Petrograd. The accident was due, it is stated, to overcrowding of the train, but the details are lacking, the despatch adds.

WISELY, SAYS WHITE

at the Present Time.

Toronto Dec. 22 .- The government has acted wisely in removing the luxury tax and in doing so at the present time, instead of waiting until next budget." safd Sir Thomas White, formerly minister of finance. "The abolition of the tax will un-

Sir Thomas further stated, "that among practically all classes, which had it been allowed to continue would have led to most serious, if not disastrous consequences."

"It may well be," he said, "that the luxury taxation has served a Forty Cents an Hour Paid- most useful National purpose although I am glad it is now come to

CRICKET MATCH * Sydney, Australia, Dec. 22. 4 * match from England to-day by * 4 357 runs. Australia's fielding 4 + day was very brilliant, con- + * trasting spectacularly with the * slipshod work of the British & · cricketers yesterday.

\$5,000 Bonds Stolen. Toronto, Dec . 22 .- Five thousand dollars in Victory bearer bonds were the Ernscliffe Apartments while their owner William Reynold, was absent visting in Montreal.

Ald, R. E. Kent handled the The Carmania Leads the Imperator, Nieuw Amsterdam and Savoie.

to catch the racing fever simultan- power of attorney, and that he was a eously, and the big liners surged man of standing and substance in the ahead at top speed, for many hours community. keeping almost abreast. Temporary gains were made first by one and then by the other all that night and TORONTO POOL ROOMS

Captain G. W. Melsom said that the Carmania did not get going at Who Arrest All Who Had her top speed until after the stokers, who were in a frenzy of excitement. had dug their way through a large fifty men during the winter. If a quantity of low grade American coal and began to fire the furnaces with

At 6 o'clock, December 7th., both is putting men on in shifts so as hanging on comfortably a few hun-

use opening the stone quarry for the Nieuw Amsterdam, of the Holmen to break stone during the win- land-American Line, from Rotterter, as they might not be able to dam, Boulogne and Plymouth, and high average of crime in the last few make \$1.50 a day at piece work. | the latter at once entered the race. and put forth every effort to stay A ten-year-old Italian girl in Nia- with her speedy rival. Through the Great Powers Warn Spain gara Falls was probably fatally shot night the three big boats plunged through the darkness, Imperator first, Earthquake shocks have occurred then the Nieuw Amsterdam and the in the vicinity of the Island of Yap. Carmania third. The sporting of the great powers in Madrid have stokers of the Carmania worked prepared a warning to Spain to the with might and main, and during the effect that they view with disfavor early hours of Saturday she pulled attempts of certain elements in the ahead and when day dawned neither Cortes to strangle foreign enter- Detroit In letters to Mrs. Small, basis instead of by piece work.

dam was visible.

Sunday morning at 6 o'clock the here. Carmania overhauled the Savoie, of the French Line, which sailed from One Hundred Laborers Havre December 11th, and then there was another dash, neck and neck, for eight or nine hours. Both crews knew that the first one to meet the pilot boat would get to dock first and the outcome was very uncertain until nearly 3 o'clock, when the Carmanta got a slight lead. At 3.25 she reached the Ambrose Lightship, was crusted, and a Lundred label. of Niagara, in a Christmas pastoral, his farm near Webster. The use of 000,000 but it probably would have picked up her pilot and then pro- The trouble started when the Soviet states that everything seems to tend the airplane was decided upon, since produced \$16,000,000 next year. The ceeded through Ambrose Channel and authorities refused the demand of to another war a war worse than the condition of the roads make vehi- slowing up of the wheels of comgot to anchor at quarantine about the city laborers for more food and the tast one-unless men of good cular traffic almost impossible. half a minute before the sunset gun the shortening of the working day, will from all nations get together and was fired at 4.30 o'clock. At that which is sixteen hours. time the Carmania was forty-eight miles ahead of the Imperator, according to Captain Melsom. Under the Hospital Boards have both unanicircumstances the health officers mously decided in favor of amalgawent aboard the Carmania at once mation. docked Monday.

C. H. Cahan, K.C., Weeps As He Tells of Son's Defal-

cation.

most pathetic and tragic cases in the history of Canada was disclosed yes-& Lennan in the Superior Court when the men of the homes are out of the Corporation Agencies Limited, work, in some cases a small quantity of coal will be sent, it is stated that defalcations of C. H. Cahan, Jr. K. C. coal. known corporation lawyer. Mr. Cah- ed the committee that she would an, senior, the chief witness of the provide two baskets for needy famiafternoon, after giving evidence in lies. If there are any more pera courageous, frank and clear man- sons who would prefer to send basner, broke down and wept when he kets instead of a money contributold the court how he had trusted his tion it would be very much appreciaboy with full power of attorney to ted. The baskets could be left at transact his business during his fath- the Whig office or with any member er's absence, and how he had return- of the Poor Relief committee. ed home from abroad to find his trust betrayed, that his son had absconded and the family fortune was a wreck. "It was pretty hard," Mr. Cahan sobalmost the day after I had placed New York, Dec. 22 .- Victorious this trust in my boy, he began to two were remanded for a day in or- in a thrilling race lasting three days pilfer my banking account to further der that the magistrate could look in which she vanquished three other his personal greed and lavishness.' into their cases and the other was passenger liners, the Carmania, from The legal issue is whether the bank Liverpool by the way of Queenstown, can be compelled to make good the One of the tippiers was not quite docked Monday at the foot of West sum of \$209,028,12. Between March 1919 and September of the same From her jubilant officers and year, it is charged that Cahan, junior, him good. He said he got a drink passengers the details of her exciting as director of the Corporation Agenfrom a friend from "across," and dash to get to New York on the dirst cles drew ninety-six checks on the ence to overseas. He first met the The Carmania sailed from Liver- ants Bank, deposited the proceeds called at Queenstown and then Start- Bank and later drew out the same ed for New York. The Imperator for his personal use. R. F. Bowler, Drunk No. 2 said he had dinner sailed from Southampton at noon secretary-treasurer of the Corporat-December 11th. on her trip to New ion Agencies, who countersigned the checks, has also disappeared. The The vessels sighted each other at | Corporation Agencies alleges that The third tippler said he got his 3 p. m. December 1th. at which time the Home Bank did not take sufficithe Imperator was making a shade ent precautions, to which the bank the betfer time. Both crews seemed replies that Cahan, junior, had full

RAIDED BY POLICE

Firearms or Who Looked Suspicious.

Toronto. Dec . 22 .- Every poolcouple of sewers in the outskirts of some high grade English coal which room in Toronto was raided by the police late yesterday afternoon under the personal direction of the chief. S. J. Dickson. The inmates were Ragian road, and the city engineer press trains, with the Carmania lined up and searched, and any possessing firearms or drugs, or falling MRS. SMALL CAUSES to satisfy questions asked them were as possible. There would be little Shortly afterwards they overhauled placed under arrest. Chief Dickson said he was determined to clean up Tried to Obtain Money on the city, which hed an exceptionally

Against Unfair Trade Tax

London, Dec. 22.-Representatives the Imperator nor the Nieuw Amster- prises in Spain through high taxation and other means, it was announced

London, Dec. 22 .- A serious labor riot occurred recently in Petrograd. says a Helsingfors despatch under sons were killed or injured. The riot was crushed, and a hundred laborers

the recent census, is 77,005,000.

POOR RELIEF FUND

FIREMEN FIGHT LIVERPOOL FLAMES.

First photographs of the recent fires on the Liverpool docks, supposed to be of Sinn

The fund which the Whig is coilecting to help in sending out cheer to needy families continues to increase. Up until Wednesday morning, the sum of \$159 had been re- British Government Can day afternoon the ladise who will be in charge of the distribution had a meeting and decided on the names of the people who will receive baskets for Christmas. The chairman Montreal, Dec. 22 .- One of the of the committee, when speaking to the Whig, stated that the ladies, after making a careful investigation terday afternoon before Justice Mac- view of the fact that so many of satisfaction to labor's demand for sued the Home Bank of Canada for there are homes in Kingston where urgent. Of the three main difficul-

son of C. H. Cahan, K. C. the widely | Mrs. Blacklock, Glenburnie, inform-

On Wednesday morning the chairman of the Poor Re'el committee stated that she would receive contribuflons up until Saturday night. bed, "To come home and find that" The following letter has been received at the Whig office: "Kingston, Dec, 21, 1920

"To the treasurer of the British Whig's Roor Relief Fund. "There is a family living at number - street who are badly in need of assistance. The father has

been a helpless invalid for about four years and there is at present only one member of the family, a boy, at work. They have no coal in This case will be looked after at

Another case, which has been reperted, is of an elderly woman who has a very small pension, the only money which comes into the home is what the daughter, who is sick at the presen time, is able to earn. There is a case of a family of six

children, and there is not one cent coming into the home at the present All these cases, which have been referred to in the Whig during the

past week, are being looked after by the Poor Relief committee with the money which has been collected by the Whig. The following contributions were received on Tuesday: " Shoe store \$ 15.00 early in January. The candidates

Ursula Mrs. C. Smith R. F. Greenless

Total \$159.00 ARREST OF COUPLE

Story About Her Missing Husband.

Toronto, Dec. 22 .- David Verrille here three weeks ago from Milwaukee, were yesterday arrested, charged with attempt to obtain one thousand dollars under false pretences from Mrs. Ambrose Small. The story they tried to work was that Mr. they affected to ridicule Detective Austin Mitchell. Mrs. Small conferred with the latter, and had him An Aeroplane Hearse on hand when Mrs. Verrille met her agreeable to appointment. The wo-Executed in Petrograd man was promptly arrested, and the husband was roped in later.

FEARS ANOTHER BIG WAR.

Gloomy Pastoral.

Countess Roberts, widow of the crime wave.

LABOR PROBLEM

Little In the Way of Solution.

London, Dec. 22 .- The government, in its statement to parliament of each case, had decided that in yesterday, was able to give but little problem which daily grows more \$209,028.12, representing alleged the families have very little food or | ties facing the government at the present moment .- finance, Ireland and unemployment-it is reported that the government views unemployment as the most serious. This is probably because the recent ment in the near future. The only remedies in sight are mere palliatives. Lloyd George, replying to criticisms of the government schemes to IIAI remedy unemployment, expressed the fear that the problem could only be within the empire until the world was in a more settled condition. He hoped that the imperial conference next May would discuss this ques-

tish people over the conditions of tapped. sis is more serious than any of its asked deputations of merchants who felt that in spite of all aids that may be devised, the next few months may bring privations to many thousands. The newspapers give Lloyd George credit for doing whatever is possible by resorting to makeshifts, which are admittedly palliatives.

Entrance Examination For Paymaster Cadets

Ottawa, Dec. 22.— An examination for entrance of paymaster cadets in the Royal Canadian Navy will be held by the Civil Service Commission 2.00 elected will probably be sent to Eng-2.00 land for preliminary training in ships 2.00 of the Royal Navy, before receiving an appointment as accountant officer \$ 21.00 in Canadian ships. Applicants must Previously acknowledged . \$138.00 | be between the ages of 17 and 18

Ten Per Cent. Reduction In Clothing Workers' Wages

manent board of arbitration, which that "luxury" taxes brought in to the authorized during the war. is charged with the duty of making Government in November \$1,200,000. Parlor and sleeping car rates also an adjustment of the wage scale every as against \$500,000 in June, the first | were advanced 50 per cent. six months under the agreement now full month in which the tax was colin force between the employees and lected. This seems to show that the the different local manufacturers, revenue from the taxes was not Heavy Fighting In December 1st. It entails no change in statements, but that there was a the present system by which the em- jump upward in receipts. This is Small was being held for ransom in ployees are paid on a straight time believed to have resulted from large

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22 .- A de- been bought mainly in November, cided innovation in the matter of and partly because of the refunds funeral arrangements has been in- which the Government will have to troduced in this city. An airplane make for stamps unused and not hearse yesterday carried the body of cancelled. yesterday's date in which many per- Bishop Clark, of Niagara, Issues William Drefke from Webster, Wis .. It is estimated that its abolition to St. Paul for burial. Drefke, for will mean the loss to the end of the - Hamilton, Dec. 22. - Bishop Clark, years a resident of St. Paul, died on | fiscal year of a little more than \$3,-

prevent it. His Lordship pictures | The New York board of alderman | nue, it is claimed.

the university.

SILVER MINERS MAY ACCEPT LOWER WAGES

Not Adverse to Such Plan of Co-operation to Keep Mines Operating.

Cobalt, Dec. 22.-It is learned from a representative of the men Business Profits Tax in Force that the workmen in the Cobalt district are not averse to being approached on the wage question as a means of finding a way to keep the mines all working at a reduced cost. which will permit the balance to remain on the proper side of the

The average worker has been found to be very fair in views reion that the average thinking man realizes the difficulties besetting commands.

From official information obtained from representatives of the men, This would leave the workers in a position quite as favorable as at greater number of men.

Refund of Luxury Taxes

have been hoping to secure rebates argued that there will be little good of luxury tax charged on articles in re-enacting it. bought, perhaps late last Saturday night, and returned to the storekeep- and the idea is that its strict ener Monday, are doomed to disappoint- forcement will bring about as much ment it was stated, that in respect of revenue next year as would accrue it goods sold previous to the 20th in- the business profits tax were mainstant on which luxury tax had been tained under present commercial charged, no refund would be grant- conditions. The decision may not be ed in the event of the goods being reached formally till the budget, but

Shocks May Mean Upheaval in Pacific be no renewal of it.

Tokio, Dec. 22.- A naval wireless message from the Island of Yap in a resolution of the unemployment; the South Pacific Ocean announces that earthquake shocks occurred in eral days.

> The earth shocks were followed Saturday by a storm, which created extensive damage. Experts here regard the shock to have been the same as that reported

in Tokio December 17th, and believe slump in trade aggravates the trouble | there has been a tremendous upheavand eliminates the hope of better- | al of the bed of the Pacific Ocean.

solved by a resort to emigration Incomes to Pay More-Government May Extend

Sales Tax. Ottawa, Dec. 22 .- It is regarded

here as inevitable that next year Extreme anxiety is felt by the Bri- new sources of taxation will be unemployment, and in some quar- Until the luxury taxes were abolters the opinion is held that the cri- ished Saturday, Sir Henry Drayton cent, at November 1st.

predecessors. This pessimism is re- wanted its removal: "What other tax flected in editorial comment relative do you suggest to take its place?" Everyone Beware of to government proposals to relieve All admitted the need of revenue, distress, and there is a fretful tone in and in the latest meetings and resome comment, which further em- presentations made it was stated that they would prefer a sales tax. prospects of the coming winter. It is The Finance Department officials re- be a good idea to leave the car as gard a turnover tax as difficult to safety precaution. The French Acacollect, because so many small retail stores are run by men who do not keep books.

> ternative method of assessment, bas- which has appeared all over Europe. ed on rental or value of property, Thousands of victims of sleeping might be adopted. It is probable, sickness have been reported here however, that the loss of revenue since the disease first appeared, but from luxury taxes will be made up the majority of cases are mild. Fewin part by extending the sales tax to er than a score have developed fatal some articles which it does not now

> throughout Canada have said that can be transmitted by the breath, they would be willing to have land clothing or bed covers. taxed in consideration of a reduction in tariff taxation, it is believed. that considerable attention has been given to the possibility of hav- Passenger Rates Advanced ing a Federal super-tax collected by municipalities throughout Canada. There is strong objection to this by some members of the Government, on municipal preserves.

purchases made by merchants in order to have enough stamps on hand for their Christmas business.

The December revenue to Decem-Carried the Body ber 18th will be greatly curtailed partly from the stamps used having

merce that resulted from its use,

conditions in Europe as very dark, passed a resolution calling for the It is now a problem for the Cus-Montreal General and Western with war and famine still raging. removal of Police Commissioner toms and Inland Revenue Depart-Enright, on account of the present ments to find a use for the unused stamps and the punches to perforate late Field Marshal Earl Roberts, Dr. F. D. Adams, McGill Univer- them, which were distributed everyand cleared her with the result she Japan's population, as revealed by died at her residence in Ascot Heath. sity, is appointed vice-principal of where. The stamps will probably be made valid for other excise taxes.

IS TO EXPIRE

Only Till End of

Ottawa, Dec. 22 .- The liability to taxation under the business profits tax expires on the 31st of December, garding this question. The Work- and it will lapse unless at the next men's Central Council is prepared to session of parliament it is renewed co-operate with the mining com- by statute. Officially there may be panies, and has expressed the opin- no announcement in the matter until the budget is delivered, but the silver producers as a result of the view is openly expressed here that slump in the price which the metal this will be the last year in which

the tax will be payable. The primary idea in imposing the there would appear to be no doubt tax was to divert to the public treabut that lower wages would be en- sury 'excess' profits. There were tirely welcome, provided the cost of plenty of them in the piping prosperliving should decrease in proportion. ity of the war, but in year now ending the average firm has not made present, or even better, for the more than ten per cent. to which reason that it would enable the com- amount there is exemption. In conpanies to operate at a maximum rate sequence the outlook for the tax as and thereby provide work for a a revenue producer is not very favorable. Business interests have long protested that the tax is a handicap on industry, but it has been maintained because of the need of re-Not to be Made venue. If, in addition, to discouraging business, it has no revenue-Ottawa, Dec. 22 .- Those who may producing capacity to speak of, it is

The income tax is a permanency. meantime, as stated, the act expires on the 31st inst., and all opinion expressed unofficially is that there will

PRICES IN BRITAIN COME DOWN SLOWLY

the vicinity of the island lasting sev- Reduction in Cost of Living Shown in Labor Minister's Statistics.

London, Dec. 22 .- For the first time in some months a reduction in the cost of living is shown by statistics of the Ministry of Labor. On December 1st. the average level of retail prices, including food, rent, clothing, fuel, light and miscolianeous items, was 169 per cent. above that of July, 1914, as compared with

176 per cent. on November 1st. The decrease during the month was mainly due to a reduction of 4 pence per pound in the price of sugar. There also was a reduction in prices of clothing, the effect of which was almost exactly counterbalanced, however, by increases in the prices of milk, eggs and fish. For food alone the increase at December 1st. over the level of July, 1914, was 182 per cent., as compared with 191 per

Yawn or Hiccough

Paris, Dec. 22 .- If your street neighbor yawns or hiccoughs it might demy of Medicine has decided that either symptom is contagious and may spread the epidemic of a disease It is thought, however, some al- known as encephalitis lethargica,

complications. In a report to the academy last In view of the fact that farmers week it was asserted that the disease

On United States Railways

Albany, N.Y., Dec. 22.—Passengers travelling to and from Canada on on the ground that it is encroaching | the New York Central and Delaward and Hudson railroads will be affect-If the business profits tax is elim- ed by increased passenger fare rates inated, as expected, a small land which became effective on those lines Toronto, Dec. 22.-A reduction in tax and an income tax higher in to-day. Under the new rates, authorwages averaging about ten per cent. some respects than at present are izd by the Interstate Commerce has been introduced in the clothing not beyond the bounds of possibility. Commission, the 20 per cent, increase manufacturing industry in Toronto Latest statistics obtained from the brings the fare up to 3.6 cents a as a result of a decision of the per- Inland Revenue Department show mile, compared with 3 cents a mile

County Tipperary

Dublin, Dec. 22. - Heavy fighting has taken place between large forces of civilians on one side and soldiers and police on the other, in the section lying between Callan, county Kilkenny, and Glenbower, county Tipperary. Millitary and police were ambushed at not less than three different places, Monday, and numerous casualties resulted on both sides. These included Sergeant Walsh, Royal Irish constabu-.ary, killed; some soldiers, number : unknown, killed; ten or fifteen civilians killed, and Sergeant Shannon and several other soldiers wounded. About thirty civilians were wounded or captured.