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RUSSIA CANNOT ACCEPT THE BRITISH ULTIMATUM

But Is Willing to Confer, Says Soviet Deputy Minister Gavetsky.

Moscow Meeting Protests Against Curzon's Note—Leonid Krashin Enroute to London To Try And Prevent Break.

Moscow, May 12.—The Soviet government does not desire a break with Great Britain and is willing to confer with that country, but it cannot accept such an ultimatum as that contained in Lord Curzon's recent note, said M. Gavetsky, deputy minister of foreign affairs, in a speech delivered at a meeting here yesterday.

The meeting passed a resolution protesting against the British note and declaring that Russia is ready, if necessary, to meet with armed force any nation which endeavors to infringe upon its independence.

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Trying to Uproot Religion. May 12.—Representatives of every religion known in France have joined in an appeal to the public opinion of the world against "the prosecution of religion in Russia and arrests and execution of religious authorities." The Soviet government, says the document, "is trying to uproot religion from the souls of the people and is employing every means to arrive at that end, including confiscation of property, profanation of churches and synagogues, parodies on religious ceremonies, official athletic schools, and prison, torture and death."

May Prevent Break. Moscow, May 12.—Leonid Krashin, Soviet commissar of foreign trade and commerce, will leave for England to-day. The British ultimatum expires May 17th and the in-

WILL DELIVER THEM UP.

When the British Government Calls For the Prisoners.

Dublin, May 12.—Kevin O'Higgins, Irish Free State secretary of home affairs, stated to the press today that he would deliver to the British, Art O'Brien and all other persons deported from England to Ireland when they were demanded. The secretary said he considered the agreement under which the prisoners were obtained from Britain included compliance with reciprocal habeas corpus motions. A writ of habeas corpus was recently obtained in England for O'Brien.

LADY ASTOR'S DINNER.

Representative Gathering To Meet The Prince of Wales. London, May 12.—Lady Astor gave a dinner and reception at her London residence last night to "meet the Prince of Wales." It was a very representative gathering there being guests from the realms of church, parliament, journalism, stage, art, literature, diplomacy and law. A number of labor members of the House of Commons were invited and some of them attended with their wives.

Think Cost of Goods To Consumer Will Increase

Toronto, May 12.—Toronto businessmen concede that the alteration of the method of levying the sales tax is the outstanding feature of the budget. There is not complete unanimity as to whether the cost of goods affected by the sales tax will be increased or not. The general view, however, is that the new sales tax of six per cent, at the source, manufacture of importation, will increase the cost of the goods to the consumer.

SCURRILOUS LETTERS HAVE DONE MUCH DAMAGE

Well-to-Do Clubmen of New York Are Accused of Issuing Them.

New York, May 12.—The existence in this city of a vicious band of well-to-do clubmen, who have specialized for years in sending to wealthy and socially prominent persons scurrilous letters attacking their relatives and friends, was disclosed by District Attorney Banton, yesterday, after the news of the indictment of George Maxwell, president of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, had leaked out. The activities of the band, Mr. Banton declared, have resulted in one or more suicides, disruption of at least nine homes and the incarceration in private insane asylums or banishment of several persons whose families were misled by the circumstantial nature of stories concerning them. The attorney general has obtained possession of 157 of these scurrilous letters.

Both Parties Get Judgment.

Toronto, May 12.—Dr. George Foster, who has been suing Harry G. Stubbs, Kingston, for \$5,750 damages, when the jury returned from deliberations lasting hours, awarded, \$1,500. A peculiar feature of the case was that Stubbs got \$50 from a counter-claim. Last November in a collision Stubbs' car was slightly damaged. He mounted on the footboard of Dr. Foster's car, to demand the number, and leaning over, with his hand on the steering wheel, caused it to race forward and crash into a post.

Awarded \$4,500 Damages.

Toronto, May 12.—After one hour's deliberation the jury in the breach of promise action, brought by Miss Van Hoerde against Walter McKeown, last night, returned a verdict of \$4,800 for plaintiff. The finding of the jury surprised Sir William Mulock, who presided.

South American Republic Increasing Naval and Military Strength.

The famous Irishman, E. P. O'Connor, who has been a member of the British House of Commons since 1886, is to be honored on Tuesday next, on his 75th birthday, by a luncheon given by two hundred members of the House. He is one of the few members who still use snuff, and he will be presented with a gold snuff box.

NO OFFICIAL ACTION TAKEN

At Lausanne Over Vorovsky's Assassination.

AN AUSPICIOUS ATMOSPHERE Encouraged the Swiss Slayer—What Berlin Soviet Embassy Officials Say.

Lausanne, May 12.—The heads of the delegations to the Lausanne Peace Conference after an exchange of views yesterday decided to take no official action on the assassination of Vorovsky. The representatives of the great powers, however, resent the charge made by the Soviet delegation that they are morally responsible because their attitude towards the delegation had created a local atmosphere from which the crime resulted. A semi-official conference statement repudiates the charge and calls the successive steps taken by the conference regarding the status of the Russian delegates.

Atmosphere Encourages Killer.

Berlin, May 12.—An "auspicious atmosphere for the assassination of the Soviet delegate Vorovsky was created in Lausanne, it is charged by officials of the Soviet embassy here, who declare that their envoy was not only subjected to studied isolation, but that he was also persistently boycotted and denied the customary diplomatic courtesies and accommodations. He was not permitted to communicate with his government in code and was also refused courier service, they assert. The Soviet representatives believe Vorovsky was the victim of a plot by Russian emigres.

"Queen" of Canada Is a Sensible Girl

New York, May 12.—Winnifred Blair, of St. John, N.B., chosen during the Montreal ice carnival as "Miss Canada," the girl whose sportsmanship and social graces made her the most typical girl of the Dominion and its "queen" for the year, said she had declined a contract to enter the movies and would stick to her typewriter. She will return to Canada, Monday. Yesterday she visited the Canadian Club of New York, of which she has been made a life member.

Imagined She Had Cancer So Woman Took Her Life

Port Arthur, Ont., May 12.—Victim of melancholia, Mrs. Fred Foster, wife of a returned man, farming in the Dorion district, thirty-five miles east of this city, committed suicide by drinking a quantity of iodine and cutting her throat with a carving knife. Mrs. Foster's father died in England with cancer and his daughter labored under the impression that she too had the disease.

Deportation of Aliens.

Ottawa, May 12.—The bill to amend the immigration act was taken up in committee by the House of Commons last evening. There was some discussion of the clause which provides for deportation of an alien who advocates the assassination of an official of the government. Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen moved an amendment making the advocacy of assassination of any person, the cause for deportation. The amendment carried.

OLD MOTHERS.

I love old mothers—mothers with white hair And kindly eyes and lips grown sootly sweet With murmured blessings over sleeping babes. There is something in their quiet grace That speaks the calm of Sabbath afternoons; A knowledge a their deep, unfaltering eyes That far outreaches all philosophy. Time, with caressing touch, about them weaves The silver-threaded fairy-shawl of age. While all the echoes of forgotten songs, Seem jointed to lead sweetness to their speech, Old mothers, as they pass with slow-timed step, Their trembling hands cling gently to youth's strength. Sweet mothers, as they pass, one sees again Old-garden walks, old roses, and old loves. —Charles S. Ross

Only half a dozen towns bordering the city will follow Toronto's lead in adopting daylight saving.

MANY REDUCTIONS MADE IN THE CANADIAN TARIFF

Finance Minister Fielding Presents His Budget to House of Commons.

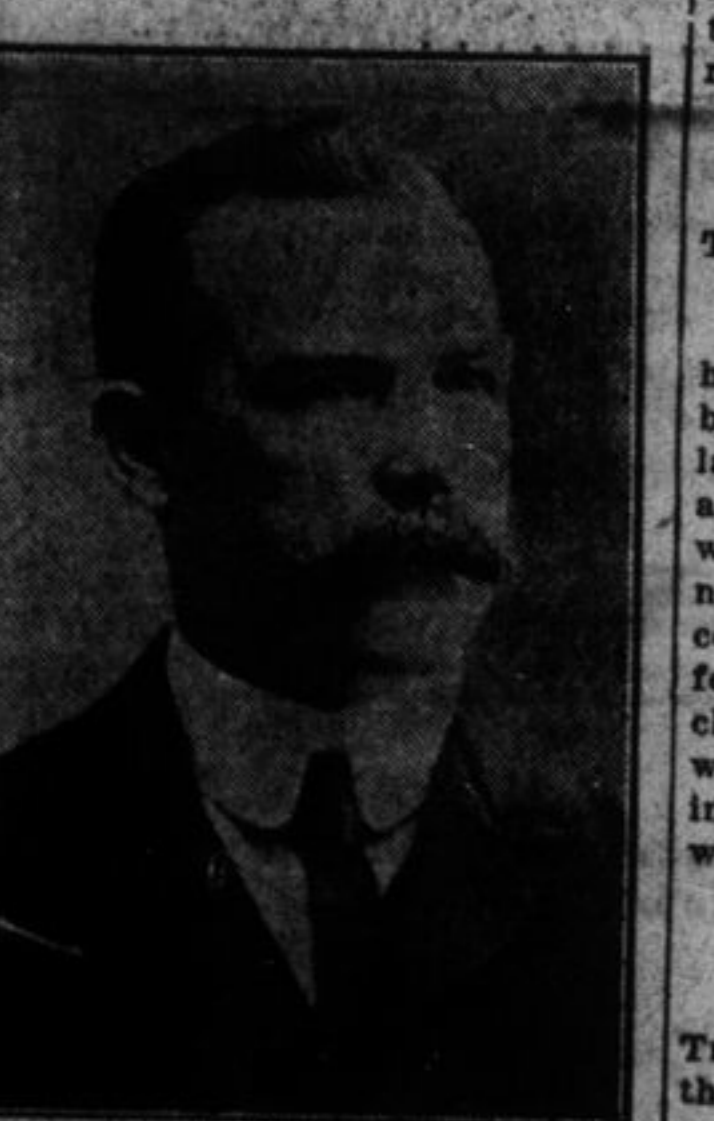
Lower Duties on Sugar, Cigarettes And Wines—Sales Tax Imposed at Source—No Change in Income Tax Yet.

Ottawa, May 12.—The following official summary gives a bird's eye view of the principal proposals of Mr. Fielding's budget, presented yesterday: Customs—Preferential tariff is reduced by a discount of 10 per cent. on the amount of duty computed under such tariff when such goods are conveyed without trans-shipment into a sea or river port of Canada. Articles on which this discount will not apply are: A—On wines, malt liquors, spirits, spirituous liquors, liquid medicines and articles containing alcohol, sugar, tobacco, cigars and cigarettes. B—To goods on which the rate of duty does not exceed 15 per cent; or C—To goods admitted into Canada under the Canada West Indies trade agreement.

There had been added to the national debt the sum of \$49,293,086. The receipt of \$3,000,000 on exchange adjustment from the British government had helped the situation somewhat. It was satisfactory to record that the debt addition had been progressively decreasing, and he gave the figures for the years since 1914 as follows: Debt increase: 1917, \$264,000,000; 1918, \$312,000,000; 1919, \$382,000,000; 1920, \$674,000,000; 1921, \$82,000,000; 1922, \$31,000,000; 1923, \$49,000,000. A large portion of the revenue, said the minister, was derived from the sales tax. The form of the tax had given rise to some discontent and a change of an important character was proposed. Sales Tax Change. In the future the tax would be imposed as to source and the amount would be six per cent. (Applause). The tax would be paid on the duty paid value, both of the home-made and imported article. There would be some difficulties of collection, but it was hoped that these could be overcome. It was also proposed that there should be added to the list of exemption from the tax, raw furs, wool, grain for seed, manuscripts and newspaper. There had been some new taxes last year, some had proven successful, some had not. There had been much complaint against the receipts tax, but the minister regarded the tax as perfectly sound. Mr. Fielding announced that he was reluctant to add to the taxes already existing. On account of the effect of the French treaty on wines it has been decided to reduce the excise duty on Canadian wines from 30 cents per gallon to 7 1/2 cents. The duty on Canadian sparkling wine is reduced also from \$3 per gallon to \$1.50. This would fully meet the French treaty. It was not intended, however, to make any change in the excise on Canadian spirits to meet the French treaty rates on brandy. Any changes in the income tax will be dealt with in a separate bill. Cigarette Tax Reduced. The duty on cigarettes had last year been increased by \$1.50 per thousand. The figures showed what might be regarded as a falling off in consumption as a result. The minister did not regard it as a falling off in consumption, but in the consumption merely of duty—paid cigarette revenue expectations had not been realized. It was therefore, decided that the \$1.50 increase be cancelled and that there be a reversion to the old rate. The tax on soft drinks has been cancelled and in its place a tax of one cent per pound be placed on carbonic acid gas. With regard to the year 1923-24, Mr. Fielding said it was expected that the income from customs would show an increase of \$6,600,000 over the previous year, an increase in the postoffice department receipts of \$250,000; dominion lands, \$200,000; war tax and inland revenues, \$7,150,000; other war tax revenues, \$85,000. Year's Revenue. On the whole he was not expecting, he said, that revenues this year would come up to those of last year. A decrease of some \$21,000,000 was anticipated, making the total revenue on the present basis of taxation as \$72,517,800. The amendment that there would be an increase in the British preference which would take the form of a (Continued on Page 2.)

R. F. ELLIOTT PASSES AWAY

Chairman of Public Utilities And Ex-Mayor of Kingston.



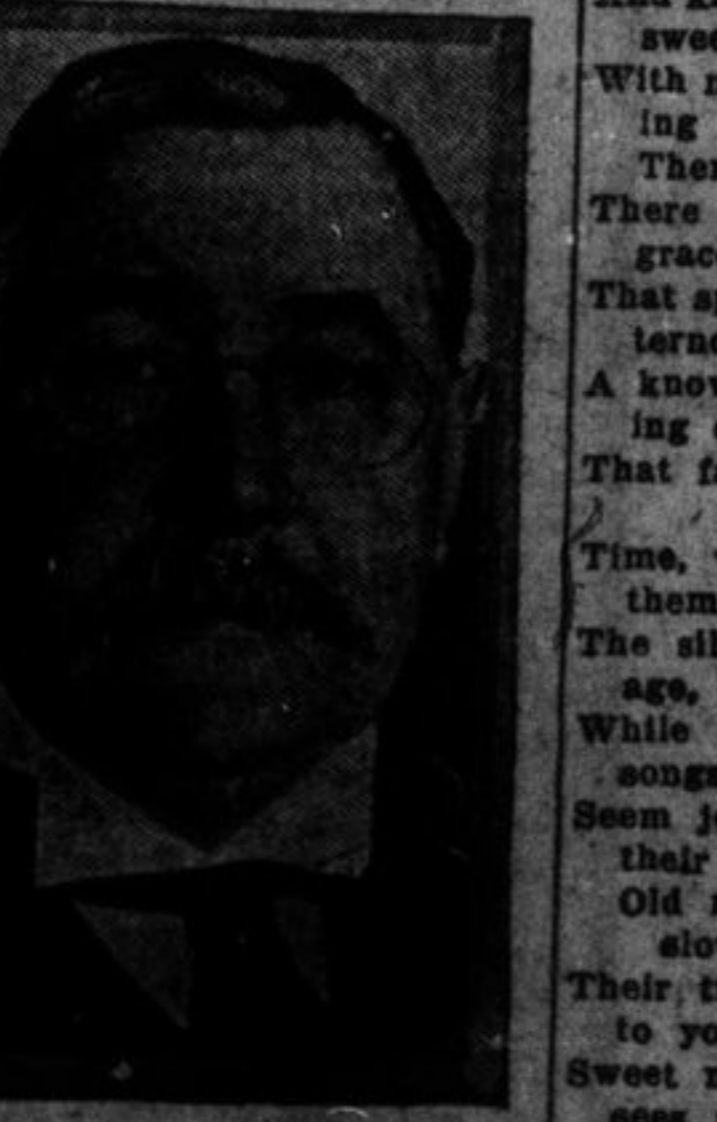
LATE R. F. ELLIOTT

Robert Fawcett Elliott passed away at his residence at the corner of Division and Pine streets on Friday night, and his death is the occasion for deep regret owing to his numerous activities and his prominence in the political, religious, business and fraternal circles of the city. For some months, Mr. Elliott was in failing health, but he continued to make good progress until a month ago. For some time the end was not unexpected.

The deceased was a son of the late Robert Elliott, and he was born in Kingston. He began business in plumbing and tin-smithing, and established a reputation for integrity and high business principles that characterized him in all that he undertook. His enthusiasm and ability were early recognized and carried him into prominence in the life of the community. He was a life-long Liberal and was the Liberal candidate for the Ontario legislature in the by-election of 1921. He was for many years a conspicuous figure in the Independent Order of Odd-fellows, being a member of Cataract Lodge No. 16, and a president of the Odd-fellows Relief Association. Mr. Elliott was an alderman for twenty years, and mayor of Kingston in 1896. Upon the formation of the Public Utilities Commission he was elected one of the first commissioners, and has for a number of years continued to be a member of the commission, being chairman at the time of his death. He represented the commission on the Ontario Hydro Municipal Association, of which body he was vice-president, and upon the organization of the Eastern Ontario Hydro Association he was elected president. He was an Anglican in religion and a devout member of St. Paul's church, where he was warden for over twenty years and synod delegate for about the same time. In recognition of his work in connection with the Anglican Forward Movement Bishop Bidwell made him a member of the executive committee of the Ontario synod.

THE COST OF LIVING

How Kingston compares with other Canadian cities for average prices on foodstuffs and household requisites. Do you pay more or less than the housekeepers in other cities? The British Whig will publish daily charts showing comparative prices. Watch for the first one on Monday next. The British Whig, realizing the great general interest there is in the cost of living, has arranged for publication daily commencing on Monday next of a series of charts showing the average prices paid in different Canadian cities for the same commodities. You will find there is a considerable difference in the cost of the family budget, according to the city you live in, and it will be interesting to note how Kingston compares with other localities for the ordinary every day necessities. You will find these charts an interesting study and we suggest that you clip them from day to day and keep them for reference. There will be a chart for a different commodity every day in the month and in the following months you will be able to compare the prices with the previous charts. The quotations will be for average good quality delivered goods, and the figures are supplied through the Department of Labor and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. They are presented in chart form so you can see the position of your locality at a glance. Next Monday's chart will show comparative prices for a prime rib roast of beef. Others will show costs of other meats, fish, flour, sugar, butter, eggs, coal, wood, etc., etc.



HONOR TO "TAY FAT" The famous Irishman, E. P. O'Connor, who has been a member of the British House of Commons since 1886, is to be honored on Tuesday next, on his 75th birthday, by a luncheon given by two hundred members of the House. He is one of the few members who still use snuff, and he will be presented with a gold snuff box.

FORMER SARNIA WOMAN HOUSE OF DAVID VICTIM

Mrs. Harriet Hanna Left Comfortable Home to Go to Michigan Community.

Sarnia, May 12.—How Mrs. Harriet Hanna, a widow of mature years, sister-in-law of the late W. J. Hanna, president of Imperial Oil Limited, and one time Provincial Secretary of Ontario, was lured from a comfortable home in this city to the colony of the House of David, how she took with her \$2,000 of the family savings which went into the pockets of Benjamin Parsell, head of the cult, and how she finally died of pneumonia without medical attention, and was given the cheapest of funerals, was related here by Mrs. Christopher Hanna, her daughter. Mrs. Christopher Hanna with a second daughter, Mrs. Henry Carleton, of this city, went to Benton Harbor, Mich., on learning of their mother's death in 1919, and had the body exhumed and brought to her old home for burial. Of the misuse to which the burial certificate given for her mother was put, Mrs. Hanna knew little until advised that her mother's name had been erased from the certificate and that of a young girl substituted.

Daughter Denies Suspicion.

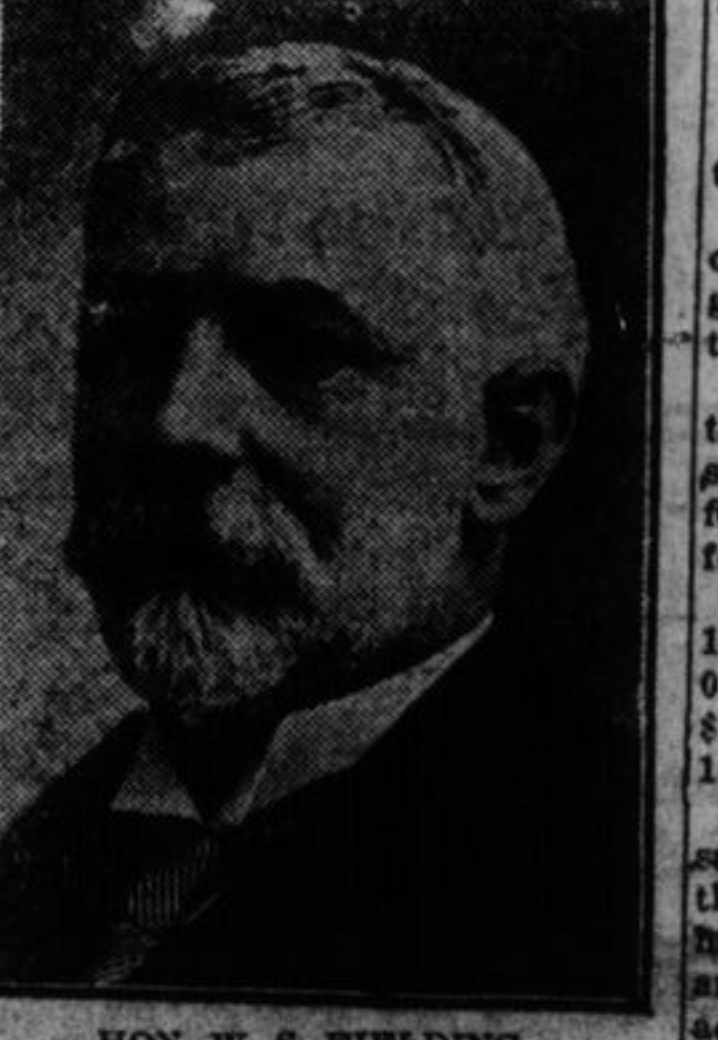
Sarnia, May 12.—If an investigation into the death of Mrs. Harriet Hanna, is held such a move will be made only on the part of the legal authorities in Benton Harbor, Michigan, the home of the cult, and not by relatives in this city. This was made plain to-day by Mrs. Christopher Hanna, daughter of the late Mrs. Harriet Hanna. "We have every reason to believe that my mother died of pneumonia while at the House of David, and from no other cause," she said. Mrs. Hanna expressed indignation over the publicity which had been given the death of her mother, which occurred in January, 1909. Reports published in Toronto and elsewhere intimating that she suspected foul play in the death of her mother, were emphatically denounced.

Children Die of Poison.

Rochester, N.Y., May 12.—Donald Farmington, 7, and his sister, Betty, 4, died at their home in East Henrietta road an hour after eating a quantity of poison tablets which they had mistaken for candy.

MR. FIELDING'S SPEECH.

Ottawa, May 12.—Galleries were packed when Hon. W. S. Fielding rose in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon at 3:25 o'clock (Standard time), to present his seventeenth budget. He began with a comparison of the financial accounts for the years since the present government had taken office and said he was reluctant to add to the taxes already existing. He expressed the hope that the improvement in trade and on the railways would enable the government to go along without new taxes. Increases in debt might be continued for a short time but would soon cease. For the current year he estimated a surplus on ordinary account of fourteen millions, but the railways would take seventy-four millions. There was no class of the Canadian people, said Mr. Fielding, who



HON. W. S. FIELDING