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Labor Government Was Defeated in the House of Commons

Land Tax Bill Was Adopted by a Vote of 232 to 208—The Amendment Accepted by the Government and a Crisis Averted.

LONDON, June 15—The Labor Government was defeated in the House of Commons today on a Conservative amendment to the government's land tax bill. It was not believed the government would resign.

Premier J. Ramsay MacDonald announced that the government accepted the amendment, thus eliminating the possibility of a crisis.

The defeat consisted in the acceptance of the House by a vote of 232 to 208 of an amendment to exempt from the tax the cultivation value of any land unit not merely the cultivation value of agricultural land only.

Thus a peer's parked estate would be exempt from tax to the extent of its agricultural value even though not used for farming. The amendment was presented by the Hon. Edward C. G. Cadogan, son of a peer.

AN EXCURSION BOAT WAS SUNK, MANY PERISH

Awful Disaster Off the French Coast on Sunday—350 Lives Lost.

St. Nazaire, France, June 14—Nearly 500 people are believed to have lost their lives today when the excursion steamer St. Philbert sank this afternoon between St. Gildas Point and Pornic, about five miles from here.

Only eight survivors had been picked up by rescue boats tonight. It was believed that, except for these, all the passengers and crew on the boat were lost.

The excursion steamer was carrying large holiday crowds on its run between Nantes and the island of Noirmoutier. It left Nantes this morning.

All of the eight who were rescued from the water by boats which put out for the scene shortly after the catastrophe were men. There were a number of women and children aboard.

A squall struck the boat in the late afternoon, the survivors said. It knocked the small steamer over on her beam ends and the crowd, becoming panicky, rushed to the opposite side of the deck, causing the boat to capsize and spilling its load of human freight into the churning sea.

The eight survivors were more dead than alive when they were saved, they said, by lifebelts which they managed to grab before they were thrown into the water.

..... Saw Catastrophe came from the lighthouse keeper at St. Gildas Point. The keeper saw the squall strike the boat and overturn it and he immediately telephoned to Pornic for help.

Lifesavers put off at once for the spot where the boat went down and after they were on their way phoned the news to St. Nazaire.

Even after the receipt of this news the report that the boat had sunk was disputed here. It was only after the first of the survivors reached the shore that the reality of the catastrophe was accepted.

The operating company continued to insist that it was impossible for the boat to sink at this point where the water is shallow and navigation is protected by Noirmoutier Island.

BRITISH ISLES WAS STRUCK BY A TORNADO

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

London, June 15—A tornado of great intensity struck widely separated sections of the British Isles yesterday.

Two persons were killed and many injured at Birmingham. Numerous buildings were unroofed.

Floods accompanied the tornado and inundated the streets at Blackpool. Three feet of water stood in low lying sections, many railroads were flooded, trains diverted over other routes.

MAN CLAIMS RECORD AS A LONE FARMER

Neponset, Illinois, June 15—Elmer Probanz claims the record as a one-man farmer.

He is doing all the work on a 240-acre tract and with the aid of a tractor has planted on the average 3 acres of corn daily.

He has also been plowing at the rate of 27 acres per day.

HAWKES IS ON ANOTHER TRIP

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Croyden, Airport, Eng., June 15—Captain Frank Hawks, American flyer arrived at 12.08 p.m. today from Rome on a non stop record breaking flight. Hawks left Rome at 5.40 a.m. (G.M.T.)— (6.40 a.m. Rome Time).

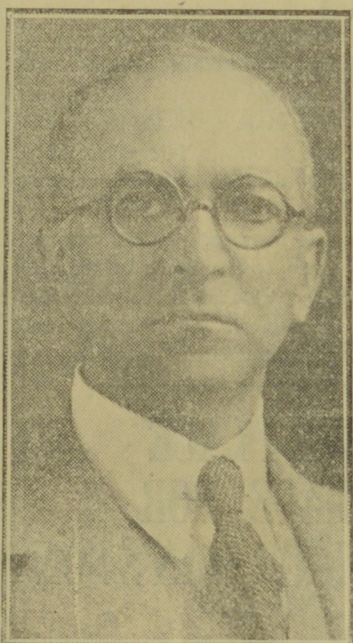
ST. LOUIS COSTS SHOW DECREASE

St. Louis, June 15—The cost of living here is less than it has been since 1917, according to a study made by the chamber of commerce research department. The estimate showed the average cost per family is \$1265 a year, compared with \$1130 in June, 1917. The peak was in June, 1920, when the average was \$1632.

FREDERICTON MAN HEADS N.B. BARRISTERS

J. J. F. Winslow of This City Elected President of the N. B. Barristers' Society, at Shediac.

Shediac, N. B., June 14—The Barristers' Society of Moncton tendered a dinner to the New Brunswick Barristers' Association Saturday evening at "The Shediac" and all parts of the province were represented in the 10 attending the function. Judge R. W. Hewson, president of the Moncton



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organization, was chairman and toastmaster. After the toast to The King had been honored the toast to the Bench was responded to by Mr. Justice Arthur T. LeBlanc. The toast to Our Guests was replied to by His Honor H. H. McLean, K. C., V. D., Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick; Attorney General and Premier, Hon. C. D. Richards, and the newly elected president of the N. B. Barristers' Association, J. J. F. Winslow, of Fredericton. Among those at the dinner were Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, Saint John; Hon. A. J. Leger, Moncton, and A. D. Dysart of Buctouche.

Mr. Justice LeBlanc paid tribute to the late Mr. Justice White of Sussex and spoke of the cordial relations that existed between bench and bar. Lieut. Governor McLean spoke in humorous vein and related many amusing anecdotes. Hon. Mr. Richards expressed pleasure in being present and hoped to welcome the association in Fredericton at its next meeting. Mr. Winslow cordially thanked the Moncton society for its hospitality. Each of the speakers had words of praise for the new hotel.

At the annual meeting of the association, held in Moncton, Mr. Winslow was elected president and A. D. MacKay also of Fredericton, secretary.

8-PAWED CATS BORN IN LITTER

Old Forge, Pa., June 15—An eight-pawed cat recently presented its owner, Terry Rensa with a litter of eight-pawed kittens. The mother cat and the two kittens which survived are creating much attention. Rensa said there had been eight-pawed kittens before but none had lived.

AL CAPONE FACES TWO INDICTMENTS

Chicago Gang Leader Is Up Against It in the Courts

DESERTED
BY GANGSTERS
Evaded Income Tax and Violated Prohibition Laws

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Chicago, Ill., June 15—Al Capone, the most vicious modern criminal stood at bay today before the United States government stripped of money, power and gang.

The scar-faced gang leader was almost alone in his armored hotel suite his inner circle was in prison or preparing to escape, his beer runners were indicted and fugitives.

Within twenty-four hours Capone must go before Federal Judge James Wilkerson and answer two indictments. One charge deviation of income tax on the millions he squeezed from the under and upper world. The other charged wholesale violations of the National Prohibition laws over a ten year period.

WOULD BAN USE OF TOY PISTOLS IN NEW YORK

New York, June 15—Edward Fisher Brown, director of the noise abatement commission, today urged enactment of a law prohibiting the use of toy pistols.

New York boys, he said, are playing "cop-and-gangster" and he saw in that a tendency to breed a "bumper crop of gunmen among the rising generation."

TOURIST TRADE THRIVES IN WEST

Phoenix, Arizona, June 15—There is no depression in the tourist business, operators of Arizona resorts point out. Last year 1,250,000 more persons visited scenic spots in the state than did in 1929, and early summer travel this year indicates that the business of going places and seeing things is better than ever.

TOURIST CAMPS AT POKIOK FALLS ARE NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Hundreds of motorists availed themselves of the beautiful weather yesterday and made excursions into the country. Quite a few crossed the border and spent the day in Maine. Many others went to Grand Lake, Pokiok Falls was the Mecca of others. The falls at Pokiok, plainly seen from the fine new bridge lately erected by the provincial government, are one of the scenic marvels of New Brunswick. George G. Pinder has erected camps nearby where splendid accommodation can be provided for forty people. Recently he added to his equipment a lunch room, erected on the lower side of the gorge. Here soft drinks and light refreshments will be dispensed. Mr. Pinder has at Pokiok Falls one of the best equipped outfits in New Brunswick for the accommodation of tourists, and his enterprise should be rewarded by liberal patronage.

Quick, doctor, the thermometer! Old Man Summer is down again with a bad case of nephritic edema. Or maybe its pneumonococcus pseudomembranous pharyngitis, or gosh, pansinusitis.

Worst Steamship Catastrophe in France's History

Death List From Loss of Excursion Boat Estimated at a Minimum of 350—Victims Mostly Women and Children—Many Bodies Washed Ashore on Bay of Biscay.

ST. NAZAIRE, France, June 15—The beaches of the Bay of Biscay for twenty miles below the mouth of the Loire River were strewn with the bodies of victims today who were on the excursion boat St. Philbert, sunk in the worst steamship catastrophe in the maritime history of France.

The dead were estimated at a minimum of 350 persons, more than half of them women and children.

The St. Philbert sank in a hurricane at dusk last evening with nearly 400 persons, the families of French workers returning from a day's outing. Fishermen found sixty bodies, mainly women and children, washed up on the beaches between the villages of Pornic and Fromentine, below St. Nazaire on the south side of the Loire. Tugs searched hopelessly for possible survivors of the tragedy. So far only seven were known to have been saved.

FOURTH NOTE FROM VATICAN DELIVERED

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Rome, June 16—The Vatican's fourth note concerning the Italo-Vatican controversy was delivered to the Italian foreign office today. The Pope had received Monsignor Borgognini Duca, Papal nuncio to Italy at noon, and it had been understood that their conversation was a preliminary to delivery of the latest note.

DOG LIKES HIS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Seattle, June 15—Lady Bunty gets more real enjoyment out of swimming and diving than anything she does, except, perhaps, gnawing a bone.

Lady Bunty is a toy Boston bull who learned to dive when she was a puppy. She's four years old now, and gets swimming every time her master, Harold Knowles, takes a dip. Her favorite sport is perching on Knowles's shoulders when he dives off a 10-foot springboard and plunging into the water with him.

SAYS HUBBY MADE A NON- STOP FLIGHT

San Francisco, California, June 15—Mrs. Yvette Perry believed that her aviator husband carried the flight idea entirely too far, she told Judge Edmund P. Morgan today.

"He fly away—pouf—like that," she said, "and he navair came back."

The divorce was granted. They were married soon after Mrs. Perry's arrival from France in 1921.

Good Roads

The highways of the province, all the main ones are said to be in splendid shape, despite the heavy rains of the past two weeks. Many motorists, who toured over the week-end reported the highways in flawless shape in most points.

NO RUM OR TAXIS ON THE FOREIGN SERVICE

Washington, D. C., June 15—Allowances made by the state department to foreign service officers abroad to assist them in meeting expenses of their posts cannot be used for the purchase of alcoholic beverages under an executive order issued by President Hoover today. Other stipulations are that the funds shall not be used for:

"Hire, purchase, operation, maintenance, or repair of any motor propelled passenger carrying vehicle.

"Club or association dues.

"Printing or engraving expenses."

Considerable latitude however, is permitted in drawing upon the funds, as the secretary of state is given broad discretion to allow expenditures out of the allowances for special purposes of an official character and foreign service officers are granted the right to draw upon them for assistance in adjusting official incomes at certain posts.

HENRY FORD TO ESTABLISH AN EXPL. FARM

Detroit, June 15—The Detroit News says Henry Ford has acquired a large group of farms in Lenawee county in southeastern Michigan preparatory to inaugurating a cast experimental farm.

Fences separating the farms are being demolished, and the land is being cleared, but the old farmhouses are being carefully restored. A small schoolhouse, built a century ago, and a blacksmith shop which once was a church, also are being restored. The newspaper says Mr. Ford is personally supervising the work of developing the farm. He is quoted as saying that "farming ought to be run more like industry" and that "the farmer ought to work more closely with the manufacturer. The two ought to use nearly the same methods and ought to help each other."

One row of radishes does not make a garden.