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and leave your money in your
city with the men who are try-
ing to make it go.

The Daily Mail

WEATHER

Southwest to northwest winds
cloudy with occasional snow to-
night and Friday. Colder.

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Roosevelt Legislates To Take All Profits Out Of War

President Believes That Now is the Time to Act; Will Mobilize Indus- tries and Manpower If War Should Come in the Future.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 13—President Roosevelt has ordered drafting of legislation to take profits out of war and to prepare for systematic mobilization of the United States manpower and industries if war should come again.

To accomplish this double aim, Mr. Roosevelt summoned leading American industrial and cabinet officials, including Bernard M. Baruch, Gen. Hugh S. Johnson and Secretary of State Cordell Hull, to a White House conference to frame the program.

The legislation will attempt provision for equitable reward of men in the fighting forces and those who work at home in event of future war.

The President believes that much of the present bonus agitation goes back to the fact that "Doughboys" in the trenches got \$1 a day, while factory hands at home made \$10 or more.

"The time has come to take the profit out of war," the President said.

He lifted the White House press conference rules to permit himself to be quoted to that effect.

The time is ripe for the legislation, the President believes, because the Senate investigation has centered attention on the profits of munitions makers and because present absence of war clouds offers a chance for systematic, untried overhauling of the laws governing military preparedness.

As the President made his announcement, Irene Du Pont, of the famous Delaware munitions company, told the Senate committee that fleets of airplanes carrying gas and bombs, could in future wars, destroy civilian populations of great cities.

Provincial Cabinet Ends Its Meeting

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 13—New Brunswick has a provincial treasury board once more after a lapse of many years. Meeting in Saint John yesterday, the provincial government decided to bring this board into being again. Provision for it is embodied in the statutes.

Premier L. P. D. Tilley, Hon. A. J. Leger, provincial secretary-treasurer, and Hon. W. H. Harrison, K. C., attorney-general, were named members of the board, the purpose of which is to consult on matters of finance and on general civil service regulations.

During the government meeting, which extended over morning, and afternoon sessions, several appointments were made.

Lawrence W. LaTour, Moncton, and G. W. Trenholme, Bayfield, were appointed provincial constables; Harry B. Dykeman was appointed parish court commissioner for Sunbury, succeeding A. D. Treadwell, resigned; W. J. Clark of Plaster Rock, was appointed a coroner for Victoria County; J. L. White, Kilburn; George Scott, Saint John, and Thaddie Gallant, Moncton, were appointed justices of the peace.

FOREST COMMISSION MET

A meeting of the New Brunswick Forest Service Commission was held this morning with A. D. Gilbert, of Saint John, the new chairman, presiding. The others present were H. Lester Smith, secretary, J. H. Wallace, of Reynolds and W. S. Richards of Campbellton. The meeting continued this afternoon. No announcement was made following this morning's meeting.

Sinful Destruction

Residents of Shippegan, Gloucester county, and many people in Bathurst as well as elsewhere in the province are indignant over the action of authorities in destroying a vessel loaded with liquor, cigarettes and food which was seized by the Royal North West Mounted Police or Customs officers. It appears that this seizure and destruction of property was under the Customs Department orders and the Mounted Police department seem to feel that they are being made the goats.

The history of the case as stated by the Gloucester Northern Light, is as follows:

"The Paul T., seized last June by the patrol boat Beebe and later confiscated by the N. B. Liquor Commission, together with all its sails, equipment and stores. The vessel itself, which had been beached some time ago, was broken up by saws and axes, the gasoline engine was destroyed with sledge hammers and the sails, rigging and stores were burned.

"At the time the Paul T. was seized last summer, the vessel with all its contents, including the cargo of liquor and cigarettes, was valued at over \$25,000. The captain of the boat and his crew spent most of the summer in jail in Bathurst while charges of various kinds against them were tried in Bathurst courts. Eventually the crew was freed and the captain served a sentence of several months in jail in addition to losing his vessel.

"The Paul T. was a vessel of about 40 tons and is said to have been in good condition when it was seized. It had a complement of sails that were almost new and there was a considerable amount of stores, including flour, pork, sugar, biscuits, etc., all of which was burned. The destruction of this food while hundreds of the people who looked on while it went up in smoke are suffering from hunger, has roused feelings of sharp indignation in the district and will likely startle people all over the country, who will demand an explanation of such wanton destruction.

"The Mounted Police in destroying this property were, of course, acting on instructions given them by their superiors."

The Daily Mail learns that the N. B. Liquor Control Board confiscated the boat, food, liquor and so on. In order, however, for the Liquor Board to get possession of the boat it would be necessary to pay the duty on the liquor, etc. This would have come to several hundred dollars. So the N. B. Liquor Control Board instead released all its claims to the Customs Department. This latter department destroyed the vessel, liquor, food and other contents of the cargo. The food included some sea biscuits, spoiled codfish and a small quantity of flour in 20-pound bags. The total value of the food alone, according to the list handed to the N. B. Liquor Commission here, was seventy-five dollars at the most. These are the real facts obtained from the Liquor Control Board here. These Control Board officials are reliable and one can depend on their statements.

The law provides that the Customs authorities destroy the boats and the liquor and food found on the boat. Neither the Mounted Police nor the Liquor Control Board are to blame.

The law that provides for the destruction of any foodstuffs which might be used as food; for liquor that might be used for hospitals; or for boats that might be sold and used for some legitimate purpose, is not the right kind of a law to have in a civilized country. The sooner that something more popular is passed out to the public in the way of a law the more popular will it be. In the old days at U. N. B., they used to be a song about "Rotten Rules and Regulations." The boys must have heard of this rotten rule, which provides for the destruction of food and other property by the Customs Department. The latter department, of course, have to carry out the law as it is on the Statute Books.

SLOT MACHINES WERE SEIZED ON NORTH SHORE

Test Case Is Seen At Bathurst

Bathurst, Dec. 13—The local police have been making a determined effort to rid the town of slot machines and, as a consequence, Chief of Police Russell seized two from a tobacco store on Main Street within the last few days. No charge has yet been laid against the proprietor, Claud Buraglia. It is expected that when this matter comes before the police court it will form the basis of a test case as to whether the machines now in use are a violation of the criminal code.

SHORT COURSE

The annual agricultural short course which has been carried on at the Dominion Experimental Station for the past few years was closed with fitting exercises this afternoon. Among the special speakers for the occasion were C. F. Bailey, J. K. King, Hon. Lewis Smith, Rev. G. W. Guion, and Rev. Dr. Milligan. Diplomas were awarded to some thirty nine students.

LIBERALS HEAR 74 CANDIDATES NOW IN FIELD

Advocates Empire-Wide Arms Probe

Ottawa, Dec. 13—Liberal candidates to the number of 74 are already in the field for the next federal election, it is announced at the meeting of the National Liberal Federation here. Delegates from all parts of Canada spent the afternoon in appointing committees, making optimistic reports from every province, and generally speaking, preparing for a busy day tomorrow when organization matters will be under discussion. They also listened to a report by Robert J. Deachman, of the National Liberal Federation, on his visit to the National Liberal Federation in England.

The meeting held in private, developed some caustic criticism of the government on the ground that it was continuing to hold office even though it was claimed, the people desired a change.

The living skeleton lives on a slim income.

FIVE MARITIMERS ARE NOMINATED FOR BANK BOARD

A. Neil McLean, Percy B. Evans B. R. Arm- strong Named From New Brunswick.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 13—Maritime men were included last night in the slate of 69 names from which shareholders of the Bank of Canada are to select seven directors at the first annual meeting on January 23. The slate will be circulated among all holders of central bank stock as soon as possible.

William Kirk McKean, of Halifax, lumber merchant; A. Handfield Whitman, Halifax, fish merchant, and Homer F. Zwicker, Lunenburg, fish merchant, were Nova Scotia's representatives on the list, while A. Neil McLean, Saint John, president of Connor Bros., Limited, Black's Harbor, N. B.; Percy B. Evans, Saint John, grocer, and B. R. Armstrong, Saint John barrister and insurance agent, were New Brunswickers.

Nominations closed on December 5, and since that date finance department officials and the executive staff of the new bank have been busy checking over the submissions to weed out those which failed to comply with regulations.

Among the candidates are seven manufacturers, eight merchants, seven lawyers, five insurance men, four lumbermen, three farmers, three mining representatives, three fisheries representatives, three brokers, three accountants, two university professors, two physicians and the remainder of miscellaneous occupations or retired.

Communications will be sent to shareholders advising them the mode of choosing a board of seven, and furnishing them with forms to be used in sending their instructions to the minister of finance who will cast the vote of all those who do not attend the meeting.

HOUSE APPROVES INDIAN REPORT

LONDON, Dec. 12—The House of Commons tonight adopted a motion approving the government's plans for a new constitution for India, involving self-government with safeguards. The motion for approval carried by an overwhelming majority, 410 to 127.

The motion approved the report of the joint select committee which investigated the Indian situation.

Havana Newspaper Men Kidnapped

Havana, Dec. 13—A group of men armed with machine-guns and pistols entered the editorial rooms of the newspaper Accion tonight and forced employees to accompany them to an unannounced destination.

The action accompanied widespread rumors of impending revolt which had spread throughout the Islands, but it could not be determined immediately whether it had any connection with the rumors. The newspaper Accion is identified with the ABC Society.

Among those taken from the building were assistant Director Francisco Ichazo, translator Gustavo Navarrete, and sports-editor Jees Losado.

Half a dozen other employees were taken and several other employees were swept from the newspaper office in closed automobiles they were dumped out on the edge of the city and forced to swallow castor oil. Then they were released and returned to their offices, where typewriters had been knocked to the floors and papers scattered.

A nice muff would make an acceptable Christmas gift. Mrs. J. E. Johnson carries a nice line of muffs, furs, etc.

Claim of Chains Draws Challenge

FRASER ESTATE APPEAL REFUSED

\$184,885 Life Insurance and \$50,000 Gift Are Liable To Succession Duty.

Ottawa, Dec. 13—The supreme court of Canada yesterday dismissed with costs the appeal of the executors of Archibald Fraser, late of Edmundston, N.B., against a judgment in favor of the Provincial Secretary-treasurer of New Brunswick.

The appeal involved the succession duties of the Fraser estate and the effect of the decision is life insurance amounting to \$184,885 and gift of \$50,000 made to a daughter, Ann R. Kennedy, are held liable to succession duty whereas the estate contended these items should not be assessed for duty.

A statement of assets and liabilities of the estate showed gross assets of \$175,429; life insurance due to wife and children \$184,884; and, for succession duty purposes the gift of \$50,000 made within five years of his death. Against this liabilities of \$331,343 were shown.

The executors contended that, in assessing the estate for succession duty, debts should be offset as a deduction against assets, life insurance and the gift, but on a special case submitted to the supreme court of New Brunswick this contention was dismissed, the court holding that the debts shall be deducted only from the value of the assets of the estate which are liable for the payment of such debts.

In this case, the effect of this decision is to make the \$175,429 gross assets alone liable for the \$331,343 of debts and leave the sums \$184,884 and \$50,000 assessable for succession duty which has been assessed at \$14,759.

The executors are Donald Fraser, Donald A. Fraser and Hon. R. B. Hanson, K.C.

MYSTERY ISLAND LETTERS MAILED

SAN DIEGO, California, Dec. 13—Fifty letters found beneath one of the two bodies of Marchena Island, November 17, and believed to contain the solution to the Galapagos mystery were in the mails yesterday—their contents a secret, officially. Seized by the customs guards from the tuna clipper Santa Amaro upon its arrival here from the island Monday, the letters were turned over to postal authorities. Once in the postal officials' custody, the letters could not be made public, authorities said and Captain William Borthen, of the Santa Amaro insisted the contents had not been given out despite persistent reports to the contrary.

BABY MYSTERY CLUE SOUGHT

Harland, Carleton Co., Dec. 13—Investigation was being continued by police tonight into the discovery in the attic of a Hartland home of skull and finger bones of an infant child, believed to have been dead under the attic floor boards for two years. The discovery was made by Mrs. Clara Tapley, middle-aged widow, tenant since only May 1 of this year.

Dr. W. O. Chestnut, Hartland, coroner, said tonight that he had received no word from the attorney-general's department regarding holding an inquest. R.C.M.P. Corporal Garnet Vail, Woodstock, and R.C.M.P. Constable J. P. Graves, Florenceville, are conducting the investigation.

The Commission Mem- bers Feel That Individ- ual Home Merchants Face Unfair Competi- tion.

Ottawa, Dec. 12—Members of the Mass Buying Commission today challenged the statement of J. G. Johnston, secretary of the Canadian Chain Store Association, that independent grocers could buy goods as cheaply as the chains and were not subjected to unfair competition.

"How can you say that," said Sam Factor, Lib., Toronto West Centre, when Johnston said that considering special taxation and extra cost of supervision, goods cost the chains as much as the independents. The chains, the Toronto member said, obtained quantity discounts, secret discounts, and special allowances that were not open to the small independent merchant.

It was necessary for the chains, Johnston said, to supervise their stores and this cost from one to two per cent which largely offset their special allowances and discounts.

Alex. Edwards, Cons., South Waterloo, insisted the independent merchant did as much supervising as the chain although the cost was not listed under a separate heading. At the same time, the independent did not have the discounts of the chain buyer.

Continues Defence

"Our belief is," Johnston said, "the independent merchant who is competent can today carry on successfully in competition with the chains." He continued reading to the commission his 47,000-word brief defending the merchandising and purchasing policies of chain stores and the system generally.

"We have the evidence before us in regard to these (chain) companies and we can interpret it," Chairman W. W. Kennedy finally said, ending the argument.

The question whether it was necessary for wholesalers to insure a 15 per cent mark-up over producers' or manufacturers' prices was discussed at great length between Mr. Johnston and members of the commission. The chain spokesman insisted that evidence adduced before the commission bore out his contention, but the committee disputed that point.

All authorities, said Mr. Johnston, were agreed that 15 or 20 years ago this percentage was sought.

"When you say all authorities, what do you mean?" asked Mr. Somerville. "I've seen no authority produced yet."

Blanket Statements

Chairman W. W. Kennedy indicated that blanket statements of this type carried little weight with the commission, and would not be regarded as final.

Today, Johnston continued, independent merchants could buy at a mark-up of 5 per cent over wholesaler's costs.

Johnston listed seven reasons given by a Toronto woman why she preferred to deal with chain stores. Her last reason was that a mistake in charge would be rectified without argument.

"You should ask a woman in Montreal about that," interjected the commission counsel.

The Chain Association secretary began reading the results of a house-to-house canvass in Toronto by a man working for Johnston, but the chairman declined to hear it.

Says Claim "Absurd"

A statement from Johnston that chain store managers and clerks spent in their local communities as if they owned or were employed in a home-owned store was characterized by Alex. M. Edwards (Cons. Waterloo South) as "absolutely absurd." A further assertion that the money that leaves the community from a chain (Continued on page four)