

BRITISH GUARDS FIRE ON DRUSES

FRANCE WILL HAVE TO PAY BIG TAX BILL

Smoking, Drinking and Motoring All to Cost More

SWEEPING PROPOSALS

Loucheur Hopes to Get a Total of Eight Billion Francs.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Paris, Dec. 9.—Smoking, drinking and motoring are to be more expensive in France if the new tax bill of finance minister Loucheur passes. It provides for raising the rates on tobacco, cigarettes, gasoline to say nothing of flatters, telegrams and such major things as real estate, revenue from foreign securities, death duties, railroad fares.

Loucheur hopes to raise a total of 8,000,000,000 francs including 4,000,000,000 francs for a sinking fund.

M'INTOSH CASE GOES OVER TILL JANUARY

Additional Time to Rectify Apparent Mistake in Evidence of Plaintiff—In Regard to Alimony.

The Macintosh divorce case was continued Tuesday afternoon R. W. McLellan counsel for the plaintiff continuing the evidence of the plaintiff as taken under commission in England.

Mr. McLellan's reading continued until he came to the answer to the question as whether the plaintiff desired alimony which was answered in the negative.

As the plaintiff has applied for divorce, alimony and suit money she reply to the question came as an absolute surprise.

His Honor Judge Crocket remarked that if alimony was not wanted there would be no purpose in examining the defendant Dr. Macintosh with regard to his property and income or inquiring concerning the circumstances of the plaintiff.

Mr. Jones counsel for the defence argued to like effect.

Cabled to England.
Mr. McLellan said that he was surprised that such an answer should be found in the evidence and said also that upon observing it he had sent a code cablegram to the solicitors of the plaintiff in England and had received a reply to the effect that the answer was given in error and that alimony was applied for.

Court stated that in view of the statement made by counsel for the plaintiff he would grant further time for investigation in England and obtain an explanation of this contradiction.

An order to that effect was granted returnable at the January term of the court.

Many Here To Attend.

The meeting of the Fruit Growers has attracted a large attendance. Among the officials in attendance are W. T. Macoun of Ottawa Dominion Horticulturalist, C. E. McIntosh, Dominion Fruit Commissioner, G. H. Vroom of Middleton, N. S., and W. S. Potts of Saint John.

FRENCH EDITOR GIVES HARD RAP TO FOREIGNERS

Russians, Germans and Americans Should Only be Tolerated.

KINDER TO THE BRITISH

Extends Welcome to Any Number of South Americans.

Paris, Dec. 9.—A bitter attack against the foreigners who make up more than one-tenth of the total French population, was made in Paris Midi, which singles out Americans, Germans and Russians as the kind that should be "only tolerated, while others should be sought after."

Official figures published a few days ago showed that there are nearly 3,000,000 strangers within the frontiers, but the Paris Midi says this takes into account only those whose papers are in order and who have registered with the French authorities. The total number is given at about 5,000,000.

The reason why Americans are not liked is because they do not come as workers, manufacturers or business men, out as agents for American banks or American goods. On the other hand, the newspaper wants as many South Americans as possible. The British are worthy of greeting because of the extensive commerce between France and Britain, while the Belgians, Italians and Spanish are easily assimilated.

ALBANIAN TOWN SWEEPED BY FLOODS; MANY HOMELESS

Durazzo, Dec. 9.—Hundreds homeless as a result of floods which swept over Sentari, a town of 20,000 inhabitants. A large part of the city is under water. The government is sending supplies to the stricken area and has appropriated funds for relief work. Many are believed to be dead. The Albanian parliament was adjourned as a sign of mourning.

LEAVES \$1,000 TO CANARY

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Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 9.—There is one canary in Los Angeles that will sing lustily the rest of its life. The bird was named heir to \$1,000 in the will of its late mistress, Mrs. Augusta D. Marr.

The money is to be invested at six per cent and the interest to go towards the care of the bird.

IN PROBATE COURT

Two Estates Before Judge Fenety—Bank Deposit Here Owned in Brockton.

Before Judge H. G. Fenety of the York County Probate Court, ancillary probate in the estate of Susan Besse who died at Brockton, Mass., has taken place, Florence M. Taylor being appointed administratrix of the estate in New Brunswick which consists of \$2,000 deposited in a bank.

In the estate of Catherine Vaughan late of Kingsclear Charles Leonard Payne has been appointed executor. The estate was left to him. The estate consisted of \$669.88 of which \$500 is real estate.

Britain and France Agree to Programme Of Arms Conference

Approve in Full Proposals of League Council—Mosul Now the Only Remaining Difficulty—Has Grave Possibilities—U. S. Ready for Naval but Not Land Parley.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

GENEVA, Dec. 9.—France and Great Britain today reached a full agreement on the program of the proposed League of Nations Disarmament Conference. This agreement sought in two secret meetings of the League Council, finally included an understanding on all points, including a settlement of the two nations dispute over the question of military contingents to be provided under the mutual assistance provisions of article 16 of the League covenant. This left the Mosul controversy practically the sole stumbling block before the Council. This question it was held offered grave possibilities.

Meantime League men studied the message of president Coolidge to Congress reaching the conclusion that he was ready for American participation in a naval disarmament parley but not in a land conference.

PROF. MACOUN GAVE VALUABLE INFORMATION

Lectured on Shrubbery and Home Planting—Replied to Questions of Interested Persons.

Tuesday night Prof. W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturalist delighted a large and representative audience of Fredericton people interested in ornamental gardens and shrubbery with an address upon Shrubbery and Home Planting. It was given in the Normal School. He gave information concerning what had been discovered at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, in regard to shrubs and said that the aim of all those laying out gardens or grounds was to have a continuous succession of bloom from earliest spring until late autumn. He referred to the fact that Horticulture Societies in Ontario had a membership of up wards of fifty thousand and were very active. In Ottawa the planting of the grounds of public buildings such as schools, hospitals and churches was undertaken.

Prof. Macoun mentioned the various flowers and shrubs which were found the most useful for ornamental purposes and explained the development of new species at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

His lecture was illustrated by a number of colored slides showing scenes in and about Ottawa, also experimental farms and private properties.

A vote of thanks was tendered on the motion of J. J. F. Winslow, K. C., seconded by Very Rev. Dean Neales.

Questions were asked by J. S. Armstrong, Prof. Adam Cameron, Mr. Winslow and Dean Neales.

C.N.R. EARNINGS SHOW INCREASE

Montreal, Dec. 9.—The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the period ending November 30th, 1925 were \$7,216,034 as compared with \$5,936,310 for the same period of 1924, an increase of \$1,363,724 or twenty-two per cent.

INTEREST IN CIVIC MATTERS INCREASING

Talk of Contested Election in January Common—Stanley Douglas Mentioned for Alderman.

Civic affairs are being generally talked of by the citizens and interest in the election which is to take place in January is increasing. The new assessment proposals are to the fore. It is reported that a full ticket representing the majority of the present City Council is to be in the field. Stanley Douglass is mentioned as an aldermanic candidate in King's Ward in that connection in succession to Ald. D. W. Olts who is retiring. The name of Ald. H. A. Smith also is mentioned for the mayoralty in the event of Mayor Phillips not offering again.

Candidates to represent those opposed to the assessment proposals are being sought and it is expected that after a meeting to be held tonight more will be known concerning the probable personnel of the ticket.

BEDTIME STORIES FROM CNRA TUESDAYS INSTEAD OF FRIDAYS

Hitherto it has been the practice to broadcast the Bedtime stories of Aunt Ida from "CNRA", Moncton, on Friday evenings. This has been changed, and Aunt Ida will now broadcast for the kiddies on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 8.00 o'clock. The Bedtime stories will be followed by the Juvenile Programme from 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. This will be followed by regular studio programme, and the dance music programme by the CNRA Orchestra at 11.00 p.m.

On Friday evenings, broadcasting will commence at 9.00 p.m., with stock market quotations, followed immediately by the regular studio programme which, in turn, will be followed by CNRA Orchestra at 11.00 p.m.

GIRL ARRESTED IN FRANCE AS SPY IN BRITISH PAY

Visited Aerodromes in Search of Plans of New Plane.

WORKED WITH A FOREIGNER

Confederate Also Taken Wearing a French Uniform.

New York, Dec. 9.—The arrest of a girl spy alleged to have visited French flying stations while in British pay is chronicled in a copyright dispatch from Paris to the New York Sun.

The girl, Marcelle Monseil, 25-year-old Parisienne, formerly military nurse and artists' model is now in jail charged with espionage. The police believe they have found a link which will enable them to break up a regular espionage system.

Working with a foreigner whom she met while dancing in Montmartre, Marcelle is declared to have visited all the principal flying stations in France, searching for plans of a new five-motored naval hydroairplane and information regarding gasoline storage.

Her employer, the account says was also having her trained as a parachute jumper with a view to securing employment in military experiments thus obtaining access to flying fields and making the acquaintance of officers.

The arrest followed that of Louis Wiet an alleged all-around criminal, who was caught masquerading in a uniform. As soon as she learned of Wiet's arrest, it is said, Marcelle boarded a train, locked the door of her compartment, ripped open the lining of her fur coat, took from a hiding place a small bottle of invisible ink and a number of documents which she flung from the window.

All her correspondence was addressed to the Paris branch of Lloyds Bank, and the dispatch says she is believed to have worked either directly or indirectly for the British Admiralty.

Death of Infant

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Whittaker have the sympathy of their numerous friends because of the death of their infant son Wilmot H. who died Tuesday at their home 562 Brunswick street after a short illness. The parents survive. The funeral will take place Thursday with service at the home by Rev. A. F. Bate at 1.50. Service also will take place at New Maryland where burial will take place.

Two Chimney Fires

The firemen were called out by still alarms Tuesday for chimney fires at the home of Frank del. Clements, Waterloo Row and S. H. McFurdane, York street. There was no damage.

Condition Greatly Improved

The condition of Yvonne Hagerman son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hagerman is greatly improved and he is now able to sit up and read. He had a severe attack of pneumonia.

Habeas Corpus Application

An application under habeas corpus is being heard this afternoon in the case of a young man belonging to New Maryland who was arrested on a capias.

W. T. Macoun of Ottawa is registered at the Queen.

G. H. Vroom of Middleton, N. S., is registered at the Queen.

W. S. Potts of Saint John is in the city today.

J. Meiklejohn of the Cossar Farm, Lower Gagetown, is here attending the N. B. Fruit Growers' Association meeting.

CAPTURE OF MUKDEN NOW LOOKED FOR

Communications Have Been Cut Off For 24 Hours.

CHANG SAID TO HAVE FLED

Japanese Consul Asked to Protect All Foreigners.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Tokio, Dec. 9.—Telegraphic communication with Mukden has been cut off for 24 hours and it is believed that the capture of the city by General Kuo Sung-Ling, enemy of the Mukden leader Chang Tso Lin is imminent. The Mukden war lord is reported to have fled to Kirin.

Consuls at Mukden have officially requested the Japanese consul there to assume the task of protecting all foreigners.

BRITISH CLASH WITH DRUSES

Jerusalem, Dec. 9.—British frontier gendarmes have clashed with Druse tribesmen for the first time, according to reports reaching here. A band of tribesmen chased the French across the boundary line at Matullah Monday and refused to surrender their arms, whereupon the British guards fired. Several were wounded on both sides.

DEATH THREAT AGAINST THE EX-SHAH OF PERSIA

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

Paris, Dec. 9.—The police have been informed of an alleged death threat against the deposed Shah of Persia under which the ruler's uncle, Chief of the Arsacides tribe, was alleged to have come to Paris with "five bullets for his nephew and one for himself". His bitterness was reported in part to be due to the alleged failure of the former sovereign to repay a 50,000 franc loan.

DOUBTFUL IF TURKS WOULD DECLARE WAR

(Special to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

London, Dec. 9.—British diplomatic quarters inclined today to doubt that Turkey would attempt hostilities to force a decision favorable to that country on the Mosul dispute. It was pointed out that such a step, even if attempted by a militarist leader, intriguing the Turkish Government, would quickly align the League and the British Empire against Turkey.

New Saint John Company
Imperial Optical Company Limited is incorporated with head office at Saint John and capital stock of fifty thousand dollars. The company is authorized to take over the business in Saint John and Moncton conducted by William Levi under the name of Imperial Optical Company. Those incorporated are William Levi, Charles A. Cunningham and Amasa Stanton, all of Saint John.