

SAY NO INCOME TAX RELIEF THIS SESSION

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WAGE DECREASE FOR TEXTILE WORKERS

NEWPORT HOPES TO TURN TABLES ON COMPANY D

Basketball Double Header Tonight Will Show Some Real Playing

Tonight at School Hall, Newport, the two rival outfits will clash, when Co. D of St. Johnsbury meets Co. I of the Border City, as the feature of a double-header. A preliminary game will be called at 8:00 p. m. between Stanstead College of Stanstead, Que., and the Co. I seconds. In an effort to give the public a sufficient amount of basketball, Manager Randolph Blevins has scheduled the double header, which is the first one of the local basketball season.

Last week, it was reported that the St. Johnsbury guardsman had roughed up the boys from the Border City, when Co. D amassed a total of 50 points against 21. Co. I does not expect to tread rough shod over

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SENTENCE BOYS IN PEACHAM ROBBERY CASE

O'Neil and Forbes Placed Under Probation for Three Years

After the charge against them of burglary had been withdrawn and a charge of petty larceny substituted, William J. O'Neil, aged 18 and Whitefield Forbes, aged 21, both of Merose, Mass., pleaded guilty to the latter charge when they were placed on trial before Judge Chase in Caledonia County Court here Wednesday afternoon. After a plea for mitigation of the sentence to be imposed upon his clients by Attorney David Porter the court announced a fine of \$50 and costs and not less than four months and not more than six months at hard labor in the House of Correction at Windsor for O'Neil while Forbes was ordered to pay the court \$25 and costs and serve the same prison term.

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CLAIM INCOME TAX RELIEF IS IMPRACTICABLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Income tax relief legislation requested by business interests is impracticable at this session of Congress, Republican members of the Senate finance committee decided today at an informal conference.

FREDERICK I. JOHNSON DEAD IN FITCHBURG
FITCHBURG, Mass., Dec. 9.—Frederick Iver Johnson, son of the founder of Iver Johnson's Arms and Bicycle Works of this city and who succeeded his father as president of that concern, died today at his home here of heart trouble. He had recently been interested in pneumatic tires and piano players manufacturing, having left the Iver Johnson concern some years ago. He was a member of several Worcester, Boston and New York clubs.

TRUSTEES SPENT \$60,772.05 FOR VILLAGE IN 1920

Village Treasurer Collected 97.66 Per Cent of the Municipal Tax

The officials of the village of St. Johnsbury are preparing their annual reports to be submitted to the voters at the caucus on the evening of Dec. 20 and they will read with interest by the taxpayers. The receipts for the fiscal year included loans amounting to \$31,500, taxes collected of \$61,368.34, license fees of \$440; miscellaneous receipts of \$330.20; water rentals of \$794.35; apportionment of state taxes of \$799.32; credits of \$1,010.12 and abatement of taxes amounting to \$1,732.45.

The disbursements included loans repaid of \$25,500, trustee orders of \$1,062.12, interest amounting to \$2,438.45. The village treasurer collected \$41,615.63 and there is now uncollected taxes amounting to \$14,139.99.

The statement of the village indebtedness for the past two years is as follows:

	1919	1920
Outstanding Trustee orders for money borrowed	\$19,500.00	\$27,500.00
Cash on hand	4,412.92	5,714.86
Outstanding taxes	3,632.86	3,663.62

In closing that portion of the report furnished by the village treasurer Mr. Hasky says: "There has been no meeting of the board of civil authority since 1915 for the abatement of taxes, and necessarily the figures which represent the outstanding taxes are considerably in excess of what can be collected, it being the policy to carry these as long as there is any chance for collecting. It is probable that about \$1,500 of the above outstanding taxes as of Dec. 3, 1920, can be counted as an asset for the village. The balance is made up of poll taxes of the floating population, improper assessments and errors in assessing, there being practically no taxes on real estate of long standing. The village treasurer collected in the 90 days 97.66 per cent of the 1920 village tax, and the village constable made returns on back taxes to the amount of \$1,130.66, which amount is practically the same as the balance of unpaid taxes to be turned over for collection of the 1920 taxes, or \$1,139.99.

Total tax assessed 1920, \$44,488.07. Total tax collected 1920, \$43,478.74. The total gross amount of the orders paid by the village trustees is \$60,772.05, but of course there are several thousand dollars of credits to be deducted to get at the net cost of running the village of St. Johnsbury for the past year.

FIVE MURDERERS TO BE HANGED TONIGHT
OSSINING, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Five men, convicted of murder, after having been granted several reprieves pending legal attempts for retrial, will be electrocuted in Sing Sing tonight unless execution is stayed again. Four of the men were convicted of a murder near Rochester. Gov. Smith telegraphed from Albany last night that he saw no reason for interference with the court's mandate.

GOOD PLAN BUT IT DIDN'T WORK
The St. Johnsbury Academy is a very Democratic institution. If you don't think so ask some of the senior boys today.

The Senior class reception takes place this evening. A few of the young men on the inside regarding the arrangements had the work of printing the dance orders. This little group, the members of which in later life will probably sit around a table among such great generals as Foch, Pershing and Haig and plan campaigns, decided to place a priority order on the use of the dance cards. They picked out the prettiest girls and best dancers in the school and booked their cards full.

Then some one "spilled the beans". The other class members found out about it. They were quick to action. They filed a protest with Principal Wilson. He promptly summoned the class officers and others who had dance cards, before him and collected all the cards, some with the dance orders completed from "soup to nuts" and took possession of them all.

When the reception comes tonight it will be a very Democratic affair. Some of the boys who had booked up the pretty girls and best dancers will be right in the scramble for partners with the rest of their classmates. Principal Wilson believes in "equal rights for all." The great generals who planned the campaign even now claim that "it was a brilliant idea" even if it didn't work.

ST. JOHNSBURY HUNTERS GET FIVE DEER

Most of the Venison Secured in the Wilds of Essex County

Returns of the deer hunters are still coming in fast to Commissioner Leavens and the local game warden and the big catch is anticipated for the week.

Lieut. Edward H. Walter of Norwich University went to Payston when the season opened and was fortunate enough to get a 145 pound buck.

Carl F. Brock of Newbury shot a 100 pound doe in Marshfield.

Charles H. West and Fred W. Kelley have returned from their camp in Granby where both were successful in getting a deer. Mr. Kelley brought home a buck of which he is justly proud, the deer weighing 185 pounds. Mr. West shot a small spike horn deer that weighed 116 pounds.

John Santalucio shot a 150 pound buck over in Victory and Harry H. Carr got a 175 pound buck in the woods in the same town.

UNIONS WILL WAIT FURTHER DETAILS

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The United Textile Workers of America "will cross that bridge when they come to it," John Golden, president of the organization, said today when informed of the forecast by manufacturers of a general textile wage reduction. He said that until such reduction had been officially announced the union would make no announcement.

PROSPECT OF TRUCE REVIVED SAYS DAILY MAIL

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Prospects of an Irish truce, which were generally regarded as having receded almost out of sight have been revived, according to a late edition of the Daily Mail as a result of a private interview between Bishop Clune of Australia and Premier Lloyd-George. The newspaper declares he conveyed to Mr. Lloyd George what, in effect, was a message from Michael Collins, commander of the Sinn Fein army. It is understood the impression was given that Collins and other Sinn Fein leaders were extremely desirous of a truce and were prepared to take definite steps to secure it.

PROMINENT BROCKTON SHOE MANUFACTURER DIES

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—George E. Keith of Brockton, president of the George E. Keith Shoe Company and prominent in the Shoe Manufacturing industry, died at a hospital here early today after a short illness. He was president of the Brockton National Bank and director of the Old Colony Trust Company of Boston and of the United Shoe Machinery Corporation. In 1874 he founded the small shop in Brockton which grew until it took in large factories Middlebury, Boston, East Weymouth and North Adams, Mass., and Rochester, N. Y., employing about 5,000 persons.

Smuggler Held for Hearing

A warrant for the arrest of Joseph Coffey, a wrestler of Stonington, Conn., charging an attempt to smuggle liquor from Canada into the United States, was issued to Marshall Roy P. Skinner of Newport, by United States Commissioner Harry Blodgett on Wednesday afternoon when Coffey was brought before him for a preliminary hearing. It is expected that Marshall Skinner will come here today or tomorrow and take Coffey into custody, probably giving him another hearing before Commissioner Blodgett later in the week, at which time the question of whether Coffey will be held for the United States court, will be decided. The alleged smuggler was apprehended as he stepped off the St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain train Tuesday morning. Chief of Police John Finley arrested him on telephone advice from Dep. Collector of Customs W. W. Woodworth of Highgate, the station through which Coffey brought his cargo of "wet goods." He was held in jail here until the arrival of Woodworth. The trunk, belonging to Coffey, was examined and the liquor found concealed in bundles of excelsior and bedding. The trunk was seized and is being held at the local police station until the case is disposed of.

Resumption of Business Depends On Workers Taking 22 1-2 Percent Cut, Says Textile Heads

(By the Associated Press)

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—A wage reduction of 22 1-2 per cent in the textile mills in New England and New York state was forecast in a statement issued after a conference of textile manufacturers had been held here today.

Approximately 75 per cent of the industry in this section including makers of both cotton and woolen products were represented at the conference, it is said. The industry employs about 300,000 persons. Such a reduction, according to the statement would bring the wage schedules back approximately to the figures that existed a year ago and would level the wage standard generally more than double that of 1915. The present stagnant condition of the textile industries makes consideration of a wage reduction necessary, it was stated. After explaining that all sections of New England as well as New York state were represented by the manufacturers who took part in the conference the statement says in part:

"It is evident, from what has transpired in the past few months, that there has been an insistent and compelling demand on the part of the public that the cost of living should be lessened by a readjustment of the prices of commodities entering into the expense of daily life. Manufacturers have been reluctant to meet the effect of such a readjustment of its effect at the retail end, there has seemed to be a willingness on the part of the retailer to do business on a lower basis of price.

"The refusal of buyers to purchase goods for the past four or five months on a high basis of cost has led to a stagnation of the market, upon which the manufacturers depend, so that at the present time many of the textile mills in New England have been obliged to shut down. Many more are working on short time and unless something is done to remedy these conditions unemployment will be increased and continued.

"In order to stabilize conditions so that goods can be purchased and business can be done, it is indispensably necessary that there should be some wage reduction. Accordingly it has been suggested that a reduction of 22 1-2 per cent will aid materially in establishing the market.

"If this turns out to be the result, employment can be provided and it is hoped and expected that business can proceed on this basis. It is also hoped that the public will respond to this suggestion and that manufacturers will be able to go on with their manufacturing processes with no further reduction in the wages of employees."

The directors of the American Woolen Company have not as yet considered reducing the wages of its operatives according to a statement authorized by William Wood, president of the company today. The statement was made in reply to a question whether the American Woolen Company and its fifty mills were represented at the conference of textile manufacturers which issued a statement forecasting a wage reduction of 22 1-2 per cent.

FREE CURATE TO COME TO AMERICA

BELFAST, Ireland, Dec. 9.—The Rev. O. W. Meehan, senior Catholic curate of Castle Bar Parish, County Mayo, who was arrested October 12, for alleged connection with extensive raids in that district, was released today. He will be allowed to go to the United States, it is announced.

A Prediction

The weather will be fair and colder. We believe that every Men's Wear Store in St. Johnsbury will have a January Cut Price Sale.

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- "Onyx" and "Prinex" pure thread Silk Hose, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values 98 Cents
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- "Bates Street" and "Salisbury" Shirts \$4.50 Shirts now \$3.50
- \$4.00 Shirts now \$3.00
- \$3.50 Shirts now \$2.50
- \$3.00 Shirts now \$2.00

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\$1.00 values	79c
75c value	59c
59c value	39c

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\$2.98 Camisoles	\$1.98
\$3.98 Camisoles	\$2.98
\$5.00 Camisoles	\$3.98

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Originally \$4.50 and \$4.75	for your approval \$3.29
Originally \$5.00	for your approval \$3.49
Originally \$6.00, \$6.50	for your approval \$4.69

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